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TO CITY COMMISSIONERS

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 Date: June 23, 2009 7:46:24 AM PDT
 To: "Eric Fruits" <info@save39th.com>

Eric,

Best of luck tonight. Hold their feet to the fire, this is suppose to be a democracy, government should not over rule the will of the people.

I think council is trying to honor Mr Chavez and the Latino community but there is a huge misunderstanding concerning the Hispanic community as if we are this monolithic group that feels the same and has the same we history. I'm a Hispanic immigrant, but my particular group does not identify with Mr Chavez, my people by enlarge came here and worked in factories, banks, etc, not farms. We appreciate what he did to help others but I don't have any more an affection fo him then Martin Luther King or Abraham Lincoln. Renaming the street doesn't make me feel more honored. It would be an honor for the Mexican community, but not the "Hispanic" or "Latino" community because we all have our own heroes. So the whole argument that this is an important act to honor the Latinos is really sort of racist in its own way because we are not a race, we are an ethnic group that shares "some" common culture and "some" similar history.

In case you wonder, I did already made this point to the council early I this process. And I think it would be great to name something after Mr. Chavez, but not against the will of the majority. We came here for democracy and so what I care about at the end of the day is that this is a true democratic process where the majority of the people's will is what wins.

I won't be there tonight, but again if you are in the majority, then best of luck.
 Steve Trujillo

-----Original Message-----

From: Eric Fruits [<mailto:info@save39th.com>]
 Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2009 7:21 AM
 To: Eric Fruits
 Subject: TONIGHT: City Council hearing on Historic 39th Avenue

HELP SAVE HISTORIC 39TH TONIGHT @ 6PM!

SOME TIPS:

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- Stay focused. This is about Historic 39th and only Historic 39th.
- Tell YOUR story. How will renaming affect YOUR business, YOUR life, and YOUR sense of place?
- Be polite, be respectful. Renaming proponents have a history of name-calling. Do NOT let name-calling get to you. You must represent the side of calm, reason, and justice. This will be more difficult as the night goes on and everyone gets tired.
- Do NOT let yourself be baited by Commissioners or by the other side. Some Commissioners like to ask if you think renaming will turn the street into a ghetto. The only correct answer is NO.
- Be prepared for a long hearing. Council has scheduled 4 hours for the hearing and it may go longer.

- Food and drink are not allowed in Council chambers, but you can eat in the hallway outside. If you want more than water, you should bring it with you.

HEARING DETAILS:

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City Council Hearing on renaming Historic 39th Avenue
Portland City Hall - 1221 SW 4th Avenue
Tuesday, June 23, 2009, 6pm
(Sign up sheet for testimony will be available at 5pm)
One click email submission at <http://www.save39th.com/?p=79>

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 Subject: **Fw: Testimony opposing renaming 39th Avenue**
 Date: June 23, 2009 3:37:58 PM PDT
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Eric -- have another meeting tonight but submitted this testimony to the council members.
 Best wishes. Marcia

--- On Tue, 6/23/09, marcia leslie <mmac_les@yahoo.com> wrote:

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 Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2009, 3:34 PM

Because of a prior meeting commitment I will be unable to attend the council meeting this evening. Please accept this testimony in my absence (name & address at the end).

All of his adult life Cesar Chavez witnessed first-hand the harsh, unfair and degrading way huge corporate farms and growers treated their migrant laborers. He had always been taught to treat other people fairly and with respect, and to be non-violent in his struggles. He spent his adult life working to obtain fair working and living conditions for all farm laborers, and to end racial and economic discrimination in both rural and urban areas. He is credited with achieving dignity, respect, fair benefits, safer working conditions and humane living conditions for hundreds of thousands of farmworkers.

Having read Attachment A to the proposed Ordinance, some of the arguments on both sides are more emotional than substantive. In recent weeks I've reviewed multiple biographies on Cesar Chavez which document the fact that he does deserve to be honored in some way. Renaming a street, however, **DIS**honors him and all he stood for. Special interest groups (mainly CECBC) and big corporations (in this case the city government), are taking away the dignity and respect of the "laborers" --- the businesses and residents living along 39th Avenue --- causing financial hardship and disrupting business operations that doesn't just affect them, but has a ripple effect all across the country and anywhere else where their addresses are in mailing lists and systems that will have to be changed with related expense by those list-holders. More than 12 years ago a local genealogical library moved, and moved again 5 years later. Despite dozens of requests there are, to this day, some lists that still show the original address.

Don Hanson pointed out Portland's growth and the need to honor more recent

historical figures. His point is valid, but it should not be done by erasing previous figures from history or renaming existing streets. Rather than revise current guidelines to make street renaming easier, consideration should be given to establishing a list of street names to be used when new streets are constructed, to avoid the hardship and ill-will created by the renaming process. Unless the city is willing (and able) to underwrite the cost to everyone involved, including loss of revenue caused by the change, it should not mandate renaming an established street.

In the Metro section of the May 31, 2009 Oregonian, Paul Chavez talked of his father's achievements and questions that renaming a street would further the causes his father had devoted his life to. The fact that CECBC has worked for two years to rename a street shows their tunnel vision and lack of understanding of what Cesar Chavez truly stood for. Maybe they need to rethink the "challenge" they are advocating, and quit acting like the arrogant, discriminating corporations Chavez fought all his life.

There is a local school for homeless children, many of them children of migrant workers. What a fitting honor it would be to name this school for him, and establish scholarships in his name for the graduates to further their education --- something Cesar was unable to do.

THAT is the way to make history and to further his causes. Or, how about renaming the nearly-completed Saturday Market with it's organic produce and wonderful crafts and, often, fiesta atmosphere. Not as good an idea as a school, but would definitely honor the man and fulfill everything Don Hanson advocated in his letter.

The fact that a street CAN be renamed, doesn't mean that it should be !!!

Thank you. Marcia Leslie
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To the Mayor and City Commissioners,

My name is Janet Baker and I've lived on NE 39th for twenty years. It is the first and only home I've owned. I thank my lucky stars that I landed on 39th Avenue because there is an incredibly strong sense of community on this street. When I moved here it was a mix of newcomers like me and people like my next door neighbors, an elderly couple who had lived in their house for more than fifty years. Over the years most of these older folks, including my next door neighbors, have died but their memories stay with those of us still living on the street. When my next door neighbor's niece from Eugene calls me, one of her first questions always is, "What is happening these days on 39th?" So for me and my neighbors, the name NE 39th does indeed have a history, almost a family history. What right do you have to take our neighborhood history and neighborhood name from us?

Note that I said I live on 39th Avenue; I didn't say I live in Beaumont-Wilshire. In the hearing before the "Historian Panel" and recorded in their report, is this comment. "People speak of living in neighborhoods such as Belmont, Hawthorne, Hollywood, Woodstock, and Laurelhurst. No one talks about living on 39th Avenue. It does not define a neighborhood or community." I don't think the person making that comment understands the history and sense of community on this street and I don't think the Historian Panel does either.

I think the problems with understanding the importance of 39th stems in part from the criteria used by the Historian Panel committee which were very biased against streets with numerical names. Obviously a numbered street cannot be "named after a prominent person" which

was the first characteristic they considered. Obviously a numbered street cannot "commemorate an event or concept whose importance is equivalent to that of a prominent person", their second criteria. So a numbered street starts off with handicap in this process, making it more likely to get selected for renaming.

The postcard survey of homeowners, renters and business owners along NE 39th Avenue registered a strong NO to the idea of renaming the street. Somehow the voice of folks most impacted by renaming seems to have gotten lost in the discussion. In my twenty years of living on NE 39th, I've paid over \$50,000 in property taxes and yet I feel like my postcard vote and the vote of others on this street don't carry any weight. In fact we feel like our vote counts less than the 16 year olds that were allowed to sign the street renaming petition, another aspect of the renaming procedure that I object to.

We all make policies and procedures in our jobs and even with our families. Sometimes we make the rules up, apply them and find out things that sounded logical on paper fall apart when we try to implement them. It happens all the time. Sometimes it's embarrassing that you didn't see the logic flaws in the rules you designed but the best managers can admit these mistakes.

