

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING ORANGE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Thursday, April 14, 2022, 11:00 A.M.



COMMISSION ROOM, FIRST FLOOR
333 W. Santa Ana Blvd.
Santa Ana, California

JO-ANNE P. MATSUBA
Chair

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Vice Chair

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

MICHAEL KENT
Commissioner

DOT LEACH
Commissioner

JANY LEE
Commissioner

DOROTHY O'NEILL
Commissioner

RABBI RICK STEINBERG
Commissioner

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Briceño, Buch, Doby, Farukhi, Kent, Leach, Lee, Matsuba, O'Neill, and Wang (all members participated via Zoom)

ABSENT: Commissioner Steinberg

PRESENT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Norma Lopez (Participated via Zoom)
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION Jamie Ross & Dora Guillen, Deputy Clerks (Participated via Zoom)

The Orange County Human Relations Commission is an independent advisory body, and our positions do not necessarily reflect the positions of the County of Orange Board of Supervisors.

1. Call the Meeting to Order/Roll Call
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:02 A.M., BY CHAIR MATSUBA; CLERK CALLED ROLL AND CONFIRMED A QUORUM
2. Opening quote/reflection
COMMISSIONER FARUKHI SHARED HIS THOUGHTS ON THE TIME OF YEAR WITH RAMADAN, EASTER AND PASSOVER; THIS IS A TIME OF REFLECTION, THE NEED TO BETTER OURSELVES AND CARE FOR OTHERS

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3. Monthly Summary of Commission Activities

PRESENTED

OPEN FORUM

Commissioner Felicity Figueroa – Oral Re.: Comments no longer read by County Counsel at Board of Supervisors' (BOS) meetings and need for BOS to take public comments virtually in real time; bullying in elementary schools; hate crimes on Sikhs; Interfaith Council meeting; hate crimes video picture on Commission website.

Pat Davis – Oral Re.: 31 homeless deaths last month which does not include those in shelters and hospitals; 123 homeless deaths so far this year; Orange and Anaheim each has 6 deaths; closure of Mary's Kitchen in Orange.

HEARING/SPEAKER/PRESENTATION: (Item 4)

4. Presentation on Historic Wintersburg

PRESENTED BY MARY URASHIMA

ACTION ITEMS: (Items 5 - 6)

5. Review and reconsider state of emergency under AB 361 and make findings to continue virtual meetings due to the proclaimed state of emergency arising from COVID-19 as required by Government Code subsection 54959(e)(3)

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APPROVED TO CONTINUE TO MEET VIRTUALLY

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON VIRTUAL OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC

6. Review, discuss and approve recommendation to County to place Hate Crime Release Event video on Commission webpage

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APPROVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNTY TO REMOVE YOUTUBE THUMBNAIL FROM COMMISSION WEBSITE AND REPLACE WITH HATE CRIMES REPORT COVER THAT WILL LINK TO REPORT; ALSO, RECOMMENDED TO COUNTY THAT FUTURE LINKS TO REPORT WILL NOT INCLUDE PHOTO OF ANY PERSON(S)

INFORMATION ITEMS: (Items 7 - 10)

7. Bylaws ad hoc update

PRESENTED

8. Commission staff report

- a. Anti-Hate Expansion contract update

PRESENTED

9. Update from OC Chiefs and Sheriff

NO REPORT

10. OCSD Interfaith Council update

NO REPORT

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Wang – Oral Re.: Announced May is Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

ADJOURNED: 1:02 P.M.

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1 Ada Briceño	A = Abstained
2 Amy Buch	X = Excused
3 Tanya Doby	
4 M. Fareed Farukhi	N = No
5 Michael Kent	C.O. = Commission Order
6 Dot Leach	
7 Jany Lee	Reso = Resolution
8 Jo-Anne P. Matsuba	Ord = Ordinance
9 Dorothy O’Neill	
10 Rabbi Rick Steinberg	
11 Jennifer S. Wang	

(1st number = Moved by; 2nd number = Seconded by)

/s/

JO-ANNE MATSUBA

Chair

/s/

Jamie Ross, Deputy
Clerk of the Commission



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MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES: APRIL 2022

FY JUL 21 - JUN 22 Commission Activities Matrix		
CONTRACT ACTIVITY	Goal	To-Date
A. Monthly HRC meetings	12	9
B. HRC Annual Report	1	0
C. Police-Community Reconciliation cases	20	23
D. Community-Police Meetings	4	5
E. Chief's Advisory Boards & Sherriff's Interfaith Council	8	17
F. Community Outreach & Relationship Building meetings	40	114
G. Police/Diverse Community Dialogues	2	2
H. Hate Crime Report & Network Meeting	1	2
I. Support to hate crime victims	8	54
J. Outreach efforts (speeches, presentations, etc.)	10	5
K. Community training on intergroup relations topics	4	2
L. Annual Awards program	1	0

Police-Community Relations

- Commission staff attended Anaheim Police Department Community Advisory Board meeting.
- Commission staff attended Tustin Police Department Community Advisory Board meeting.

Intergroup Relations & Relationship Building

- **Relationship Building, Outreach, & Presentations**
 - Commission staff is planning a social justice education workshop in Irvine.
 - Commission staff is meeting and planning community dialogues about equity issues with partners.
 - Commission staff was contacted about collaboration on Who We Are screening.



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- **Hate-motivated incidents, Community Conflict, & Crisis Response/Meetings**
 - Commission staff co-facilitated community dialogues in response to antisemitic flyers distributed in Orange County.
 - Commission staff is meeting with Laguna Woods mayor and community residents about anti-Asian hate incidents.
 - Laguna Woods resident was seen wearing a swastika band in public and expressing antisemitic, violent threats.

Hate-Motivated Incidents in Orange County

MARCH 2022



5 Total Hate-Motivated Events Reported

HATE CRIMES VS. HATE INCIDENTS

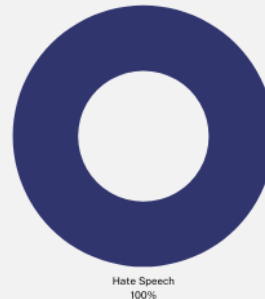


Out of the 4 hate-motivated events, two hate crimes and three hate incidents were reported

SENTIMENT

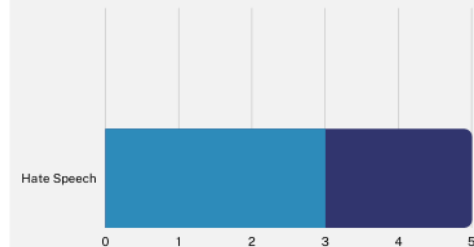


TYPE OF OFFENSE



COUNT OF TYPE BY OFFENSE AND MOTIVATION

Anti-Semitic Anti-Asian



Source: OC Human Relations Commission

Historic Wintersburg

Overview of orchestrated harassment and anti-Asian hate

Parallel efforts: disinformation, defamation, hate

- 1) **disinformation** to discredit historic significance of Historic Wintersburg,
 - 2) **individual targeting** - defamation to malign and discredit preservation leader,
 - 3) disinformation, defamation, and hate combined with **anti-Asian rhetoric and graphics**
 - 4) cross pollination on **multiple social media platforms**
 - 5) **fake profiles**, later under their real names
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- December 7, 2014 (Pearl Harbor Day): multiple comments by Individual #1 on the Historic Wintersburg Facebook, claiming the history of Americans of Japanese descent should not be shared on Pearl Harbor Day; accusations of fundraising (no fundraising appeal on December 7). A handful of others who did not follow the page and had not previously commented joined him (coordinated). When asked about comments that equate to censorship of American history and that may be offensive to Japanese Americans who follow the page, Individual #1 said “*why should I know and why should I care?*” This individual later led much of the harassment.

February 2, 2016: Online harassment initiated by new single-purpose fake profile on Twitter, then shared on Huntington Beach Facebook pages. This account tagged news media, Asian American organizations, and small number of individuals in Huntington Beach (who continued to participate in orchestrated social media). First police reports filed in 2016. Targets Asian Americans, includes misogyny, ageism, fake quote an attempt to malign and erode support.

Pinned Tweet



Richard Mori @richardmori65 · 19 Apr 2016

Replying to @LTHSnews

@LTHSnews "ugly women and gullible men-insisted on putting me in the center"



1 16



Richard Mori @richardmori65 · 3h

Time to take out the trash-
Sandra Gauvreau 51 years old
Julia Murakami 61
Nancy Oda 78
Mary Adams Urashima 56
Marlan Warren 64

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July 2016: I post statement on author Facebook page to provide information about what was happening. By this time, there were continuous social media posts from early morning to late night. An extraordinary amount of time, as though someone was being paid or provided some incentive.



Mary Adams Urashima

July 14, 2016 · 🌐

STATEMENT ON CYBER STALKER

As some of you know, I have been subjected to anonymous cyber stalking, doxing, libel and harassment for almost six months now. The latest activity is a series of tweets, emails and a "press release" full of misinformation and misleading statements.

The police have been made aware of this new activity and have a detailed log of all activity. I am allowing the police to do their investigation and provide any information they may need. There is nothing to hide.

