

# ATTACHMENT A



## City of Phoenix Office of Mayor Kate Gallego

**To:** Phoenix City Council **Date:** March 18, 2026  
**From:** Mayor Kate Gallego  
Councilmember Laura Pastor  
Councilmember Betty Guardado  
**Subject:** March 25 Formal Meeting Item Request

We are heartbroken and deeply disturbed by recent reports detailing horrific acts of abuse against young girls and women. Our thoughts are first and foremost with the victims and survivors, whose courage and pain must be recognized with care, respect, and unwavering support. No acknowledgment or public action can undo that harm, but we must ensure that their experiences are not overlooked or minimized.

For many years, Cesar Chavez has been recognized for his contributions to labor rights and social justice. The City of Phoenix has honored his legacy through a holiday and by naming public facilities after him. However, the gravity of these allegations requires us to reassess those honors through the lens of our community's core values, including dignity, safety, and respect for all, especially the most vulnerable.

We believe the City has a responsibility to ensure that the individuals we formally honor reflect those values. In light of these reports, we must take thoughtful but decisive steps forward.

As a result, we respectfully request that you place an item on the March 25 Formal Agenda to (1) rename the City's March 31, 2026 holiday as Farmworkers Day and begin the process to rename or replace the holiday on a permanent basis; (2) begin the process to rename all City facilities that currently bear Chavez's name; and, (3) remove City street signs that honor Chavez.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

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