Commission Fritz acknowledged flaws in the street renaming procedures in her written response to me. She said, "After this application has been approved or rejected, I will ask my colleagues to revise or suspend the street renaming process in the City Code. The applicants have followed the Code in this case, and should be commended for doing so. I believe we can do better with the process, as we consider how Portland should grow and change in the 21st century. Requests to honor heroes and heroines should bring communities together, rather than dividing us. "

She acknowledges what we have been saying on 39th Avenue -- that this process doesn't work as intended.

It would be easy for you to just ignore these problems and vote yes on

the renaming and figure you can fix the problems on the next round, as Commission Fritz suggest. But why make the people living on 39th and running businesses on 39th live with the consequences of a decision based on a bad process? Do the right thing, the hard thing. Vote against the renaming.

Janet Baker
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Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

There is no tangible gain, it will cost the tax payers and local businesses money they don't have and doesn't add any local character to our town. If you must rename a street, pick a local hero that the people will get behind.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Wade

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Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 24, 2009 11:13:42 AM PDT
To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, <nick@ci.portland.or.us>,
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Dear Commissioner: Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue. Respectfully submitted

From: Justin Hawkwood <justin@peggyandjustin.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 23, 2009 1:31:15 PM PDT
To: samadams@ci.portland.or.us, nick@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us,
amanda@ci.portland.or.us, dan@ci.portland.or.us, kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us

To the Mayor and Commissioners of Portland:

Please respect the citizens whom will be affected by the renaming of 39th Avenue, and vote NO. Several of the neighborhood associations have take position against the renaming, including Laurelhurst, of which I am a resident.

Thank you for your time,

Justin Hawkwood

"It's dangerous to be right when the government is wrong."

- Voltaire

From: Franco <tnfranco@mac.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 23, 2009 1:18:29 PM PDT
To: samadams@ci.portland.or.us, nick@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us,
amanda@ci.portland.or.us, dan@ci.portland.or.us, kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us

Dear Commissioner:

Please read the Oregonian's editorial today and vote NO on the renaming of 39th Ave.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas and Nancy Franco
Portland, Oregon 97232

From: hawkood <wordpress@save39th.com>
Subject: **[Save 39th Avenue - Portland, Oregon] Comment: "THREE Neighborhood Associations voted Monday to oppose renaming 39th Avenue"**
Date: June 23, 2009 1:04:47 PM PDT
To: info@save39th.com
Reply-To: "justin@hawkwood.com" <justin@hawkwood.com>

New comment on your post #293 "THREE Neighborhood Associations voted Monday to oppose renaming 39th Avenue"

Author : hawkood (IP: 71.237.177.150 , c-71-237-177-150.hsd1.or.comcast.net)

E-mail : justin@hawkwood.com

URL : <http://www.laurelhurstpdx.org/calendar.php?calMO=6&calYR=2009&calID=36>

Whois : <http://ws.arin.net/cgi-bin/whois.pl?queryinput=71.237.177.150>

Comment:

Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association also opposes the renaming.

You can see all comments on this post here:

<http://www.save39th.com/?p=293#comments>

Delete it: <http://www.save39th.com/wp-admin/comment.php?action=cdc&c=80>

Spam it: <http://www.save39th.com/wp-admin/comment.php?action=cdc&dt=spam&c=80>

From: STiazkun@aol.com
 Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
 Date: June 23, 2009 12:23:58 PM PDT
 To: samadams@ci.portland.or.us, nick@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us, amanda@ci.portland.or.us, dan@ci.portland.or.us, kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us

Dear Commissioners and Mayor:

As a resident of Laurelhurst, I have studied the arguments for renaming 39th Ave as Cesar Chavez Blvd., and have come to the conclusion that renaming 39th Ave. is not the best course of action for the city. My decision is based on the following:

1. Costly- The renaming of a street creates many costs that are incurred by individuals, small businesses, the City of Portland, the State of Oregon, and the tax payers of Portland and Oregon. We have heard costs from the city of at least \$100,000 for street signs alone, with costs from other impacted entities sure to raise this figure much higher.

The people that are in favor of the street renaming have not demonstrated a value-add to the city. We know that a street renaming will cost at least 6-figures but what is the quantitative gain of renaming the city? The proponents of such a renaming should demonstrate that there is a quantitative gain.

Further, there is no way to demonstrate any other type of positive gains (such as qualitative gains) that the City of Portland would incur. With such a financial framework ignored by the renaming supporters, fiscal issues- particularly in a bad economy- should take precedence. Tax payer monies, small business monies and city monies can be better spent for important public services that are badly underfunded and in jeopardy.

2. Divisive- The will of the people should not be ignored and in fact must be paramount to elected officials. Based on the city survey of residents and homeowners on 39th Ave., it appears the vast majority of these parties are against this renaming. The statistical information released by the City of Portland shows 87.7% of survey respondents opposed the renaming.

Further, several neighborhood associations also oppose this renaming. As a resident who attended one of these neighborhood meetings, I can tell you that we took our stance after a long discussion and a democratic vote of residents of the neighborhood. At the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association meeting there were zero votes in favor of the renaming. With such strong opposition to this renaming, it is a logical conclusion that renaming the street for Cesar Chavez will only create more division in the city over this issue. I am sure this is not what the City of Portland is looking to foster.

3. Illogical- The proponents of renaming a numbered street that transverse a large part of the city have not demonstrated why the renaming makes logical sense. Not only does 39th Ave. have a long history in various Portland neighborhoods but it also has a long history as part of the numbered grid system that many Portland residents

- and visitors- use as a marking post for travel and direction. Starting to dismantle this logical and useful street system creates confusion and is completely illogical to the navigational benefit this system creates.

4. Disruptive- This change will be disruptive to the large number of businesses and homes located on 39th Ave., as well as creating confusion to those that have to travel or interact with these same entities. As a former resident of San Francisco I saw the renaming process in action. San Francisco chose to rename Army Street in honor of Cesar Chavez, but the renaming was done to a street that was largely industrial and not populated with hundreds of homes and small businesses that would be impacted by a change. Portland's 39th Ave. does not fit that formula, which kept disruption to a minimum in San Francisco.

In fairness, I have also listened to and read the arguments by the group advocating for a street renaming.

What I have heard leads me to the conclusion that their arguments for renaming are based on pure emotion. Decisions based on emotions are usually regrettable.

Making 39th Avenue a sacrificial lamb for the renaming process is not a wise move for the City of Portland or for those businesses, residences or travelers that will be impacted by a renaming. The perceived inflexibility of those that want to rename 39th avenue should not be a model that the City Council follows.

I am hoping that the City of Portland shows creative leadership and real wisdom by naming a new bridge, building or other edifice for Cesar Chavez which would bring greater understand and less tension among races and create a place that all people of Portland could support.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Tiazkun

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From: Eryn Deeming Kehe <edeeming@alum.mit.edu>
Subject: **No on 39th name change**
Date: June 23, 2009 10:59:29 AM PDT
To: samadams@ci.portland.or.us, nick@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us, amanda@ci.portland.or.us, dan@ci.portland.or.us, kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us
Reply-To: edeeming@alum.mit.edu

Dear Commissioner:

I am a resident on SE Mall Street. My home is a couple hundred feet from 39th. I am opposed to renaming this street—regardless of the name chosen. I am just sorry it has been cast as a reflection on the importance of the work of Caesar Chavez. I would like to participate in finding a good location for Caesar Chavez Avenue, but no one asked me. Now I feel forced into a significant change to my life that I didn't get to participate in choosing.

I am strongly opposed to the process that lead to this recommendation. I have not been invited to participate in a meeting or survey or otherwise invited into a discussion about the renaming effort, I didn't sign the petition and I travel on 39th Avenue EVERY DAY. My neighborhood association board decided to remain neutral on the question without even announcing that it intended to discuss the issue (Creston/Kenilworth).

