



## L.A. CITY COUNCIL PROCLAIMS OCTOBER 2017 AS FILIPINO-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH



*Left photo above shows (L) Councilmember Jose Huizar (Council District 14), (2<sup>nd</sup> from R) Vice Consul Rainier Casis and Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell (Council District 13)  
Right photo shows 4<sup>th</sup> from L-R) Vice Consul Rainier Casis, Councilmember O'Farrell (Council District 13), LAFACE President Rea Lazo together with past presidents of LAFACE.*

Los Angeles, 19 October 2016 – The Los Angeles City Council, led by Councilmembers Mitch O'Farrell and Jose Huizar, honored the Filipino American community in Los Angeles by presenting a Resolution proclaiming October 2017 as Filipino-American History Month on 13 October 2017 at the John Ferraro Council Chamber of the City Hall of Los Angeles.

Members of the City Council praised the Filipino-American community for its achievements and contributions with its 430 years of historical presence in the United States. The event also recalls the arrival of the Manila-built galleon ship Nuestra Señora de Esperanza at Morro Bay California in 1587 transporting the first Filipinos to visit the United States.

The recognition of Fil-Am History Month serves to honor the unique relationship that the Philippines has with the US. The celebration of Fil-Am History month is important because it also recognizes the efforts of the thousands of Filipinos working in the Greater Los Angeles Area, in particular the Los Angeles City Hall. END.