# VENICE JAPANESE AMERICAN MEMORIAL MONUMENT DEDICATION



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## THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017 VENICE, CALIFORNIA



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# Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument DEDICATION CEREMONY

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017

Northwest corner of Venice and Lincoln Boulevards

Master of Ceremonies: Phyllis Hayashibara VJAMM Committee

> Jim Smith Former Free Venice Beachhead Collective

Ruth Galanter Retired Los Angeles City Councilmember, District 6

> Joel Jacinto Commissioner, Board of Public Works

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Jeff Burton National Park Service, Manzanar National Historic Site

> Dr. Jimmy Hara Born in Gila River WRA Camp in Arizona

Dr. Thomas Yoshikawa Former incarcee at Manzanar WRA Camp in California

Keynote Speaker: Warren Furutani Community Activist and Manzanar Pilgrimage Pioneer

> Introduction of Quotes - Brian Maeda VJAMM Committee

> > VJAMM Text - Nikki Gilbert VJAMM Committee

VJAMM Design - Emily Winters VJAMM Committee & VAC

Education & Maintenance - Suzanne Thompson VJAMM Committee & VAC

Announcements: • VJAMM Fundraiser today at noon and tonight at Hama Sushi • 48th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage, Saturday, April 29, 2017



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April 27, 2017

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the Dedication of the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of President Roosevelt's signing of Executive Order 9066 which forced the removal of 120,000 Japanese and American citizens of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast. This monument is an important tribute to the 1,000 persons of Japanese ancestry who were forcibly removed from Venice, Santa Monica, and Malibu.

In today's political climate, Americans must be mindful of the progress we have made since 1942 and we must work to defend and protect the rights of our most vulnerable populations. It's important that we honor and recognize what happened to our Japanese American citizens in 1942 in order to bring about a better future.

I send my very best for a successful event!

Sincerely,

Sheila Kuehl Supervisor, Third District





### **MIKE BONIN**

City of Los Angeles Councilmember, Eleventh District

April 27, 2017

Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument Committee P.O. Box 993 Venice, CA 90294

Dear Friends:

We come together to celebrate completion of the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument (VJAMM). This special monument marks the spot where some 1,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from the City of Los Angeles' Westside assembled before their forced relocation to Manzanar War Relocation Center in the wake of anti-Japanese sentiment during World War II.

Today's dedication is the culmination of a grassroots effort that began eight years ago with students from the New Media Academy at Venice High School, who were inspired by an article in the Venice Beachhead and made a presentation before the Los Angeles City Council. Their teacher, Phyllis Hayashibara, took up the cause and formed the VJAMM Committee. I congratulate the students, donors, and members of the VJAMM Committee who have worked so hard to make this day possible.

As we commemorate the 75th anniversary of internment, VJAMM is a prescient reminder for us, as a people, to be vigilant about defending our rights—including those of our friends and neighbors. Let us remember the internees who are no longer with us by dedicating this monument today in their honor. Let us remember their sacrifice by heeding the words etched on this monument "that the powers of government shall never again perpetrate an injustice against any group based solely on ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, race or religion."

Regards,

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MIKE BONIN Councilmember, 11<sup>th</sup> District

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### Ruth Galanter

Retired Los Angeles City Councilmember, District 6; Author of ordinance giving the site of Manzanar camp for preservation as a monument

### Dr. Jimmy Hara

Family Medicine Residency Director Emeritus, Kaiser Permanente; Professor at UCLA School of Medicine and at Charles Drew University College of Medicine. Born in Gila River War Relocation Authority Camp in Arizona





### Zev Yaroslavsky

Los Angeles County Supervisor, District 3 (retired); Director of the Los Angeles Initiative, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs

### Joel Jacinto

Commissioner, Board of Public Works, Clty of Los Angeles



### Keynote Speaker Warren Furutani Community Activist. Manzanar Pilgrimage Pioneer

In December 2016, the Rafu Shimpo re-printed the influential "101 Ways to Tell You're Japanese American." by Jenni Kuida and Tony Osumi, originally published in The Rafu Shimpo in March 1996. Their original introduction seems as pertinent today as it was twenty years ago:

"Although written in good fun, understanding what it means to be JA helps define who we are as a community and the issues we face. More importantly, as we further study Japanese/Asian American history, we might begin to see current issues like immigrant-bashing, attacks on civil rights/affirmative action and the growing concentration of wealth and resources upward to a select few, in new ways."

