



CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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CONSUL GENERAL ATTENDS CHICAGO'S BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION HOSTED BY MAYOR LIGHTFOOT

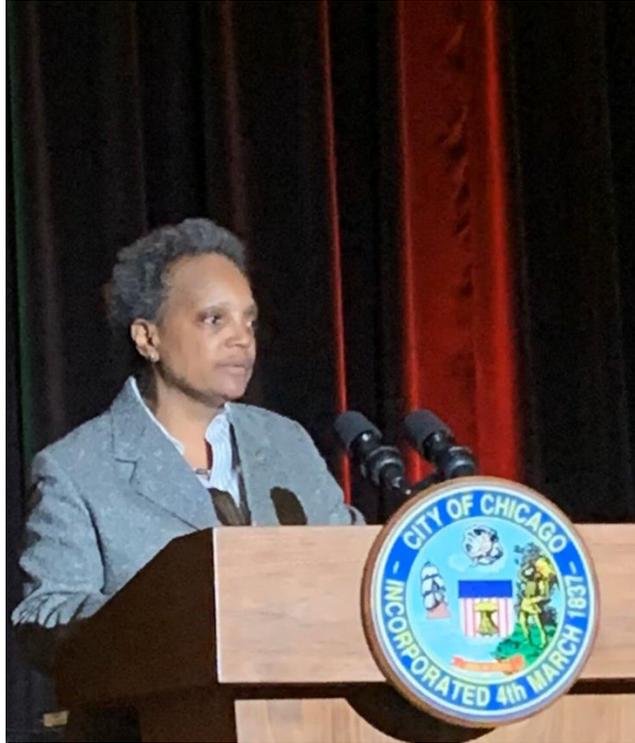
In celebration of the annual Black History Month, Mayor of Chicago Lori E. Lightfoot hosted a reception on February 25, 2020 at the South Shore Cultural Center, Chicago with live music and inspirational message.

Consul General Gina Jamoralin attended the reception together with the members of the Chicago Consular Corps, officials from the city of Chicago and leaders of the African-American community.

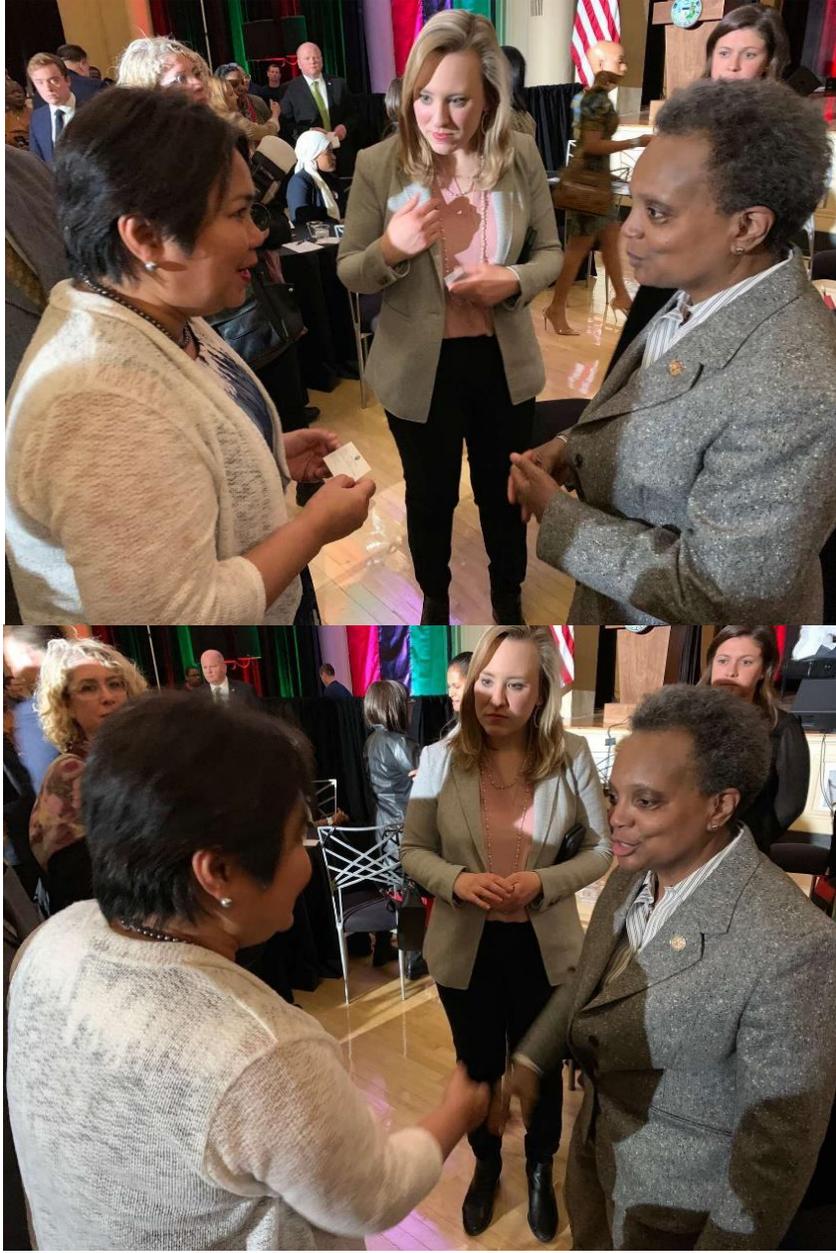
In her speech, Mayor Lightfoot challenged the people to do more to help the poor. The Mayor said, “we cannot be a great global city if our neighbors are suffering, if the community is suffering... we need to make a difference in our community”. She also spoke about youth violence – affecting both the victims and perpetrators – and the consistent theme coming from them is that they “just want to be heard, they just want to be loved” . “We don’t want to lose another generation to violence... we are losing talents every time a gun is used ... we are losing future scientists, future entrepreneurs... Whether we are parents, we need to tell our children we love them, we need to preach a certain set of values to build stable communities. We are great, strong, resilient city.. . We can solve the many challenges that we face...”. The mayor ended her speech by saying, “our children deserves our best selves..”, followed by much applause from the audience. Mayor Lightfoot was sworn in last year as Chicago’s 56th mayor and the first black female mayor of the city.

Consul General Jamoralin personally greeted Mayor Lightfoot at the start of the program and conveyed the best wishes of the Filipino community in Chicago. **END**





Chicago Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot delivering an impassioned speech to a crowded audience during the Black History Month reception.



Consul General Jamoralin personally greeting Mayor Lightfoot before the latter's speech.