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I regret I cannot attend the meeting but would like to wholeheartedly throw my support for the petition to name my neighborhood, Sawtelle Japantown. My little enclave is overrun with developers who just see a cash cow and feel they can make the area even more attractive by calling it Little Osaka. The community has never considered itself as anything but Sawtelle, and can only assert our identity with this petition. Please honor our cultural heritage and its historical Japanese American settlement. There are citizens who have become Sawtelle historians and the community itself is now hosting annual public reunions. There is a need for this because people who know, know that there has always been restaurants and shops on Sawtelle. There already is a Little Tokyo. Let us keep our neighborhood historically accurate and let people come and enjoy it as it is. Thank you.