After "I. You know that Camp doesn't mean a cabin in the woods," and right before "30. You've been to the Manzanar Pilgrimage and danced the "Tanko Bushi," the list reads, "29. You've heard Warren Furutani speak at least once, somewhere."



VJAMM Dedication Keynote Speaker Warren Furutani with VJAMM Committee members Suzanne Thompson, Emily Winters, Alice Stek, Brian Maeda at the Manzanar Committee Holiday Party in 2017

Today. Thursday. April 27, 2017, we are all Japanese Americans, privileged to hear Warren Furutani deliver the Keynote address on the Dedication of the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument. In addition to his grass-roots community activism. Furutani has held numerous elected and appointed political offices. He became the first Asian American/Pacific Islander to be elected to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education in 1987, and while on the Board, became the first to secure belated high school diplomas for Nisei who left their high schools for camps. He won election to the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees in 1999, and election to the California State Assembly to represent the 55th District in 2007. He authored two bills signed into California law: AB 37 conferred honorary college degrees to Nisei who had been incarcerated in the camps, and AB 1775 made California the first state to declare January 30 the Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution.

In 1969, Furutani joined his community activism and civil rights advocacy into the first organized pilgrimage to Manzanar with some 150 other volunteers. Warren Furutani and Sue Kunitomi Embrey co-founded the Manzanar Committee in 1970, dedicated to educating the general public about the World War II imprisonment of Japanese Americans in United States concentration camps. Warren will be a featured speaker at the 48th Annual Manzanar Pilgrimage taking place on Saturday. April 29, 2017, which marks the 75th anniversary of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's signing Executive Order 9066



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Senior Field Deputy. Mar Vista and West Los Angeles. Office of Los Angeles City Councilmember Mike Bonin. District II

### Kevin McKeown

Councilmember and former Mayor. City of Santa Monica; Chair of the Westside Cities Council of Governments





### Jeff Burton

Cultural Resources Program Manager/Archeologist. National Park Service, Manzanar Natioinal Historic Site

### Rachel Zaiden

Senior Field Deputy. Metropolitan/West Los Angeles. Office of Los Angeles County Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, District 3





### Dr. Thomas Yoshikawa

Professor of Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Specializing in Geriatric Medicine. former incarcaree at Manzanar

#### Jim Smith

Jim Smith worked tirelessly with the Free Venice Beachhead Collective from 2002 to 2012, composing poetry, writing articles and editorials, publishing the monthly underground periodical, and digitizing every issue of this "last underground newspaper still alive and kickin" from the Sixties." Smith's legacy includes "lighting a spark of remembrance that will, I'm sure, result in a permanent memorial to the shameful treatment our Japanese American neighbors were subjected to during World War II."



When I moved to Venice in 1968. I had never heard that Japanese Americans who lived here during World War II had been taken to concentration camps. I knew vaguely that Japanese people had been interned during the war. But it wasn't until 2001, when I saw a photo of hundreds of people at Lincoln and Venice Boulevards being taken away, that it hit home.

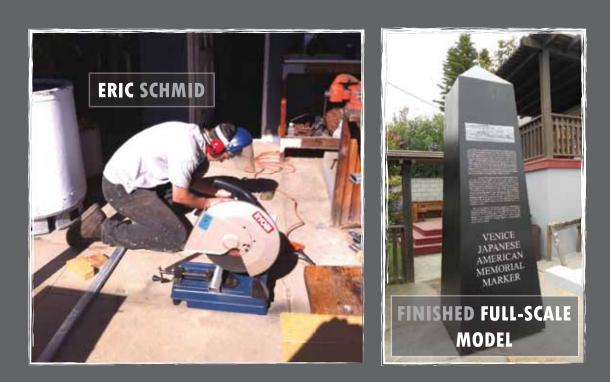
How could such a thing happen? And how could most Venetians not know about it? I spoke to my friends and neighbors at the next meeting of our local Peace and Freedom chapter, and we resolved that there should be a marker or monument at the site.

