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## LOS ANGELES CITY MAYOR ERIC GARCETTI CELEBRATES FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH AT LOS ANGELES PCG



*Mayor Eric Garcetti during a one-on-one meeting with Consul General Cruz*



*Mayor Eric Garcetti with the Filipino community at the Consulate General's Community Hall*

Los Angeles, 26 October 2018 – As a fitting conclusion of its celebration of Filipino-American history month, the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles, in cooperation with Los Angeles-Makati Sister City, Inc., hosted a special reception honoring Los Angeles City Mayor Eric Garcetti for his valuable contribution leading to the creation of Historic Filipinotown

Historic Filipinotown is the first official geographic designation honoring the presence and significant contributions of Filipinos in America, particularly in the city of Los Angeles beginning in the early decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

“L.A. is a great Filipino City,” Mayor Garcetti remarked during his speech before the Filipino-American Community. “We are Filipinos because we love this culture,” he further said.

Mayor Garcetti was first elected as Mayor in 2013 and was re-elected in 2017, where he won by a landslide margin of 81.4%. His visit to the Philippine Consulate General, highlighted by an up close interaction with the Filipino-American community, was first since he was elected in 2013.

The event was attended by more than a hundred members of the Filipino-American community in Los Angeles. END.