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Honorable Council Members:

I am honored to recognize the important work of the Historic Wintersburg Preservation Task force in their efforts to preserve the historical landmarks surrounding Wintersburg Village in Huntington Beach.

These four buildings, the Wintersburg Presbyterian Mission, Manse, Furuta House, and Barn that surround the Wintersburg Village, represent an important piece of Californian and American history. They were built by Japanese immigrants in Huntington Beach between 1910 and 1912, before the Alien Land Law was passed in California that prevented immigrants from becoming citizens and owning land.

The Historic Wintersburg Village stands as a tribute to the complicated and sensitive history of the Japanese experience in California and the United States. I commend the efforts to preserve them for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Takano".

Mark Takano
Member of Congress