The incarceration was part of the dark side of American history just as was McCarthyism, today's massive prison system housing mostly people of color, the Patriot Act, and mass surveillance. The monument will be a continuous reminder of the internment of 120,000 innocent Japanese Americans, and a reminder that we must always be vigilant or we will lose our democratic liberties.

Hundreds of people signed our petition asking our city councilmember to take action. Everyone agreed it should be done.

None of us expected it to take 16 years for a monument to be erected. It never would have succeeded without articles in the Free Venice Beachhead newspaper. Venice High students getting involved, and their teacher. Phyllis Hayashibara, coordinating the effort, and of course, the many wonderful people in the Venice arts community and in the local Japanese American community.

# VENICE JAPANESE AMERICAN 📕 MEMORIAL MONUMENT



### **"BUILDING THE MONUMENT MODEL"**



Congratulations to the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument Committee for marking this important historical event.

> Joe & Dianne Kujubu Belli Los Angeles 2017

### Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument Committee Members



May 20, 2014: U.S. Congressmember Ted Lieu (CD 33), formerly California State Senator (SD 28), presents the VJAMM Committee with his \$5,000 donation.

### Current VJAMM Committee members

Kay Brown: Artist, Printmaker, Venice Arts Council

Nikki Gilbert: Sushi Girl ®, Venice High School Alumni Association. www.venicejamm.org

Phyllis Hayashibara: retired Social Studies teacher at Venice High School, Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple Buddhist Women's Association (Fujinkai)

Mae Kakehashi: former Manzanar internee, medical secretary, Reach to Recovery

Arnold Maeda: former surgical orderly at Manzanar Base Hospital, Senior Class President Manzanar High School Class of 1944, chick sexor, technical illustrator, insurance agent

Brian Maeda: born in Manzanar, filmmaker and director, Manzanar Committee

Alice Stek: OB GYN, Venice Peace and Freedom Party, Free Venice Beachhead

Suzanne Thompson: Venice Arts Council co-founder. Endangered Arts Fund Chair

Yosh Tomita: former Manzanar internee, aerospace engineer

Emily Winters: Venice activist, artist, muralist, Venice Arts Council co-founder

#### Past VJAMM Committee members

Don Geagan: Free Venice Beachhead, Venice Peace and Freedom Party

Fred Hoshiyama: YMCA, Japanese American National Museum, Venice Culver JACL

Marc Salvatierra: web manager, Venice Historical Society, archivist, researcher, fact checker

Jim Smith: journalist, writer, poet, political activist, Free Venice Beachhead

# About the VJAMM Committee

The Venice Japanese American Memorial Marker (VJAMM) Committee. an ad hoc group comprised of former internees and concerned citizens, has been working together since 2010. The Committee's goal: to build a permanent memorial to honor the Americans of Japanese descent forcibly removed from Venice. Santa Monica, and Malibu and incarcerated at the War Relocation Authority camp at Manzanar for the duration of World War II. The inspiration for this project goes back to the attacks against the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Virginia, and one that crashed into a field near Shanksville. Pennsylvania on September II. 2001. Hate crimes against persons perceived to be Middle Easterners or Muslims flared, amid calls for their removal and imprisonment. Artists and activists of Venice drew comparisons with this prejudice and that which followed Imperial Japan's attack on the U. S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941. They sought to remind people that what happened to persons of Japanese ancestry in 1942 should never happen again to any minority group solely based on ethnicity or religion.

In April, 2009, the Free Venice Beachhead published a commemorative article on the Japanese American internment and printed a 1942 photo of Japanese Americans lined up on Venice Boulevard just west of Lincoln Boulevard, for transport to Manzanar. Students in Mrs. Phyllis Hayashibara's U.S. History classes in the New Media Academy at Venice High School heeded the Beachhead's urgent plea to urge 11th District Los Angeles City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl to support the installation of a permanent marker at the northwest corner of Venice and Lincoln Boulevards. Then-Councilmember Rosendahl invited the students to make a presentation before the Los Angeles City Council at City Hall in May 2009, and enthusiastically pledged his support.

