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## LA FACE PICNIC 2022



On Saturday August 27, 2022, LAFACE held its annual picnic at Rio de Los Angeles State Park. More than 60 LAFACE members, their families and their pets attended. Third Vice-President Rea Poticar Lazo led a series of fun picnic games, where adults and children competed for a variety of prizes, including Starbucks gift cards and toys, such as Star Wars themed Legos. Recording Secretary Jessica Domanay led the picnic raffle. Winners walked away with free camping equipment and other prizes. See you next year!

For more LAFACE Picnic 2022 photos, visit our website [laface.us](http://laface.us). Or visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/LAFACE.US/>

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## President's Message



Kumusta po!

My name is Janelle Adeloga A. Parra and I am the current President of the Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees (LAFACE).

This inaugural issue of “Balita” spotlights Los Angeles Police Department Deputy Chief Graham, the high-ranking chief police officer of Filipino descent in the City of Los Angeles.

On October 7, 2022, we are celebrating our 40th anniversary and the Filipino American History Month and we will be honoring Jo Koy, world-renowned comedian. Consul General Edgar B. Badajos of the Philippine Consulate Los Angeles will be in attendance and will accept the City Council Resolution proclamation on behalf of LAFACE.

With more than 60,000 employees, the City is one of the largest employers in the Los Angeles area and LAFACE represents one of the largest minority groups in the City’s workforce.

This year, our goal is to get the word out that LAFACE is the go-to organization to help all employees City employees promote and ascend to the next step in their City careers.

Please encourage your colleagues and friends to join LAFACE. Let them know that our workshops are top notch and with our help, they will pass their next exam and move up. We're looking for new members from each City department.

I am thankful for this opportunity to serve all of you. Maraming salamat po!

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## Ready to promote? LAFACE can help!

On Saturday September 10, 2022, LAFACE is holding a webinar for the upcoming Senior Administrative Clerk exam. LAFACE leaders will cover many critical topics, including City structures, file management, written communication, reading comprehension and judgment and decision making. Sign up today!

Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees



### Sr Administrative Clerk Exam Preparation Webinar

Date: **September 10, 2022, Saturday**  
Time: **9 am to 4 pm**

#### Speakers:

- Jing Vida | Senior Management Analyst
- Kalina Bellamy | Management Analyst
- Rea Lazo | Executive Administrative Assistant II
- Sally Anderson | Retired LAFACE Member
- Lindy Granados | LAFACE Retiree Member Officer
- Joan Tagle | Management Analyst



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# LAFACE SPOTLIGHT



## LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT DEPUTY CHIEF DONALD GRAHAM



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**“I love that Filipinos love to be in places where they can serve, where they can make people's lives better. That's part of the Filipino heart, it's about service.”**

**--LAPD Deputy Chief Don Graham, (First LAPD chief officer of Filipino descent)**

Deputy Chief Donald Graham is the highest ranking Filipino-American officer at the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). In this inaugural issue of Balita, Chief Graham shares his love of Los Angeles and how being a Filipino American has shaped his identity.

“The Filipino heart is divided into three sections: food, service and family. That's our identity and being able to experience that in LA has been a tremendous uplift into my understanding of my own heritage.”

Chief Graham grew up in the predominantly white suburb of Bayonne, New Jersey, where his family would have to drive three hours to visit family for a taste of Filipino culture.

“We were the only Filipino family at my school in Bayonne, New Jersey. Kids in the school yard would say, “What kind of Chinese are you?”

At age 14, his parents divorced and the family moved to LA. It was love at first sight.

Chief Graham appreciated the cosmopolitan nature of the City and its embrace of all cultures.



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## Cont. LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

### DEPUTY CHIEF DONALD GRAHAM

Living and working in LA taught Chief Graham that diversity is “About understanding. The more diversity, the more we can connect with all races and colors that live in our city.”

Today, Chief Graham commands the LAPD Transit Services Bureau, where he oversees the City’s four traffic divisions. These officers and civilian partners are responsible for traffic education, traffic enforcement, street racing enforcement, and the fleet safety of the Los Angeles Police Department.

He also oversees the Transit Services Group, which provides policing services to the trains, buses, shuttles, stations, and platforms of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) system within the City of Los Angeles.

It wasn’t until he reached the rank of Lieutenant in 2012 that he realized that other Filipino Americans looked up to him as an example.

“Knowing unintentionally that I’ve had that impact, that’s shaped how I’ve looked at my responsibility in this trailblazing position. I have that responsibility to demonstrate that it's not a one-off, everybody has an opportunity. I’ve been blessed my whole career.”

