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CONSUL GENERAL BADAJOS AND OTHER ASEAN HEADS OF POST IN LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO MEET WITH LA CITY MAYOR KAREN BASS



Mayor Karen Bass (4th from left) with the ASEAN Consuls General in Los Angeles and San Francisco (from left: Consul General Tor Saralamba of Thailand; Consul General Hoang Anh Tuan of the Vietnamese Consulate in San Francisco; Consul General Anil Fahriza Adenan of Malaysia; LA Philippine Consul General Edgar Badajos; Consul General William Chik of the Singaporean Consulate in San Francisco; Honorary Consul General Kim Cha Hout of Cambodia; and Consul Dewi Ratna Asih of the Indonesian Consulate in Los Angeles).

21 June 2023, Los Angeles – ASEAN Consuls General in Los Angeles and San Francisco today paid a courtesy on Mayor Karen Bass. The meeting, arranged by Consul General Edgar Badajos on behalf of the other ASEAN countries namely, Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Cambodia and Vietnam, was an opportunity to formally introduce themselves and the ASEAN community to the newly-elected Mayor of Los Angeles and bring the community's more pressing concerns to the mayor's office.



Mayor Karen Bass (3rd from left) and the ASEAN Consuls General in Los Angeles and San Francisco discuss mutual areas of concern during the latter's courtesy call on the mayor.

Consul General Badajos congratulated Mayor Bass for her tremendous win in the November elections last year, which made her the first female Mayor and only the second of African-American descent. He assured the Mayor of the Filipino-American, and the rest of the ASEAN, community's support for her administration's drive against anti-Asian crimes and to reduce homelessness in the city.

The other Consuls General likewise conveyed their support for the mayor's various programs and initiatives. In particular, the two sides discussed the possibility of holding either a "Pan-Asian" or "ASEAN" Day in the city to raise greater awareness about Asian culture in the mainstream community.

Mayor Bass thanked the ASEAN delegation for meeting with her and expressed pleasure at hearing that "Inside Safe," her administration's flagship program to address homelessness, had not gone unnoticed. She likewise expressed her openness to working more closely with the ASEAN Consulates in Los Angeles and rest of the LA Consular Corps, the third biggest in the world after New York and Hongkong, on mutual areas of concern. END