As this person also seems to be going after my family (tried to friend my child on Facebook), I would caution all of you to be careful who you follow or friend.

The fictitious identity of this anonymous cyber stalker is "Richard Mori." I am sure this person will be happy to have their name out there once again. I think it is important so you may block him to prevent harassment. His profile says "not here to bully" but to "tell the truth," yet he does not share his real identity with anyone. Anonymous, sustained online harassment is more than bullying; it is a violation of California Penal Code 646.9.

All the harassment and libel relates to Historic Wintersburg. To destroy the effort to save and preserve a Japanese American National Treasure historic place, this person is spending a considerable amount of time (late night) trying to damage me, personally and professionally. Who benefits from that is the question.

Be safe, be well.

July 25, 2016: Fake profile using Japanese name “Hiroto Nakajima” while using a profile photo found online. It is a Caucasian male in the profile photo, not Japanese American. Profile photo is from the LinkedIn profile below. [Police Report DR 16-008215]



TWEETS	FOLLOWING	FOLLOWERS	LIKES
25	132	40	6

Wm. Robert Sekul 

@BBSekul

Married (Sherita) and have two sons (Will & Griffin)

 Brandon, MS 39047-7795

 Joined April 2009

 Tweet to Wm. Robert Sekul

@BBSekul's Tweets are protected.

Only confirmed followers have access to @BBSekul's Tweets and complete profile. Click the "Follow" button to send a follow request.

July 14, 2016: Emails to organizations around the US, attempts to intimidate, spread disinformation, divide support

- “Richard Mori” email to Little Tokyo Historical Society threatening them with IRS complaint, *“Because the Little Tokyo Historical Society has solicited donations on behalf of Historic Wintersburg, a private business, and because the Little Tokyo Historical Society is a 501(c)(3), you have been engaging in activities that are in direct violation of the exempt organization tax laws of the IRS. The Little Tokyo Historical Society’s public support of Mary Urashima and her business Historic Wintersburg and the charity scam “We continue to support @HistoricWintersburgHB 100” via your Twitter site @LTHSnews and @LTreporterfilm further provide direct evidence of your organizational involvement and thus supports the complaint to the IRS.”* [Police Report DR 16-008215]

August 2016:

- “Richard Mori” is asked via email by multiple parties in Japanese American community about who he is and his interest in Historic Wintersburg (in response to his email they received).
- No answer to anyone.

October 20, 2016: Overlap in social media comments and comments by representative of Rainbow Environment / Republic Services.

- Meeting at city hall with Republic VP Dave Hauser, Rainbow/Reppublic VP Jeff Snow, City Council Members Jill Hardy and Erik Peterson, City Attorney Michael Gates, National Trust for Historic Preservation representative Kevin Sanada. During discussion, Jeff Snow rises out of seat, leans toward me and yells, *“I will I have no part of this! I will have no part of anything celebrating Pearl Harbor!”*
- Pearl Harbor comments conflate the history of Americans of Japanese descent with the actions by Japan, exactly as was done 80+ years ago. Same type of comment used in the orchestrated harassment on Historic Wintersburg Facebook page on December 7 in 2014 and 2016.
- During meeting, Jeff Snow also makes comment that Historic Wintersburg property is worth \$8 million; the only other person who had used that specific dollar amount is the fake profile “Richard Mori”. Prior to this, Rainbow / Republic had always stated they bought the property for \$6 million.

December 7, 2016: Coordinated harassment/hate on Historic Wintersburg Facebook page

- Chuck Johnson (**Sledgehammer** blog) and [Individual #3] participate in coordinated harassment on Historic Wintersburg Facebook.
- [Individual #3] comments, *“There’s not multiple perspectives on a day like today—there’s only one—an evil empire slaughtered innocent Americans. You can talk about internment the other 364 days of the year—can’t you let the Americans who lost their lives have one day without you pushing your politically correct agenda?”* He later comments, *“what background do you have as a historian, Mary?”*
- [Individual #4] comments, *“shame on you for trying to make money off your ex-husband’s name, you don’t even know, you weren’t even there”*.
- Note: the posts on the Historic Wintersburg page were shared from a variety of sources, e.g. U.S. Department of Defense, Manzanar Committee, other national historical organizations. No original posts or commentary by Historic Wintersburg.
- Equates to censorship of American history, conflating Americans of Japanese descent with Japan . Distortion of factual events: e.g., half the civilians killed at Pearl Harbor were Japanese American, Japanese Americans were wrongfully accused, Japanese Americans served in US military as their families were incarcerated.

By 2017:

- Continual discrediting of historic significance
- Repetition of disinformation: attempt to alienate or divide support
- Chilling effect: make people hesitant to support or comment on social media (fear they would become a target)
- Discredit preservation lead (me) with accusations of profiting, cultural appropriation (“she’s not Asian”), personal comments about family, doxxing, photo-shopped images of me
- Spread disinformation/hate on multiple Huntington Beach social media platforms (cross pollination to shape public opinion)
- Coordinate or orchestrate harassment in attempt to silence or intimidate preservationists
- Tactic to coordinate ongoing disinformation and questioning to distract, divert attention

2017: Fake profiles share new fake profiles (amplification). Photos of Japanese Americans with disrespectful commentary, potentially making them a target for social media hate and/or attempt to alienate Japanese American community. Targeted comments about preservation lead (me) being “European” or white and having a Japanese last name. This fostered comments about the ethnicity of my family, my child, and veiled comments about me participating in “white genocide.”



Richard Mori @richardmori65 · Sep 8
#MaryUrashima parading around with her \$6million dollar PROPS-the Furatas to gain credibility for her charity scam #HistoricWintersburg



Republic Services, O.C. Register, Chris Epting and 7 others



Richard Mori @richardmori65 · Aug 27
. @jamuseum . @RafuShimpo . @abc7davidono #MaryUrashima is bullying @RepublicService into giving her land for her #HistoricWintersburg scam



Jim Smith

June 19

I recently returned from another trip back to Germany to find a post on the situation at “Historic Wintersburg”.

It appears that Mary Urashima is trying to throw some shade on Rainbow and blame them for the lack of progress at “Historic Wintersburg”. For those of you who are unaware of the truth behind “Historic Wintersburg”, I offer the following:

In 2006, the former Furata Family farm at the intersection of Warner Ave. and Nichols, a 4.5-acre parcel was purchased by Rainbow Disposal, who wanted the land for expansion. Rainbow paid 6 million dollars for the parcel. The Furata family never expressed any interest in advocating on behalf of any “Historic attributes” to the parcel and happily took the money and laughed all the way to the bank.

Mary Urashima, a European woman who married and then divorced a man of Japanese descent, still retains his Asian last name. In a situation reminiscent of Rachel Dolezal, the white head of an NAACP branch, Ms. Urashima advocates on behalf of the Japanese American community. Ms. Urashima managed to find a sympathetic ear in the former Obama administration to designate the land a “Historic Treasure”. This designation is largely ceremonial and imparts no protection to the parcel.

Densho, Discover Nikkei, Stephanie K. Meeks and 4 others



June 19, 2017:

- I share the fake profile “Jim Smith” post on the Historic Wintersburg Facebook with statement and offer to answer any questions people may have regarding his accusations.
- “Jim Smith” responds with comment, *“Mary, give it up. Can you raise the 8 million dollars for the property or is it your intention to try and grind the owner of the property down and take the property by fiat? That is the question.”*
- Use of \$8 million dollar figure had only used by fake profile “Richard Mori” and by Rainbow-Republic manager Jeff Snow in October 2016 meeting at city hall.
- Use of “take the property by fiat” comment used by [Individual #1]
- (Police Report DR 16-008215)

June 21, 2017: “HB Sledgehammer” blog created by Huntington Beach resident Charles “Chuck” Johnson about two weeks after June 5, 2017, vandalism at Historic Wintersburg. Blog uses as banner the old Rising Sun flag of Japan, kanji, a Japanese zero airplane, and person with sledgehammer (well-known white supremacists symbol.)



The Cult of Personality.

PUBLISHED ON [July 3, 2017](#)

[Leave a comment](#)

“A personality cult or cult of personality is a system in which a leader is able to control a group of people through the sheer force of his or her personality and is often portrayed as a god-like figure.

Where the personality cult is about a head of state, criticism of that person is generally prohibited, and state-sponsored media are employed to ensure that the masses are given a consistent picture of the person’s perfection.”

June 24, 2017: Doxxing, conspiracy theory

- Ocean View School District that [Individual #1] has made a public records act request for *“All email between Mary Urashima and any/all OVSD board members between 1/2016 to present day (6/24)”*.
- I am a private citizen.
- There are no emails between me and OVSD board members. OVSD responded to his request, informing him there were no emails. No explanation for request, but he had posted communications of other private and public individuals on his blog.

July 3, 2017: Chuck Johnson publishes post on **HB Sledgehammer**, using an unauthorized photograph of me (from my private Facebook page), refers to me as “*worse than Tokyo Rose*” and a “*terrorist*”. Post uses anti Japanese graphics.

