

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A g e n d a R e v i s i o n s a n d S u p p l e m e n t a l s

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August 13, 2024

PRESENTATIONS

Supervisor Sarmiento will be presenting a resolution proclaiming August 2024 as “Chicano Heritage Month”

THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS HAVE HAD CHANGES TO THEIR RECOMMENDED ACTIONS SINCE RELEASE OF THE AGENDA TO THE PUBLIC:

Item: None

S u p p l e m e n t a l I t e m (s)

None



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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Chairman Donald P. Wagner, Third District
FROM: Vicente Sarmiento, Supervisor Second District
DATE: July 30th, 2024
Subject: Presentation Item for August 13, 2024, Board of Supervisors Meeting

CLERK OF THE BOARD
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In Reply for DW
Vicente Sarmiento

Supervisor Sarmiento requests a presentation be added to the agenda for the August 13, 2024, Board of Supervisors meeting. The title should read:

Supervisor Sarmiento will be presenting a *resolution* recognizing the Month of August 2024 as "Chicano Heritage Month."

Chicano Heritage Month

By the authority of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the following resolution is hereby issued:

WHEREAS, Chicano Heritage Month is celebrated in August to recognize the significant contributions of Mexican Americans to the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, "Chicano" or "Chicana" is sometimes used interchangeably with "Mexican American," that was reclaimed by ethnic Mexicans in the 1960s and 1970s to express political empowerment, ethnic solidarity, and pride in being of Indigenous descent; and

WHEREAS, the Chicano Movement, or El Movimiento, was a social and political movement in the United States inspired by prior acts of resistance among people of Mexican descent, that worked to embrace a Chicano/Chicana identity and worldview that combated structural racism, encouraged cultural revitalization, and achieved community empowerment through advocacy work of individuals like Vickie Castro, Ruben Salazar, Corky Gonzales, Gonzalo Mendez, William Guzman, Lorenzo Ramirez, Dolores Huerta, and others; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, the Supreme Court issued a landmark ruling in *Mendez v. Westminster School District of Orange County* that declared school segregation of Mexican Americans illegal; and

WHEREAS, Orange County resident Ruben Salazar, a significant civil rights advocate, was the first Mexican-American columnist for the *Los Angeles Times*, and the first journalist to shed light on the Chicano community through mainstream media; and

WHEREAS, Emigdio Vasquez, from Orange, California, was known as the "Godfather of Hispanic artists", and painted over 30 public murals in central Orange County, with a notable contribution visible at the former OCTA Bus Terminal in Santa Ana, CA; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the city of Santa Ana, California, was the first major city in the United States to declare August as "Chicano Heritage Month"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana and the Orange County 2nd Supervisorial District host Chicano Heritage Festivals and events to gather the community to celebrate the rich Mexican American History that shaped the communities we know and love through cultural performances, art, education, and various activities; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2019 American Community Survey, people from Mexico comprised 11.3 percent of the foreign-born population in the United States. Chicanos/Chicanas have been a long-standing part of the culture of the United States, with an undeniable influence in education, public safety, infrastructure, economic development, culinary arts and governance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS proclaim the Month of August as Chicano Heritage Month and encourage residents to join in acknowledging and celebrating the cultural diversity in our community.