



## LA PCG’s SBEIs Conduct Final Testing and Sealing (FTS) of the Vote Counting Machines

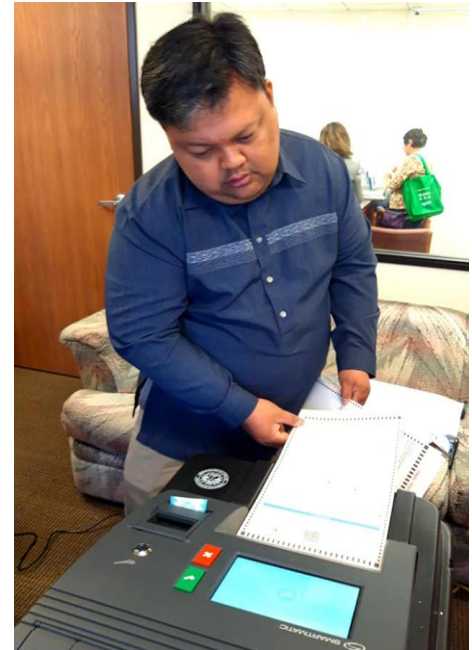
10 April 2019, Los Angeles - To assure the public of the integrity of the 2019 national elections, the Special Board of Election Inspectors (SBEIs) of the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles conducted its Final Testing and Sealing (FTS) of the Vote Counting Machines (VCMs) at the Consulate General’s Sentro Rizal Hall on Wednesday, 10 April 2019.

All the VCMs assigned to the Philippine Consulate General were found to be in good condition during the diagnostic testing. The machines also accurately read the votes of the ten sample ballots when SBEIs manually counterchecked the generated Election Returns (ERs) and Statistical Reports.

After the testing, SBEIs re-zeroed all the SD cards ensuring that no votes are stored in them.

The conduct of the FTS is a standard procedure to be done by all deputized SBEIs at their respective polling centers in compliance with Section 38 of COMELEC Resolution 10490, otherwise known as the General Instructions for the Special Board of Election Inspectors (SBEI) and Special Ballot Reception and Custody Group (SBRCG) in the Conduct of Automated Voting and Counting of Votes for Purposes of the May 13, 2019 National and Local Elections.

VCMs at the Consulate General’s polling center will be open for the feeding of ballots every Monday and Thursday starting 15 April 2019 until 16 May 2019. END.



(Above photo) Vice Consul Rainier Casis feeds a sample ballot into the VCM. (Photo below from left to right) Vice Consul Dyan Kristine Pastrana, Ms. Dolor Sales, and Ms. Aurora Bahjin re-zero the VCM.

