



## CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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### CONSULATE GENERAL HEARS GROUPS' CONCERNS ON THE MIDTERM ELECTION

*Chicago, 23 May 2019* – The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago received leaders and representatives of an alliance of cause-oriented organizations who voiced out their concerns on the recent midterm elections.

Philippine Independent Church Bishop Eli Pascua, Ms. Nerissa Nabua-Allegretti, Dr. Joy Sales, Mr. Dominique Liwanag and Ms. Beverly Tang were welcomed by Consul General Gina A. Jamoralin to a meeting where they raised some observations and issues with a view to keeping the exercise of suffrage free, fair, honest, responsible and credible.



*Consul General Jamoralin (center) hears out leaders and representatives of the National Alliance for Filipino Concerns (NaFCON), Malaya, Gabriela, Migrante, and Chicago Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines (CCHRP). Photo courtesy of Mr. Cornelio Santiago*

They also recognized the efforts of the Consulate General in ensuring the smooth and orderly conduct of overseas voting in Chicago. Voter turnout reached 22.5%, exceeding the historical mark of 16% in midterm elections overseas.

Consul General Jamoralin thanked and assured them that their concerns would be conveyed to the appropriate authorities in Manila. At the same time, she pointed out that continuing voter education and registration are keys for the Filipino-American communities to have a stronger voice.

Representatives of the alliance of activist groups in Chicago were then shown the Election Returns of the overseas voting, which closed on May 13. The Philippine Consulate General in Chicago covered 20,344 registered voters residing in 16 states in the U.S. for purposes of the 2019 national elections. **END**

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