



# The Senate of Texas

**César J. Blanco**  
Texas Senator  
District 29

June 21, 2022

City of El Paso  
ATTN: Honorable Mayor Leaser  
300 N Campbell St,  
El Paso, TX 79901

**Re: Letter of Support to designate March 31 of each year as an official City of El Paso Holiday in honor of César Chavez**

Dear Mayor Leaser and Council Members,

I am writing to express my support of the City of El Paso's proposition to designate March 31 of each year as an official City of El Paso holiday. Cesar Chavez Day is already a U.S. federally commemorative holiday and an optional Texas state public holiday celebrating his birthday while serving as a tribute to his commitment to social justice and respect for human dignity.

Cesar Chavez's efforts represent more than attempts to unionize farm workers. His leadership sought to support the nation's poorest and most powerless workers who struggled to feed their families while often going hungry. Furthermore, these highly underrepresented laborers were subject to wretched working conditions, systemic racism, and extensive exploitation. The grape strike and boycott bolstered the more significant Chicano Movement seeking to expand civil rights and empower Mexican-descent people in the United States.

It is fitting that Cesar Chavez Day is designated as an official City of El Paso holiday, which will allow for the commemoration and celebration of his lifelong struggle for justice.

I applaud the efforts of the City of El Paso's administrators and their dedication to honoring civil rights activists who sought progress and prosperity for our communities. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with me at 915-595-5955.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cesar J. Blanco".

César J. Blanco  
Texas State Senator  
Senate District 29

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