Chinese Railroad Workers Historical Memorial Monument

Commemorating 150th Anniversary of the Completion of the Transcontinental Railroad

"Building Something Unforgettable"
Gold Run, California

Completion May 2019













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Sponsorship Request to build Chinese Railroad Workers Historical Memorial Monument at Gold Run 2019

On July 1, 1862 President Lincoln signed the bill passed by Congress to construct the first transcontinental railroad. After 7 years, the first trans-state railway was united at Promontory, Utah on May 10, 1869. The completion of the railroad united America geographically and made United States one of the biggest and strongest economic countries in the world. The Transcontinental Railroad could not have been completed without the participation of thousands of Chinese workers. Between 1865 and 1869, about 12,000 of Chinese migrants were recruited to help construct America's First Transcontinental Railroad. Chinese railroad workers toiled at a grueling pace and in perilous working conditions, encountered many obstacles including blasting through hard granite, harsh winters, hazardous conditions, social Isolation and pay inequality.

2019 marks the 150th Anniversary of the completion of the World's First Transcontinental Railroad. US – China Railroad Friendship Association (UCRFA) and Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial Monument Project Committee would build a memorial monument in Gold Run, California to recognize and commemorate the hard work and diligence of Chinese railroad workers, and those who lost their lives laboring on the Transcontinental Railroad.

We cordially request your generous donation to build Chinese Railroad Workers Historical Memorial Monument at Gold Run 2019, you are welcome to visit www.uschinarfa.org for more information about UCRFA.

Sincerely

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Email: railroad@outlook.com, Phone: 916-928-9988, Fax: 916-678-7555 Non - profit 501 (c) (3) Tax ID No: 30 - 0912185 Between 1865 and 1869, about 12,000 of Chinese migrants were recruited from Guangdong Province in China to help construct America's First Transcontinental Railroad.

Chinese railroad workers toiled at a grueling pace and in perilous working conditions, encountered many obstacles including blasting through hard granite, harsh winters,

hazardous conditions, social Isolation and pay inequality. We pay tribute to the hard work and diligence by the Chinese railroad workers to the

economic development of our nation.

The Chinese Railroad Workers

Memorial Monument Project

Committee leaded by Steven Lee seeks to give a recognized solemn tribute to the Chinese migrants who lost their lives laboring on the

Transcontinental Railroad, which shape the physical and social

landscape of the American West. US – China Railroad Friendship Association fully support the project and will work with project committee to implement the project.









After artist search, artwork exhibition and public vote Professor Xuejun Yang's design was selected as

Monument Design



Professor Xuejun Yang Artist and professor

1979	Middle School of Guangzhou Academy of Fine Arts
1983	Department of Sculpture, Guangzhou Academy of
	Fine Arts
1985	Department of Architecture, South China University
	of Science
Present	Professor, Department of Sculpture, Guangzhou

Professor, Department of Sculpture, Guangzhou

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Member, the Chinese Artists Association, Guangdong Province Artists Association Sculpture Arts Committee, Chinese Sculpture Society, National Urban Sculpture design qualification, the United States government

registered sculptor.

Visit http://yangxuejun.artron.net/ for more information



Monument Location / Site / Rendering

PROJECT SITE







Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial Monument

Timeline



Feb. 2014 Project funded Total budget \$500,000



Oct. 2014
18 artist applicants received

20 Year maintenance \$200,000



Jan. 2016 Professor Xuejun Yang's design wins the public vote



July 2017
Fundraising Tour
- Return to Gold Mountain

Base and landscaping \$200,000



June 2018
Preliminary review design finished



Sept. 2018
Sculpture build started

Fund Received



Feb. 2019

Monument construction starts

Sculpture \$100,000



May 2019
Monument completion
Monument unveiling



Senator Dianne Feinstein Washington, D. C.

