

JAPANESE AMERICAN
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Dear City of Huntington Beach Officials,

The Japanese American National Museum stands in support of National Treasure Historic Wintersburg. We are distressed to learn that the property is slated for sale to Public Storage for development, and express concern that such development would cause the destruction of significant and rare historic resources eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

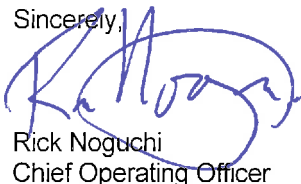
Historic Wintersburg has been vetted by the National Park Service, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Trust for Public Land. The preservation effort has been supported by organizations from around the country and has received both national and international media coverage.

Historic Wintersburg is a National Treasure historic site representing Japanese pioneer history, Japanese American history, and important chapters in our country's national history.

The land was purchased prior to California's Alien Land Law of 1913, after which Japanese were prohibited from owning property. The fact that everyone associated with Historic Wintersburg was forcibly removed from California and incarcerated in America's concentration camps during World War II, due solely to their ancestry, makes this a place to learn about civil liberties. The lessons it can help teach are extremely relevant in our world today.

This is one of the last Japanese pioneer historic places in Orange County and a rare historic property for California. Please don't allow this property to be transformed into a commercial venture that disrespects important history that should be preserved for generations to come.

Sincerely,



Rick Noguchi
Chief Operating Officer