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Future Exhibit Showcases “Filipinos of South Bay”

(National City, CA) **Call to Action: Filipinos Encouraged to Share Their Stories.** Filipino American community members who have roots connected to or who live in the South Bay of San Diego are invited to learn more about an upcoming project and to share their stories at two community sessions. The project, “Filipinos of South Bay Exhibit,” will honor the history and contributions of Filipinos in Chula Vista, National City, Imperial Beach, and surrounding areas.

The Community Listening Sessions are scheduled for:

Saturday, Jan 29, 2022 10:00 AM via Zoom

Saturday, Mar 19, 2022 10:00 AM at the PASACAT Center in National City

The organizations collaborating to curate the “Filipinos of South Bay Exhibit” are the PASACAT; the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS); and the Council of Philippine American Organizations of San Diego, County, Inc. (COPAO). The project will be unveiled October, 2022 at the Chula Vista Library, Civic Center Branch in cooperation with the Chula Vista Library and Friends of the Chula Vista Heritage Museum

The project was set in motion when FANHS President Emerita, Judy Patacsil was contacted by members of the South Bay Historical Society to create an exhibit that would tell the story of Filipinos of South Bay. FANHS reviewed their collection of stories published in *Filipinos in San Diego* (Arcadia Publishing, 2010) which provided themes of Filipino life – including the arts, businesses, education, faith, food, government, health care, military, sports and so much more. The upcoming Filipinos of South Bay Exhibit will showcase common threads of connection, community, and contributions.

Anamaria Labao Cabato, the Executive Director of PASACAT and lead for the project said, "What captured my attention on the subject of Filipinos of South Bay, were the numerous organizations that came to mind and not individuals." She further described, "This is reflective of the *Bayanihan Spirit* and *Kapwa* that is ingrained in Filipinos by nature. We recognize those organizations who built community and connected people to one another and the leaders who were driving forces to elevate the Filipino consciousness and ultimately shape the Filipino identity."

For more information email info.fosbe@gmail.com. To register for the Community Listening Sessions: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/filipinos-of-south-bay-exhibit-community-listening-session-tickets-254067090507>

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