

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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## Freedom Sculpture

On behalf of the State of California, I congratulate the organizers of the Freedom Sculpture project – the Farhang Foundation – upon its official unveiling in Los Angeles.

The Freedom Sculpture is inspired by the noble principles of Cyrus the Great of Persia, who 2,500 years ago ensured individual freedom, religious diversity and multicultural inclusiveness for all under his rule. These are the same rights that our Founding Fathers enshrined in the U.S. Constitution for all Americans. As such, the Freedom Sculpture is the ideal monument to represent what California embodies, a state which actively embraces and values diversity.

I thank the Iranian-American community for leading the diverse group of supporters who have come together to make this monumental gift a reality.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR