



PASUGUAN NG PILIPINAS

WASHINGTON, D.C.

EMBASSY OF THE PHILIPPINES

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Dear ***Kababayans***,

I am writing to urge you to support the 2016 Philippine National Elections and exercise your right and duty as a Filipino citizen under the 1987 Constitution.

The conduct of the overseas voting this year is the sixth time since its first implementation in 2004 and the third time that Filipino citizens abroad will be granted the opportunity to participate in a presidential election.

The Philippine Embassy and Consulates General in the US adopted mixed voting this year. If you are a registered Filipino voter with complete mailing address on record, you can expect to receive your ballot packet through mail. The ballot packet contains the official ballot, ballot envelope, paper seal and instruction. If you are a registered Filipino voter with incomplete mailing address, we encourage you to check the list we posted on our website and provide us with your updated address or come to the Embassy or Consulate to personally cast your vote.

The Special Ballot Reception and Custody Groups (SBRCG) of the Philippine Embassy and Consulates are ready to receive your accomplished ballots, either by mail or personal delivery. Since we started on 09 April 2016, we have been open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for those who prefer to personally hand in their accomplished ballots and/or cast their votes. The holding of the overseas voting will run for one month until 09 May 2016, 5:00 a.m. (Eastern Time).

Suffrage is the bed rock of Philippine democracy. The Philippine Government continues to carry out overseas voting as a platform to hear your voice – the Filipino community abroad. It is your participation in the process of government, wherever you may be, that makes your country truly democratic.

Every vote matters in further building a peaceful, progressive Philippines, including yours. I, therefore, strongly encourage you to cast your vote.

With my best wishes.



JOSE L. CUISIA, JR.
Ambassador