WWII JAPANESE AMERICAN INCARCERATION MONUMENT

A Monument of Reflection and Recognition Honoring the Japanese Americans Incarcerated During World War II

About the Monument

The WWII Japanese American Incarceration Monument Project will educate the public about the history and lasting impact of the wartime incarceration of persons of Japanese ancestry without due process.

The project is the vision of activist Kanji Sahara and will be built at Columbia Park in Torrance. Featuring black granite walls engraved with the names of approximately 120,000 individuals held in camps and other detention sites across the United States, it will be the first monument of its kind in the nation. Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi secured legislation authorizing a $5 million state grant to support the project. The monument was designed by Chee Salette.

Monument Features

- Ten walls will list the names of incarcerees by WRA site.
- An eleventh wall will honor those incarcerated at non-WRA detention sites.
- Quotes from men, women, and children who experienced incarceration will be engraved on pavers between the walls.
- Interpretive panels, accessible pathways, van-accessible parking, and restroom facilities will support the visitor experience.

Columbia Park is Torrance's largest and one of its most frequently visited community parks. The City of Torrance has allocated approximately 2.8 acres on the park grounds for the monument project.

- **Park size**: 52 acres
- **Monument footprint**: 2.8 acres
- **Location**: 4045 190th Street, Torrance
- **Significance**: First of its kind in the nation

JACL Sacramento Chapter

The Japanese American Citizens League is a national organization whose ongoing mission is to secure and maintain the civil rights of Japanese Americans and all others who are victimized by injustice and bigotry. The leaders and members of the JACL also work to promote cultural, educational and social values and preserve the heritage and legacy of the Japanese American community.

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Concept rendering of the donor wall with engraved names overlaying the image panels for a dimensional visual effect.

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