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December 11, 2007

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

Dear Mayor Fargo,

As you consider approval of the largest brownfields redevelopment in the United States, the Sacramento Railyards, I urge you to remember the important role that Chinese immigrants played in the construction of the transcontinental railroad. The Chinese community continues to contribute to the cultural heritage and diversity of our region today.

The Railyards Specific Plan explicitly mentions the rich Chinese Cultural Heritage of downtown Sacramento, and suggests reservation of space for a Chinese Garden. In fact, the Yee Fow Chinese Cultural Center Advisory Board envisions not only a garden, but one in which flexible space would provide for exhibits, banquets, and a trade facility.

As you are aware, members of the Advisory Board have been meeting with you to discuss their preliminary concepts for such a cultural and trade center. Please continue to keep this privately-funded center under consideration as you proceed with approvals and implementation of the Railyards plans. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darrell Steinberg".

DARRELL STEINBERG
Senator, Sixth District

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