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Building Community Through Bridging Cultures and Embracing Diversity.

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January 15, 2026

Dear **Kababayan**,

Greetings from the **Philippine American Friendship Community (PAFCOM) Inc.!**

The Philippine American Friendship Community Incorporated (PAFCOM Inc.), a leading organization for 36 years, invites your group to join our vibrant 2026 Annual Grand Parade & Festival on Sunday, June 28, at Lincoln Park, Jersey City, celebrating Filipino culture in America!

Established in 1990, PAFCOM empowers Filipino Americans in New Jersey & beyond, fostering peaceful assimilation and well-being through vital services in health, education, and immigration. Our dedication, recognized by the 2021 Banaag Award from the Philippine Presidential Award for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas, continues as we prepare for this landmark event, where thousands celebrate Filipino pride.

Join and march with us in our Grand Parade to represent the rich cultural vibrancy of the Philippines. You will be joining thousands of marchers, cultural groups, marching bands, prominent guests and local artists. Your participation amplifies Filipino pride and our love for the Philippines.

Contact us to join the grand parade and we will make this event unforgettable. We look forward to your participation and hope to hear from you soon!

Respectfully yours,

Shiran Ybañez

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PARADE REGISTRATION FORM

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CONTACT INFORMATION

ORGANIZATION NAME

ORGANIZATION ADDRESS

CONTACT PERSON/ TITLE

PHONE NUMBER

ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER

E-MAIL ADDRESS

FAX NUMBER

PARADE ENTRY

Please describe the nature of your parade entry and zelle your payment to PAFCOM at pafcomnj@gmail.com.

Marchers ONLY \$30

Marchers with FLOAT \$300

Marchers with OPEN-TOP CAR \$100

ORGANIZATION'S PROFILE

AGREEMENT

By signing, we confirm our participation in the Philippine American Friendship Community Inc.'s Grand Parade on June 28, 2026, according to the selected entry type. We hereby agree to conform to and abide by all Parade Guidelines detailed on Page 2, acknowledging that we have read and understood all requirements.

PRINTED NAME & SIGNATURE

DATE

DEADLINE & CONTACT INFORMATION

Please pay through Zelle (pafcomnj@gmail.com) and return the COMPLETED FORM to PAFCOM at pafcomnj@gmail.com.

The DEADLINE to register for the parade is **Monday, June 1, 2026**.

For inquiries, please call/text PAFCOM Parade Chair RELY MANACAY 917-755-0160 or Parade Co-Chair RONIE MATAQUEL 718-213-2399.

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THE PARADE COMMITTEE

Composition: The Committee is comprised of parade organizers and parade marshals.

Sequence Planning: It is solely responsible for planning and implementing the parade sequence, including determining the start time.

Please note that the sequence and start time are subject to change at the Committee's discretion.

Rule Enforcement: The Committee is responsible for implementing and enforcing all established parade rules and guidelines.

Right to Refuse/Remove: The Committee reserves the right to refuse participation to, or remove, any individual or group not conforming to the established guidelines or refusing instructions issued by parade officials.

Finality of Decisions: All decisions made by the Parade Committee are final.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS

Must adhere to follow all instructions given by parade organizers and marshals.

Must submit a completed **PARADE REGISTRATION FORM** by the deadline of **June 1, 2026**.

Must notify a parade marshal immediately upon arrival at the designated waiting area.

Must enhance your delegation's participation with creativity, vibrancy, and music.

Must ensure all costumes and outfits conform to appropriate standards of decency.

Must provide a short description of the delegation's presentation, theme & attire by completing the **PARADE REGISTRATION FORM**.

Must ensure all portable external power sources or generators are fully secured and safe.

PARADE INFORMATION

Parade Route: The parade will proceed along West Side Avenue, beginning at Claremont Avenue and concluding at Lincoln Park.

Schedule: Assembly time will be from **10 AM** to **11:30 AM**. Opening ceremony will be at **11:30AM** and parade will start at **12 NN**.

Late Arrivals: Participants arriving after the scheduled start time will march at the end of the procession, following all other groups.

Attire and Participation: Participants may not switch to another delegation during the event unless they are wearing the prescribed outfit or uniform of that respective organization.

Weather Policy: The parade will take place as scheduled, rain or shine.

Reviewing Stand Access: Access to the reviewing stand in Lincoln Park is strictly reserved for VIPs, special guests, and parade judges.

PROHIBITED ITEMS AND ACTIVITIES

Distribution of Materials: The distribution or throwing of any items, objects, products, giveaways, brochures, or materials from floats, vehicles, or by marchers is not permitted.

Prohibited Vehicles and Devices: Trailers, rollerblades, skateboards, scooters, balancing scooters, electric skateboards, remote-controlled cars/planes/drones, or any similar devices are not allowed. Enclosed motor vehicles are prohibited.

Approved Vehicles Only: Only registered open-top convertible cars are allowed.

Fire and Smoking Restrictions: Fireworks or flammable objects are not allowed. Additionally, smoking is prohibited throughout the duration of the parade.

Releasing Flying Objects: The release of balloons or other flying materials is prohibited.

Public Disturbance: Disruptive anti-government placards or negative chanting will not be allowed. Any form of public disturbance or behavior deemed inappropriate will not be tolerated.

DISCLAIMER

All participants must be in good health and medically cleared for the PAFCOM Parade & Festival on June 28, 2026. The Philippine-American Friendship Community, Inc. (PAFCOM), its officers, members, and volunteers, are not liable for any accidents, injuries, or medical conditions arising from participation.

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