I later speak with Fred Provencher, chair of HB Reads, to whom the terrorist comment was attributed. He is shocked and states they would say no such thing and will provide a statement as such if needed. One of HB Reads’ major sponsors is Rainbow-Republic. (Police Report DR 16-008215) (Police report DR 2017-013476)

Mary Urashima

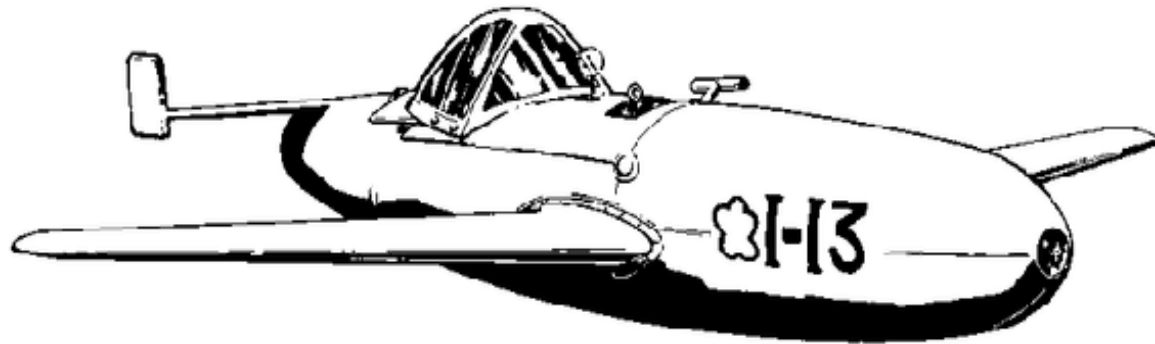
Tokyo Rose had nothing on this co-conspirator Tarvinite, who hitched her Far East wagon to Tarvin in the hope it will help save a rundown parcel of weeds called “Historic” Wintersburg. She doesn’t own it, she has no rights over it, but like Tarvin, Urashima (her name is Adams, OK?) is fast to play victim after issuing her own brutal attacks. Her reputation around town as an arrogant bully led HBReads organizers to refer to her as a “terrorist.” A perfect wing woman for Tarvin. Any criticisms are instantly branded as “hate speech.”

July 8, 2017: Email to HBPD adding to police report

- “Comments regarding my ethnicity or the ethnicity of my family can be considered a hate incident.”
- “Characterizing me as a ‘bully’ or ‘terrorist’ is libel. There is clear doxxing of me for a lengthy period of time by [Individual #1] and [Individual #2] for malicious intent, some of which coincides with the initial cyber harassment by "Richard Mori" beginning in February 2016.
- “The motive appears to be protective of Rainbow Environmental (Republic Services).”; continually referencing Rainbow-Repbulic.
- The content of the post by "Jim Smith" and publication of "The Sledgehammer" are incitement. This is subjecting me to further harassment or potential violence, considering the appeal to white nationalism for which we have recent activity in Huntington Beach.

August 7, 2017:

FIGURE 40. KAMIKAZE BAKA BOMB.



Tora Tora Tora !

PUBLISHED ON *August 7, 2017*

August 7, 2017:

- **Chuck Johnson** posts on HB Sledgehammer blog, “*Tora Tora Tora*” post with graphics including Japanese airplane and anti-Japanese imagery, about me and the Historic Wintersburg preservation project.
- *“Meanwhile, over in Huntington Beach, a different sort of Japanese Cultural attraction is being pimped by Mary Urashima (née Adams), a Caucasian Woman who has taken it upon herself to save Historic Wintersburg, the dilapidated remnants of a Japanese settlement in Huntington Beach, Ca,”*

August 16, 2017: Fraudulent Go Fund Me campaign

https://www.gofundme.com/historic-wintersburg-plaque

Search



Search

Start a Fundraiser

Share

Tweet

Donate



\$1,000 goal

Campaign created 2 hours ago

Donate Now

Share on Facebook

Created August 16, 2017



Chuck Johnson

Memorials

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA

Donations

No donations yet. Help launch this campaign and become the first donor.

"Historic Wintersburg" Plaque

Share

Tweet

Be the first to share

Mary Urashima's dream of turning what she refers to as "Historic Wintersburg" is slowly unraveling due to her absolute failure to generate public interest and raise funds to "Preserve" an unremarkable collection of rundown shacks in Huntington Beach California.

August 16, 2017:

- Two **Chuck Johnson** posts on **HB Sledgehammer** blog about me and Historic Wintersburg. One post is titled, *“Times Up”*, the other is titled *“For You Mary”* [targeted, implied threat]. Both are provided to HBPD for police report.
- **Chuck Johnson** creates fraudulent **GoFundMe** page using my name and Historic Wintersburg’s name, unauthorized and misrepresentation. He includes song lyrics that are an implied threat.
- A graphic is included for the GoFundMe page (plaque to raise \$1,000 for a historical plaque after everything is demolished. The plaque graphic reads, *“Former site of the Furuta* family homestead, incorrectly renamed ‘Historic Wintersburg’. This site once had several unremarkable buildings and some Japanese people lived here.”* Reported to GoFundMe and HBPD. The GoFundMe page was still up as of January 2018; now down. (Police report DR 2017-013476)

August 16, 2017 – August 25, 2017:

- Email to HBPD: *“Please help! Chuck Johnson has set up a fraudulent GoFundMe page regarding me and Historic Wintersburg. <https://hbsledgehammer.com/2017/08/16/times-up/> It has an active link to a real GoFundMe and uses my name.”*
- HBPD officer takes new police report at my home, relating to actions by Chuck Johnson. Both police reports remain open, as of January 2018. The reports are DR 16-008215 (2016), and DR 2017-013476 (2017).
- **Chuck Johnson** post on HB Sledgehammer with “merchandise”, a t-shirt using the image of the vandalized (tagged) 1934 Wintersburg Japanese Church with an unauthorized photo-shopped image of me. [Targeting]
- No permission granted for use of my photograph or image as required by copyright law. He makes comments to me directly, calling me by name on this post. (Police report DR 2017-013476)

August 25, 2017: Anti-Japanese graphics on “merchandise”



Tora Tora Tora

September 11, 2017: Doxxing, no “list” was created, threat

- **Chuck Johnson** posts threats on **HB Sledgehammer** blog: *“I am in the process of gathering info regarding your complaints to HBPD about harrasment. I understand i made the list. Lawyer up Mary. You cant make those charges in a pubic (sic) setting recorded for posterity without repercussions . You are a fucking tyrant just like Tarvin. Blowback hurts. Ask Mark Bixby....If Urashima thinks im going to let this stand....allegations filed with HBPD that become a matter of public record, she will deserve everything I have in store for her. She thinks shes above criticism. Above opposing viewpoints. Above differences of opinion. Mary...you got another thing comin.”*

September 13, 2017: Continued conspiracy of “list,” doxxing

- Chuck Johnson, **HB Sledgehammer**, emails City of Huntington Beach staff, *“I am requesting a copy of the minutes of the Historic Wintersburg preservation task force from the 8/24 meeting. In addition i am requesting the name of the detective from the HBPD that circulated a list of names.of those accused of "harrasment" by chair Mary Urashima. Thank you Chuck Johnson.”*
- City staff emails me. I answer: *“I am copying Michael Gates [city attorney]. This never happened. There was no HBPD officer or detective at our meeting. No individuals were discussed at the meeting. There is no list. I don't think it would even be a practice of any police department to discuss individuals at an open, public meeting. It is not the practice of the task force, either. The agenda item was to inform the task force that the online harassment continues and two police reports have been filed over the past 19 months. The task force members obviously are aware and have seen some of the online material, since it is Huntington Beach based. It is a concern of everyone, as there are attempts to discredit or malign the work of community volunteers. We had guests from CSULB, the City's human relations task force, and Preserve Orange County at our meeting. Those were the only guests. I will share this also with the HBPD detective who manages my case, so he is aware of the reference to the department.”*

September 15, 2017: Hurtado v. Rainbow-Republic filed regarding illegal sale of employee-owned company to Republic Services

- Unknown to preservationists, former and current employees of Rainbow-Republic file legal complaint re: “illegal sale” of Rainbow Environmental Services to Republic Services.
- **Certified US District Court class action** is settled in May 2021 in the employees favor.
- Defendants Gerry Moffatt and Jeff Snow (Rainbow Disposal) identified as "*most culpable*" [docket] and amended the ESOP in order to sell the company and remained with Republic after the sale after "*secretly negotiating \$5 million in non-compete bonuses for themselves*" [docket] as part of the sale. Gerry Moffat personal count is for \$3,489,958.38 (plus other counts), Jeff Snow personal count is for \$2,975,000.00 (plus other counts), per court public documents. Republic also paid millions into settlement.

