



**JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE**  
**VENTURA COUNTY CHAPTER**  
P.O. Box 1092, Camarillo, CA 93011

April 14, 2004

The Honorable County Judge & Commissioners  
Jefferson County Commissioners Court  
Jefferson County Courthouse  
1149 Pearl St  
Beaumont TX 77704-4025

Subject: "Jap Road" – Renaming to "Mayumi Road"

Dear County Judge & Commissioners:

The Ventura County Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League in California strongly urges the Jefferson County Commissioners Court to rename "Jap Road" to "Mayumi Road" in Jefferson County.

The term "Jap" in "Jap Road" is extremely offensive to Americans of Japanese descent. Bigots and racists have historically used "Jap" as a racial slur to incite hatred against Japanese Americans. "Jap Road" brings great dishonor to the residents of Jefferson County at the national level by giving the wrong perception that they condone racial bias and discrimination against Japanese Americans.

We request the Jefferson County Commissioners Court to rename "Jap Road" to "Mayumi Road" to honor Yoshio Mayumi, the Japanese American pioneer who had contributed to the economic growth of Jefferson County.

Thank you for your kind consideration of our request.

Sincerely yours

Raymond Chong  
Anti-Hate Crimes Chair

Cc: George Jiro Hirasaki, Houston Chapter, Japanese American Citizens League  
Dee Dixon, The Beaumont Enterprise  
Kenneth Inouye, National Japanese American Citizens League



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April 22, 2004

The Honorable County Judge & Commissioners  
Orange County Commissioners Court  
Orange County Courthouse  
801 W Division St  
Orange TX 77630

Subject: "Jap Lane" – Renaming to "Kishi Lane"

Dear County Judge & Commissioners:

The Ventura County Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League in California strongly urges the Orange County Commissioners Court to rename "Jap Lane" to "Kishi Lane" in Orange County.

The term "Jap" in "Jap Lane" is extremely offensive to Americans of Japanese descent. Bigots and racists have historically used "Jap" as a racial slur to incite hatred against Japanese Americans. "Jap Lane" brings great dishonor to the residents of Orange County at the national level by giving the wrong perception that they condone racial bias and discrimination against Japanese Americans.

We request the Orange County Commissioners Court to rename "Jap Lane" to "Kishi Lane" to honor Kichimatsu Kishi, the Japanese American pioneer who had contributed to the economic growth of Orange County.

Thank you for your kind consideration of our request.

Sincerely yours

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