I think 39th Avenue is *significant in its own right* even if the name itself doesn't conjure up memories of someone significant. The avenue is a major north-south artery that helps people navigate the east side and is an important directional tool for businesses. It is one of the few north-south arteries we have in this area. Everyone in Portland has known the name of this street for decades. Visitors need it to know how to get to my house. Naming something important after Caesar Chavez *is in the best interest of the City of Portland*, but this change is not.

As a neighbor, I feel railroaded by this suggestion. No matter how supportive I am of recognizing Caesar Chavez I can not support this change.

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Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

Respectfully,

Eryn Deeming Kehe
4054 SE Mall St.
Portland, OR 97202

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From: Lynn Norbury <lynnertsn@gmail.com>
Subject: **Re: Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 23, 2009 10:33:28 AM PDT
To: info@save39th.com

To Save 39th group:

I am unable to attend the hearing downtown tonight but you may read this letter verbatim to the City Commissioners if you believe it will help preserve the name of 39th Avenue.

Sincerely, Lynn Norbury

On Tue, Jun 23, 2009 at 9:45 AM, Lynn Norbury <lynnertsn@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Commissioners for the City of Portland:

What is best for the city of Portland is to immediately abandon the grossly flawed City Code Chapter 17.93 that enables streets to be renamed and deny the renaming of 39th Ave. Furthermore, the City should refund all monies to the Cesar E. Chavez Committee, including all \$4000 they have paid in fees to implement the renaming process, and provide that Committee access to city departments of transportation and developments to select new building projects that can be named for the honoree.

The city code enabling a street renaming is grossly flawed and is a travesty of democracy. It creates only enmity by enabling a small special interest group to pay a mere \$1000 to buy the name of any street out from under the persons who own residences and businesses on that street. Those "Owners" have overwhelmingly voted against the renaming of Interstate Ave., Broadway, Grand Ave., and 39th Ave. by virtue of the postcard surveys sent out by the city of Portland. Let's make note that voting process enabled the "owners" only one vote per legal residence and not multiple votes per family with children age 16 or older or multiple votes per business with more than one owner. In contrast the city code allows a special interest group of as few as 2500 persons, including children as young as 16 years old and including persons who merely "intend" to make Portland their permanent home, to impose their will on a much larger majority who do not want any streets to be renamed this way. This process is grossly flawed. To disregard the wishes of the larger community who have spoken through surveys, meetings, letter-writing, online petitions, and by attending other people's neighborhood meetings to support the preservation of the current street names, is not consistent with the duty government office.

This process is not an honorable way to recognize a great labor leader whose legacy is to build community and consensus. If the Cesar Chavez Committee has attempted to build consensus among anyone it is indeterminate as evidenced in the blogs of Sean Cruz who has criticized this renaming process and the Cesar Chavez Committee since the outset of their intransigent demand to rename Interstate Boulevard.

I urge you to do your duty and deny the renaming of 39th Avenue. What is best for our city is to provide the Cesar E. Chavez Committee an outlet for their special interest while also recognizing wishes of the community at large which strongly refutes City Code 17.93.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Norbury,

Resident of Portland, OR

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Lynn Norbury
LynnerTSN@gmail.com

From: "Dr. Ruth Parvin" <aplace2talk@spiritone.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 23, 2009 10:39:02 AM PDT
To: samadams@ci.portland.or.us, nick@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us, amanda@ci.portland.or.us, dan@ci.portland.or.us, kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us

Dear Commissioner:

I live and have a business between Grand and SE 39th street. I own a duplex on SE 39th. I am against renaming SE 39th Street but have no problems with renaming Grand Street.

When I moved to Portland in 1992, I had a friend who had lived here for a couple of years. I was amazed by how she could give me directions to any place I wanted to go, without consulting a map. She sat me down with a map and explained how the city was laid out and I had few problems after that getting around, despite being direction and right/left challenged. This was because there is a rhyme and reason to the way the streets line up. Every exception to that makes it more confusing. The numbered streets--especially the major ones are an important part of that street grid.

Numbers are even more important than the way the streets generally follow an alphabetical order within pockets. I can't quite put my finger on the psychological security of numbered streets that run in order. Perhaps part of it is that it allows you to count how many blocks you have walked or how far away something is. Perhaps it is because we learn the order of numbers very early in life. Perhaps it is because there are mnemonics using numbers. For instance, 39= 3x3 and 3 goes into 9 three times.

I travel 39th all the time. I have a duplex on 39th street--when I have to have workers go there, they can find it easily because 39th tells them where it is--unlike Chavez.

I want to stress, I have no problem with naming a street for this important labor organizer--I wish it could have happened while he was alive. I have no problem naming such a street in my neighborhood. I have no problem telling his story. I think it would be cool to have his name on a street that crosses a bridge and goes into downtown Portland.

I DO have a problem with changing the name of 39th street. I see it as the first step in permitting future such changes and believe that each one that does not fit with logical rules of order (alphabetical or numeral) will make our town much less visitor friendly and navigable.

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Parvin, J.D., Ph.D.
Clinical Psychologist
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Portland Or. 97214

From: DAVIDSOCOLOFSKY@comcast.net
Subject: **Proposed Renaming of SE 39th - URGENT**
Date: June 23, 2009 10:39:34 AM PDT
To: Samadams@Cl.Portland.or.us, Nick@Cl.Portland.or.us,
Amanda@Cl.Portland.or.us, Randy@Cl.Portland.or.us,
Dsaltzman@Cl.Portland.or.us
Cc: schneider@uci.net, info@save39th.com

Dear Mayor Adams and Commissioners Fish, Fritz, Leonard and Saltzman:

Per the 39th Avenue renaming survey, almost 90% of those who live and work on SE 39th do not want their street to be renamed.

In good conscience, one can not vote to allow a special interest group to impose its will on those who would be negatively impacted by the decision.

An outside special interest group has no vested interest in renaming SE 39th, but those who live and work there do, and their wishes should be respected.

Please vote **NO** to rename SE 39th.

Thank you.

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From: "taylor" <salT@laurelhurstplace.net>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 23, 2009 10:07:45 AM PDT
To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, <nick@ci.portland.or.us>,
<rleonard@ci.portland.or.us>, <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>,
<dan@ci.portland.or.us>, <kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us>

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

My family TOTALLY agrees with today's excellent editorial in The Oregonian regarding the renaming of 39th Avenue. Stop and think about it - do you really want to memorialize an outstanding farm labor leader with 7.2 miles of asphalt named after him? The street doesn't even go through farm country! And, where 39th meanders from the Hollywood area up the hill passed lovely homes through Alameda and beyond, you are stretching to the max the definition of "boulevard". We have lived off 39th in Laurelhurst for over fifty years.....we are very concerned. The original sales office for Laurelhurst property was located on Coe Circle where Joan of Arc stands today. Thirty ninth ran through the middle of the circle, complete with trolley cars 'The Laurelhurst' and '39th Avenue'. My Dad was a trolley conductor. It is a MAJOR numbered street. Portland's grid system is so logical, an asset to our city, and indicates how to reach our home. I gathered almost 200 signatures to 'save 39th'. There is not one valid reason to change its name. The will of the people = NO CHANGE. Leave our beloved 39th Avenue alone, please.

Respectfully,
Sally Taylor
4114 N.E. Laurelhurst Place

From: Lynn Norbury <lynnertsn@gmail.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 23, 2009 9:45:23 AM PDT
To: samadams@ci.portland.or.us, nick@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us, amanda@ci.portland.or.us, dan@ci.portland.or.us, kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us

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Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Norbury,
Resident of Portland, OR

From: "GINGER WEILER" <GinWeiler@q.com>
Subject: **Renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 23, 2009 9:35:43 AM PDT
To: <Samadams@Cl.Portland.or.us>, <Nick@Cl.Portland.or.us>, <Amanda@Cl.Portland.or.us>, <Randy@Cl.Portland.or.us>, <Dzaltzman@Cl.Portland.or.us>, <schneider@uci.net>, <info@save39th.com>

Re: Renaming 39th Street to Caesar E. Chavez Blvd.

