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Dear Friend of PAWA,

We are excited to invite you to sponsor the Fifth Filipino American International Book Festival hosted by Philippine American Writers and Artists (PAWA) on October 12 – 13, 2019 at the San Francisco Public Library. Established over 17 years ago, PAWA is a nonprofit organization and publisher whose mission is to support Filipinx American writers and artists in their creative endeavors.

Now more than ever, it is essential for Filipinx writers to contribute our voices to an environment that aims to marginalize and suppress the most vulnerable—immigrants, people of color, and those seeking social justice and inclusion.

The great news is, we are. Over the past few years, there has been an explosion of Filipinx writing. Mainstream authors such as Jose Antonio Vargas, Gina Apostol, Elaine Castillo, and Grace Talusan are bringing more attention to an already vibrant Filipinx literary history and community.

The Festival, now in its fifth and the only festival of its kind in the US, has much to celebrate. Our theme, *Isang Mundo: Humanity, Diversity, and Resistance in the Arts*, encapsulates the varied and powerful voices of the contemporary authors who will present their latest works. For two days, we will feature over 30 local, national, and international authors, over 15 events including panels, readings, Hot Off the Press, a film screening, young adult and children's events, and a marketplace for books. The Festival will draw over 800 to 1,000 people of all ages from the Filipinx and wider community in the Bay Area.

We hope you will join us as a sponsor. Sponsorship opportunities are attached. Please respond to [pawa@pawainc.com](mailto:pawa@pawainc.com) by September 23, 2019 to ensure inclusion in promotional materials. Maraming Salamat. We hope to see you at the Festival!

Sincerely,  
Edwin Lozada  
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