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Eric Paquette, President
Cultural Affairs Commission
201 N. Figueroa St., Suite 1400
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear President Paquette and Commission Members:

I write today to enthusiastically support the Venice Japanese American Memorial Marker Committee's (VJAMM) public art application.

Since the issue first came to my attention in April 2009, I have been a staunch champion of the VJAMM marker and its installation at the northwest corner of Venice and Lincoln Boulevards.

The marker will serve as an important remembrance of a dark time in our nation's history—the forced removal of some 1,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from Venice, Santa Monica, and Malibu to Manzanar, in the wake of anti-Japanese sentiment after Japan's bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. It will remind us to be vigilant about our rights, and to ensure “that the powers of government shall never again perpetrate an injustice against any group based solely on ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, race, or religion.”

Thank you for your support of the VJAMM marker.

Regards,

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