



COUNCIL AGENDA: 04-24-07  
ITEM: 3.6

## *Memorandum*

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**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Lee Price, MMC  
City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** SUPPORT POSITION FOR  
HR 359 (SOLIS), THE CESAR  
ESTRADA CHAVEZ STUDY ACT

**DATE:** April 18, 2007

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### RECOMMENDATION

As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on April 18, 2007, adopt position for H.R. 359 (Solis) the Cesar Estrada Chavez Study Act as outlined in the attached memo previously submitted to and approved by the Rules & Open Government Committee.



# MEMORANDUM

TO: Rules Committee

FROM: Vice Mayor Dave Cortese

SUBJECT: H.R. 359

DATE: April 12, 2007

APPROVED:

DATE:

4/12/07

## RECOMMENDATION

I recommend the City of San Jose adopt a support position for H.R. 359 (Solis), the Cesar Estrada Chavez Study Act.

## BACKGROUND

The Cesar Chavez Study Act, introduced into the House of Representatives on January 9, 2007, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of sites (focused primarily in California and Arizona) associated with the life of Cesar Chavez and the farm labor movement. The results of the study would be utilized in determining appropriate methods for preserving and interpreting the sites and whether any of the sites qualify for listing on the National Register of Historic Places or designation as official historic landmarks. This study would be coordinated with the Cesar Chavez Foundation, the UFW and state and local historic preservation entities.

Although Cesar Chavez started and concluded his life near Yuma, Arizona, much of his passion and spirit to rid the world of social injustice through nonviolent means was borne from his time here in San Jose. Our city has made strong efforts to honor Chavez' life and work. Support of H.R. 359 will only solidify San Jose's commitment to preserving his legacy and inculcating his teachings upon future generations.

H.R. 359 has 65 cosponsors including Congressman Mike Honda and Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren. A companion bill, S.R. 327 (McCain), was introduced on January 17, 2007. Both bills have been referred to committee for further review.