September 22, 2017: A few days after court filing, more anti-Japanese “merchandise” shared on HB Sledgehammer and Huntington Beach social media. Photoshop of me in Japanese zero airplane, reference to “Operation Ten-Go 2017” [WWII reference]

<https://hbsledgehammer.com>



September 20-21, 2017: Threat

- Chuck Johnson, **HB Sledgehammer**, makes threat against me in a late night phone call with a local resident, who becomes alarmed and contacts me.
- Email to HBPD: *“Chuck was agitated, angry, and began talking about me. Victor stated Chuck Johnson called me “fucking Mary Urashima” and that he ‘has something planned for me.’ These comments are similar to what he was posting on the ‘You Know You Grew Up in Huntington Beach’ facebook page a week ago, where he commented along the lines of ‘she’s going to get what’s coming to her”, and that he has “something planned” for me.’ I do not feel safe due to his continuing comments on social media, his blog posts, and now threats about me to other people. This is now over 19 months of sustained harassment by a few men who devote a considerable amount of time harassing me, the majority of whom I have never even met. I believe Chuck Johnson’s comments over the past week rise to the level of civil harassment and are direct threats.”*

September 22, 2017: Request of Republic Services to disavow hate, harassment which continues to be protective of them and cite their name

- I email Republic Services(Chris Kentopp, Dave Hauser, Alberto Guardado), requesting statement on their letterhead disavowing harassment that cites them by name. They had provided a similar statement to Ocean View School District, disavowing the harassment; I request similar statement.
- *“No one, including myself, should feel they are at risk working on a community project with Republic, no matter how challenging. Many do feel at risk now due to the harassment. We want you to clear the mis-use of Republic's name and to reassure the community that this harassment does not in any way represent you. I am requesting a statement for the Historic Wintersburg Preservation Task Force by Republic, similar to what was provided to the Ocean View School District. ”*
- No response to multiple emails requesting statement.

September 29, 2017: Continued conspiracy of “list”

- **Chuck Johnson, HB Sledgehammer**, emails City staff: *“Ricky, Was a list of names circulated at this meeting (August 24th, 2017) regarding individuals accused of “targeted harassment”? Who is the detective on the HBPD that serves as the liaison to Mary Urashima regarding this matter? I need an honest response please. Thank you, Chuck Johnson Purchasing Agent / Contract Administrator, The Towers at Laguna Woods Village”*
- Ricky Ramos (**City staff**) responds, *“I was not at the 8/24 meeting but I have heard that no list was distributed. I don’t know who the detective is working on this matter. I’m not involved in that aspect. Perhaps you could contact the Police Dept. I just email the agenda to the task force and provide copies at the meetings. I have a limited role.”*
- **Chuck Johnson** replies, *“ Ricky, Since you were not at the meeting, is there another city staffer that was present that I can inquire to about this issue? I was told by someone very knowledgeable whom I will not name that a list of “Harassers” was indeed discussed and circulated. If that did indeed took place, and there is an attempt to walk it back and sweep it under the rug, I will certainly find that out..Please respond. Chuck Johnson”*
- *City staff and I decide to have uniformed officer at next meeting, due to inquiries and September 20 phone call threat*

September 29, 2017: Post by Chuck Johnson, HB Sledgehammer, message that HBPD does not consider harassment and threat reports credible.

If anybody needs to go to the police, it's me so I can document this pathetic bullshit. But I don't bother them with bullshit... although it is well known you and your friends do... trust me, they are sick of all of you. You have zero credibility with HBPD.

Go ahead and file a report bitch. I've already spoken to the HBPD about this nonsense. Here's a clue... They are sick of you, Gina, Mary and the rest of your crew filing nonsensical reports. I shared a laugh or two with HBPD detectives over coffee a while back. They think you are assholes and they love my blog.

November 1, 2017:

- **Councilwoman Jill Hardy** speaks with **Jeff Snow, Rainbow-Republic**, about harassment.
- Advises him they have been put on notice by Mary Urashima (informed of harassment) and taken no action, which means they have some liability should something happen to me.

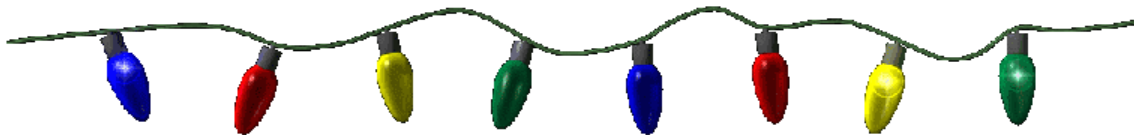
November 15, 2017: Continued doxxing, cross pollination, begins sharing disinformation, anti-Asian hate on Twitter

- Chuck Johnson, HB Sledgehammer, makes public records requests of any communications from me (private citizen) with Ocean View School District.
- Chuck Johnson promotes [Individual #1]'s blog, Surf City Chronicles. They appear to have coordinated harassment toward throughout 2017.
- Sledgehammer creates account on Twitter.
- Cross pollination with other new and/or fake profiles.



December 7, 2017: Targeting me and Historic Wintersburg for harassment on Pearl Harbor Day

PUBLISHED ON *November 30, 2017* by *Chuck Johnson*



It's Pearl Harbor Day!

And that usually means that **Mary Urashima** from "**Historic Wintersburg**" will be out on social media, bleating about the injustice of Manzanar, in her usual **culturally confused, special way...** perhaps even trying to drum up a couple bucks on the backs of the **American Dead** who perished in a cowardly **sneak attack**.

Please enjoy the "**Where's Mary?**" Game. Kinda like "**Where's Waldo**". **First one to find Mary, circle her, and email me the pic, gets a special Christmas Treat!**

December 28, 2017: Photoshop of me in Japanese zero airplane, “*victimhood of the forced relocation of Japanese Americans*,” “*stealing property by fiat.*” Normal opposition to historic preservation has no need to use this imagery or rhetoric.

A forever blighted parcel, currently coveted and bottled up in threats of litigation for years by Mary Urashima, so she can realize her dream of lording over her very own kingdom of ruins of unremarkable shacks, and bash Americans over the head with the Victimhood of the forced relocation of Japanese Americans away from the West coast of the US during WW2.



Most people are smart enough to realize that this **entire filing**, was a conspiracy between Tarvin, processing vindictive retribution against Rainbow /Republic , & Urashima.

It constituted a way to begin the process of **stealing value from the property by fiat**, on behalf of Mary Urashima and “Historic Wintersburg”, by constant litigation and threats of litigation.

January 20, 2018: Chuck Johnson, HB Sledgehammer: Creation of non-existent conspiracy, continued disinformation, discrediting historic designations of Historic Wintersburg. No idea what records these would be, however; communications with adjacent property owner should be normal for any historic preservation project to get their input, concerns.

Mary Urashima Request: *Mary Urashima is the woman behind "Historic Wintersburg" a pathetic collection of run down blight that she is trying to pass off as historic in nature. Her attempts to compel Republic Industries to sell her the property have thrown enough shade on the property, that it has scared off any other potential buyers and has been artificially devalued by fiat. OVSD is complicit in the scheme. I want to see if any forms of collusion are occurring between district staff and this individual. 51 records.*

Historic Wintersburg Request: *See above. Why are there 151 records between OVSD and a private entity attempting to buy a private parcel?*

January 27, 2018: Another photo-shop image using Japanese zero airplane, another WWII reference.

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Operation 10-Go: 2018

PUBLISHED ON *January 27, 2018* by *Chuck Johnson*

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An epic battle looms in HB.

One that pits the forces of private property rights vs. the forces of collectivist gadflies.

Operation 10-Go was the final offensive operation mounted by Imperial Japan at the close of the Second World War.

It resulted in a crushing defeat and the end of the Imperial Japanese Navy, including the loss of the Yamato, the world's largest and most powerful Battleship.

January 27, 2018: Another reference to Operation Ten-Go (WWII battle) with phrase *“Mary Urashima and ‘Historic Wintersburg’ are doomed, just like the IJN.”*


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Mary Urashima and “Historic Wintersburg” are doomed, just like the IJN.

January 28, 2018: 24-hours later, use of fraudulent GoFundMe plaque

 <https://hbsledgehammer.com>

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Give...till it hurts...

PUBLISHED ON *January 28, 2018* by *Chuck Johnson*

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January 28, 2018: Support for demolition and construction of self-storage at property with photoshop image with Japanese zero airplane and fake plaque

<https://hbsledgehammer.com>



We have started a Go Fund Me page for the HBSledgehammer.com memorial plaque, to be installed at the shiny new Public Storage facility, at the corner of Nichols and Warner.

We know that it will look so elegant installed at the Administrative Office of this fine new addition to the Community.

January 31, 2018: Tracking my activities. Post on social media after private appointment (not a task force meeting) with Mayor Mike Posey is disrupted by people participating in online harassment. When we explain to them it is a private meeting, Mayor Posey tells us he invited them and to “*get over it.*” One person who showed up at city hall is the son of the person who posted the comment below. Private appointments with elected officials are not open to the public.



Chris Epting

Evidently there's a Wintersburg task force meeting at City Hall today and Mary would not even allow anyone from the public in to observe. So much for transparency.



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January 31, 2018: Threat. While we are at city hall meeting with Mayor Mike Posey, Chuck Johnson posts on **HB Sledgehammer** images of me bound in chains on a railroad track being hurt or killed by a sledgehammer. [This image redacted to remove faces] Includes phrase “*we’ll burn it fucking down...to a cinder.*” Post was titled “*here’s one for Charlie,*” one of the people who showed up at the invitation of Mayor Posey.

<https://hbsledgehammer.com/2018/01/31/heres-one-for-charlie/>

We'll burn it fucking down...

To a cinder...



