



First row, from left: Amelia Marucut; Fred Rivera; Linda Granados, President, LAFACE; Consul General Hellen Barber de la Vega, Philippine Consul General; Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell; artists Bobby Romero and Alex Gantioqui; Cora Soriano, Retired; and Criselda Dollano. Second row: Rea Lazo, Jessica Lee, Cesar De Vera and Councilmember Felipe Fuentes.



From left: Mildred Jacla, Joan Alexandria Tagle and Angelo Yenko.



From left: Philippine Consul General Hellen Barber de la Vega, Linda Granados, and Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell.



From left: Philippine Consul General Hellen Barber de la Vega, Linda Granados, Cora Soriano, Alex Gantioqui, Bobby Romero, Cesar De Vera, Jessica Lee and Lilia Liclican.



Philippine Consul General Hellen Barber de la Vega, Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, Councilmember Jose Huizar, Linda Granados, Cora Soriano, Mildred Jacla, and Joan Alexandria Tagle.



From left: Amelia Marucut, Rea Lazo, Fred Rivera, Philippine Consul General Hellen Barber de la Vega, Jessica Lee, Linda Granados, Cesar De Vera, Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, Councilmember Felipe Fuentes, Bobby Romero, Alex Gantioqui, Cora Soriano and Criselda Dollano.



From left: Councilmember Huizar, Philippine Consul General Hellen Barber de la Vega, Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, Lilia Liclican, Linda Granados, Cora Soriano and Mildred Jacla.



Alex Gantioqui, artist; Amelia Marucut, Second Vice President, LAFACE, Club Member; Cesar De Vera, artist; Hellen Barber de la Vega, Philippine Consul General; and Bobby Romero, artist.



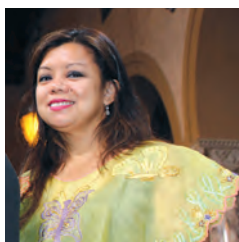
From left: Alex Banares, Criselda Dollano, Cora Soriano, Rea Lazo, Mildred Jacla, Jessica Lee, and Lilia Liclican.



First row, from left: Councilmembers Jose Huizar and Mitch O'Farrell, Philippine Consul General Hellen Barber de la Vega, Linda Granados, Cora Soriano, Mildred Jacla, and Joan Alexandria Tagle. Second row: Jessica Lee and Rea Lazo.



Philippine Consul General Hellen Barber de la Vega, Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, and Linda Granados.



Joan Alexandria Tagle.

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Filipino Heritage Month

Filipino Employees Association hosts a reception and ceremony to mark the month.

The Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees (LAFACE) hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception Oct. 11 to formally open the all-Filipino art exhibit at the Los Angeles City Hall's Henry P. Rio Bridge, and to celebrate the Council Proclamation of October as Filipino American Heritage Month. Philippine Consul General Hellen Barber De La Vega joined Councilmembers Mitch O'Farrell and Felipe Fuentes; LAFACE President Linda Granados and LAFACE board members; the artists - Bobby Romero, Cesar De Vera and Alex Gantioqui; and Ms. Philippines-USA beauty contestant Jessica Lee.

The event was organized largely by LAFACE Vice President Amelia De Castro-Marucut, Management Analyst II, Economic and Workforce Development, working closely with Angelo Yenko, Field Deputy for Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell (LAFACE's co-sponsor for the exhibit), Cultural Affairs, and other groups. The art exhibit was open to the public during October.

First established in 1988 by the Filipino American National Historical Society, the Filipino American Heritage Month (aka Filipino American History Month) was recognized statewide in California in 2006 (also marking the centennial celebration of Filipino migration into the United States), and nationally in 2009 after a Congressional Resolution.

The Filipino-American Heritage Month's art exhibit was one of the major events that LAFACE sponsors, in addition to providing numerous examination preparation training classes year round, and its annual picnic and Christmas party. LAFACE conducts these events to fulfill its major mission objectives: the advancement and expansion of career opportunities for Filipinos and other minorities in City service (empowering City employees by providing needed training and access to resources) and the promotion of the Filipino culture and heritage to enrich the ethnic and cultural diversity in Los Angeles (strengthen relations and understanding among diverse LA residents by sharing different aspects of culture - art, food, literature, music, dance, etc.). By extension, these events also provide opportunities for mainstream representation of Filipino Americans, reflecting their varied careers, positions, contributions and roles in today's Los Angeles. As Council Member Mitch O'Farrell said to the Filipino artists: "Through your talent, you are not only helping preserve and promote Filipino culture in the City, you are also inspiring the next generation of Filipino-Americans."

In addition to cultural and training events, LAFACE also awards scholarships at its Christmas party to deserving students, funded partially by membership/training fees and fundraising events and donations. Additional cultural events are being planned in the year ahead - for updates please check out www.laface.us.



Councilmember Felipe Fuentes.



Mr. LA, Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Club Member.



From left: Councilmembers Joe Buscaino and Gil Cedillo.



From left: Councilmembers Mitch O'Farrell and Jose Huizar.



Bobby Romero, artist.



Alex Gantioqui, artist.



Cesar De Vera, artist.