We live on 39th, we filled out a card against changing the name and feel it is totally unnecessary to disrupt people who live on the street, businesses, and the grid system on Portland's Map of a main arterial street. We wonder WHY? You get the feeling it is all decided already and the opinions of the majority that are directly involved physically and expense wise are not going to be paid attention to. We are old time Portlanders and it reminds us when they changed Union Avenue to MLK - thousands voted against it and it was still pushed through. We are in a recession. People have lost jobs and little businesses, which there are many of on 39th, are struggling to stay open, so why would you add new, unnecessary expense to them to change all of their advertising and their identity of location. Let alone the people's personal residence address changes and the eastside easy grid system directions that are numerical. Phone books and maps would all have to be changed. It seems very unnecessary and would add for lots of confusion and expense.

We read the article from Chavez's son - a gentle man who would never want to push his name on someone that would cost them and create hardship. He was for the underdog. There's a community garden going in for food for people of the community that seems more fitting and ideal to what he was about and famous for, or the new Pedestrian Bridge, if built, that hasn't been named yet. Neither idea would cost people and business for changing their name.

It seems the activists just want change no matter who it affects. It takes away from the "Honor the Person" you should get in naming something after them, when it is being crammed down your throats.

We'd ask that you listen to the people directly involved and think a little about "majority ruling" for once and the expense.

Thank you,

Gordon and Ginger Weiler

From: Jenny Brinkley <jenny.brinkley@nanonation.net>

Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**

Date: June 23, 2009 8:04:06 AM PDT

To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, <leonard@ci.portland.or.us>, <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>, <dan@ci.portland.or.us>, <kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us>

Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue. I am disappointed I will not be able to attend this evening's hearing due to business travel.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Brinkley

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Portland, OR 97232

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From: Rod Neufeld <Rod@awardnet.net>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 23, 2009 8:00:05 AM PDT
To: samadams@ci.portland.or.us, nick@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us, amanda@ci.portland.or.us,
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Dear Commissioner: Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue. Respectfully submitted

Rod & Jackie Neufeld
3635 NE 39th Ave.
Portland, OR 97212
503-281-9272

From: "William R. Meyer" <meyerlaw@spiretech.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 23, 2009 7:58:12 AM PDT
To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, <leonard@ci.portland.or.us>, <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>, <dan@ci.portland.or.us>, <kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us>
Cc: "Milt Fyre" <milt@rmaglobal.com>, <stumvy@aol.com>, "ART TERRI JOHNSTONE" <atjohnstone48@msn.com>
Reply-To: <meyerlaw@spiretech.com>

Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

In these economically difficult times, with scarce resources for REAL needs in the City, it is an obvious waste of time, money, and energy resources to even to be holding meetings to consider such a street name change---- regardless of the historic merits (or not) of Mr. Chavez in relation to our city. Every minute you spend on this trivial subject would be much better spent on the City's real challenges. It is hard to believe you take your jobs seriously by giving such time to this subject.

We sold our building on SE 39th Ave. last year---but had we still been there, it would have been an extremely unwanted extra expense-----and diversion of time, etc.---to have had to re-do our letter head paper, advertising, etc. I am sure most merchants along SE 39th Ave. feel the same.

Respectfully submitted

William R. Meyer

From: "Lori Weinmann" <weinmann5@comcast.net>

Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**

Date: June 23, 2009 6:22:08 AM PDT

To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, <leonard@ci.portland.or.us>, <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>, <dan@ci.portland.or.us>, <kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us>

Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue. I want to save the name as it has become important to me.

Let us find a way to honor Ceasar Chavez that will better ferlect what he has given us.

Respectfully submitted, Kevin Weinmann
3918 NE Multnomah St.

From: "Carol" <dc.hutch@comcast.net>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 22, 2009 9:55:27 PM PDT
To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, "Commissioner Fish" <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, <leonard@ci.portland.or.us>, <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>, <dan@ci.portland.or.us>, <kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us>

Dear Commissioner: Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

I have read some of the input re: the renaming of 39th Ave. I have many Hispanic friends so I am not a racist or do not feel that Mr. Chavez is not worthy of acknowledgment. But certainly not in the renaming of streets that have been a part of the history of Portland for more than 100 years. I am a 70 year old widow, mother of 4 grown children, and have live on 39th ave for 52 years. I Love my street and could never agree a change. Not to mention the financial impact it would have on me. I would have to change my web sites where I operate my business from, all my mailings and much more. I resent my tax dollars being spent on these causes. We need help in our schools, roads, and with so much unemployment there are a lot of folks that find this a waste of tax payers money. As our paid and elected officials we hope you will agree with the majority of the 39th residents and vote NO on this change and any other street change in the future.

Respectfully,,,,,Carol Hutchins

From: "Carol" <dc.hutch@comcast.net>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 22, 2009 9:41:51 PM PDT
To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, "Commissioner Fish" <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, <leonard@ci.portland.or.us>, <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>, <dan@ci.portland.or.us>, <kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us>

Our city fathers laid out the city with a great deal of thought and wisdom. Their goal was to have a city that was very easy to travel throughout, for everyone. By utilizing the river and Burnside street to form the North/South and East/West zones and using numbered streets to run North/South and Named streets running East and West. This system has worked well for over 100 years and you people who work for "us", have no business tampering with this. I am extremely disturbed and disappointed that with the Nation and World in a critical period of financial chaos, with thousands of businesses and some very large corporations declaring bank-ruptly, schools struggling for funds to maintain a quality education and unemployment at an all time high, I would hope that the officials we elected to maintain civic affairs, would have more important business to address than changing the names of streets that our founding fathers so wisely chose.

Dear Commissioners Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue. Respectfully submitted Keith Sanden

From: Betty Wadsworth <bwadsworth_2000@yahoo.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 22, 2009 7:50:02 PM PDT
To: samadams@ci.portland.or.us, nick@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us, amanda@ci.portland.or.us,
dan@ci.portland.or.us, kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us

Dear Commissioner: Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.
Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Wadsworth
600 SE 39TH AV #3
PORTLAND, OR 97214
503-860-9806

From: Nadi Crum <deeniepann49@earthlink.net>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue is ridiculous**
Date: June 22, 2009 7:42:54 PM PDT
To: samadams@ci.portland.or.us, nick@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us, amanda@ci.portland.or.us,
dan@ci.portland.or.us, kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us

Dear Commissioner: I can't believe that this is even an issue. Point One: 39th Ave is not the original historical name of the street, thus any argument against name changes based on historical values is invalid. Point Two: Decisions regarding street name change requests that are based on a desire to honor a person who has made a positive cultural impact on the civil well-being of a minority population must ALL be based on the same criteria. As such, if the request to change the name of 39th Avenue to Cesar Chavez Blvd is denied, we must reexamine and likely rename streets, ie. Martin Luther King Blvd and Rosa Parks Way, with nice non-threatening terms. Perhaps Reelect Me Avenue or Lobbyist Way might be appropriate. Incredulously, Nadine Crum

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

Respectfully submitted

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From: "donrhondie emry" <donhemry@comcast.net>

Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**

Date: June 22, 2009 6:55:03 PM PDT

To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, <leonard@ci.portland.or.us>, <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>, <dan@ci.portland.or.us>, <kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us>

Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue. Why interrupt the lives of so many with an action that even his own son should not happen unless it is supported by all. Could I suggest the new interstate bridge would be a much better way to honor a most honorable man, it will symbolize the bridging of communities. I live on 34th Avenue and daily commute down or across 39th Avenue. Thirty-ninth Avenue has its' own place in history, why disrupt a logical grid system that has been in place for many years in addition to the turmoil and confusion a renaming would occur. In this time of limited resources, renaming a street seems to me a bit insensitive, not to mention costly, to already established homes and businesses.

Respectfully submitted, A voter who will follow and remember your actions.

