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### NEWS RELEASE

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### **Welcome to the 28th Annual César E. Chávez Commemorative Celebration 2022 Youth Hall of Fame Awards Presentation**

(Martinez, CA) – The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors will honor César E. Chávez in a celebration recognizing his commitment to social justice and respect for human dignity. The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual César E. Chávez Commemorative Celebration will be on Tuesday, **March 29, 2022**, at 11 am in Board Chambers at 1025 Escobar Street in Martinez. Community members can also join the event live on Contra Costa Television channels and the [County's website](http://www.contracosta.ca.gov).

"We honor César E. Chávez and recognize his legacy of fighting injustice and improving the lives of farmworkers, their families, and so many others. We are inspired to once again commit ourselves to service to others," said Board Chair, Supervisor Karen Mitchoff. "We recognize our 2022 Youth Hall of Fame awardees whose commitment to service and community are to be applauded."

The theme for this year's celebration is *Advancing Our Generations with Unity – Avanzando Nuestras Generaciones con Unidad*. Joining the celebration will be three featured speakers who make a difference in Contra Costa County: Ruth Fernandez, Executive Director, First 5 Contra Costa; Kiku Johnson, Executive Director, Rainbow Community Center; and, Marivel Mendoza-Matheu, President & Co-Founder, Hijas del Campo.

The event will include presentation of the 2022 Youth Hall of Fame Awards to students who make outstanding community contributions, live musical performances from Mariachi Monumental and Ballet Folklórico Netzahualcoyotl, and celebratory remarks from members of the Board of Supervisors.

Here are the County's 2022 Youth Hall of Fame Award winners:

#### **High School Awardees:**

Good Samaritan: Carolyn Considine, Campolindo High School

Volunteerism: Jake Hammerman, Campolindo High School

Perseverance: Mark Rainier Catapusan, Ygnacio Valley High School

Teamwork: Namratha Kasalanati, Campolindo High School

Leadership & Civic Engagement: Seena Farhadi, Northgate High School

#### **Middle School Rising Stars:**

Good Samaritan Rising Star: Sohan Emani, Diablo Vista Middle School

Volunteerism Rising Star: Alice Zeitler, Montessori Family School (El Sobrante)

Leadership & Civic Engagement Rising Star: Krish Veluthakkal, Sequoia Middle School

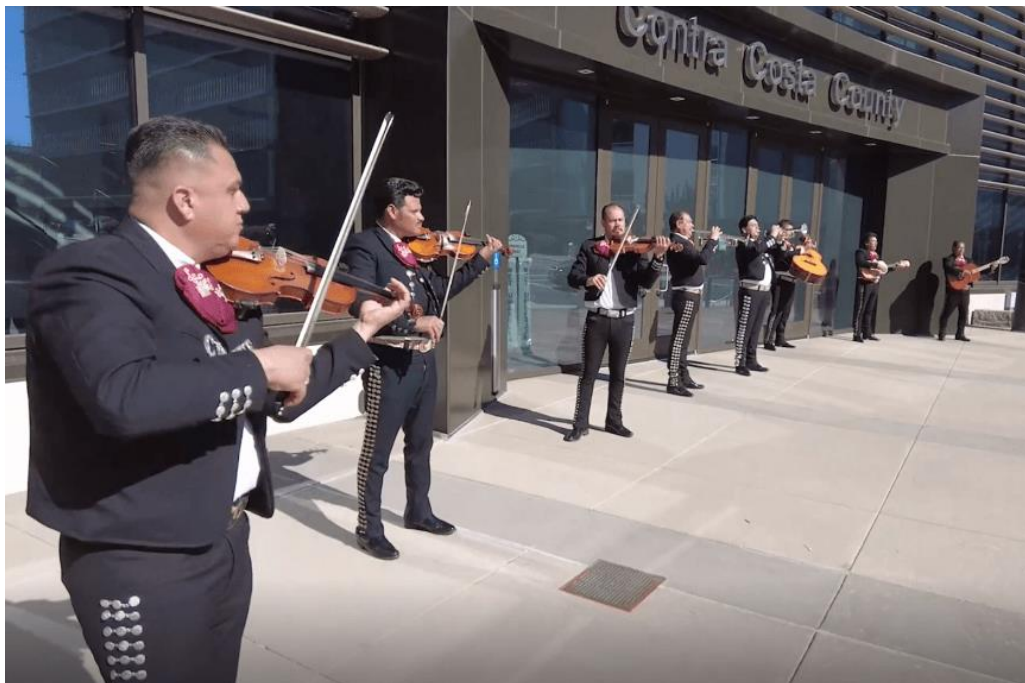
The annual celebration honors the diversity and richness of our community. To learn more about César E. Chávez Ceremony, visit <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/6039> on the Contra Costa County website. The community can also watch the event live online at [www.contracosta.ca.gov/6086](http://www.contracosta.ca.gov/6086) or [www.contracostatv.org](http://www.contracostatv.org). The celebration will broadcast live on Contra Costa Television channels: Comcast Cable 27, ATT/U-Verse 99, and Astound 32.

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Photos from Contra Costa County:



Ballet Folklórico Netzahualcoyotl dancers perform accompanied by Mariachi Monumental in 2021



Mariachi Monumental musicians perform at the County's César E. Chávez Commemorative Celebration in 2021