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JACL Congratulates President-Elect Obama

Washington, D.C. – The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), the nation's oldest and largest Asian American civil and human rights organization, congratulates Senator Barack Obama on his successful election to become the 44th President of the United States of America. President-Elect Obama and his team ran a very impressive campaign.

The election of Senator Obama brings ethnic minorities a step closer to the time when all people can be looked upon as equals. Although it is unlikely that discrimination and prejudice will ever be completely erased from the earth, Senator Obama's victory is seen as a literal miracle by many. The United States of America is a multi-cultural nation as evidenced by the outcome of this election.

As an important part of the Japanese American history includes the unjust incarceration of over 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II due to racial discrimination, the election of Senator Obama is significant in helping to reiterate that all persons should be treated fairly and equitably. It is time to bring an end to discrimination against people due to the color of their skin or the way they look.

The JACL also acknowledges and thanks Senator John McCain for his many years of dedicated service to this country in various areas of endeavor. He has already given much for all of us. His willingness to continue to serve by running for the nation's highest office is extremely commendable.

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