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Dear Mr. Oishi:

I write today to enthusiastically support the Venice Japanese American Memorial Marker Committee's (VJAMM) application for the Adopt-A-Median Program.

Since April 2009, I have been a champion of the VJAMM Marker and its installation on the northwest corner of Venice and Lincoln Boulevards. This grassroots effort started with students from the New Media Academy at Venice High School who made a presentation before the Los Angeles City Council.

The marker will serve as an important reminder of 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 advice to the members of the Venice Japanese American Memorial Marker Committee and for your continued support of the VJAMM marker.

Regards,

  
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