### Before you go...

A COUPLE LAST QUESTIONS:

### What's your favorite Filipino food?

CHICKEN ADOBO.  
HANDS DOWN, MY MOM USED TO MAKE IT ALL THE TIME. I LOVE IT.

### What is your go-to karaoke song?

“JUST A GIGOLO,”  
BY DAVID LEE ROTH.



LOS ANGELES  
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SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

Dear LAFACE family and friends,

**RE: FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH AND 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AT FORECOURT ON OCTOBER 7, 2022, AT 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

On October 7, 2022, the Los Angeles City Council (Council) will present a resolution proclaiming October as Filipino American History Month at approximately 10 a.m. in Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 N. Spring St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. Council will also recognize the 40th Anniversary of Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees (LAFACE).

Special guest Philippine Consul General Badajos will accept the Council Resolution on behalf of LAFACE Board Officers and Members, and the Filipino community. During this event, LAFACE will also honor world-renowned comedian Jo Koy. (Due to COVID-19, in-person attendance is not available to the LAFACE's wider membership).

Reaching our 40th year mark is a significant milestone. We invite LAFACE members to an in-person celebratory luncheon on October 7, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Forecourt of City Hall. Following the resolution, our special guests will make an appearance.

Established in 1982, LAFACE now represents more than 2,700 City of Los Angeles Filipino employees. LAFACE's mission is to assist Filipinos seeking employment and promotion in City service, and for the economic, educational, and cultural advancement of Filipinos and other minorities in the community.

We applaud LAFACE's members for your dedicated City service, whether you are a new employee or seasoned City veteran. We look forward to celebrating LAFACE's 40th anniversary together, where we can share a meal at City Hall, the headquarters of the City we are so proud to serve.

For more details and to RSVP, click here. See you on October 7.

Sincerely,



JANELLE A. ADELOGA PARRA  
President  
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## FILIPINO AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

### Come join us!

40th Anniversary  
Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees  
(LAFACE)

10am to 1pm, Friday October 7, 2022  
Forecourt, Los Angeles City Hall



## SPECIAL GUESTS

Philippine Consul General Edgar Badajos  
Comedian Jo Koy

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## A meeting with Philippine Consul General Edgar Badajos

Last month LAFACE had the opportunity to meet with Philippine Consul General Edgar Badajos and Consul Maria Alnee-Gamble. LAFACE facilitated an introduction to build ties with other Filipino community organizations.

(Left to right - LAFACE 1st Vice-President Ellen Linaac, Philippine Consul General Edgar Badajos, LAFACE President Janelle Parra and Consul Maria Alnee-Gamble.)

## Philippines spotlight: CEBU

If you're interested in visiting the Philippines soon, a very happening island destination in Asia and the Pacific, Cebu offers idyllic beach getaways and popular diving spots, thrilling eco-adventures and extreme sports, heart-stopping Instagram-worthy festivals, and state-of-the-art shopping and nightlife. This island-province throbs with history, too. Its capital, Cebu City, is the oldest city in the Philippines.

Today, Cebu is a global hub for business and design. International luxury magazines turn the spotlight on Kenneth Cobonpue's cutting-edge bamboo furniture and Monique Lhuillier's intimate fashion apparel. Phone calls from around the world are processed in Cebu's thriving BPOs, better known locally as call centers, staffed by highly educated graduates from Cebu City's top-caliber schools and universities. And we haven't even mentioned all the culinary feasting to be had.



IT'S MORE FUN WITH YOU

Go where your mind's been wandering. CEBU





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## LAFACE RETIREE SPOTLIGHT:

### Linda "Lindy" Granados

Linda "Lindy" Granados is a LAFACE current Board Officer.

She retired in March 2020.

Her 18-year career with the City spanned four departments, LADOT, LAPD, World Airports.

She started as an Accountant and retired as Program Manager with the Bureau of Sanitation, Public Works.

Before her City career, Linda worked as a Financial Analyst for 14 years with TransAmerica Life Companies, and three years as a Project Accountant at Topa Management Companies in Century City.

Linda is active in many organizations including Past President of the Los Angeles Municipal Association of Accountants & Auditors for 3 years, Past President of Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees for 3 years.

She is currently a member of the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce, Greater LA and a member of Toastmasters Pioneers Group.

Upon retirement, Linda, has made it her life mission to mentor LAFACE members in their City promotional career.

In 2021, she became a licensed Life, Health & Accident Marketing Director and is helping families build a solid financial foundation through financial education.

*LAFACE is interested in featuring other LAFACE retirees. Please submit your stories to [jamielafisco.laface@gmail.com](mailto:jamielafisco.laface@gmail.com).*



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