



LA PCG Officially Begins the Month-long Overseas Voting for 2019 Midterm Elections

13 April 2019, Los Angeles – The Philippine Consulate General started receiving accomplished ballots on Saturday, 13 April 2019. Its Head of Post, Consul General Adelio Angelito Cruz, spearheaded the ceremonial opening of the 2019 midterm election period by turning in his ballot to a member of the Special Ballot Reception Custody Group (SBRCG). Two other registered voters submitted their ballots which were both considered valid.

Pursuant to COMELEC rules, SBRCG members are tasked to assess the quality of submitted ballots before they forward them to the Special Board of Election Inspectors (SBEIs) who eventually feed the ballots to the Vote Counting Machine (VCM).

The Consulate General is mandated to facilitate postal voting, which means that ballots are sent to the registered voters. Each packet contains one official ballot, a return envelope, a paper seal and an instruction manual. To ensure that ballots will be counted by the machine, registered voters are encouraged to carefully read through and follow the instructions sent to them.

Likewise, voters should send back or personally submit their filled up ballots to the Consulate on or before 13 May 2019. The Consulate will accept ballots even during Maundy Thursday and Good Friday according to a new COMELEC resolution.

In support of the government’s extensive campaign to encourage the registered voters under the Consulate General’s jurisdiction to exercise their right to vote, it actively posts on its website and Facebook account relevant information on voting. The Consulate General also entertains media who wish to cover the ballot feeding that is scheduled every Monday and Thursday per COMELEC instructions.



(Top to bottom) Consul General Adelio Angelito Cruz and two other registered voters turn in their accomplished ballots to a SBRCG member.

It may be noted that the first batch of ballot feeding was conducted on Monday, 15 April 2019.



(Above photo) Vice Consul Dyan Kristine Miranda-Pastrana, SBEI Chair, ensures that the Initialization Report generates zero votes after her team successfully set the “Open Voting” of the machine.

The Consulate General has 52,762 registered voters according to the COMELEC's Certified List of Overseas Voters (CLOV), making LA PCG the second highest number of voters among the Philippine Foreign Service Posts in the United States of America. END.