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## Fil-Am pols endorse Bonta as replacement for Becerra

ome former and current Filipino American officials recently endorsed Assemblymember Rob Bonta to California Governor Gavin Newsom as a possible replacement for Attorney General Xavier Becerra who has been selected by President-elect Joe Biden as his nominee for the position of United States Secretary of Health and Human Servic-

Becerra is set to become the first Latino to run the said department. He has

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# WE ARE CAUGHT BETWEEN DISQUIET AND HOPE **By ABNER GALINO**



(L-R) Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, LA Mayor Eric Garcetti, Helen Cordova, Governor Gavin Newsom with other Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center healthcare staff. (Photo Credit: Office of the Governor of the State of California)

## 16 names potential presidential bets in 2022 polls — study

### MANILA (Mabuhay) — With less than two years before the pres-

idential elections, several politicians and private sector executives are among the potential candidates for the highest post in the land in the May 2022 national and local polls.

According to the



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presidential post. Among them are Senators Bong Go,

likely candidates for the

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## THE holidays are upon us and we are trapped between disquiet and hope.

Two weeks ago, an intensive care unit nurse, Helen Cordova, gets a dose of the first shipment of anti-COVID 19 vaccine at a Kaiser Permanente hospital in Los Angeles.

That was a powerful picture of hope.

By Christmas, it is estimated that some 6,000 LA County health workers will be vaccinated. That's a lot of people who would be possibly out of the virus' deadly snare.

News reports said that since vaccinations began in the U.S. on December 14, some 1.12 million doses have been administered. This figure is expected to climb up as a second vaccine made by Moderna Inc. is also distributed.

Both vaccines require two doses taken several weeks apart.

There are good reasons to be upbeat. But then, the reality still stares at us menacingly --- that most of us would have to wait until the middle of year 2021 to be vaccinated and be protected from the deadly coronavirus.

But as the holidays descend upon us, the pandemic has made family gatherings more difficult and potentially unsafe.

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