The Sledgehammer
January 31, 2018 (afternoon)
Redacted to remove faces of individuals targeted

February 5, 2018: Letter sent by Norman Furuta, descendent of Furuta family who owned the farm at Historic Wintersburg shared on Huntington Beach social media with added disinformation and in support of Rainbow-Republic. Letter had not been published elsewhere. (Targeting of Mr. Furuta)

Huntington Beach Community Forum

Chris Epting 39 mins

RE: the growing Wintersburg controversy

The Furuta family spokesman, Norman Furuta, has written city council to "urge" them "to find a way to preserve these historic structures and site if at all possible so that future generations will know of their importance in the story of the Japanese-American experience in Southern California."

Really, Mr. Furuta?

- Your family sold the property for nearly FIVE MILLION dollars. Are you willing to buy the property back now that it is all of a sudden so "historic?" Or make ANY sort of monetary donation? To date it appears you have not contributed a penny.
- Why did you wait until you made all your money to decide to support a preservation cause of your home?
- Rainbow supposedly purchased it from your family to prevent you from selling out to build an HDD condo complex.
- You do not live in the area anymore - you chose to sell the property for development - why are you now inserting yourself into a local property rights issue?

What would you like city council to do? Why were YOU entitled to make millions, but not the new owner? Exactly what would you like to see happen now to save these structures and what part will you play outside of obeying Mary's suggestion to write a letter?

Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 5:47 PM
 To: CITY COUNCIL
 Cc: Wilson, Fred; Mary Adams Urashima
 Subject: Please help preserve Historic Wintersburg structures

Dear Mayor Posey and Council Members:

I recently have become aware of the intended sale of the former site of my family's goldfish and flower farm by Republic Services. The cultural and historic significance of the buildings remaining on this site to the Japanese-American community has by now been thoroughly documented by members of the Historic Wintersburg Preservation Task Force and findings of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in its determination that the site merits one of its Most Endangered Historic Places status in 2014 and National Treasure status in 2015.

I urge you to find a way to preserve these historic structures and site if at all possible so that future generations will know of their importance in the story of the Japanese-American experience in Southern California.

Yours sincerely,
 Norman Furuta

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Danny Alan Burbidge The whole thing is ridiculous at face value. Property rights? Like · 37m

Donnie Olson Just put in a plaque and be done with it. Like · 30m

Victoria Salas I'm new the city and trying to understand this entire

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 Huntington Beach, California

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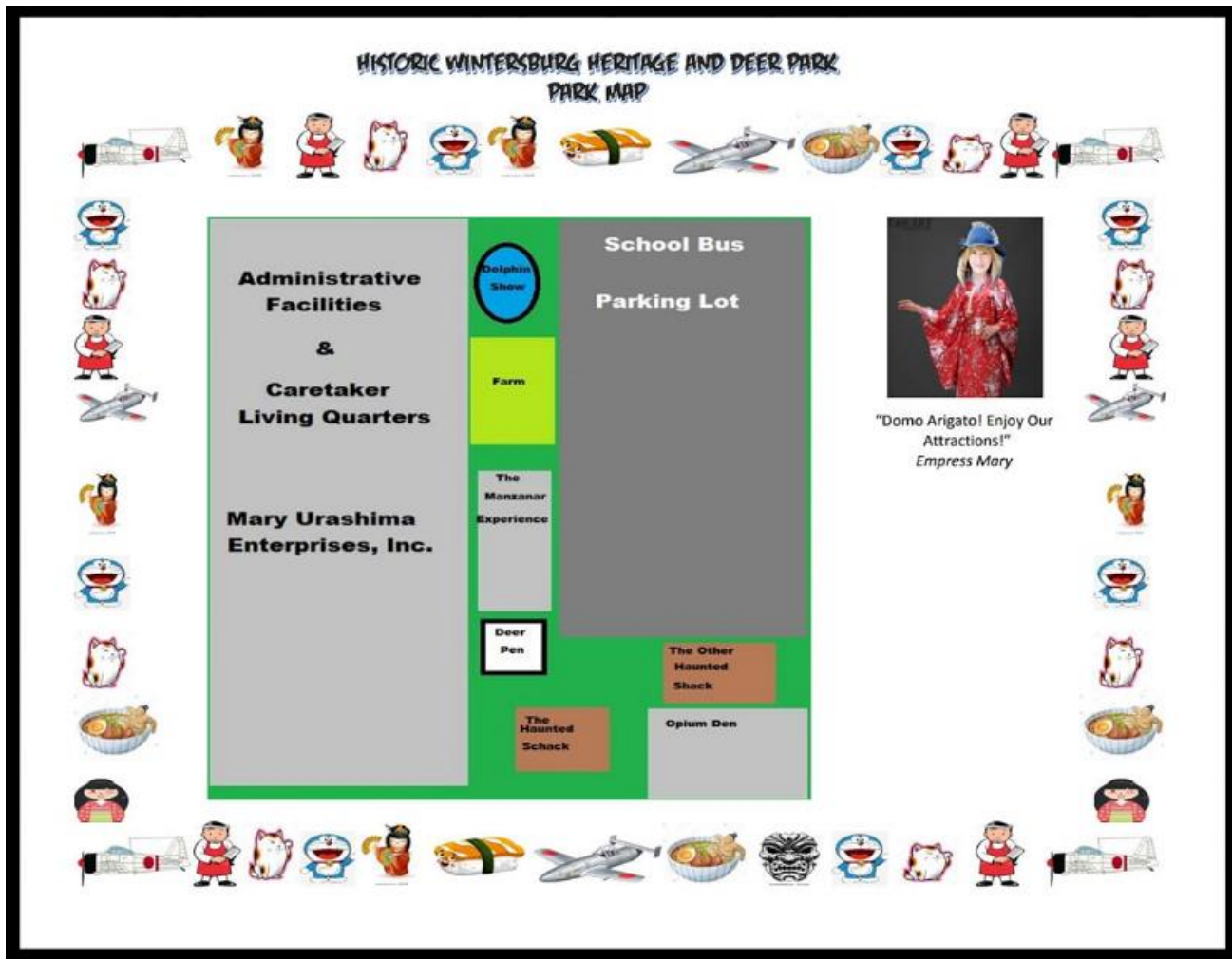
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Suggested Groups See All

What is going on in Riverside County?
 127,634 members
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February 5, 2018: Chuck Johnson, **HB Sledgehammer**, posts “park map” with anti-Asian references: “Manzanar experience,” “opium den,” “haunted shack,” border images with Japanese zero airplane. Photoshop of me in kimono. Shared on Huntington Beach social media.



February 8, 2018: Chuck Johnson, HB Sledgehammer, stereotypical images, misogyny, and threats.

As the cookie crumbles..

Published on February 8, 2018 by Chuck Johnson



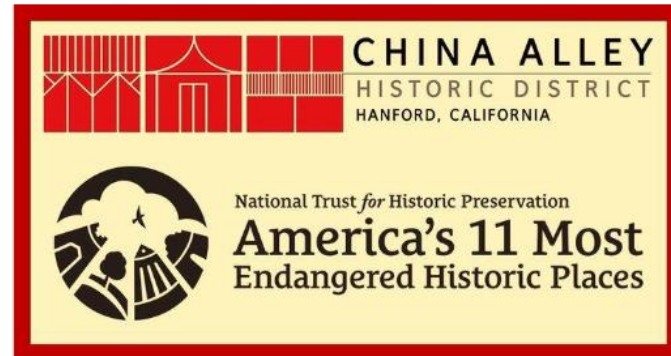
Seems Mary Urashima got some love from "Historic China Alley" in Hanford CA.

Not sure what that is but it brings this to mind...



Oh wait... "Historic China Alley" must have made a "Donation" to the same group Mary Urashima cites all the time!...

the time!...



Anyway, "Historic China Alley" mentioned the "Unbroken Noodles of Longevity", in their yummy looking noodle dish featured in he post.

February 8, 2018: Part of same post on HB Sledgehammer targeting China Alley and Historic Wintersburg, with phrases “well, you’re fucked”



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19 hrs · 🌐

A LOVE LETTER AND COMFORT FOOD FROM HISTORIC CHINA ALLEY IN HANFORD, CALIFORNIA

"What she discovered was the story of Japanese immigrants who settled in what was once the agricultural community of Wintersburg Village. Thinking of it turned into rows of storage units brings tears to my eyes again. I'll do what I can, as will others, many of whom have multiple preservation priorities. The question of whether it will be enough rings in my ears. In Chinese culture the unbroken noodles represent longevity. I also wanted to acknowledge the passion we feel as preservationists and to feed our fire. But I also wanted a cooling note signifying unity and positive engagement."

♥ Thank you, Arianne Wing, co-owner of the L.T. Sue Tea Room and Emporium, benefiting the restoration and preservation of China Alley. ♥

http://hanfordsentinel.com/.../article_338c718e-d233-506d-baa...



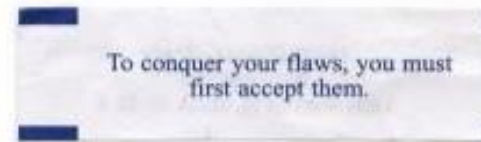
I thought it would be appropriate to send Mary Urashima some Fortune cookies to go along with that fantastic looking dish.