The ad hoc Venice Japanese American Memorial Marker Committee met for the first time in March 2010. Activists in the Venice community and the Japanese American community came together after reading the students' emails and names printed in the June and July 2009 issues of the Free Venice Beachhead. These activists included members of the Venice Arts Council, Free Venice Beachhead Collective, Venice Peace and Freedom Party, Venice Historical Society, Venice High School, Manzanar Committee, and former internees of the War Relocation Center at Manzanar. Students, churches, community organizations, and other elected officials pledged support for an enduring reminder of what had happened at this intersection in 1942, so that such an injustice would never happen again.

In June, 2016, the VJAMM Committee agreed to change its name from Marker to Monument, in recognition of the VJAMM obelisk's 9 foot 6 inch height and its 3 foot by 3 foot base. The solid black granite VJAMM obelisk echoes the shape of the iconic white obelisk erected in 1943 for the cemetery at the War Relocation Authority camp at Manzanar.

The VJAMM Committee works in partnership with the Venice Arts Council, P. O. Box 993, Venice, CA 90294 (www.veniceartscouncil.org) where tax-deductible donations payable to VCHC/VJAMM may be sent, and whose fiscal sponsor is the Venice Community Housing Corporation, a 50(c) (3) non-profit organization, ElN 95-4200761, 720 Rose Avenue, Venice, CA 90291 (310-399-4100) (www.vchcorp.org). Please visit www.venicejamm.org.



Brian and Arnold Maeda, 1947



Amy Takahashi, high school



Mae Kageyama, 1941

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> Brian Tadashi Maeda born in Manzanar

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> Arnold Tadao Maeda from Santa Monica

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> Mae Kageyama Kakehashi from Venice

As a sixteen-year-old I didn't realize the injustice fully, but in time we learned how our rights as citizens were ignored. Thanks to the strength and resilience of our Issei parents, we were able to survive.

> Amy Takahashi loki from Malibu



Yoshinori Tomita, 1942 (lower left)

I was only five years old when we were imprisoned in Manzanar. I feel so grateful to the many Nisei and Sansei who worked successfully for redress and reparations with the passage of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988. I feel extremely grateful also to all the people in the community who came together to makethe VJAMM a reality.

> Yoshinori Tomita from Venice



Brian and Arnold Maeda, 2014



Amy Takahashi 2010



Mae Kageyama Kakehashi, 2013



Yosh Tomita, 2015

# In Memoriam

### Fred Hoshiyama, December 7, 1914 - December 30, 2015



The VJAMM Committee thanks you, Fred, for your early encouragement and guidance as we first embarked on our journey to creating the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument.

Fred Hoshiyama with photo of VJAMM model on December 7, 2012

### Yoshinori Tomita, July 12, 1936 - January 19, 2017

The VJAMM Committee thanks you, Yosh, for suggesting we return to the obelisk originally proposed by Emily Winters, and for expressing such gratitude in your quote for the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument.



Scott Pine, Bill Rosendahl, Yosh Tomita, Arnold Maeda, Emily Winters, Phyllis Hayashibara at Venice Neighborhood Council meeting on June 15, 2010 in gratitude

