



VIA EMAIL

January 16, 2022

Dear Topaz Museum Board President Jane Beckwith and Board Members Lance Atkinson, Scott Bassett, Kiley Chase, Lorelei Draper, Sherrie Hayashi, Ned Isokawa, Mark Nelson, Rick Okabe, Hisashi Bill Sugaya, Teresa Thompson and Patricia Wakida:

In regards to the meeting via Zoom during the week of January 24 we have been discussing, we will have representatives take part in this meeting. Our representatives will be available on Thursday, January 27, 5 pm PT. Please send us the Zoom link. We look forward to this opportunity to meet and discuss issues of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

Wakasa Memorial Committee

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Claudia Katayanagi, Topaz Descendant

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