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CONGEN BADAJOS, NV CONG STEVEN HORSFORD MEET IN LV; DISCUSS ASSISTANCE IN RELEASE OF COVID VACCINES TO PHL



(L-R) Consul Dyan Kristine B. Miranda-Pastrana, Consul General Edgar B. Badajos, Cong. Steven Horsford and Fil-Am community leader, Mr. Bernie Benito. (01 May 2021)

01 May 2021, Los Angeles – Consul General Edgar B. Badajos met with United States Congressman Steven Horsford of the 4th Congressional District of Nevada on 01 May 2021 at a popular restaurant in Las Vegas, Nevada.

During the meeting, Consul General Badajos thanked Cong. Horsford for meeting with him and for being supportive of activities and projects initiated by the Filipino-American community in Southern Nevada. For his part, Cong. Horsford shared that he is a member of the House Ways and Means, and Budget Committees and offered his assistance to the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles in its efforts to assist the Fil-Am community.

In relation to this, Consul General Badajos took the opportunity to request for the Congressman's support in advocating for the early release of Moderna vaccine doses, which was bought and paid for by the Philippine government. Cong. Horsford expressed his desire to help and agreed to look into the matter. He stressed the importance of

vaccine rollout to curb the spread of the deadly coronavirus. Both agreed that the CoViD-19 pandemic is a global challenge that requires the support and cooperation of all countries.

The Consul General also solicited the Congressman's support in addressing the rise of hate crimes and violence targeted at Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) in many communities under the Consulate General's jurisdiction.

In response, Cong. Horsford shared that he is one of the first in the House to support the Bill introduced by Senator Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii) and Representative Grace Meng (D-New York) to address the rise of hate crimes and violence against AAPIs, which the Senate eventually passed.

Consul General Badajos thanked the Congressman for his support and wished him well in his political career.

The Consul General is in Las Vegas with a consular and assistance-to-nationals team for the first consular outreach mission of the year to the City. Joining the team are the Philippine Trade and Investment Center, Tourism Office, Police Liaison Office and the SSS Representative in Los Angeles. END.



Consul General Badajos and Cong. Horsford discuss matters of mutual interest.