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

Dear Councilman Rosendahl:

On behalf of the Venice Japanese Community Center (VJCC), I would like to formally document our support of your motion to erect a commemorative marker at the northwest corner of Venice and Lincoln Boulevards. Our understanding is that this marker will commemorate a location where Japanese-Americans were assembled to be transported to War Relocation Authority camps for internment under Executive Order 9066 during World War II. More importantly, we hope that this commemorative marker will serve as a constant reminder that we should not take our Constitutional rights for granted, but rather actively foster their preservation.

As you are aware, the Venice Japanese Community Center's mission is to "*preserve, share and promote the Japanese and Japanese-American culture and heritage, and provide for the needs and interests of the Japanese-American community through education and instruction.*". The Venice Japanese Community Center (VJCC) has served the Venice area community for more than 75 years. Founded in 1921, to aid and support the small but growing Japanese farming community, the VJCC has become a permanent gathering place for its members. After World War II, this site served as a relocation center for the Japanese Americans returning from internment camps. Now it is a focal point for Japanese and Japanese American culture.

Sincerely,

Jack Kurihara
VJCC President