

The allegations against Cesar Chavez reported by the New York Times and shared by Dolores Huerta are extremely troubling. Our thoughts are with the survivors who have come forward to share their stories and all survivors of sexual assault whose traumas may be resurfaced by the public discussion of these alleged crimes.

In light of the information that has been reported, we are taking steps to remove his name from events already scheduled in recognition of Cesar Chavez Day in order to place the emphasis on the farmworker movement rather than the individual.

Our District has long been connected to Cesar Chavez via holidays, building names, murals, and programs. While we have already begun the process of removing temporary installations, such as pole banners, that bear his name, any formal name changes will require Board of Trustees approval. This is the start of a robust conversation we will have with our community about how best to address the issue going forward.

