December 11, 2007

Honorable Heather Fargo  
Mayor, City of Sacramento  
915 I Street, Fifth Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814  

Dear Mayor Fargo:

I am writing thank you for remembering the important role Chinese immigrants played in the construction of the transcontinental railroad as you consider approval of the Sacramento Railyards, the largest brownfields redevelopment project in the country. Today, the Chinese community continues to contribute to the vibrant cultural heritage and diversity of our region.

To commemorate this history, the Railyards Specific Plan specifically mentions the Chinese Cultural Heritage and suggests reservation of space for a Chinese Garden. In addition to the garden, the Asian Pacific Islander and Sacramento community at-large, along with the Yee Fow Chinese Cultural Center Advisory Board, also envisions a flexible space that would provide for cultural exhibits, performances, banquets, and a world-class trade facility.

As co-chair of the Yee Fow Chinese Cultural Center Advisory Board, I thank you for keeping this privately-funded center under consideration as you proceed with approvals and implementation of the Railyards plans. Please contact me should you have further questions or concerns about this matter at (916) 319-2009.

Sincerely,

DAVE JONES  
Assemblymember, 9th District