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纪念华工先驱贡献 加州华社积极筹建华人博物馆

据美国华文媒体报道，位于5号高速公路旁沙加坝度市中心的一大块空地，于近期被私人集团托马斯企业公司夺标购得后，立刻展开策划已久的铁路广场庞大工程计划。由于在那块土地上，蕴藏着百年华工参与共造太平洋中央铁路历史，引起各界广泛注视，首位华裔加州州参议员余胤良，更为保存华人历史而率先表示支持与参与。

加州首府华人最老组织中华会馆大家族中的邓高密公所(Ong Ko Met Family)主席邓锦兆(Sam K. Ong)对即将开发的土地上有关华人历史事件兴趣浓厚，自去年开始向邓氏族人后裔邓仕荣(Steve Yee)游说、推动并呼吁重视华人先民早年参与筑造太平洋中央铁路的历史，希望推动兴建早该建立的华人博物馆。

邓仕荣很快被邓锦兆世伯热情及毅力感动，立刻以行动表示来积极参与这个意义重大的计划。两位热心邓氏族人，同时积极推动的另一项工作，并包括已经开始进行的重建华埠计划。

日前，经过州府参议会委员会顾问卡拉姐·谷缔若丝(Carlota Gutierrez)与余胤良华人助理甄美玉(Joanna Gin)协调后大力安排，得到余胤良参议员答允，在异常繁忙日程中接见几位为华人历史热心奔走热心人士。

在首府华人小区长大，与华人为友的西班牙裔谷缔若丝女士，对华人当年被排斥的历史事件非常熟悉，不亚于许多华人朋友，她一直为早年华工未能得到应得的待遇与表扬而感到不平，这次，当得知建造铁路广场及重建华埠等计划，需要各方响应与支持，她立刻挺身而出，担任与州府官员之间说客及联络人。

州参议员余胤良得知铁路广场开发计划牵涉到丰富的华人历史，立即嘱咐助理主动与这几位热心人士联系，并表示他不但坚定支持纪念华人贡献计划，并愿意在百忙之中，将在最短时期内正式安排会议，详细商讨策划进行方案，更有可能将这意义重大华人历史贡献，提出成为议案列入加州、以至于美国历史于教科书里，给下一代子孙学习华人对黄金州值得歌颂的真实故事，让那些埋葬在铁路广场建地、曾经称之为“中国沼泽”地下的无名英雄瞑目，在九泉之下可以接受后人迟来的褒扬。

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(English Translation)

Chinese Community Actively Developing a California Yee Fow Center for History, Culture, and Trade

According to Chinese-American media reports, next to California Highway 5 in downtown Sacramento, Thomas Enterprises has purchased a large piece of open space and has plans to build a massive development called The Railyards in the near future. The history of the land includes the Chinese laborers involved in making the Central Pacific Railway over a hundred years ago. Because of this, widespread public attention has called for more preservation of the Chinese history.

The highest ranking ethnic Chinese in the California State Legislature, Senator Leland Yee, was the first to express his support and participation.

The Chinese have a long history in California and in Sacramento, the capital of California. Sacramento or Yee Fow is home to the historic Deng family association, the Ong Ko Met. On learning of the forthcoming development of The Railyards, Ong Ko Met President Sam K. Ong expressed keen interest in the Chinese history associated with the land.

Since last year, Deng clan descendant Steve Yee has lobbied and called attention to constructing a long overdue Chinese history, culture and trade center in hopes of honoring the early ancestors of Chinese who almost exclusively built the Central Pacific Railroad through the Sierra Mountains.

Steve Yee and Sam K. Ong moved immediately to participate in this important project with enthusiasm and perseverance. The two Deng clan members, while actively promoting the work of one another, have already begun promoting the vitalization of the historic Chinatown Mall.

Senator Leland Yee and the Senate Select Committee on Asian Pacific Islander Affairs hosted a hearing with several historians of Chinese American history giving presentations to the committee and discussing a proposed Chinese American Museum for the Sacramento railyard, which is the same area of one the country's major Chinatowns.

Carlota Gutierrez and Chinese Assistant to Senator Yee, Joanna Gin worked diligently to coordinate the arrangements. Growing up among the Chinese community, they were very familiar with Chinese exclusion and the injustices of the early Chinese laborers. After learning of The Railyards, the Yee Fow Center for History, Culture and Trade, and the redevelopment plan, they immediately stepped forward and sought the support of state officials.

Senator Leland Yee said he firmly supports the Yee Fow Center proposal and the significant contributions of Yee Fow to Chinese-American history. The true story of the buried history and unsung heroes in The Railyard's Chinatown of Yee Fow, once known as "China Lake," is worthy of praise and is California gold to future generations.