February 8, 2018: Part of same post on HB Sledgehammer targeting China Alley and Historic Wintersburg, including phrase “*you will die at an Arby’s in Columbus, Ohio,*” “*you laugh now, wait until you get home*” (implied threats, following earlier threats)



February 8, 2018: Part of same post on **HB Sledgehammer** targeting China Alley and Historic Wintersburg, including phrase *“hope you enjoyed the cookies, Mary”* (targeting)



Hope you enjoyed the cookies, Mary!

<https://hbsledgehammer.com/2018/02/08/as-the-cookie-crumbles/>

February 8-9, 2019: Huntington Beach Historic Resources Board alarmed by online activity and reports that Historic Wintersburg will be demolished holds special meeting on February 8 in support. Some of those participating in online harassment show up. Organizations like Japanese American National Museum send letters of support. Chuck Johnson, **HB Sledgehammer**, posts about it following day.

JAPANESE AMERICAN
NATIONAL MUSEUM

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Telephone 213.830.5628

January 30, 2018

City of Huntington Beach, California
Mayor Michael Posey
Mayor Pro Tem Erik Peterson
Council Member Jill Hardy
Council Member Lyn Semeta
Council Member Patrick Brenden
Council Member Billy O'Connell
Council Member Barbara Delgleize
City Manager Fred Wilson

Dear City of Huntington Beach Officials,

The Japanese American National Museum stands in support of National Treasure Historic Wintersburg. We are distressed to learn that the property is slated for sale to Public Storage for development, and express concern that such development would cause the destruction of significant and rare historic resources eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Historic Wintersburg has been vetted by the National Park Service, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Trust for Public Land. The preservation effort has been supported by organizations from around the country and has received both national and international media coverage.

Historic Wintersburg is a National Treasure historic site representing Japanese pioneer history, Japanese American history, and important chapters in our country's national history.

The land was purchased prior to California's Alien Land Law of 1913, after which Japanese were prohibited from owning property. The fact that everyone associated with Historic Wintersburg was forcibly removed from California and incarcerated in America's concentration camps during World War II, due solely to their ancestry, makes this a place to learn about civil liberties. The lessons it can help teach are extremely relevant in our world today.

This is one of the last Japanese pioneer historic places in Orange County and a rare historic property for California. Please don't allow this property to be transformed into a commercial venture that disrespects important history that should be preserved for generations to come.

Sincerely,



Rick Noguchi
Chief Operating Officer

On a side note...

PUBLISHED ON February 9, 2018 by Chuck Johnson

The United States has a rich tradition of poking fun at politicians, people in power & those in the news.

Some of my work was recently featured at an "Emergency Meeting" of the Huntington Beach Historical Commission, *(correction... "Resources Board"... forgive me. I get all my useless govt. bodies confused)* that was called to discuss the impending doom of Mary Urashima's folly, commonly referred to as "Historic Wintersburg".

My work was offered up as an example of what was deemed "unacceptable discourse" to the assembled pointy heads of this smug commission.

With no credit whatsoever for the sheer entertainment value that my work offered.

No doubt my work elicited a silent chuckle from more than one individual in the room...

It was the moral equivalent of stealing a political cartoon without crediting the artist.

So next time you wish to feature any of the fun and exciting things that you receive courtesy of my blog, be sure to announce the source.


Let me help you...that's...

HBSLEDGEHAMMER.COM

and my name...

is Chuck Johnson.

March 5, 2018: More social media in defense of Rainbow-Republic; disinformation and dismissive of racism faced by Furuta family and Japanese Americans. Includes phrase “because...uh racism or something.” Protective of Rainbow-Republic.

 **Christian Epting** ▸ Huntington Beach Community Forum
Yesterday at 12:54pm · 🌐


See how unfair this whole Wintersburg deal is to the current owners? Original owners were allowed to make millions because... uh racism or something?

And, at worst the cost to taxpayers will now magically be "minimal to negligible." Said the corrupt politician. What could go wrong?


more comments

Michael Posey Last word on the topic: My intention was to help facilitate a constructive path forward towards preservation provided no taxpayer dollars were expended in doing so. That's why I suggested the Letter of Intent (LOI) be sent to Republic to facilitate this 11th hour meeting. The meeting devolved into an incorrect interpretation of my perceived intentions after my apology. Mary Urashima, you asked over and over again for me "explain myself". I did. And I apologized. That was not good enough as you pressed me again to apologize for being pragmatic and not dogmatic. I have been nothing but respectful of you and have tried to build a bridge with you. The only bridge can seemingly built must be built upon capitulation. Do you remember our first meeting touring Wintersburg? I asked, naive why did not the original owners take steps to preserve and why now time to preserve. This was prior to the Mc vote to raze the commercial. Your exact reply, "it was their turn to monetize the investment". Presumably at the expense of the new buyers. Even with that, I have endeavored to be a bridge builder while protecting the taxpayers and have remained friendly and respectful at every meeting we've ever had. Including ASCON, Cherry Blossom and many other events.


LIKE · 3h · Edited

 Gina Clayton-Tarvin Kathy Carrick , although I your opinion, you are in a small minority of those who opposes literally anything I support and frankly Mayor Posey knows this.

LIKE · 3h · Edited


 Kathy Carrick Gina Clayton-Tarvin, and I respect your opinion as well. But I think there are more that are concerned with the spending of taxpayer dollars than you realize.

LIKE · 3h

 Gina Clayton-Tarvin No tax dollars will be spent on this. At worst, it will be minimal to negligible. The site will be self sustaining. Municipalities have the responsibility to provide open space and not to spend gross over development.

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 **Ray Scrafield**

November 22, 2018: Context. Rise Above Movement leaders arrested in Huntington Beach

- Four alleged members of a **Huntington Beach-based white supremacist group** were indicted on federal charges Thursday.
- A federal grand jury returned an indictment charging the Southern California residents with planning and engaging in riots at political rallies across California and out of state, according to the U.S. attorney's office.
- The four defendants are Robert Rundo, 28, of Huntington Beach, who authorities say is a founding member of the Rise Above Movement; Robert Boman, 25, of Torrance; Tyler Laube, 22, of Redondo Beach and Aaron Eason, 38, of Anza.
- Rundo posted a promotional video for the organization that the indictment says showed him, Boman, Laube and other RAM members assaulting people at the **rallies in Huntington Beach** and Berkeley, along with images of RAM members in combat training.

February 15 -19, 2019:

- Sue Gordon, former VP public relations for Rainbow-Republic and Huntington Beach resident, posts: *"She once told me that her efforts to save the site were for her son who is mixed race, Caucasian/Japanese, so he would know Japanese history in Huntington Beach."* [public comment on Facebook page with over 30,000 members]
- Cease and desist message (not the first time she has referenced ethnicity of my family): *"I am contacting you personally to request you cease from misquoting me, sharing inaccuracies, and talking about the ethnicity of my family and my child. The most recent instance are your comments on February 15, 2019, on the Huntington Beach Community Forum in which you agreed with a libelous comment from someone saying I have a "mental condition", a false comment with intent to damage me professionally. I would remind you that I am a private citizen and so are the members of my family. You need to stop."*

February 26, 2019: Tracking my activity, sharing in on social media, inciting comments that include disinformation., tagging and demanding updates from city officials. [HB Community Forum]

- **Kathy Carrick** [February 26 at 10:10 AM](#) *“It seems that there was a meeting at city hall yesterday that involved our mayor, Mary Urashima and people from National Trust. Could this have been about the Wintersburg property? There has been a lot of discussion lately on the forums about this issue. Residents are interested in knowing what the disposition of this property will be. Erik Peterson, when will you be able to give us an update?”*
- **Erik Peterson** [Mayor] *“They just wanted to give me an update on their efforts. Many people want to meet to discuss different things. The trust is working to try and purchase the property. Its between the trust and Republic.”*
- **Erik Peterson** [Mayor] *“Chris you wouldn't believe how many people want to meet with councilmembers or the mayor to descus things that dont really have to do with the city. Sometimes we are a good starting point to point them in the right direction. As for the cities interest in private property, we generally like to know what people are planning to do with underutilized, abandoned or commercial property. We were very involved with Boeing, for instance.”*

March 12, 2019: Social media post about planned dedication of public art honoring Furuta family and Historic Wintersburg; attempt to incite comments, get people to attend and disrupt. Calls for disbandment of task force. Mayor pro tem and deputy consul from Consulate of Japan Los Angeles were scheduled to speak. HBPD stated they could not provide security. We arranged for private undercover security.

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Chris Epting
1 hr

There's now a "Wintersburg-Furuta Fountain & Courtyard" ? To do what, commemorate the most infamous attempted local land grab in HB history? Since the mayor is attending, maybe he can call for the task force to be disbanded at the ceremony this weekend. Click image for full detail.

