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## PHILCONGEN COMMITS TO SUPPORT L.A. CITY'S AAPI PROJECTS



Commissioner Jessica Caloza



Consul General Ed Badajos



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17 May 2021, Los Angeles – Consul General Edgar B. Badajos virtually called on City of Los Angeles Commissioner for the Board of Public Works, Ms. Jessica Caloza, in the morning of 17 May 2021 via Zoom.

During the meeting, Commissioner Caloza shared her priorities in her capacity as head of the Bureau of Engineering, as well as the Board's ongoing projects, which include the "Historic Filipinotown Eastern Gateway Project," a welcome marker leading to the Historic Filipinotown in Los Angeles. She added that the gateway, which is slated for unveiling in October this year, was designed by Eliseo Silva who is best known as the creator of the Gintong Kasaysayan mural at Unidad Park at the Historic Filipinotown. That mural is heralded as the largest, "most famous Filipino American artwork" in the United States.

Commissioner Caloza also touched on upcoming 2021 activities of the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Committee (APAHMC), of which she has been appointed as one of the Co-Chairs. The Committee is tasked with commemorating and celebrating the contributions of AAPI communities in L.A., to counter

rising incidents of racially-motivated hate crimes.

Consul General Badajos assured the Commissioner of the Consulate's support to the Commissioner's projects, especially those related to addressing the concerning rise of hate crimes against Asian and Asia-Pacific Islander communities and the Historic Filipinotown.

Commissioner Caloza is the first Filipina-American to serve on the Board of Public Works of the City of Los Angeles.

Also present during the call was the Consulate General's Information Officer, Mary Grace D. Leaño. END.