



March 8, 2012

Councilman Bill Rosendahl  
Los Angeles City Council District 11  
1645 Corinth Avenue, Room 201  
West Los Angeles, CA 90025

Dear Councilman Rosendahl:

Thank you so much for your support of the Venice Japanese American Memorial Marker Committee's (VJAMM) effort to commemorate the unconstitutional round-up of Japanese Americans in Venice during WWII. Your motion before the City Council will be long remembered by our community and is deeply appreciated.

Aside from growing up in Venice, I work in the field of drug and alcohol recovery in the Asian and Pacific American community. Among Japanese Americans who struggle with this disorder, the legacy of guilt and shame associated with the camps passed on by our parents have been a very significant, albeit little publicized aspect of the fallout. Acknowledgment of the wrong that was done can only help to reconcile this trauma, and I thank you for your part in that process.

As you know, there are still obstacles ahead with the Coastal Commission and Cal-Trans. I urge you to continue the struggle with us and support the efforts through these obstacles. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions in the further efforts.

Sincerely,

Mike Watanabe, MSW  
President & CEO  
AADAP, Inc

Cc: Board of Directors