

**From:** [Richard Hashimoto](#)  
**To:** [Moreno, Rafael \(ECN\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary; asha.safai@sfgov.org](#); [catherine.stafani@sfgov.org](#)  
**Cc:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 220958  
**Date:** Monday, September 12, 2022 10:30:42 AM  
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Dear Honorable Supervisor,

Please find attached my letter urging your support for the referenced agenda item at tomorrow's meeting.

Thank you,  
Richard Hashimoto

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September 12, 2022

Board of Supervisors

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Dear Honorable Supervisors:

I am writing to urge for your utmost support of Agenda Item 220958, which will be heard at your next Board of Supervisors meeting on September 13, 2022.

This Resolution will recommend the Recreation and Park Department to develop and install signage acknowledging Sharp Park as a site where Japanese Americans were unjustly incarcerated during World War II.

Currently, there is no formal or public acknowledgement that this site was used as a concentration camp. It is important that the public be informed of the great injustices that occurred there as a harsh reminder so that this dark chapter in our history is not repeated.

Therefore, I urge your support for a favorable vote.

Respectfully,



Richard Hashimoto

cc: Clerk, Board of Supervisors

**From:** [Joyce Nakamura](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: 9/13/2022 BOS Meeting Item 220958  
**Date:** Friday, September 9, 2022 7:09:10 PM

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September 9, 2022

Dear SF Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to urge your support of Agenda Item 220958 which will be heard at your next Board of Supervisors Meeting on September 13, 2022. This Resolution will urge the Recreation and Parks Department to develop and install signage acknowledging Sharp Park as a site where Japanese Americans were incarcerated during World War II.

Currently, there is no formal or public acknowledgement that Sharp Park was used for this purpose. It is vital that the public be advised of what happened to Japanese Americans during the War, so that such incidences will never happen again in our history.

I urge your support.

Sincerely,

Joyce Nakamura  
District 3  
1469 Clay Street  
San Francisco, CA 94109

**From:** [Low, Allan E. \(SFO\)](#)  
**To:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Connie Chan \(conne.chan@sfgov.org\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Angulo, Sunny \(BOS\)](#); [dianematsuda](#); [DPH-cally.wong](#)  
**Subject:** Letter in Support of Resolution Regarding Sharp Park  
**Date:** Monday, September 12, 2022 3:30:09 PM  
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Supervisors,

On behalf of the Committee for Better Parks and Recreation in Chinatown, attached is a letter of support for the Board of Supervisors resolution urging the Recreation and Park Department to install interpretative language at Sharp Park recognizing Sharp Park's dark and racist history.

Allan Low

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Committee for Better Parks and Recreation in Chinatown

September 12, 2022

Via Email ([Shamann.Walton@sfgov.org](mailto:Shamann.Walton@sfgov.org))

President Shamann Walton  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
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Re: **Letter in Support of Resolution Urging the Recreation and Park Department to install appropriate interpretive signage onsite at Sharp Park**  
Board of Supervisor Hearing: Tuesday, September 12, 2022  
Item No.: 24  
File No.: 220958

Dear President Walton,

The **Committee for Better Parks and Recreation in Chinatown (CBPRC)** strongly supports the Board of Supervisors resolution urging the Recreation and Park Department to develop and install appropriate interpretative signage onsite at Sharp Park, acknowledging the site's dark chapter in San Francisco as a concentration camp.

Founded in 1969, Committee for Better Parks and Recreation in Chinatown (CBPRC) has advocated for open space and recreation areas in Chinatown. Because of Chinatown's high density, open space and parks are an especially important and a limited resource to our community. Our committee members have a long history of being engaged and active in the community processes in Chinatown including the renovation of many San Francisco Recreation and Park facilities and open spaces. Our members include volunteer architects, district council staff, community youth organizations, community childcare providers, and community members, as well as staff from neighborhood service providers like Chinatown Community Development Center, Community Youth Center, and Self-Help for the Elderly.

