



# CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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## Philippine Consulate in Chicago welcomes 5,678th new overseas voter in the US Midwest

On 25 August 2021, the Philippine Consulate General in Chicago recognized Ms. Jessa Marie A. Juariza for being the 5,678th new Overseas Voter Registrant in the U.S. Midwest for the 2022 National Elections.

Consul Ryan Francis D. Gener, Acting Head of Post and Chairman of the Resident Election Registration Board (RERB), Consul Ryan C. Pondoc, Administering Officer, and Consul Melvin C. Almonguera, RERB Member, welcomed Ms. Juariza to the Kalayaan Hall of the Consulate.

Ms. Juariza expressed her satisfaction with the voter registration process at the Consulate and said, "I am happy and proud to have registered today as an overseas voter. The whole process was fast and easy to understand. I would like to take this opportunity to invite our "kababayans" here in the Midwest to go out and register for the 2022 National Elections before the deadline on 30 September 2021."

Originally from Cebu City, Ms. Juariza is a medical technologist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. She also participated in the 2016 National Elections in the Philippines. This marks her first time to be an overseas voter. She concluded: "We should exercise our right to vote because a single vote could be the deciding factor in choosing the most qualified candidate in the 2022 National Elections."

The Consulate has so far registered a total of 6,179 overseas voters during this election cycle, including those who have reactivated or made corrections to their registrations. This number does not include those who still have active overseas voter status by virtue of participation in previous elections. Filipino citizens who are 18 years old or above on the day of the elections (9 May 2022) and are residing in the Midwest may register to vote until 30 September 2021. To set an appointment, please email [ovchicagopcg@gmail.com](mailto:ovchicagopcg@gmail.com).

Field registration will also be conducted in the following locations:

1. Southfield, Michigan - Saturday, 28 August 2021  
Venue: Philippine American Community Center of Michigan  
17356 Northland Park Court, Southfield, MI 48075
2. Maplewood, Minnesota - Saturday, 18 September 2021  
Venue: Philippine Center Minnesota (PCM),  
1380 Frost Ave., Maplewood, MN 55109

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Ms. Jessa Marie A. Juariza (left), Chicago PCG's 5,678th New Overseas Voting Registrant. Assisting her is VRM Operator Ragan Maning.



OV registrant Ms. Jessa Marie A. Juariza receives her certificate from Acting Head of Post and RERB Chairman Ryan Francis D. Gener



(L-R) Consul Ryan C. Pondoc, Ms. Jessa Marie A. Juariza, Acting Head of Post and RERB Chairman Ryan Francis D. Gener and Consul Melvin C. Almonguera