Dedication of Elements in Wintersburg - Furuta Courtyard
Public · Hosted by Historic Wintersburg

at 2 PM - 4 PM
19 New · 10-1719 Sunny

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Melissa Biss So if there's a fountain commemorating "Historic" Wintersburg, can they bulldoze the property now?!
Like · 1h

Craig Frampton Hilarious
Like · 57m

Joyce Zeller Wonder who paid for this?
Like · 53m


Chris Epting maybe if she had a task force meeting every couple of years you could ask her then
Like · 28m

March 12 – 27, 2019: City removes Historic Wintersburg web page from City website with no communications this is being done. Page included agendas and minutes of meetings held at city hall. Requested explanation, none provided.

Non-organic social media posts on page with over 30,000 members announcing page is gone, continued disinformation, continued effort to discredit and malign character.

 **Chris Epting**
March 27 at 5:59 PM

For anyone following the increasingly suspicious "Historic Wintersburg Task Force" controversy, an interesting update. I just tried logging on to the official city page to look up the minutes from a meeting, and the page appears to have been REMOVED. The site is not down - everything loads fine - except the task force page. Has the group (finally) been dissolved? Hard to tell but I have a couple of calls in. If the city reacts appears might be the case - good for them. It was inappropriate in its place to get involved like that in a private property issue, and I'm glad that Mary Urashima's ("Surf City Writer") recent baseless, racist attack against me on social media just may have created some liability issue. I've attached one of her attacks as well - please note the screen shot as proof of me "targeting" and "inciting" a "Japanese American" site - it's me asking why she never holds public meetings. Even if the task force is done, which I hope is finally the case, IMO she still needs to be held accountable for attacking my livelihood - she was the task force chair when she went off on this destructive tangent.

 **Chris Epting** ✓ Sue Gordon We now have crystal clear evidence of her true tactics and motives. There's no denying this. All of the land trust partners she works with, I believe need to be aware of what they are dealing with. This is clearly a vicious, vindictive and in my opinion, deeply disturbed individual. What kind of person goes after someone's livelihood because they disagree with your opinion? Is she that thin-skinned? Or is there more to this whole picture?

18h · Edited



May 6, 2019: City council member Mike Posey moves dissolution of Historic Wintersburg task force, placed on agenda during the first week of Asian American heritage month.

15. [19-530](#) Dissolution of the Ad Hoc Historic Wintersburg Committee

Recommended Action:

Dissolve the Ad Hoc Historic Wintersburg Committee.

2020: Historic Wintersburg forms partnership with Heritage Museum of Orange County, a 501c3 non-profit regional museum.



National Treasure Historic Wintersburg shares the history of three generations of Japanese American experience, from immigration in the late 19th century to the return from incarceration following World War II. The 4.5-acre historic landscape contains six structures—the majority over a century old—including one of the oldest Japanese missions in Southern California and a former goldfish farm.

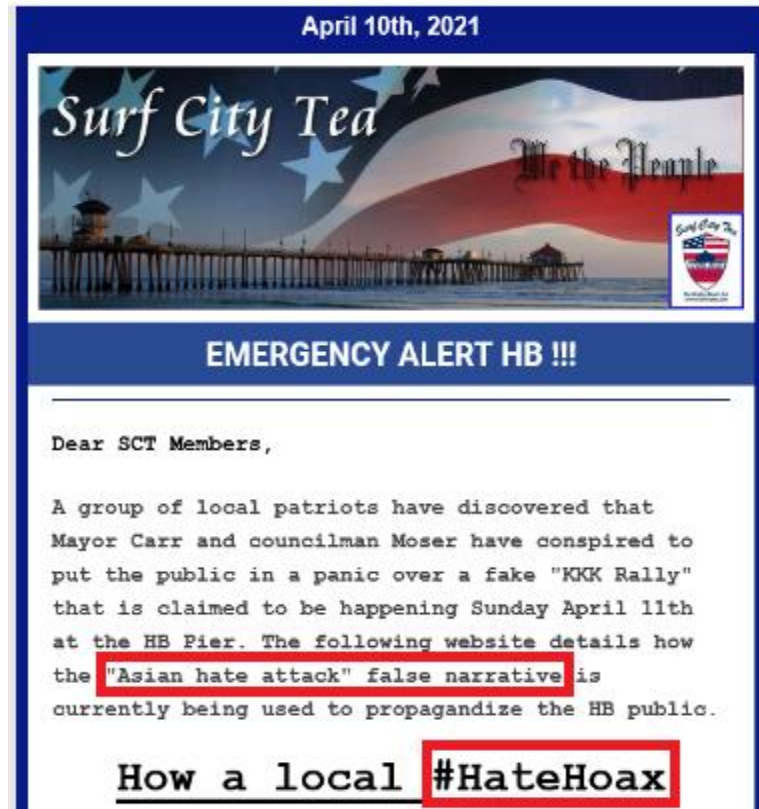
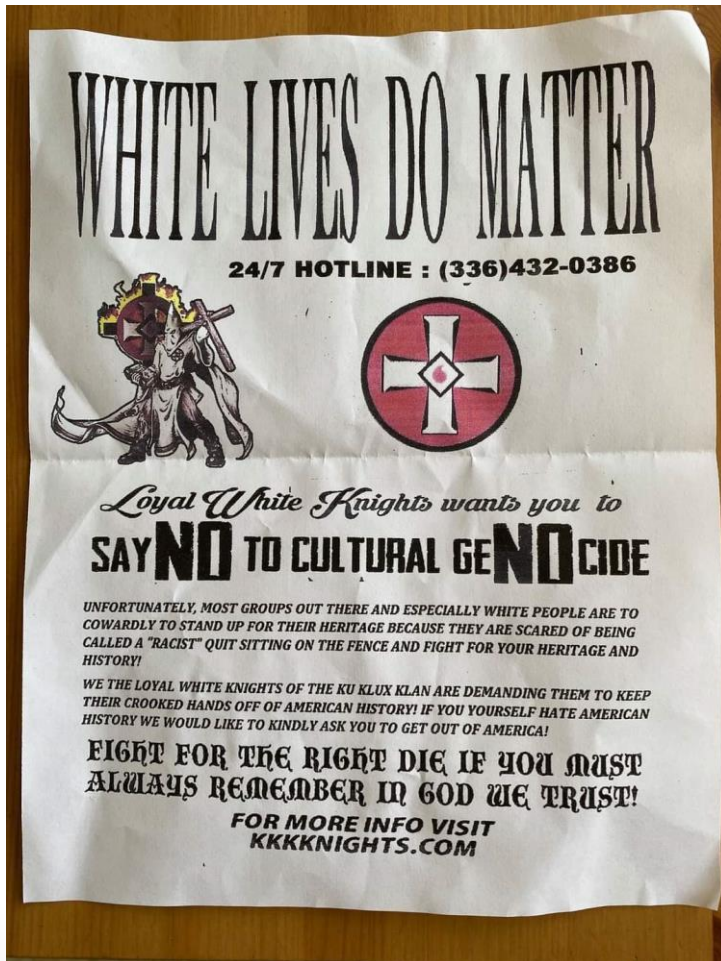
Historic Wintersburg is among the only surviving Japanese American-owned properties acquired before California passed anti-immigrant land laws in 1913 and 1920. Everyone associated with the Funda Gold Fish Farm and the Wintersburg-Japanese Mission was incarcerated during World War II, as were all Japanese Americans in Orange County. This historic site is a reminder of our nation's civil rights history and the struggle for social justice that many immigrant communities continue to face. Today, Historic Wintersburg is in the Oak View neighborhood of Huntington Beach, a vibrant, predominantly Latino community which contributes its rich cultural heritage to the continuing story of indigenous and immigrant history in Southern California.

Historic Significance

Representatives of the National Park Service visited the property in 2013 and found that, in addition to state protections, all the Historic Wintersburg structures are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The City of Huntington Beach confirmed this designation in their General Plan, after a professional historic resources survey, which added Historic Wintersburg to the list of California's precious historical and cultural resources.

Designated a National Treasure in 2015 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Historic Wintersburg is owned by Republic Services and remains endangered.

April 5 – 11, 2021: Context. “White lives matter” flyers distributed in Huntington Beach; Surf City Tea (tea party) sends member email including reference that “Asian hate attack” is a “false narrative...currently being used to propagandize the HB public.” A “white lives matter” rally held in downtown Huntington Beach on April 11.



2021: Historic Wintersburg forms partnership with Preserve Orange County, a 501c3 non-profit historic preservation organization dedicated to saving and preserving Orange County's history.

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ORANGE COUNTY

ABOUT EVENTS HISTORIC PLACES PRESERVATION RESOURCES GET INVOLVED CONTACT

**RIP Japanese Presbyterian Mission and Manse,
1910-2022, Historic Wintersburg, Huntington Beach CA.
Take action with us.**

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The banner photograph was taken by Jason Foo on February 26, 2022, the day after the 110 year old mission church and clergy residence (manse) were demolished on the property known as Historic Wintersburg at Warner Avenue and Nichols Lane in Huntington Beach. A fire damaged the manse and within two hours the property owner, Republic Services, bulldozed the manse and mission church. Four buildings remain on the property: the 1912 Furuta residence, 1908-1912 Furuta barn, 1934 Wintersburg Japanese Presbyterian Church, and the 1947 Furuta residence. All are in poor condition. The only "National Treasure" in Orange County, this important cultural landscape has been on our Most Endangered list since 2017. For more information, [click here](#).



