



Venice Chapter Peace and Freedom Party



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Venice Japanese American Memorial Marker
c/o Venice Arts Council
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The Venice Chapter of the Peace and Freedom Party would like to offer this letter in solemn support for a very special memorial-marker to commemorate the incarceration of Japanese-Americans during World War II.

Venice Chapter members worked hard to generate interest in this project since 2002. We are happy to see so many other Venice groups come together to make this vision a reality.

The Peace and Freedom Party, founded in 1967, has always been committed to democracy and racial equality. Racial equality and its sad absence towards our Japanese neighbors was the prime factor that motivated us to initiate this important project. We recognize the need to commemorate this shameful episode of US history, in order to educate the younger generations, and to promote vigilance against similar treatment of any group of people in the future.

We would like to thank the Japanese-American organizations involved. We thank the coalition of Venice progressive groups and activists and that have persevered with us to make this memorial-marker a reality.

For the Venice Chapter of the Peace and Freedom Party,

Karl Abrams, chair

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