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Councilman Bill Rosendahl  
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1645 Corinth Avenue, Room 201  
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Dear Councilman Rosendahl,

On behalf of the Social and Public Art Resource Center (SPARC) thank you for all that you do to keep organizations like ours vibrant and sustainable.

I write this letter of support for the establishment of a memorial marker at the northwest corner of Venice and Lincoln Boulevards, to mark the assembly point of Japanese Americans in the Venice community on April 25, 1942, in response to Civilian Exclusion Order No. 7, for removal and internment in Manzanar War Relocation Authority camp for the duration of World War II.

SPARC is an organization that for 34 years has created sites of public memory. SPARC's guiding principal is best stated by our Founder/Artistic Director Professor Judy Baca that is *"The purpose of any monument is to bring the past into the present to inspire the future."*

SPARC wholeheartedly supports the efforts being led by Venice High School teacher Phyllis Hayashibara, (who SPARC has had a long standing educational partnership with) and her quest to establish a very important site of public memory.

Kindly,

Debra J.T. Padilla  
Executive Director