



## **Shiva-Vishnu Temple**

*Om Namah Shivaya Om Namo Narayanaya*

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# **An Appeal to Devotees Ganesha Idols For Immersion In The Sea**

The Temple must comply with the strict Laws of the State of California and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The Temple **WILL ONLY ACCEPT** for *Nimajjanam (immersion) in the Sea* the Idols that are made of biodegradable and eco-friendly materials.

- The Temple **will only accept** idols made of Paper-mache or soft clay.
- The Temple **will only accept** idols Colored with water-soluble vegetable dye.

The Temple **WILL NOT ACCEPT** for *Nimajjanam (immersion) in the Sea* the Idols that are made of non-biodegradable and non eco-friendly materials.

- The Temple **will not accept** idols made of baked clay or plaster of Paris.
- The Temple **will not accept** idols colored with lead paint.
- The Temple **will not accept** idols containing metals such as lead, cadmium, chromium, mercury or nickel.
- The Temple **will not accept** idols made of anything that is toxic or non-biodegradable.

The pollutants after immersion of idols that take several months to dissolve poison the water causing damage to the ecosystem, fish, and other small marine animals and causing life threatening diseases.

When you bring the idol to the Temple, please contact the front office desk personnel (in the trailer) who will either accept or reject the idol based on visual inspection. Later, he/she will direct you to take the idol to the Temple priest as appropriate. The idol must be small in size (say the maximum size is about 6" tall x 4" wide x 3" thick).

***The idol not accepted will NOT BE TAKEN TO THE SEA for immersion. The Temple will reserve its right to REJECT the idol if there is a suspicion about the material of its construction.***

Please cooperate by COMPLYING with the above requirements so that the immersion of Ganesha idols in the sea will **NOT BE REJECTED** by the Law Enforcing Officer at the Sea.

Thank you for your cooperation,

HCCC Management

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