

## **Orozco, Norma**

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**Dear Santa Ana City leaders,**

**On behalf of the Orange County Chinese American community, I would like to thank you for formally apologizing for the discriminating practices bestowed on Chinese in Santa Ana from the late 1880s to the early 1900s. Your action means the world to me as I was the person who brought this issue to Councilwoman's Thai Vet Phan's attention on January 14, 2022.**

**Just as the cities of Antioch, CA (April 2021) and San Jose, CA (Sept. 2021) have done, Santa Ana should also dedicate a permanent marker for present and future people to learn from and honor the early Chinese in your city. This is especially appropriate given the increase in Asian violence across the nation.**

**Below is photo of the Antioch's plaque.**



**Just as the National Memorial for Peace and Justice was created in Washington DC, it is important to create a sober and meaningful site where people can gather and reflect on America's history of racial inequality. The creators of that Memorial believes that historical markers memorialize victims of racial terror lynching and can help transform our national landscape into a more honest reflection of the history of America and reflect a community's ongoing commitment to truth-telling and racial justice. A dedicated marker will represent a**

symbolic reminder of the city's efforts to truthfully grapple with painful racial history, challenge injustice where it exists, and vows never to repeat the terror and violence of the past.

As a Chinese American whose ancestors were victims of this injustice, a dedicated marker would right the wrong that they faced.

I thank you for your consideration.

*Cyndie Quin-Soo*

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