



Dear Mr. Amir Hemmat,

On behalf of the California State Assembly, I would like to thank the Farhang Foundation for its work to create and dedicate the Freedom Sculpture in Los Angeles.

The Freedom Sculpture symbolizes a shared dream inspired by the ancient Persian king Cyrus the Great, who 2,500 years ago led with principles of individual freedom, religious diversity and multicultural inclusiveness. It is that same dream that has brought generations of immigrants to California, where nearly 40 million people of all ethnicities, cultures and religions have come to live together in harmony.

In that spirit, the Freedom Sculpture is the ideal monument to represent what California embodies as the most populous state in our union – a state which actively embraces and values diversity as the core strength of our nation.

As Assembly Speaker and a resident of Los Angeles County, I'm proud to have the Freedom Sculpture placed here in Los Angeles, and I sincerely thank the Iranian-American community for leading the diverse group of supporters who have come together to make this monument a reality.

Sincerely,

ANTHONY RENDON
Speaker of the Assembly