

## **FIL-AMS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR SMALL VILLAGE THAT WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND** *All Funds Raised Benefit Samala Marquez Fire Relief & Rebuilding Efforts in the Philippines*

San Diego, CA: A devastating fire ripped through the already-impooverished neighborhood of Samala Marquez in the Philippines. Earlier this year, more than 1,000 Filipinos lost their homes, leaving residents without shelter, food, clean water, and clothing. The Province of Cavite (where Samala Marquez is located) is the Sister City to San Diego. Throughout the years, several delegations from America's Finest City have visited Cavite, specifically investing their time, talent, and treasure in the community of Samala Marquez.

1 in every 3 residents in District 6 are of Asian American descent, with Mira Mesa being home to the city's largest concentration of Filipino Americans. San Diego City Councilmember Chris Cate, [The Filipino School](#), and San Diego's Filipino community are coming together to raise funds for the Samala Marquez relief efforts.

[Filipino Desserts Plus](#), located inside of [Seafood City in Mira Mesa](#), will be designating 10% of the weekend's sales to The Filipino School [to support the Samala Marquez fire relief and rebuilding efforts](#). The Filipino School educates, awakens, and empowers Filipino American individuals. It serves as a conduit for Filipino-Americans to learn more about their Filipino culture and heritage and inspires them to connect and re-connect with their Filipino roots.

"I have been to Samala Marquez and am proud to partner with Filipino Desserts Plus Mira Mesa to help raise funds for my fellow Kababayan in need," stated Councilmember Chris Cate.

**WHAT:** Samala Marquez Fire Relief Efforts Fundraiser Kickoff

**WHERE:** Filipino Desserts Plus (at Seafood City)  
8955 Mira Mesa Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92126

**WHEN:** Friday, June 4, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

**WHO:** Councilmember Chris Cate, District 6  
Tony Olaes, The Filipino School  
Maybelline Cui, Filipino Desserts Plus  
Willy Santos, Professional Skateboarder & Philanthropist  
Audie de Castro, Philippine Honorary Consul of San Diego

