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National JACL Extends Best Wishes to Helen Kawagoe and Hopes for a Speedy Recovery

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San Francisco, CA -- The JACL just recently learned that Helen Kawagoe, city clerk for the city of Carson, California, and a past National President of the JACL, suffered a stroke on September 18, 2011. The city announced on its website September 21 that Kawagoe "is in the hospital, and she is slowly recovering."

Kawagoe was first elected to be Carson's city clerk in 1974 and is only the second person to hold the office since Carson's incorporation in 1968. Kawagoe was National JACL President from 1996 to 2000, following Denny Yasuhara and preceding Floyd Mori.

As reported in the Rafu Shimpo, on September 29, the city reported that Kawagoe "is now in a rehab center and is still recovering from her setback. Visitations remain for family only, and Helen's family has requested everyone's cooperation to assist her during this transition period from the hospital to rehab..."

On October 3, the city said that Kawagoe "is responding to her therapy sessions at the rehab center, and her progress is encouraging. Because Helen is in therapy and deserves her rest, her family requests that her friends refrain from making visits and sending flowers."

The JACL extends its best wishes to Helen for a speedy recovery and hopes that she will soon be back to full health and vitality.

Cards may be sent to: City Clerk's Office, 701 E. Carson Street, Carson, CA 90745. Electronic messages may be sent to Helen by going to: <http://ci.carson.ca.us/forHelen>.

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