February 23, 2015

Mr. Steven Lee Project Founder and Director Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial Monument Project

San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Mr. Lee:

It is with great pleasure that I provide my support for your work on the Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial Monument Project. This memorial aims to recognize the important historic contributions of between 10,000 to 15,000 Chinese railroad workers, who from 1865 to 1869, helped to construct America's First Transcontinental Railroad.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Chinese railroad worker, and it is only fitting to honor these men with a permanent memorial. It is important that all American's know of the contributions the Chinese workers played in building the infrastructure that linked the East and West coasts of America. This monument, located at the Gold Run rest stop off Interstate 80, at Dutch Flats in Placer County, will be an appropriate memorial as well as a tribute to those who lost their lives.

Thank you for your hard work in preserving the history of Chinese railroad workers. I send you my best wishes for success.

Sincerely.

Dianne Feinstein United States Senator

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SENATOR JIM NIELSEN FOURTH SENATE DISTRICT

October 8, 2018

Mr. Steven Lee Project Founder and Director Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial Monument Project 2810 Gough Street, #10 San Francisco, CA 94123

RE: Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial Monument Project Support

Dear Mr. Lee.

It is my distinct pleasure to write this letter of support for the Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial Monument Project that will recognize the historical significance of the contributions of Chinese railroad workers who helped construct America's First Transcontinental Railroad.

It is estimated that 10,000 to 15,000 Chinese workers were involved in the construction of the railroad from 1865 to 1869, and that some 1,200 of these workers lost their lives in the harsh and unforgiving conditions in which they worked. This memorial serves as an important and educational reminder of the critical part the Chinese workers had in constructing the First Transcontinental Railroad that linked the East and West coasts.

As this year marks the 150th anniversary of the Chinese railroad worker, and as a founding member of the Asian Pacific Islander Public Affairs Association, I wholeheartedly endorse this effort to permanently honor these workers. It is my understanding the memorial will be located at the Gold Run rest stop off Interstate 80 at Dutch Flats in Placer County.

In conclusion, I am pleased that this important project is underway and thank you for your part in making sure the Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial Monument Project comes to fruition. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact my Deputy Chief of Staff Robert Olmstead at (916) 772-0571.

Sincerely,

JIM NIELSEN

Senator, Fourth District

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Mr. Steven Lee Project Founder and Director Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial Monument Project 2810 Gough Street, #10 San Francisco, CA 94123

Dear Friends,

It is my great pleasure to support this historic project to commemorate the efforts of the tens of thousands of Chinese migrants who helped construct America's First Transcontinental Railroad.

The Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial Monument Project will recognize the important contribution of the Chinese railroad workers to the State of California and this great nation. Most importantly, it will pay tribute to the estimated 1,200 workers who lost their lives toiling in extremely harsh and unforgiving conditions to build the railroad. The Chinese immigrant experience is an important part of the history of San Francisco. Opportunities for a new life drew tens of thousands of Chinese immigrants to San Francisco in the latter half of the 1800's. Many of these immigrants worked on the building of the Transcontinental Railroad, and many later settled in San Francisco's historic Chinatown.

The State of California has a longstanding commitment to celebrating the remarkable achievements of its immigrant communities. We are proud that the creation of this historic monument will ensure that the sacrifices of the Chinese railroad workers are remembered and not forgotten.

I look forward to commemorating the 150th anniversary of the first Chinese railroad builders in California and to unveiling the new Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial Monument in the summer of 2019.

Sincerely,

DAVID CHIU

Assemblymember, 17th District



March 17, 2015

Mr. Steven Lee Project Founder and Director Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial Monument Project 2810 Gough Street, #10 San Francisco, CA 94123



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Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to endorse the Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial Monument Project, a historic project that will recognize the invaluable contribution of Chinese railroad workers who helped engineer America's First Transcontinental Railroad. This project will also pay tribute to the estimated 1,200 workers who lost their lives toiling in harsh and unforgiving conditions.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the Chinese railroad workers. I am proud that the creation of this monument will ensure that the sacrifices of the Chinese railroad workers will not be forgotten while remembering their contributions toward a critical part of American History.

Congratulations on your work in preserving this history. I look forward to commemorating the 150th anniversary of the first Chinese railroad builders in California and to the unveiling of the new Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial Monument. Best wishes for continued success,

In Peace and Friendship,

Fiona Ma, CPA Member – District 2

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