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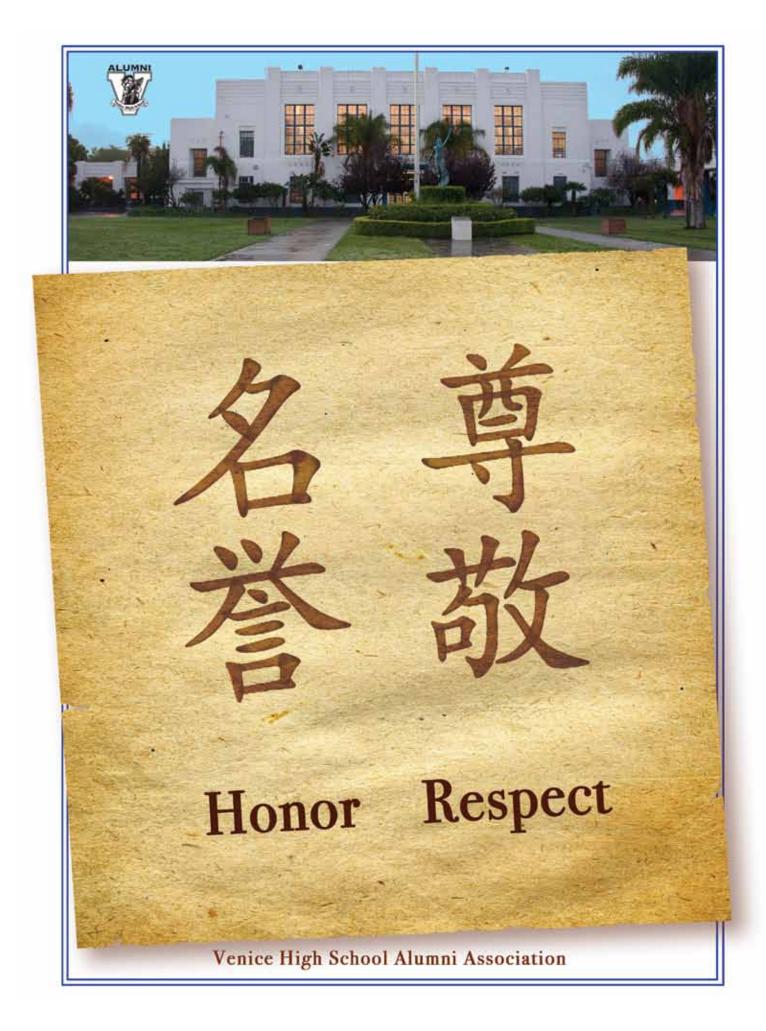
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# Special Appreciation to:

Venice Community Housing's Executive Directors Steve Clare (retired in 2016) and Becky Dennision, and Controller Priscilla Smith for your support, your guidance, and fiscal sponsorship of the VJAMM Committee.









Esther Chaing of Hama Sushi Restaurant in Venice, for hosting the annual VJAMM Fundraisers and for donating 100% of the special lunch bento profits and 10% of dinner sales to the VJAMM Committee for the past six years, beginning in 2011. Thank you to managers Naoko Matsumura and Tony Kim, too.



The Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program of the National Park Service, for the 2-to-1 reimbursable grant that has made the VJAMM possible.

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# In Memory of our Parents

### Dr. Thomas Yoshikawa's family in Manzanar



Photo and War Ration Book reprinted with permission of Dr. Thomas Yoshikawa

Back row: Osame Yusa, Shiro Yoshikawa, Haruo Yoshikawa, Toyo Yoshikawa, Isao Yoshikawa (Dr. Thomas' father) Front row: Thomas (Toyokazu) Yoshikawa, Tsuta Yusa, Kiyako Yoshikawa (Dr. Thomas' mother), Emiko Yoshikawa, Alice Yoshikawa (Dr. Thomas' sister)

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### Arnold & Brian Maeda's Family in Santa Monica





Norman Toyoshige Maeda, Sasami Takeda Maeda, Arnold Tadao Maeda, Boy, the German Shepherd, Baby Brian Tadashi Maeda

Through April 2017, the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument Committee has raised nearly \$150,000 to install and maintain a memorial monument on the northwest corner of Lincoln and Venice Boulevards.

Thank you to all for helping to reach our goal!

#### \$50,000

Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program National Park Service, U. S. Department of the Interior

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Jung and Esther Chaing Hama Sushi Restaurant, Venice, California

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The City of Santa Monica honors the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument Committee for the dedication of this new monument, marking the 75th anniversary of the forced relocation and internment of local Japanese Americans.

Let this monument serve as a reminder to cherish diversity and practice compassion.



