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Renaming Cesar Chavez Day to Farmworkers Day in Recognition of Farmworkers'

Resilience and Contributions

Communities across California, Los Angeles County, and the nation are grappling with profound pain following recent survivor testimonies, including those shared by labor leader Dolores Huerta, describing abuse involving Cesar Chavez. These accounts, coming to light after decades, are deeply troubling and underscore a fundamental truth: sexual violence has long harmed women and young girls, and accountability must never be secondary to any movement, legacy, or individual. Centering survivors requires listening with care, responding with integrity, and ensuring their voices are neither dismissed nor overshadowed.

At the same time, this moment calls for clarity in how we honor history. The farmworker movement was never the work of a single individual. It was built by generations of farmworkers whose labor, organizing, and sacrifice transformed working conditions and expanded rights for workers across the country. Leaders such as Dolores Huerta and Larry Itliong, alongside countless other farmworkers, helped lead a movement rooted in dignity, collective action, and justice. Their contributions, past and

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present, must remain at the center of how this history is remembered.

Farmworkers continue to sustain California's economy and feed communities across the nation, often while facing hazardous conditions, economic insecurity, and limited protections. Honoring their legacy requires more than recognition. It demands a continued commitment to improving working conditions, strengthening protections, and advancing the well-being of the workers and families who remain essential to our food system.

On March 19, 2026, Speaker of the California State Assembly Robert Rivas and State Senate President pro Tempore Monique Limón announced forthcoming legislation to rename the state holiday honoring Cesar Chavez as Farmworkers Day. They stated, "This holiday will be a time for California to honor the past, reflect on the present, and renew our collective dedication to equity and justice for farmworkers." They also noted that state leaders will work with local governments and school districts to align related laws and statutes.

As the County of Los Angeles considers its role in this moment, we remain steadfast in centering survivors, acknowledging the full complexity of this history, and uplifting the enduring contributions of farmworkers whose work, resilience, and advocacy continue to shape our communities.

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WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors suspend Section 22.1 of the Rules of the Board for the limited purpose of considering this motion.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Chief Executive Office (CEO) and County Counsel, to rename the County holiday honoring Cesar Chavez as Farmworkers Day, in alignment with recent actions by the California Legislature to acknowledge the legacy of farmworkers, address ongoing challenges, and reaffirm our commitment to their dignity and rights, beginning this year, and annually thereafter.
2. Direct CEO to issue guidance to all County departments and agencies regarding the March 30, 2026 County holiday and related events, including:
 - a. Removing the name and likeness of Cesar Chavez from all County holiday-related events, communications, and materials, and updating existing materials accordingly.
 - b. Refocusing any events that proceed on themes of farmworker justice, labor rights, and community service.

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