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## Letter of support for Sawtelle Japanese town

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Dear Mr. Villanueva

I am very familiar with the historical roots of our Japanese American neighbors in Los Angeles and specifically in the West Los Angeles Sawtelle neighborhood.

I own two single family homes on Purdue Avenue just two street West of Sawtelle boulevard. Both homes belonged to two elderly Japanese American couples that have lived in these houses since 1940's.

I also own a large vacant land located at the corner of Olympic Boulevard and Butler Avenue. This property used to belong to Mr. and Mrs. Tanabe and they operated a nursery on this property for over 60 years.

It so happened that I became friends with Mr. and Mrs. Tanabe and I was made aware of their journey from their home in Northern California to Japanese Camp and after the war was over being totally destitute, their family moved to Los Angeles in hope of finding work since they has lost all they had.

I believe this proposed designation is long over due and it goes a long way to honor our Japanese American neighbors and acknowledge their contribution to this neighborhood.

I whole heartedly support this wonderful initiative.

Regards

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