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## **JACL NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO STEP DOWN**

Washington, D.C. — At the National Board Meeting of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) held last weekend in San Francisco, Floyd Mori announced his retirement from the position of National Executive Director for the JACL. Mori served as interim National Executive Director in late 2006 when ill health forced John Tateishi to leave the post. Mori was appointed as Tateishi's replacement in January 2007. His plans are to leave before the end of the year.

Moving in 2005 from Utah where he was born and raised, Mori came out of semi-retirement as an International Business Consultant to become Director of Public Policy for the JACL in its Washington, D.C. office.

Expressing appreciation for the opportunity to serve in the JACL, Mori stated that it is time for him to step down in order to spend more time with his family and pursue personal interests. He has especially enjoyed the association with other civil rights and Asian American leaders and groups in the Washington, D.C. area and around the country. He has also appreciated working with members of Congress and the White House.

The JACL has gained more visibility and credibility on the national level in recent years. Mori was instrumental in starting a National JACL Gala in the nation's capital. He served as chair of the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA), is on the Executive Committee of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights (LCCR), is a member of the Japanese American Veterans Association (JAVA) and OCA, and has been on many boards and committees.

Mori is credited with an aggressive outreach to the victims of Katrina and the BP oil spill as well as promoting relationships with communities impacted by the hysteria of 9-11. He has strengthened ties with Japan and spearheaded a successful partnership with Direct Relief International in raising funds for the victims of the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan. He has led a drive to collaborate and form partnerships with other organizations. He has also developed corporate relationships which have been financially beneficial to the JACL.

Previously, Mori had served four years as National President of the JACL and four years as a vice president on the JACL national board. Having been involved with the JACL for most of his life, he also served for many years on a JACL chapter board. He has been a Mayor and city councilman of the City of Pleasanton, California, as well as a State Assemblyman and Director of the Office of International Trade for the State of California. He taught Economics at Chabot College in Hayward, California, and was involved in private business in Utah for many years.

The JACL is grateful to Floyd for his dedication and visionary leadership as National Executive Director of the JACL for the past five years. His remarkable experience in business, economics, and politics has greatly impacted the progress of the JACL's advocacy work. The JACL wishes him luck in his retirement and future endeavors.

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