

Dear Naoko,

At this moment of fear and great uncertainty in our history, I want you to know that your health and safety remain our highest priority.

During these unprecedented times, when people across the country are being tested to the limits, I also want you to know that JANM is here for you as a constant reminder of the life affirming power of community and shared history.

We stand as a guardian of Japanese American history, a beacon of hope for the richness of diversity, a powerful voice against discrimination and divisiveness, and a vigilant presence to ensure that America does not once again become a hostile and unsafe place for Asian Americans or any other marginalized group.

I would like to update you about the operations at JANM. While our doors remain temporarily shuttered for the coming weeks, our staff continues to be hard at work, from home, to bring you virtual programming that will continue to inspire, educate and help you stay connected. Please find us online at [janm.org](http://janm.org), on social media @jamuseum ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#)), and on [YouTube @janmdotorg](#) for new content every day.

The Board of Trustees and our management team are working on plans to ensure the financial stability of the Museum. We are not alone - many nonprofit organizations face similar situations and hard decisions ahead. We are therefore reviewing all resources available to us from the local, state, and federal levels of government.

We are also heartened by many of you who have continued to support JANM through your membership and have asked for ways to help. Here are a few suggestions:

#### [Membership](#)

Your membership will continue to provide the Museum with support toward our [virtual programs](#), access to [Online Collections](#), and [digital educational resources](#).

#### [Virtual Gala](#)

Our 2020 Virtual Gala and Auction is now virtual and open for anyone to attend.

The [online program](#), [live auction](#), and [Bid for Education](#), will be a new and exciting way to support JANM! We invite you to join us online on Saturday, April 18, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. (PDT).

#### [Donate Online](#)

[A gift in support of JANM](#) will ensure that the Museum is able to continue its tradition of excellence in producing exhibitions, public programs, publications, and educational materials to preserve, interpret, and share the experiences of Japanese Americans.

As always, I am deeply touched by the coming together of the community in times of hardship. Thank you for lifting us up with your steadfast generosity and unwavering commitment to our mission.

With gratitude,

Ann Burroughs

President and CEO

Japanese American National Museum