Rhondie Emry

From: Xilia Faye <xiliafaye@gmail.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**

Date: June 22, 2009 4:42:30 PM PDT

To: "samadams@ci.portland.or.us" <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, "nick@ci.portland.or.us" <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, "rleonard@ci.portland.or.us" <rleonard@ci.portland.or.us>, "amanda@ci.portland.or.us" <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>, "dan@ci.portland.or.us" <dan@ci.portland.or.us>, "kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us" <kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us>

\$86000 in this economic downturn would be better spent fixing the potholes on 39th rather than renaming any street with any name. And what of the costs to local buisness for reprinting signage letterheads and cards? Will the city pay for that as well? Very disapointed in my Portland politicians.

Xilia Faye

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From: <philipm@sellwoodmd.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 22, 2009 2:44:24 PM PDT
To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, <leonard@ci.portland.or.us>, <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>, <dan@ci.portland.or.us>, <kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us>

Dear Commissioner: Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue. I am a lifelong Portlander and am shocked and disgusted that this idea has even come this far. I would like to think people who are most affected by a decision of this magnitude and cost would be considered important. In discussions with my neighbors and co-workers, the consensus is this is just not a good idea. Again, please vote NO.

Respectfully submitted,
Philip McKinney, O.D.
6505 SE 16th
Portland, OR 97202

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Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 22, 2009 1:24:11 PM PDT
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Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

If I could, I would attend the City Council, but I have 4 kids to take to a family track meet at 6:00 at Grant High School. Is there anything else I can do to express my disagreement with this proposal? I have a multi-cultural family (son-in-law is black, grandchildren are black, white, and an adopted American Indian, and my son's partner is Hispanic), so I am definitely not prejudiced about the issue, just the costs and the renaming of street that helps people to know where it is.... and I live right on the street, so the costs and hassle to change everything to me are incredibly high, and the costs to the city to change all the street signs is ASTONISHING.... I haven't seen any figures here, but I hope someone has calculated this cost before voting on it and I do hope that everyone will use common sense, and financially responsible sense.

I have no objection to recognition of a Latino/Hispanic figure, but why not name a new street or a park or a building where the costs would be nominal as compared to the street signs at every intersection!

Respectfully submitted,
J. Katherine Putnam

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From: "William R. Meyer" <meyerlaw@spiretech.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 22, 2009 1:13:50 PM PDT
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Reply-To: <meyerlaw@spiretech.com>

Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue. I think in this time of cost cutting for schools and everything else....we need to focus our resources on things that are a bit more important than spending money on signs to rename a street! This seems stupid and wasteful to me. Please just use your good judgment and vote NO on this idea! Thank you for your service to our community.

Respectfully submitted Carole Meyer

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From: SmiDOM@aol.com
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 22, 2009 12:52:27 PM PDT
To: samadams@ci.portland.or.us, nick@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us, amanda@ci.portland.or.us,
dan@ci.portland.or.us, kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us

Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue. I sent one email earlier, but want to be sure my feelings are noted. I cannot believe anyone would vote for this proposal - especially now with the economy the way it is. Even his family does not feel this is the best memorial to C. Chavez.

Respectfully submitted

Marilyn S. Smith
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From: Gene Merrill <gene@personaltelco.net>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 22, 2009 12:20:27 PM PDT
To: samadams@ci.portland.or.us, nick@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us, amanda@ci.portland.or.us, dan@ci.portland.or.us, kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us

Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue. I have not seen any city communication about this matter and don't believe the idea has been properly vetted. From what I understand the change is opposed by close to 90% of the people on and around 39th Ave-- so what possible political good could come of this for any local politician who vote yes? I know it would make me think twice to re-elect a city council member who forced a change like this through without regard of public comment.

Thank you for you time.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Merrill
3826 SE Stephens

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From: Northpdxcurves@aol.com
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 22, 2009 12:16:09 PM PDT
To: samadams@ci.portland.or.us, nick@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us, amanda@ci.portland.or.us,
dan@ci.portland.or.us, kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us

Dear Commissioner:

Vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue. Please honor Chavez in a truly meaningful way. The problem is not about who we're renaming the street for. The problem is that shoving any street name-change down citizen's throats leaves a very bad taste in the mouth. The entire street renaming process needs to be heavily reworked.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Anderson
523 SE Peacock Lane
Portland, Or 97214

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From: "Karen Atherton" <karen@karott.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 22, 2009 12:08:39 PM PDT
To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, <leonard@ci.portland.or.us>, <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>, <dan@ci.portland.or.us>, <kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us>

Dear Mr. Mayor and City Commissioners:

My name is Shirley Klug, and I have lived in the Laurelhurst neighborhood for over 50 years. I am past president of the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association. During my term in office we were able to work with the State of Oregon to only remove 21 houses for the widening of I-84 instead of the original proposed 57. This is **cooperation**. I was able to work with the City to get an entire basketball court installed in Laurelhurst Park that the entire city can use to this day and many days into the future. This was **cooperation**.

I firmly believe it would be more beneficial to not only your community, but to everyone to have a community center named after Mr. Chavez, where youngsters could learn a trade, a sport, or how to apply for scholarships to college. Knowing that Mr. Chavez believed in hard work and believed in the future for his people, this is a much better way to honor him. What would a busy street do to help these young people--will they remember who the CC Blvd was name after? Of course, it will become CC Blvd just as MLK is now. What good does that do except cause a great deal of problems to change address, accounts, etc., for all of those people living and working on the 7.22 mile street now?

Where is **your cooperation**?

Respectfully,

Mrs. Shirley Klug

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From: "Joy Orr" <JoyOrr_Joy51@msn.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 22, 2009 11:31:05 AM PDT
To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>

Dear Commissioner: Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue. Respectfully submitted.
Spending the cities money on this nonsense is irresponsible. The latino community should commission any of their many wonderful artists to produce a statue. isn't there money for art in the budget? Street naming could result in setting a opening for the Susan B. Anthony street , Gorbochav street. ...etc you get the idea. The numbering system of the streets is a function of workability not glorification.. You could name the new transit bridge.

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From: "Gary Richert" <garyrichert@msn.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 22, 2009 11:20:22 AM PDT
To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue. Even the City of San Jose, California, where Cesar Chavez resided for much of his life, decided against renaming a street for this Hispanic Farm Labor activist. Instead they renamed a plaza in the downtown in his honor. This, if any action is taken, would be the appropriate course rather than the significant cost to the City and the huge inconvenience to those who live on 39th.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Richert and Carolyn Kay
Southeast Portland residents

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From: <mjeanbaker@peoplepc.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 22, 2009 11:06:48 AM PDT
To: "Adams, Sam" <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, <rleonard@ci.portland.or.us>, <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>, <dan@ci.portland.or.us>, <kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us>

Dear Commissioner:

The Alliance of Portland Neighborhood Business Associations and many members of the business associations that will be affected by this name change are against it. There must be a less contentious, more equitable method of honoring people than this.

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Baker
President, APNBA
VP, Division/Clinton BA
Member, Richmond Neighborhood

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From: Ryan Weeden <ryan@weedenlink.com>
Subject: **No on NE 39th Renaming**
Date: June 21, 2009 10:32:46 PM PDT
To: samadams@ci.portland.or.us

Dear Mayor Adams,

As a resident living on NE 39th Ave. I ask that you please encourage the City Council to vote no on renaming this street. In addition to being an inconsistent honor it also is an unwanted change to every person I know living on this street. I realize there is a balance that needs to be struck in politics; however, the numerical numbering system in Portland has so far remained sacrosanct since the original platting and I believe that opening the door by renaming NE 39th under the pressure of a vocal few would be against the intent of the city founders as well as the spirit of Mr. Chavez himself.

I realize this may be an issue you would rather see off your/the-City's plate however to me and my neighbors this is a critical decision that not only affects our identity and connection with the City but also provides a precedent setting track for other vocal groups that would make city-wide changes to the spirit and consistency of Portland.

Respectfully,

Ryan Weeden
2814 NE 39th Ave.
Portland, OR 97212

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From: NNeola@aol.com
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 21, 2009 8:01:30 PM PDT
To: samadams@ci.portland.or.us, nick@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us, amanda@ci.portland.or.us, dan@ci.portland.or.us

I urge you to seriously consider what the majority of the citizens of our great City want regarding the renaming of historic 39th Avenue.

