

**MEMORANDUM**  
OFFICE OF THE  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Holmes, Supervisor, District 3

DATE: December 8, 2009

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING - Approve appropriation of \$500 in Revenue Sharing monies to Placer County Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) to benefit the 100th Battalion / 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team Memorial, as requested by Supervisor Holmes (\$500).

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve appropriation of \$500 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Placer County Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) to benefit the 100th Battalion / 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team Memorial, as requested by Supervisor Holmes (\$500).

**BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS:** In approving the following contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants therefore a benefit results to the County.

The Board of Supervisors is being asked to help support the Placer County Japanese American Citizens League (JACL). The Placer County Japanese American Citizens League and Placer County have partnered to create a memorial at the new Bill Santucci Justice Center in Roseville to remember Americans of Japanese ancestry who served in WW II. Founded in 1929, the JACL is the oldest and largest civil rights organization in the United States whose ongoing mission is to secure and maintain the civil rights of Japanese Americans. The funds designated will help support the cost of the historic monument.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.

# A MONUMENT TO HONOR JAPANESE AMERICAN WW II VETERANS

## Placer County Japanese American Citizens League

September 4, 2009

**Sponsor:**

Placer County

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Dear <First Name>,

The Placer County Japanese American Citizens League has partnered with the County of Placer to remember those Americans of Japanese ancestry who served in the Second World War. In Roseville, at the Bill Santucci Justice Center, the County has dedicated approximately an acre to honor the soldiers who fought so bravely. The Board of Supervisors has set aside this area to build a monument to honor the Japanese American soldiers some of whom volunteered to fight for our country even though they and their families were interned.

This public/private partnership will erect an historic monument which will highlight the trials and challenges that our parents endured during the war. The County will landscape and place a large granite rock on this site. Upon the rock will be two soldiers, one a Japanese American soldier helping a wounded Texas Battalion soldier off the battlefield. The 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion/442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team rescued the "Lost Battalion" of 36<sup>th</sup> Texas Division who were trapped by Nazi troops for days.

I am asking for your support of this project which honors our parents and friends who fought to defend our Country, were unjustly interned in relocation camps, and endured the racism of the war. Their loyalty and bravery in battle defending America is an inspiration to the all Japanese-Americans everywhere. By creating this monument we honor all those who served from Northern California in the 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT/ 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion and the Military Intelligence Service. Placer County residents Frank Kageta, Al Nitta, and Shig Yokote, surviving members of the 442<sup>nd</sup>, and all the others who served will be honored at the dedication of the monument site in November of 2009.

We are asking that you consider donating \$1,000 to be a sponsor of this letterhead. Your sponsorship will be recognized in all promotional literature and at the site. We will use this seed money to raise the needed funds, approximately \$120,000, to cast this bronze statue. This fundraiser is targeted to go nationwide.

Please help us by sponsoring this project. This monument will be a great statement to honor our family and friends who paved the way to victory. If you are interested in more information or wish to be on our E-mail update list, which will periodically give you updates on the project, please go to our website at [placerjacl.org](http://placerjacl.org). We ask for your support for this commemorative bronze sculpture by making a tax-deductible donation to the monument fund at the Placer County JACL. If you commit to sponsor, we will accept a payment schedule of \$250 a month. Please contact me at (530) 888-1303 to find out more about this important project.

Thank you for your help,

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Chair, Monument Fund Drive

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