February 25, 2022: Fire and loss of two 1910 structures (Wintersburg Japanese Mission and Manse).

Fire occurred two weeks after notification to Republic Services and City of Huntington Beach officials about vandalism at property, evidence of trespass, fire risk. No response.



March 19, 2022: Asian American organizations and individuals hold a press conference at Historic Wintersburg to speak against anti-Asian hate, express concerns about potential arson, demand a thorough investigation of fire. Video statements of all speakers on Historic Wintersburg Facebook page.

Stand up to anti-Asian Violence
and all racial & gender based violence
Support Historic Wintersburg
Fire burns Japanese American church, a National Treasure



February 25, 2022. The fire that destroyed 2 of 6 historic buildings is under INVESTIGATION for possible ARSON. Republic Services, owners of the Historic Wintersburg property, demolished both buildings several hours after the fire, destroying evidence for the investigation. Owners previously applied to demolish all 6 historic buildings so they can develop or sell. In the lead up to the fire, Historic Wintersburg volunteers have been attacked by racists on social media, stalked, photographed and been subjected to other acts of intimidation against the preservation project.

Demand an independent investigation into the FIRE!

For more information: info@progressiveasians.org

Rally to Support Wintersburg
Sat • March 19 • 12N-1pm
7642 Warner Ave SW cor. Warner & Nicholas Ln. Huntington Bch, CA

Support Historic Wintersburg (SHW) Ad-hoc coalition for the March 19th event: This action supports & includes Historic Wintersburg Preservation, Preserve Orange County, Heritage Museum of Orange County, Japanese American National Museum, Progressive Asian Network for Action, Neighborhood Safety Companions, AAPI vs Hate South Bay, Japanese American Citizens League- Greater L.A. Sansei Legacy, Save Our Seniors Network, API-RISE, San Fernando Valley JAACL, Little Tokyo Historical Society, Manzanar Committee, Pan Asian Harmony Society SGV, Asian American Vietnam Veterans Organization, Nikkei Progressives, Nikkei for Civil Rights & Redress, Gina Clayton-Tarvin, President, Ocean View School Dist. Board of Trustees, Asian American Pacific Islander Christians for Social Justice

February 25 - March 19, 2022: It doesn't stop. Continuing comments on social media after fire dismissive of history, targeted comments about me, dismissive comments about anti-Asian hate and call for arson investigation. More comments by former Rainbow-Republic VP Sue Gordon dismissing anti-Asian hate, *"no one has attacked any Asians, hurt any Asians, assaulted any Asians, said anything negative about Asians...[Mary]'s not Asian."*
Note: Historic Wintersburg is American history and there is no requirement to be Asian to support its preservation..



Sue Gordon

These accusations of Asian hate in HB are totally unfounded. No one has attacked any Asians, hurt any Asians, assaulted any Asians, said anything negative about Asians. If anything, it's Mary who is stirring up the community with all her accusations. She's not Asian. The Fire Department has no dog in this fight -no need to lie about their investigation. The nearly 5 acre parcel was purchased by Rainbow over 12 -15 years ago for \$5M to prevent a multi family apartment building, which was planned, from being constructed knowing complaints would arise. Now that Republic owns the property, who knows what they plan to do with it.

March 31, 2022: Continued social media commentary again in Huntington Beach targeting the Furuta family, with reference characterizing me, *“attacks the city as being ‘anti Japanese’ when there is literally not one hate crime of this sort on record in HB”*



Kathy Carrick

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Since our current City Council has decided to clandestinely discuss purchasing a property that HB residents, most likely, have no interest in acquiring, it seems a good time to point out that the Furuta family (owners prior to Republic) spoke publicly at a council meeting to emphasize their interest in monetizing the property.

This all happened back in 2004. Nobody on council or the owners or sellers mentioned anything about the property being especially historic even though the city had acknowledged it 20 years before. Then all of a sudden, one person comes along and decides that it must be saved. The owner gives her years to raise money which she is unable to do. So she resorts to attacking the company over and over for years even going into the Wikipedia page dozens of times to rewrite their history in her favor.

Why in the world would the city even open this conversation at the whim of one person who also now attacks the city as being “anti Japanese” when there is literally not one hate crime of this sort on record in HB?

(City Council) Motion Failed to Direct Staff to Begin Modification of the General Plan Re: Vacant Land on Nichols Street to the Warner Avenue Intersection (Across from Rainbow Disposal Plant) to Change the Zoning from Residential to Commercial or Industrial (450.10)

The City Council considered a communication from Councilmember Connie Boardman transmitting the following **Statement of Issue**: The vacant land on Nichols across from the Rainbow Disposal plant extending up to the intersection to Warner Ave currently has a zoning of residential. I believe this to be an inappropriate zoning for the site given its proximity to the Rainbow Disposal transfer station. If homes were ever built here, the residents would experience impacts from a large volume of truck traffic traveling down Nichols to Warner from very early in the morning throughout the day, as well as impacts from odors caused by the trash processing at the Rainbow site. Mitigation such as double-paned windows and air conditioning would not really, in my opinion, solve these problems, as many people like to have their windows open to enjoy the mild climate here in Huntington Beach.

Summary:

- **Six years** of continual coordinated and targeted harassment, reported to HBPD, city council members, HB human relations task force, OC Human Relations
- **Lack of leadership** taking a public stand against anti-Asian hate had damaging effect; silence provides environment for more hate
- Speaking up or reporting without support becomes **“pulling the race card”** talking point on social media; response is always that “there is no racism in HB,” “you’re calling the whole city racist”
- Anti-Asian rhetoric and graphics are implied as targeting me, but the reality is I am a **proxy for the real target of this hate: Asian Americans**
- Those participating thought they could “get away with it” because I am white while at the same time using my family as a continual talking point (“white woman with Japanese last name” “fake Japanese lady” “white genocide”)
- Normal opposition to historic preservation projects occurs; **use of anti-Japanese and anti-Asian rhetoric and images is an entirely different message**
- Lack of security, maintenance and care for property by Republic Services also seen as dismissive of the historic significance of Historic Wintersburg; **disregard for Asian American history**
- The goal was to intimidate, create questions about credibility, erase history by dismissing it as significant or important (while national entities determined it significant), divide support, generate opposition, harm reputation, wear down people, and create fear
- No idea why HBPD never appeared to take any action or why some of this wasn’t considered even a hate incident; told at one point they had to wait until “something worse” happened
- Context of multi-year coordinated harassment and hate is a reason the reaction to the fire was to suspect it was arson



Anti-Hate Expansion Project

Commission Meeting Staff Report 4/14/2022

Anti-Hate Expansion Project

Reporting & Access

- ▶ 211OC provider
 - ▶ Improve & increase accessibility
 - ▶ Improve & increase ways to report

Victim Support

- ▶ Establish a comprehensive referral infrastructure
- ▶ Improve victim service & support
- ▶ Direct services accessibility to all hate victims

Education Campaign

- ▶ Multilingual, multicultural & diverse education marketing campaign
- ▶ Highlight the new reporting platform & wraparound services network



Anti-Hate Expansion Project

Project Schedule & Milestones

- ▶ Deliverable 1 – Call Center & Resource Helpline
 - ▶ COMPLETE
- ▶ Deliverable 2 – Online Database
 - ▶ COMPLETE
- ▶ Deliverable 3 – Mobile Reporting Option
 - ▶ COMPLETE
- ▶ Deliverable 4 – Wraparound Services
 - ▶ COMPLETE
- ▶ Deliverable 5 – Outreach & Education Campaign
 - ▶ *IN PROCESS: Tentative roll out June 1st*
- ▶ Deliverable 6 – Comprehensive Report
 - ▶ *IN PROCESS*

Campaign Creative Options

TEXT FONT: Perfect Moment



Perfect Moment Logo

- The calligraphic ink stroke in HURTS US ALL is balanced and proportioned (thin stroke balanced by thick stroke)
- this creates a symmetrical and controlled "vibe" that, while restrained and even-keeled, it still moves the eye from the rigid upright HATE to the rapid "horizontal swoosh" to the fluid HURTS US ALL
- The lasting impression here: **Motion / Action**

TEXT FONT: Dry Brush



Dry Brush Logo

- The dry brush stroke in HURTS US ALL is rough and choppy
- this creates a raw, almost primal visual and emotional "vibe" that makes our mind stop / pause a little longer than we would normally do when reading something like a freeway sign, for example.
- In addition, the rough scratches emphasize the "Hurt" — creating polarizing feelings of "like or don't like" — there's a feeling of discomfort / uneasiness because the strokes (especially H and S) are clearly more aggressive and rough.
- The lasting impression here: **Discomfort / Pain**



Upcoming Events

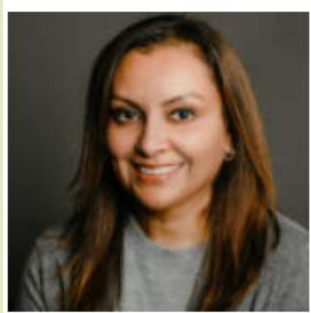
Virtual Community Forums

- Tuesday, April 26 from 9 – 10 AM
- Thursday, April 28 from 5 – 6 PM

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