The feeling I get is you have made up your mind to change the name of 39th Avenue to appease a very small but vocal portion of the citizens. There are a great many of us who strongly oppose the renaming. In 1975 the City of Milwaukie changed a named street to 39th Avenue to continue the metropolitan grid so it would be less confusing. I believe they gave great consideration to the ramifications and any legal issues before doing so.

Please consider what your constituents' wishes are before making a decision that could impact the rest of our lives.

Neola Larsen
Portland Native

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From: Andrew Dall <andrew@dalldall.com>
Subject: **I am not in favor of renaming 39th for ANYBODY**
Date: June 21, 2009 3:55:53 PM PDT
To: info@save39th.com

I am not in favor of renaming 39th Avenue for anybody - whether it be Chavez, Nixon, Kennedy, Buddha, Jesus or Allah.

The disruption of thousands of homes and businesses would be massive and very costly.

The good name and honor of Cesar Chavez should not be associated with all this controversy and negativity.

Let's name a freeway, park or bridge (preferably one that doesn't already have a name) for this man - not a street that adversely affects so many people and commercial activity.

Also, NE 39th north of Hollywood is not continuous. It is a small street which stops, starts and reappears in small sections through the neighborhoods of Grant Park, Alameda, Beaumont-Wilshire, Montavilla and Richmond. There is even a traffic diverter at NE 39th & Tillamook. When 2 vehicles approach each other, one has to pull over to allow the other to pass. To call it a "Boulevard" is ridiculous.

Andrew Dall
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From: "Scott Mills" <bookguypdx@yahoo.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 19, 2009 9:41:01 PM PDT
To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, <leonard@ci.portland.or.us>, <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>, <dan@ci.portland.or.us>, <kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us>

Dear Commissioners and Mayor:

I live on NE 39th Ave, and I have for 8 years. I do not mean any disrespect towards Cesar E. Chavez, but I do not want to continue to live on 39th Ave. It is not easy to change addresses, especially if you haven't moved. My parents lived in the same house for 35 years, and have five different addresses, including a city change. It caused a great deal of trouble and cost money to change the address on everything. Who is going to cover those costs for all the residence and businesses?

If you want to honor Mr. Chavez, pick a new street or a park or bridge, not a busy, vibrant street with a long history.

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

Respectfully submitted

Scott Mills
5535 NE 39th Ave
Portland, OR 97211

From: "Terry McGettigan" <tmcgett@comcast.net>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 19, 2009 1:43:23 PM PDT
To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, <rleonard@ci.portland.or.us>, <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>, <dan@ci.portland.or.us>, <kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us>

Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

Instead of renaming streets every time some group wants to honor a leader, why not create a walk of fame in Water Front Park. A statue or bust of the honored person could be placed there at the expense of the individuals who request the honor. On anniversaries, birthdays, or special occasions a ceremony could be held honoring that individual in a public place, the park. This would be less controversial and less costly than renaming streets every few years at tax payer's expense. Money could be better used.

Respectfully submitted

Terry McGettigan

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From: DrTheresaKing@aol.com
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 19, 2009 1:08:22 PM PDT
To: TMKDC@aol.com

Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

I have not heard one good reason why it should be renamed. "Just because" a small group of individual want to do this is not sufficient. Do any of these people live or work on this street?? It is totally offensive to me that you seem to have absolutely no regard for the opinions of those that do live and work in this neighborhood. And we do NOT want the name changed at all.

Respectfully submitted

Theresa King

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From: "rose_account" <rose_account@ROSECDC.org>

Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**

Date: June 19, 2009 10:38:27 AM PDT

To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, <leonard@ci.portland.or.us>, <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>, <dan@ci.portland.or.us>, <kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us>

Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

As a mexican-american I want Cesar Chavez to be honored, but not in such a fickle, expensive and controversial manner.

I much prefer he be honored by naming a bridge after him. Or, a city/state owned building, especially one connected to labor issues. Many other ideas have been proposed instead of any street renaming.

Please use common sense and vote NO on renaming 39th avenue.

Respectfully submitted

carolyn thurman

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From: Jenna Amundson <sassyspunkyone@hotmail.com>

Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**

Date: June 19, 2009 9:03:21 AM PDT

To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, <rleonard@ci.portland.or.us>, <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>, <dan@ci.portland.or.us>, <kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us>

Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue. I have such fond memories of 39th..I grew up in that area, went to Grant High School, and my parents lived there for almost 20 years. I cannot understand why re-naming the street after Cesar Chavez seems like a good idea. It makes absolutely no sense to me. I agree with other people's ideas that perhaps a bridge or a park, or something that is new to be named, but not this old Portland street. Leave it be, and put our money and your time to better use. This seems an incredibly frivolous attempt at such a time as this. Respectfully submitted.

Jenna Amundson

From: "Beth Leverich" <Beth.Leverich@PioneerPacific.EDU>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 19, 2009 9:01:27 AM PDT
To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, <rleonard@ci.portland.or.us>, <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>, <dan@ci.portland.or.us>, <kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us>

Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue. I grew up just off 39th and Lincoln and am so fond of that whole neighborhood. Maybe we can find another way to honor the work of Mr. Chavez without renaming a street. Why not a statue, public work of art or other memorial for the work that he has done? This might be a better way to honor Mr. Chavez and also give some history about the progress he made with the civil rights movement. A street name will be just that, a name. I will be very disappointed to have 39th renamed and also think it will be confusing for many Portlanders. Please consider another way to honor Mr. Chavez. Thank you for considering my opinion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Leverich

Portlander for 29 years

Resident of 3971 SE Lincoln for 22 of those years.

From: "Montmorency, Nicole" <Nicole.Montmorency@providence.org>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 19, 2009 8:06:11 AM PDT
To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, <rleonard@ci.portland.or.us>, <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>, <dan@ci.portland.or.us>, <kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us>

Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue. I think a more fitting tribute to Cesar E. Chavez would be a monument in his honor at the PSU Farmers Market. As you know he was an activist for Farmers and Immigrants rights. I strongly urge you to consider this request. I think re-naming 39th street puts a financial burden on all the business owners on this street. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Montmorency
4544 NE 39th Ave.
Portland, OR 97211

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To: samadams@ci.portland.or.us, nick@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us, amanda@ci.portland.or.us, dan@ci.portland.or.us

Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue. I live on 39th Avenue and the cost to change my address on everything is coming at a time when I am unemployed and everyone I know is tightening their spending due to job cuts and to rename a street that would have such costs involved at this time does not make any sense at all.

And secondarily, I honestly do NOT like the idea of having a controversial figure's name on my street. I attended one of the initial town hall meetings and there is quite a controversy around this figure. It was such a hostile presentation for those in favor, that I was intimidated to say anything. The people giving the cons for the renaming were congenial and respectful and had some very good points as to why this should not be taking place. To be honest with you, I am shocked that this kind of behavior can have such an impact on the city and at such a high cost at time when we should all be carefully considering how the money in our city budget should be spent.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Putnam

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From: Darren Naylor <darren_naylor@yahoo.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 18, 2009 11:00:04 PM PDT
To: samadams@ci.portland.or.us, nick@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us, amanda@ci.portland.or.us,
dan@ci.portland.or.us, kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing to express my opposition to the renaming of historic 39th ave.

I would like to remind you that the residents of 39th ave (the people directly affected by this change), have indicated overwhelmingly that they are opposed to it.

What gives you the moral authority to overrule the wishes of the residents?

Not only is this a flagrant waste of taxpayer's money during a time of recession, but it also directly affects the pocket books of the residents both in terms of time and money.

