



AS POLLS CLOSE, LA PCG BEGINS VOTE COUNTING FOR 2019 MIDTERM ELECTIONS



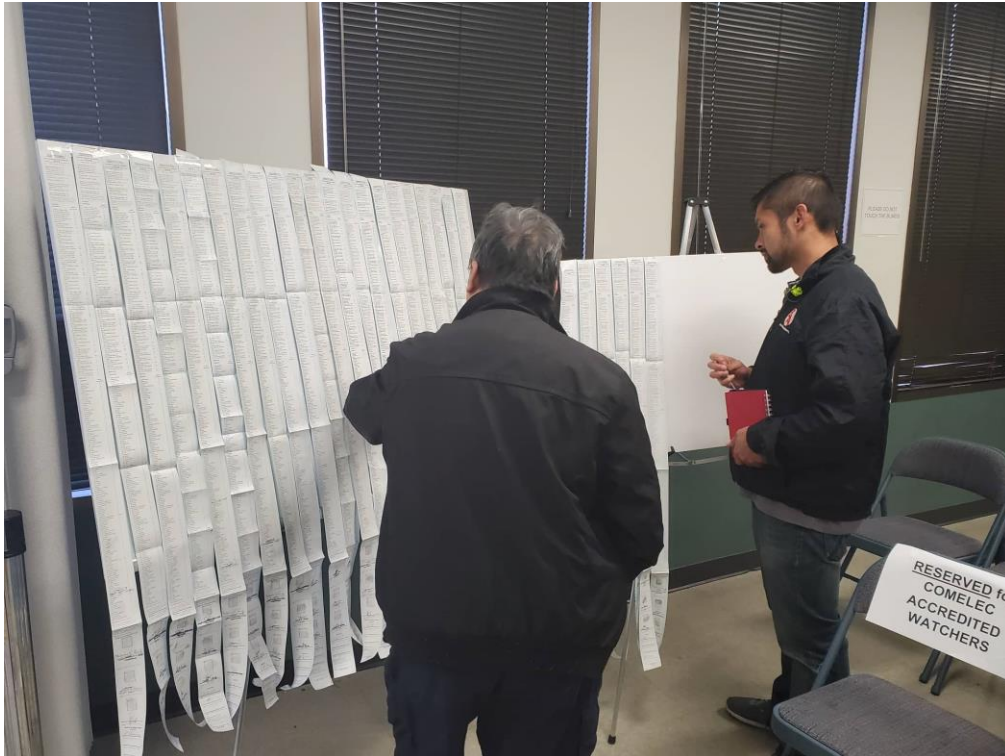
LA PCG's three Special Boards of Election of Election Inspectors set up the Vote Counting Machines at the close of polls on 13 May 2019 at 3:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time (6:00 p.m. Philippine Standard Time) to begin the process of vote counting.

13 May 2019, Los Angeles – After the end of the 30-day prescribed voting period, the Special Ballot Custody and Reception Group (SBRCG) of the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles officially stopped receiving accomplished ballots from registered voters under the Consulate General's jurisdiction on 13 May 2019 at 3:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time (6:00 p.m. Philippine Standard Time).

Thereafter, the Consulate General's Special Boards of Election Inspectors (SBEIs) immediately continued the feeding of remaining valid ballots into the Vote Counting Machines (VCMs), after which they began the process of vote counting to close the precincts and generate election results.

According to Post's SBRCG Chair, Deputy Consul General Ambrosio Brian F. Enciso III, a total of 8,263 accomplished ballots were turned over to the Consulate General's three SBEIs for the duration of the voting period.

The Consulate General posted the printed out Election Returns (ERs) near the polling center for the reference of the COMELEC-accredited watchers, media, members of the Filipino-American community and the public in general.



(Top) Members of the public and media pore over printed election returns while (left) the Poll Clerk of SBEI 1, headed by Consul General Adelio Angelito Cruz (rightmost), generates an Election Return from a vote counting machine.



After 24 hours of almost continuous vote counting, two of the Consulate General's three SBEIs were able to finish generating all their Election Returns (ERs) and Audit Log Reports. One SBEI, however, has yet to finish vote counting owing to malfunctioning SD cards for two clustered precincts. Vote counting will resume upon receipt of replacement SD cards from the Commission on Elections in the Philippines. END.