

Resolution Supporting the reappointment of Dolores Huerta to the University of California Board of Regents

WHEREAS: Dolores C. Huerta, the most prominent Mexican-American female labor leader in the United States, is the co-founder with Cesar Chavez of the United Farm Workers of America (UFW), and was Cesar Chavez's most trusted advisor for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS: beginning in the 1960's, Dolores Huerta lobbied in Sacramento and Washington D.C., organized field strikes, directed UFW boycotts, led farm worker campaigns for political candidates and has played a major role in the American civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS: together with Cesar Chavez, Dolores Huerta founded the Robert F. Kennedy Medical Plan, the Juan De La Cruz Farm Worker Pension Fund, the Farm Workers Credit Union, and the National Farm Workers Service Center Inc., a community based affordable housing and Spanish-language radio communications organization; and

WHEREAS: Dolores Huerta has had bestowed upon her the California State Senate's Outstanding Labor Leader Award, the ACLU Roger Baldwin Medal of Liberty Award, the Eugene V. Debs Foundation Outstanding American Award, the Ellis Island Medal of Freedom Award, the Consumer's Union Trumpeter's Award, Ms. Magazine's "Woman of the Year" for 1998, and was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS: Dolores Huerta was recently appointed to the Board of Regents of the University of California; and

WHEREAS: it is crucial that the citizens of California continue to have Dolores Huerta on the Board of Regents; now, therefore be it **RESOLVED**, that the City of San José hereby supports the reappointment of Dolores Huerta to the University of California Board of Regents and urges Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to re-appoint Dolores Huerta as regent.