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

Respectfully submitted

Darren Naylor
2716 NE 39th AvePortland, OR 97212

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From: "Kim McGair" <kmcgair@msn.com>
Subject: **Re: Chavez Street Renaming Effort**
Date: June 18, 2009 8:53:03 PM PDT
To: "Commissioner Fritz" <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>
Cc: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, <rleonard@ci.portland.or.us>, <dan@ci.portland.or.us>, <kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us>

Commissioner Fritz. Thank you for your response. I understand that the process was followed by the petitioners (it is, frankly, not that difficult of a process for petitioners to follow), but if you take a look at the process you'll see that it is flawed in a number of ways.

1. 2,500 signatures from other than the abutting property owners can dictate to, not only the vast majority of Portlanders, but to the neighborhoods affected. If you dig a little into the signature gathering, you'll notice that the petitioners struggled to get 2,500 signatures. They submitted two batches, the second of which was significantly flawed. The Code allowed residents as young as 16 to sign the petition. 16 year olds can't vote in state or federal elections, but they can decide what the street in my neighborhood is named? How can this be at all in line with representative democratic principles?
2. The Chavez Committee has been asked numerous times to meet with the affected neighborhoods to discuss alternatives and has refused. They won't show up to meetings. They won't listen to other ideas. This is not how Portland works. Portland has a vast system of neighborhood associations that you have championed, and yet none of them has been listened to. The Committee's refusal to meet with the neighborhoods shows a callous disregard for the views of the people who will be actually impacted by this street change. While there is lots of criticism of the people who oppose this change, what does it say that the people who want it won't sit down eye to eye with the people they are impacting and explain their reasoning. Portland believes in process and frank and honest communication. This process has been everything but that. It appears that the Chavez Committee doesn't think that they need to meet with the impacted neighborhoods because they think they have this vote locked up at City Hall and that it doesn't matter what the people actually impacted think. I hope they are wrong.
3. There are numerous arguments about the application of the Code to this particular process. Who signed the petition? What is a legal resident of Portland? Have 2,500 signatures been gathered to rename one street or three? Was there one application or three submitted, in violation of the Code? Isn't 39th Ave. "significant in its own right?" The Historical Review Panel thought it was. Does 39th Ave. terminate in Portland or Milwaukie? Ultimately, those are all easily dispensed with by the Council or the City Attorney. But each question that is raised, shows how dysfunctional the process is, and emphasizes how fixed it feels to the people along and near 39th Ave. No matter how much you want to talk about the process, the process is arbitrary.
4. Our elected officials should listen to the vast majority of their constituents when matters, such as this, don't deal with fundamental civil rights or equality. I don't feel that elected officials check their independent judgment at the door when elected, or have to take a poll for every expenditure of money. But when you have such a majority opposed to a plan not involving basic rights, and 88% of abutting property owners opposed, their voices should be given the greatest weight.

Ultimately, I ask you whether renaming 39th Ave. is "in the best interest of the City." I don't think it is. It creates a divide. It creates distrust of local government. It is not a serious issue that should be undertaken in these tough times. Dave Lister's editorial in today's Oregonian (Link unavailable) sums up how a lot of people in the City feel. You've shown courage on the Lents Park issue. Do the same here. Enough is enough.

There are a number of other great ways to name something in Mr. Chavez's honor (a park, a bridge, etc.) that would accomplish all of the good things that he stood for, and that Portland stands for. Renaming 39th or any other street is not the way. Chavez's own family has recognized that he would not want this shoved down people's throats. Other leaders in the Oregon Hispanic community have similarly recognized that this process has been terrible and the conduct of the Chavez Committee inexcusable and wholly inconsistent with what Chavez stood for. See http://blog.oregonlive.com/myoregon/2009/02/cesar_chavez_and_the_crisis_of.html

While I think renaming should be done very rarely, it can be done successfully (Rosa Parks comes to mind). But, when the renaming is so opposed by the people who have to live with it, it doesn't make any sense and is not in the best interest of the City.

Please vote "no" on the renaming process. Forcing this upon the people of 39th who are so adamantly opposed to it goes against everything that you said you ran for office to do.

Kim McGair
917 NE Hazelfern Pl.

From: Commissioner Fritz
Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2009 10:45 PM
To: 'Kim McGair'

Subject: RE: Chavez Street Renaming Effort

Dear Kim,

Thank you for your message. I have not yet decided how I will vote on the proposed renaming. Your views are helping to inform my choices for the hearing on June 23 at 6 p.m. in City Hall. I would like to see respect for both those asking for the change, and those opposing it. The citizens making the request are given the right to do so in the Code, and a street renaming process is required in State law. Even in tough times, I believe it is important to honor the rules that apply to everyone, and to apply them as adopted. Others have been free to request the other names you suggest for honoring. The folks making this request have done the work and followed the process. It seems unreasonable that state law specifies a street renaming process, then many people demand that it not be used. The statute specifies that the Planning Commission makes a recommendation, then the elected officials vote, rather than a vote of the people or the affected property owners and residents determining the outcome.

I do recognize that many residents and businesses on and near 39th Avenue are strongly opposed, and that will weigh into my decision. My responsibility is to honor the laws of Oregon and the City of Portland, and to consider the long term public good.

After this application has been approved or rejected, I will ask my colleagues to revise or suspend the street renaming process in the City Code. The applicants have followed the Code in this case, and should be commended for doing so. I believe we can do better with the process, as we consider how Portland should grow and change in the 21st century. Requests to honor heroes and heroines should bring communities together, rather than dividing us.

Sincerely,

Amanda Fritz
Commissioner, City of Portland

From: Kim McGair [<mailto:kmcgair@msn.com>]

Sent: Monday, April 20, 2009 9:30 PM

To: Street Renaming; Hamilton, Joan; Adams, Sam; Commissioner Fritz; nick@ci.portland.or.us; randy@ci.portland.or.us; dsaltzman@ci.portland.or.us

Subject: Chavez Street Renaming Effort

Hello. I live on Hazelfern Pl., just west of NE 39th Avenue. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the street renaming effort, especially as it pertains to NE 39th Avenue. I've summarized the basis of my opposition below:

Opposition as to 39th In Particular: One of the reasons that the East side is easy to drive around and accessible to residents and visitors alike is its numbered grid. Taking a numbered street that is as central to the inner east side as 39th and turning it into a named street will cause unnecessary confusion. While it seems like a little issue for people who don't live here, it is a big inconvenience for those of us that have been telling people where we live by referencing NE 39th for years or decades. We will lose all ability to do that if we now have to refer to Cesar Chavez street which no one will recognize or have any idea where it is. There is no precedent for renaming a numbered street like this. If we are to create new precedent, then we should do so for a figure that has some relationship to Portland (see more below on this issue).

Opposition to Renaming Any Street After Chavez: While I respect Mr. Chavez for what he accomplished, I respect hundreds of historic figures for what they have accomplished. But, that respect does not need to be demonstrated in the inconvenience and expense associated with **renaming** a street. What about Susan B. Anthony and numerous other leaders of the women's movement? What about our own Barbara Roberts? Harvey Milk? Where does it end? It is an unnecessary inconvenience and expense and we can't go around renaming streets constantly to appease various minority groups. Naming a new public park or other building is more than sufficient. How about the big new park at SoWA? Naming that park after Mr. Chavez will not disrupt the lives of ordinary Portlanders nor cause expense to businesses.

Most importantly, while he accomplished great things, Mr. Chavez has no connection whatsoever to this City. Taking the name of a historic street that serves as a point of reference and meaning to hundreds of thousands of Portlanders to honor a man who had nothing to do with this City is disrespectful of the people who actually live here, and through their tax dollars, energy and dedication have made this city the great place that it is.

Finally, all of the polling that I've seen shows that Portlanders (and especially the impacted neighborhoods and business districts) overwhelmingly disapprove of the renaming of a street after Cesar Chavez. You, especially the Mayor and the Commissioners, are the representatives of the people. It is inconsistent with your position to implement this street renaming that is so overwhelmingly opposed by the people that you represent.

Please do not rename NE 39th Avenue Cesar Chavez Blvd.

Kim McGair
917 NE Hazelfern Pl.

