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Councilmember, District 4

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Councilmember, District 7

CONSENT CALENDAR  
March 29, 2011

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmembers Jesse Arreguín and Kriss Worthington

Subject: Proclamation congratulating the winners of the 2011 César E. Chávez Commemoration Writing Contest

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a proclamation to be awarded to the winners of the 2011 César E. Chávez Commemoration Writing Contest

BACKGROUND:

As a part of the 2011 César E. Chávez Commemorative Period, the Berkeley Unified School District is hosting the 2011 César E. Chávez Commemoration Writing Contest, which invites BUSD students from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade to write about the impact that César Chávez has had on our world today. The deadline for essay submission is Thursday, March 31, 2011 and essays for each grade level will be judged by a panel of BUSD, City of Berkeley and community representatives. BUSD will announce the winners the week of April 11, 2011 and the winners will be honored at a reception on April 26, 2011.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

NONE.

CONTACT PERSON:

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Attachments:

1. Proclamation

## 2011 CÉSAR E. CHÁVEZ COMMEMORATION WRITING CONTEST

**WHEREAS**, César E. Chávez - labor leader, civil rights advocate, and prophet of non-violence - gave a voice to farm workers who labor in the fields to put food on our tables; and

**WHEREAS**, César Chávez was deeply committed to the values of service to others; sacrifice; a preference to help the most needy; determination; non-violence; tolerance; respect for life; celebrating community; knowledge; and innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2001, recognizing the many important contributions that Cesar Chavez made, improving the lives of farm workers and fighting for social justice and equality, the State of California declared March 31<sup>st</sup> as Cesar Chavez Day, to promote service to the communities of California in honor of Chavez's life and work; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Berkeley has recognized the period of March 21, 2011 to April 23, 2011 as the Cesar E. Chavez Commemorative Period, and a number of educational and service oriented events have been planned in Berkeley to honor the life and work of Cesar Chavez; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the César E. Chávez Commemorative Period, the Berkeley Unified School District is hosting the 2011 César E. Chávez Commemoration Writing Contest; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the contest is to educate Berkeley students about the life and work of Cesar Chavez and to encourage reflection on what his life and legacy means to them and how we can learn from Chavez's example of non-violent social change and service to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, many students submitted articulate and thoughtful essays about the impact that César Chávez has had on our world today; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Berkeley City Council hereby extends its appreciation to the many students who participated in the writing contest, and specifically wishes to recognize and congratulate

**[NAME]**

as a winner of the 2011 César E. Chávez Commemoration Writing Contest.

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