



CHINESE RECONCILIATION
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**2022 Walk for
Reconciliation
Against Racism
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Dear Friends,

The Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation invites you and your organization to support the 2022 Walk for Reconciliation Against Racism to be held October 29, 2022 in remembrance of the 137th anniversary of the expulsion of Chinese residents from Tacoma by community leaders. Funds raised through sponsorship and private donations will be used to support the expenses of this free community event.

As we have been so powerfully reminded in recent years, Americans of Asian ancestry as well as other people of color have continued to suffer exclusion, discrimination and violence at the hands of those with a very narrow view of what it means to be an American. This march will reverse the path of expulsion and will lead to Tacoma's Chinese Reconciliation Park, which serves as a public place of remembrance and of commitment to a modern Tacoma—a Tacoma that strives for equity as it welcomes the rich culture that forms our community. We hope to show support for inclusion and diversity while combating acts of racism in our community and country.

The event will start in Tollefson Plaza, Tacoma at 10:00 AM and participants will make the 2.5 mile walk to the Chinese Reconciliation Park along the waterfront. Once at the park, the walkers be greeted by performances, remarks and awards for the essay competition. The program will conclude by 2:00 PM.

CRPF serves to inspire communities and provide a model for reconciliation. We invite you to join us in these efforts by providing your financial support for the 2022 Walk for Reconciliation Against Racism.

Sincerely,



Theresa Pan Hosley

President, Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation

The Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation is a 501c3 Organization. Our Tax ID is 91-1647325.

A Brief History of the 1885 Chinese Expulsion

At 9:30 in the morning on that November day, the whistle at the Lister Foundry and those of other factories signaled the coming together of a crowd of what grew to be hundreds of white men. They marched, generally in orderly fashion, to the homes and shops of Chinese on what today are Broadway and Commerce Streets and then down to the waterfront and across the tracks to the Chinese settlement of houses and shops on land leased from the railroad. The buildings were wooden structures, those closest to the water resting partially on pilings and some serving as tenement housing for Chinese laborers.

Shouts and banging on doors ordered the Chinese to gather their belongings and be out of their premises by 1:30 pm. Those who did not leave by that time were routed out by the crowd, and all Chinese were walked to Pacific Avenue, downtown. Later in the afternoon men on horseback and on foot herded the Chinese, including young and old, mostly men but also families with women and children, to the Northern Pacific Railroad depot in Lake View, south of Tacoma.

The day was cold and rainy, the pathways filled with mud, and the distance to Lake View was about 9 miles. In the dark evening, Chinese who were able to purchase tickets on the passenger train that came through were sent south. In the middle of the night a freight train headed south took away more Chinese, as did a later passenger train. The Chinese who did not get on trains were sent walking south. The next day and the day after, white Tacoma residents burned down Chinese homes and businesses.

The economic crisis of the early 1880s fanned the flames of anti-Chinese hysteria all over the country, especially in the west. Even in such an atmosphere, some white citizens of Tacoma, including one very vocal pastor, made an effort to tone down the white anger and stop the rhetoric of intolerance. On the day of the expulsion some white citizens responded to the immediate needs of the expelled Chinese: They brought their carts and other conveyances and gave rides to women, children, and old people headed for Lake View on that windy and wet day and night and provided some food for the Chinese.

The legal system of the time understood that the mob action against the Chinese was wrong, even if justice never really came in the end. Within days of the event the Federal Marshal in Tacoma issued warrants for the arrest of key leaders of the expulsion and started a sequence of indictments and trials that included lawsuits brought by Lum May and a few other Chinese. Findings did not lead to restitution or compensation, although within a few years the U.S. Congress made payments of over \$424,000 to the Chinese government to make amends for the incidents of anti-Chinese violence in Tacoma and other cities in the west. Because the payments went to the Chinese government, those who were the victims of the injustice likely never saw any of the money.

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