

## **S. Floyd Mori**

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S. Floyd Mori was born in Murray, Utah. He grew up on a farm and graduated from Jordan High School. After graduation, he served for six months on active duty at Fort Ord, California, with the United States Army Reserves and later was honorably discharged.

Mori entered college at the University of Southern California (USC). He interrupted his college studies to serve a two-year mission to Hawaii for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He then attended Brigham Young University (BYU) from which he received a Bachelors degree in Economics and Asian Studies. He received a Masters degree from BYU in Economics and Political Science.

He taught Economics at Chabot College in Hayward, California, for ten years. He was on the Faculty Senate, taught religious education classes, was advisor to student clubs, and was a member of several professional organizations.

He was elected to the City Council of Pleasanton, California, in 1972 and later served as Mayor of Pleasanton. He was elected to the California State Assembly in March 1975 and served for six years in that capacity. He was later Director of the Office of International Trade for the State of California. He has been an International Business Consultant for over thirty years and has owned a golf business.

Mori has held various local and national positions for the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), including National President and Vice President. He joined the JACL staff in 2005 as the Director of Public Policy followed by service as the National Executive Director/CEO of the JACL. Upon retirement from the JACL in 2012, he received the title of National Executive Director Emeritus. He was the President/CEO of the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) in Washington, D.C., retiring in 2018 and returning to Utah.

He serves on the Comcast NBCUniversal Joint Diversity Council and on several different boards, including for the National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism, APIA Vote, and the Independent Voters Project. He has been on a board for the Japanese American National Museum (JANM) and was on the Executive Council of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. He was chair of the National council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA). He has served with many civil rights and ethnic advocacy groups.

He has received various awards, including Outstanding Citizen Achievement Award from OCA National, Community Leadership Award from APAICS, and the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette Award from the Government of Japan. He has held many church, civic, and political volunteer positions. He is a sports fan and an avid golfer.

He has spoken numerous times over the years to various groups about the Japanese American and Asian American experience. He has published a book entitled, *The Japanese American Story As Told Through a Collection of Speeches and Articles*, along with other books available at Amazon, [www.thejapaneseamericanstory.com](http://www.thejapaneseamericanstory.com)