# VJAMM Committee Timeline Milestones

2017 April 27: VJAMM Committee dedicates the VJAMM in the 75th anniversary year of EO 9066

2016 November 22: Los Angeles City contracted to transport, build the foundation, install the VJAMM

2016 November 9: CalTrans grants VJAMM Encroachment Permit extension

2016 December 9: City of Los Angeles, Board of Public Works, grants VJAMM Permit extension

2016 June 21: VJAMM Committee changes its name from Marker to Monument, and edits VJAMM text

2016 April 25: Hama Sushi Restaurant in Venice hosts fifth annual Bento lunch and dinner fundraiser for VJAMM. Proprietor Esther Chaing's donations over five years total \$14,536.43

2016 March 15: David Williams of Williams Monument Company in Arvin receives deposit check for fabrication of VJAMM obelisk in India and engraving in Arvin

2016 January 14: CalTrans grants VJAMM encroachment permit after Los Angeles City signs CalTrans Maintenance Agreement, and after CRC Enterprises completes corrected C-1 Design Plan with solid granite obelisk

2015 March 25: City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works approves recommendation of Office of Community Beautification to permit the installation of the VJAMM on public right of way

2015 February 24: City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering approves structural design as revised by Sullaway Engineering from original structural calculations of 2014 for solid granite obelisk

2014 August 21: City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Commission grants conceptual and final approval of the VJAMM

2014 May 20: VJAMM raises over \$100,000.00

2013 November 20: Ralph Stone and Company completes geotechnical analysis of soil and concludes the proposed memorial obelisk is feasible

2012 November 15: California Coastal Commission grants waiver for 9 foot 6 inch tall VJAMM obelisk

2012 April 25: Rothman Engineering completes C-1 Design Plan with obelisk of concrete covered with granite slabs, for CalTrans encroachment permit application

2012 March 22: Japanese Confinement Sites Grant Program of the National Park Service grants the VJAMM Committee a 2:1 matching grant of \$50,000 when VJAMM Committee raises \$25,000

2012 February 24: Joe Belli and Eric Schmid build a full-scale model of the VJAMM on steel frame on casters, of black painted plywood, for display

2011 October 29: VJAMM Benefit at Beyond Baroque in Venice raises \$10,000

2011 April 6: California Assemblymember Betsy Butler and California State Senator Ted Lieu co-sponsor Assembly Concurrent Resolution 46, requesting the California Department of Transportation issue encroachment permit for placement of VJAMM in public right of way at northwest corner of Venice and Lincoln Boulevards

2011 September 11: Venice Hongwanji Buddhist Temple hosts community meeting to discuss the design and scope of the proposed memorial marker

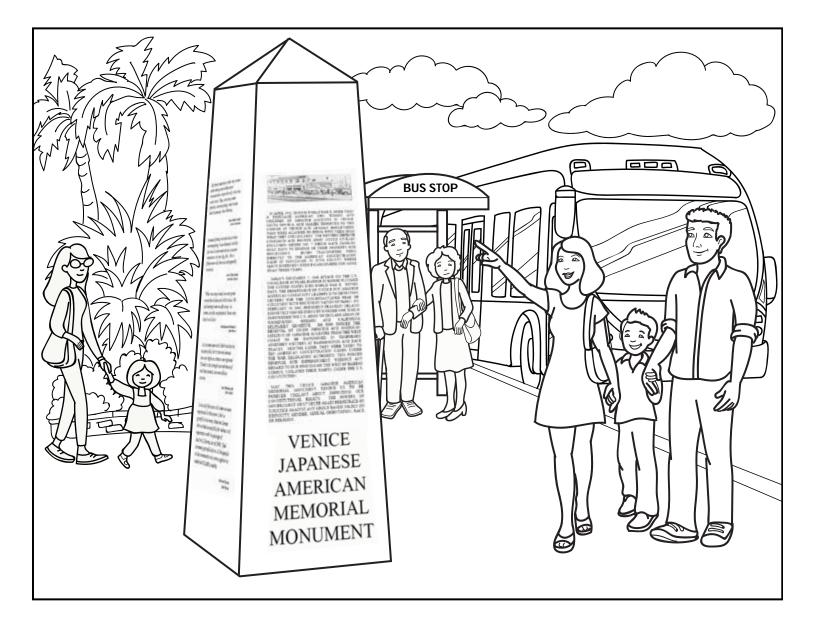
2010 July 16: Los Angeles City Councilmember Bill Rosehdahl introduces a motion before the City Council in support of a memorial marker commemorating the forced removal of 1,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from Venice, Santa Monica, and Malibu, and their incarceration at Manzanar for the duration of World War II

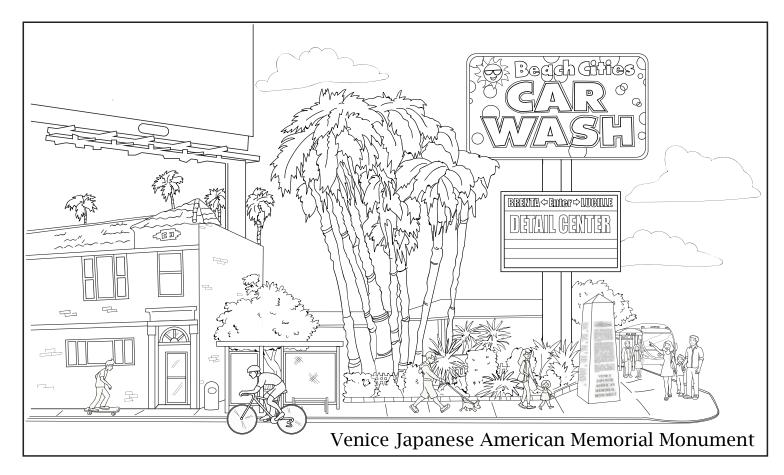
2009 May 29: Venice High School students in Mrs. Hayashibara's New Media Academy U. S. History class accept Los Angeles Councilmember Bill Rosendahl's invitation to make a presentation before the City Council, urging support of a permanent marker before people completely forget what happened on Venice and Lincoln in April 1942.

2009 April 9: Venice High School junior Scott Pine brings the April 2009 issue of the Free Venice Beachhead to his U.S. History class at Venice High School for a current events discussion. The Beachhead prints the long, pink 1942 photo of Japanese Americans lined up along Venice Boulevard with their bundles and suitcases, awaiting transport to what would turn out to be the camp at Manzanar, and urges readers to email Los Angeles City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl to support a permanent memorial to commemorate this violation of Constitutional principles.

# Youth Group Maintenance Plan

The VJAMM Committee would like to invite community youth groups with at least one adult chaperone to help maintain the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument on a rotating. intermittent basis. The VJAMM Committee will provide non-toxic cleaning supplies, gloves, rags, and long-handled mops so no ladder climbing will be necessary. Brooms and garbage bags will also be provided to sweep up accumulated trash and debris on the northwest corner of Venice and Lincoln Boulevards. In appreciation, the VJAMM Committee would like to offer lunch refreshments for the youth volunteers and their chaperones, as well as written credit for community service hours. The VJAMM Committee would like to partner with neighborhood eateries that would be willing to donate lunches and beverages to the youth.





## Education Outreach and Curriculum Guides

In its budget for the Japanese Confinement Sites Grant of the National Park Service, the VJAMM Committee included stipends to teachers who attended the Constitution Day Conferences at the Ronald Reagan Library, and workshops such as "Teaching the Constitution: Of Civil Rights and Wrongs: The Fred Korematsu Story." by Karen Korematsu of the Fred T. Korematsu Institute for Civil Rights and Education: "Japanese Americans & WVII Incarceration: Histories and Controversies" by Professor Lane Hirabayashi, Asian American Studies, UCLA: and "Stand Up for Justice: The Ralph Lazo Story." by Kathy Masaoka, Janice Iwanaga Yen, Suzy Katsuda, and Patty Nagano of Nikkei for Civil Rights and Redress. Teachers who attended the NCRR workshop received one of the following DVDs provided by the NPS JACS grant courtesy of the VJAMM Committee, to screen in their secondary classrooms: "Farewell to Manzanar." "Music Man of Manzanar (the Lou Frizell story)."

In 2016, the Abbot Kinney Festival Association awarded the VJAMM Committee a community grant to develop and distribute curricula for 5th. 8th. 1th. and 12th grades that address the forced removal and incarceration of persons of Japanese ancestry and this violation of Constitutional rights "without any regard to due process or the writ of habeas corpus." Both the Abbott Kinney Festival Association grant and the NPS JACS grant will help the VJAMM Committee to develop lesson plans that incorporate the historical text of the Venice Japanese American Memorial Monument, and its enduring message that "the powers of government must never again perpetrate an injustice again any group based solely on ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, race, or religion."



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