



Proposal to Install a Torii Gate Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Sister City Relationship between El Dorado County and Warabi City, Japan

The torii gate is a traditional Japanese structure dating back to the 10th century. It symbolizes the passage from the mundane world into a sacred spiritual realm. As a symbol of the sister city partnership, the two pillars of the torii can be seen as representing our two peoples, with the crossbeams holding the pillars together, just as the sister city relationship joins our communities.

The torii gate embodies the profound connections forged between our cities over the past 50 years. Through shared celebrations, meals, laughter, new friendships, and even losses, a sacred bond has been created between our peoples from distant lands and differing cultures. This bond has allowed individuals to come together, share their lives, and create lasting memories and connections that enrich both the individual and the collective.

The torii gate will stand as a symbol of the past, present, and future lives that have been and will continue to be touched and enriched by the shared experiences of our two sister cities, united through agreement, understanding, and a deep spirit of community.



## Torii Proposal Notes:

-Stairs from parking lot estimated to have 10 steps with rise and run of 6" by 13.5" (comfortable) and platform depth of 24"

-If the city/county is interested in pursuing the Torii proposal, more detailed plans can be provided for site plan, construction, and updated project costs.

## Torii Proposal: Cost Calculations

-Concrete (steps & Torii base): 13 cu yds @ \$175ea = \$2,275

-Wood materials for Torii @ 14'H x 10'W = \$1,600

-Fuel for heavy equipment: est. \$250

-Labor and heavy equipment: Daren C. George Construction, out of Diamond Springs, has committed to donating his time and the use of his heavy equipment for this project. Daren has been in business for 24 years in cement and heavy equipment.

**Total estimate for Torii gate and stairs: \$4K-\$5K**

## Expanded vision for the Library Area / Torii project:

The size, shape, and contour of the area in front of the library could lend itself well to a sort of a fusion of Japanese garden and amphitheater. Simple stadium style cement seats could be dispersed, facing the current stage, with space for one or two people.

Garden Walls (see attached): Sections of wall, approximately 10ft long, 6ft high, could be constructed around the ridge of the grassy area. They could be installed as freestanding panels with gaps of approximately 3ft. Installation could be staggered to accommodate budgeting.

Maintenance / Longevity: Ideally the Japanese Roofed Fence style panels could be framed in treated timbers and the main panels to be made of stucco / cement. This would give them a 50 to 80 yr life.

Pathways could be stamped cement, stone, or ideally using pervious concrete for its multitude of benefits.



**Figure 1 Torii proposal site**



Existing site before construction