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FILIPINO-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS IN CARSON CITY CULMINATES WITH THE LARRY ITLIONG DAY



Left photo: Consul General Cruz delivers his remarks during the 9th Larry Itliong Day celebrations at the Veterans Park in Carson City. Right Photo: Group photo of the event's guest speakers, from left to right, Consul General Cruz, Atty. Fernando Chavez, Councilmember Elito Santarina, Mr. Johnny Itliong and Mr. Roger Gadiano.

Los Angeles, 29 October 2018 – The Filipino-American History Month celebrations in Carson City culminated with the 9th Larry Itliong Day at the Veterans Park in Carson City on 27 October 2018.

The Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles led by Consul General Adelio Angelito S. Cruz participated in the celebrations, which commenced with a parade of Carson City elected officials, partner Fil-Am community organizations and volunteers.

A program that followed after the parade included speeches from Consul General Cruz, Carson City officials, Larry Itliong's son, Johnny Itliong, and Mexican labor leader Cesar Chavez' son, Fernando Chavez. Roger Gadiano, a war veteran and former grape field crew supervisor, also shared his experiences during the Delano Grape Strike.

Larry Itliong, known as one of the fathers of the West Coast labor movement, was a Filipino-American union leader who led a walkout of 1,500 Filipino grape pickers and began the Great Delano Grape Strike in September 1965 to protest low wages and miserable working conditions, and to ask for basic needs like water and portable toilets. The Strike finally ended in July 1970, which resulted in wage increases, medical plan for farm workers, and establishment of clinics, day-care center and a school for their families.

The City of Carson, CA is the first city to recognize the contributions of union leader Larry Itliong in the U.S. through a resolution introduced in 2010 by then Mayor Pro Tem Elito M. Santarina. In April 2018, the City of Carson also became the first city to declare October 25, the birthday of Larry Itliong, a paid city holiday. END.