



City of Arts & Innovation

Public Comment for April 12, 2017
Metropolitan Museum Board Meeting

Item	Name	Neighborhood	Position	Comments
6. RMM Board Harada House Project Committee	Frances Vasquez	Arlington South		<p>I support the allocation of City resources to establish and maintain a Harada House Museum.</p> <p>The Harada house is a City and National Historic Landmark. It is associated with a historically significant event during World War II, and the notable residents who contributed to the overthrow of the Alien Land Law of 1913.</p> <p>The Harada family was sent to an internment camp during the xenophobia of WW II. The parents did not survive, but the two Harada children returned to their home on Lemon St. Sumi Harada wrote My Mother, March 17, 1943, an elegy to her late mother, "I can see you at the old Eighth Street Restaurant. I can remember at Eighth Street restaurant. I can remember you at Ninth Street, and there at the Lemon Street House."</p> <p>The City of Riverside and we citizens should remember the house on Lemon Street. A Harada House Museum would serve as a historical record, a reminder for future generations that goodwill and citizen activism overcame fear and xenophobia. Thank you.</p>