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**STATEMENT BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PADILLA ON ISSUANCE OF CESAR E.
CHAVEZ POSTAGE STAMP**



LOS ANGELES – City Council President Alex Padilla made the following statement today regarding the United States Postal Service’s issuance of the Cesar E. Chavez postage stamp:

“Cesar Chavez fought for working people by unionizing farm workers – the people who put food on our table each day - to give them the same rights as workers in other industries.

“Reflecting upon his life, Cesar Chavez said that while forming United Farm Workers was important, he didn’t want to stop there. During the many struggles fought on behalf of working people, Chavez knew that people who have a strong spirit can’t be stopped, and they can change the world.

“Cesar Chavez fought for those who didn’t have a voice. He fought for the poor, the downtrodden, and the forgotten. We will not forget his legacy. We will not forget what he fought for.

“I applaud the United States Postal Service for paying tribute to Cesar Chavez with the issuance of a postage stamp bearing his name and likeness.”

Chavez helped to organize the first-ever American farm workers union, which helped farm workers receive fair wages, medical coverage, pension benefits, and improved living conditions.

The 37-cent Chavez stamp, painted by Robert Rodriguez, is based on a 1976 photograph of Chavez taken by Bob Fitch and provided by the Cesar E. Chavez Foundation.

The Chavez stamp, as well as other postal products, are available by calling 1 800 STAMP 24 or by visiting the USPS philatelic web site at www.usps.com/shop.

The 7th Council District serves the communities of Lake View Terrace, Mission Hills, North Hills, Pacoima, Panorama City, and Sylmar.

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