Our parks and open spaces should also be a symbol for our shared values of inclusion and diversity. There is a dark history of Sharp Park used as a concertation camp for many Japanese Americans, Japanese-South Americans, Italian Americans and German Americans. We should not demolish or erase this dark and racist history. In installing interpretative signage remembering this past, we can help ensure that this atrocity never happens again.

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The Committee for Better Parks and Recreation in Chinatown fully supports this resolution and urges the Board of Supervisors to adopt the resolution to develop and install interpretive signage onsite at Sharp Park acknowledging this dark chapter in San Francisco and American history.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Allan Low", is written over the typed name.

Allan Low  
on behalf of **Committee for Better Parks and Recreation in Chinatown**

cc:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**From:** [Emily Murase](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Smeallie, Kyle \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Diane Matsuda](#); [Rosalyn Tonai](#); [Judy Hamaguchi](#)  
**Subject:** [SF Japanese American Citizens League] SUPPORT for Signage at Sharp Park, File #220958  
**Date:** Monday, September 12, 2022 8:19:43 PM

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To the Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the San Francisco Japanese American Citizens League, I would like to express unequivocal support for the resolution on the September 13 agenda to urge the Recreation and Parks Department to develop and install signage acknowledging Sharp Park as a site where Japanese Americans were incarcerated during World War II (File #220958).

Currently, there is no formal or public acknowledgement that Sharp Park was used for this purpose. It is vital that the public be advised of the unconstitutional violations suffered by Japanese Americans who were incarcerated during World War II as the result of race hysteria, so that such incidents will never happen again in our history.

I want to recognize the bold step the Board of Supervisors took in February, adopting the resolution commemorating the 80th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066 (File #220153). The explicit acknowledgement of the City and County of San Francisco's part in the forced removal of Japanese American families during World War II was a landmark action of reconciliation. This resolution under consideration is an important extension of this difficult but necessary work. I hope that you will support the resolution and advocate for its adoption by the full Board of Supervisors.

Yours sincerely,

*Emily*

Emily M. Murase, PhD

"Nobody is free until everybody's free." - Fannie Lou Hamer, civil rights leader of the Mississippi Freedom Summer, the seminal campaign to register African American voters before the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

**From:** [Robert Sakai](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 220958  
**Date:** Monday, September 12, 2022 1:02:03 PM

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September 10,2022.

Dear SF Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to urge your support of Agenda Item 220958 which will be heard at your next Board of Supervisors Meeting on 9-13-22.

This resolution will urge the Recreation and Parks Department to develop and install signage acknowledging Sharp Park as a site where Japanese Americans were incarcerated during World War II.

Currently, there is no formal or public acknowledgement that Sharp Park was used for this purpose. It is vital that the public be advised of what happened to Japanese Americans during the War, so that such incidents will never happen again .

I urge you to support this Agenda Item.

Sincerely,  
Robert K. Sakai  
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**From:** [Patty Wada](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** SF Bd of Supervisors Resolution on Sharp Park  
**Date:** Sunday, September 11, 2022 12:10:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Ltr for Sharp Park 9-10-22.docx](#)

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Dear SF Board of Supervisors:

Attached, please find a letter in support of the resolution on Sharp Park that will come before you on September 13.

We thank Supervisor Peskin for introducing this resolution and Supervisors Preston, Chan and Walton for their co-sponsorship.

Sincerely,  
Patty Wada  
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September 10, 2022

Dear SF Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to urge your support of Agenda Item 220958, which will be heard at the next Board of Supervisors meeting on September 13, 2022.

This Resolution will urge the Recreation and Parks Department to develop and install signage acknowledging and memorializing Sharp Park as a site where Americans of Japanese ancestry were unjustly incarcerated during World War II. Currently, there is no formal or public acknowledgement that Sharp Park was used as part of the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans – and carried out without charges and due process. Our families were uprooted and imprisoned in sites like Sharp Park solely because of their race.

Such signage would educate the public on this dark chapter in U.S. history and serve as a reminder that we must remain vigilant to ensure that the Constitution - and the rights and privileges it affords us as citizens -- is never circumvented again.

I urge your support.

Sincerely,

***Patty Wada***

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