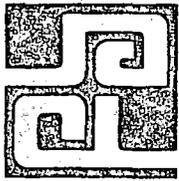


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## JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE

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August 19, 1974

Governor Jimmy Carter  
1974 Campaign Chairman  
Democratic National Committee  
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Dear Jimmy:

Thank you for your letter of July 11, 1974, regarding the efforts of the National Democratic Party to include the interest of groups that have heretofore been neglected by the major political parties.

As a national organization representing 96 grass-roots chapters throughout the U. S., the Japanese American Citizens League is vitally concerned with the type of leadership that we have in this nation. Local leadership many times ignores the needs of minority groups, especially smaller minority groups such as Japanese and Asian Americans. The emphasis on revenue sharing and the dispersal of monies for local political entities for distribution further emphasizes the control of insensitive local politicians who have retained power in our communities at the expense of minority groups for decades.

On a national level, we have found that groups with unique needs and interests such as Americans of Japanese ancestry have been overlooked, and as you say, "superseded by powerful and selfish interest groups"; this includes both major political parties.

Certainly it would be naive to think that without a large constituency a small minority group can have substantive input into the national policies of a major political party. However, I am hopeful that with individuals such as yourself who have a track record of caring for neglected groups, the Democratic Party for 1974 and 1976 will begin to recognize the talents and needs of groups such as ours. I would urge that individuals who are sensitive to the problems of smaller minority groups, specifically a Japanese American, be included in your committee structure so that in policy deliberations, the long, overlooked needs of groups such as ours may have an advocate.

Governor Jimmy Carter

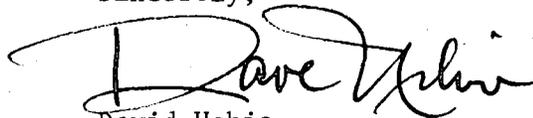
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I would be most pleased to further discuss such developments with you and look forward to a successful Democratic year in 1974 and 1976. Please let me know if I can be of any help in any way. I hope that we can see Japanese Americans involved in the political structure of the Democratic Party at policy levels.

With warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Ushio". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

David Ushio

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