



THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
Washington, D.C. 20230

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Mr. Nijel L. Binns
The Monument Project

Los Angeles, California 90007

Dear Mr. Binns:

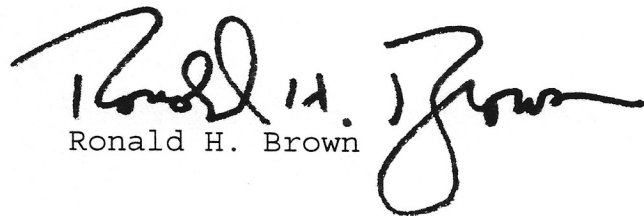
Thank you for your letter describing the Greater Los Angeles Goodwill Monument plan. I share your vision of peace, harmony and tolerance for a Los Angeles that is rich in cultural diversity. I believe we need to explore every opportunity for fostering community healing, and hopefully your ambitious project will serve to help advance that healing.

As you know, however, there are some restrictions on endorsements by government officials of private ventures, no matter how worthy the cause. This is particularly true when there is no direct relationship to the employee's agency and when funds are being solicited, as is the case here.

Therefore, I hope you understand that I cannot provide a strong, unconditional letter of support for the construction project itself. However, I do share your dream of a united future for Los Angeles. Monuments are important symbols of our dedication to peace and harmony.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,


Ronald H. Brown

