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## **PHILCONGEN LA AND MAYOR OF SIERRA MADRE CITY LOOK AT PROGRAMS TO HELP FILIPINO-AMERICAN BUSINESS OWNERS AND FILIPINO MIGRANTS**



11 May 2021, Los Angeles – Continuing his efforts to forge and reaffirm relations with local governments under his jurisdiction, Consul General Edgar B. Badajos called on City of Sierra Madre Mayor, Hon. Rachele Arizmendi in the morning of 11 May 2021 at the Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment (PACE) offices in Los Angeles.

During the meeting, Mayor Arizmendi presented a video featuring the programs being offered by PACE, including business development, early childhood education, financial education and asset building, energy, and weatherization.

“PACE was the first non-profit organization that catered specifically to Asian-American and Pacific Islanders (APIs) when it was established in 1976. To date, PACE has over 50,000 annual beneficiaries and is able to offer 50 different workshops,” the Mayor said.

The Mayor responded positively to the Consul General’s remark that the Consulate General might be referring some Filipino immigrants and even Fil-Ams to PACE for assistance. She likewise responded positively to the Consul General’s suggestion that PACE and the Consulate could possibly work together in giving financial education seminars to newly-arrived Filipinos and even long-time Filipino immigrants in the U.S.

On the rising incidence of hate crimes against the Asian and Pacific Island communities, Consul General Badajos and Mayor Arizmendi agreed that such is reprehensible. The Mayor added that her city strongly condemns such actions and has taken measures to ensure the safety of its migrant population albeit small.



Joining the Mayor was PACE President and Chief Executive Officer, Kerry Doi. The Consul General was accompanied by Information Officer, Mary Grace D. Leño and Protocol Officer, Elvis M. Tamayo. END.