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Portland, OR 97232
503-234-6634
kmcgair@msn.com

From: Jana Throckmorton <jana@caringcompanions.net>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 18, 2009 6:46:12 PM PDT
To: samadams@ci.portland.or.us, nick@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us, amanda@ci.portland.or.us, dan@ci.portland.or.us, kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us

Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

I have lived in Portland all of my living days. I love it here, and although I may not like some street names, it's ridiculous to re-name them after so many years of establishment.

Please, make a list of proposed names and name streets after these people on NEW streets in NEW developments. Everyone knows there are such places and there is NO good reason to take an old name, replace it with a new one! It's chaotic and crazy and makes no monetary sense either.

I respect that someone would like a street named after another. There could be a green space created, a plaque or even a tree named after these people. Let's consider other options than whole streets which run through much of the city.

Respectfully submitted,

Jana Throckmorton
Resident of South Tabor Neighborhood
Vice President of South Tabor
Neighborhood Clean up committee organizer
Small Business owner: Caring Companions Senior Services LLC

From: "Dieringer Properties, Inc." <Dieringerinc@integra.net>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 18, 2009 1:36:29 PM PDT
To: samadams@ci.portland.or.us, nick@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us, amanda@ci.portland.or.us, dan@ci.portland.or.us, kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us

Dear Commissioner:

We find it difficult to believe that the City Commissioners would ever want to vote 'yeh' for the renaming of 39th. It sure appears to alienate and not be considerate of those businesses that actually exist on 39th. From what we can tell, there is not much support from the 39th Ave business community. We would think that their input and support would be paramount for such a decision, or face the appearance of being anti-business to those who have been supporting the City and paying taxes all these years. It also puts an unnecessary financial burden on these businesses to have to change address, letter head, etc. 39th is an important "orientation" street and should remain so. It certainly appears that the City Counsel is looking to *force *the issue "sooner rather than later" to accommodate those that desire to honor C. Chavez. Instead, the Counsel should be patient to look for an appropriate opportunity to honor him without disrupting and alienating the public that is already in discord over the matter. There are certainly other opportunities that will arise to honor C. Chavez. Not to mention that the City would be wise to look at the financial aspects of such an order in the face of the current economy. There are certainly more pressing matters and more important issues that need the Commissioners attention at this time that would better assist the community at large with our tax dollars.

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Dieringer
President
Dieringer's Properties, Inc.
Owner of Woodstock Shopping Center (SE 44th & Woodstock)

From: "Judi Martin" <motheratures@integra.net>
Subject: **Please vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 18, 2009 12:10:03 PM PDT
To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, <leonard@ci.portland.or.us>, <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>, <dan@ci.portland.or.us>, <kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us>

Hello,

I am writing to encourage you to please vote no on the renaming of 39th.

One of the things I love about Portland is how easy it is to get around and find my way. When visitors come, it is a delight to be able to give simple directions.

I have a purely logistical reason for not wanting to change the name. 39th borders my home on one side. I also own a small business on 26th and SE Clinton St. EVERY time I give directions to my home or business, when I mention "Cesar Chavez Blvd", I will have to say that it is actually 39th. The streets are numbered. Clearly 39th comes after 38th. That is the logical way to give directions.

I have no objection to naming a street after Chavez, but could we name a "named" street after him? That would not interfere with the logical sequence of the numbered streets.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Judi Martin

Judi Martin
Mother Nature's Earth Friendly Baby Products
2627 SE Clinton St
Portland, OR 97202
503-230-7077 Phone/FAX

From: "Ron and Jan Clemenson" <clemenson@comcast.net>
 Subject: **Re: 39th Avenue update: Public hearing Tuesday June 23, 2009 @ 6pm**
 Date: June 18, 2009 11:49:26 AM PDT
 To: "Eric Fruits" <info@save39th.com>

Eric

The Centennial Community Assn. of East Portland supports your efforts to persuade City Council that this is not the way to go concerning renaming 39th avenue. Since Cesar Chavez was into agricultural issues it would seem more noteworthy and appropriate to name a park or other facility that would bear his name. When a group is so insistent as to jam something down affected peoples throats, this is not right. The City Council needs to step up and explain that this is not the American way of addressing one groups wishes. It would seem the City Council might consider naming the new baseball stadium (wherever is located) as Cesar Chavez Stadium. That would certainly be less disruptive and costly and goes with all the other sprots facilities around the nation that are named after businesses, important people, etc. That is my suggestion for thought.

Ron Clemenson
 Centennial Community Assn.

----- Original Message ----- From: "Eric Fruits" <info@save39th.com>
 To: "Eric Fruits" <info@save39th.com>
 Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2009 8:45 PM
 Subject: 39th Avenue update: Public hearing Tuesday June 23, 2009 @ 6pm

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SUBMITTING TESTIMONY

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(Over the next week I expect to send 3-4 additional emails. I do not intend to spam you. Even so, I will be happy to remove you from further emails.)

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Eric Fruits, Ph.D.

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From: Steve Sharp <steve@mediaPDX.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 18, 2009 11:15:53 AM PDT
To: nick@ci.portland.or.us
Cc: samadams@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us, amanda@ci.portland.or.us, dan@ci.portland.or.us, kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us

Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

As one who admired and supported Caesar Chavez, I find it dismaying that the City Council is being bullied by a group who clearly doesn't appreciate why Chavez himself would have rejected this "honor".

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Sharp

Business owner and 39th Ave adjacent homeowner.

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From: Mike Merrill <kmikeym@kmikeym.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 18, 2009 10:45:26 AM PDT
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Hello,

Please vote no on the proposal to rename 39th Ave.

-Mike Merrill
N. Portland

From: George Ivan Smith <georgeivansmith@gmail.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 18, 2009 12:19:49 AM PDT
To: samadams@ci.portland.or.us, nick@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us, amanda@ci.portland.or.us, dan@ci.portland.or.us, kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us
Cc: tommiller@ci.portland.or.us, sam.chase@ci.portland.or.us, tom.bizeau@ci.portland.or.us, tkovatch@ci.portland.or.us, bfinn@ci.portland.or.us

Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

The city sent notices of the proposal to all addresses along this street, but there is no report showing that any occupants have supported the change.

This is a classic example of setting up a process to justify making significant changes demanded by a group that will not be affected by the economic results.

It is sad to see the Council capitulate to the demands of a group who clearly don't understand why Caesar Chavez would have declined the "honor."

Respectfully submitted

George Ivan Smith
503-284-9829
georgeivansmith@gmail.com

From: Maryhelen Kincaid <jamasu88@msn.com>
 Subject: **RE: 39th Avenue update: Public hearing Tuesday June 23, 2009 @ 6pm**
 Date: June 17, 2009 8:56:35 PM PDT
 To: <info@save39th.com>

Eric,

I am a member of East Columbia neighborhood (ECNA) and William Schneider came to our meeting on June 9th and gave his presentation on his proposal to rename Delta Park for Cesar Chavez as an alternative to renaming 39th Ave. East Delta Park is in our neighborhood. He gave me his card so I could send him an email with the resolution that our neighborhood passed. I lost his card. I am hoping you either have contact with him and can send him this email so I will have it or that you have his email address and can send it to me.

I apologize for being so reckless with his card.

Good luck on your efforts.

Maryhelen Kincaid

> Date: Wed, 17 Jun 2009 20:45:37 -0700
 > Subject: 39th Avenue update: Public hearing Tuesday June 23, 2009 @ 6pm
 > From: info@save39th.com
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From: Sam Storicks <me@expurgate.nu>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 17, 2009 5:10:27 PM PDT
To: samadams@ci.portland.or.us, nick@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us, amanda@ci.portland.or.us,
dan@ci.portland.or.us, kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us

Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

Respectfully submitted

From: joshi alumkal <joshialumkal@hotmail.com>
Subject: **Keep 39th Ave 39th Ave**
Date: June 17, 2009 10:56:07 AM PDT
To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>, <randy@ci.portland.or.us>, <dsaltzman@ci.portland.or.us>
Cc: <schneider@uci.net>, <info@save39th.com>, Kathleen Kemmer <kathleenkemmer@hotmail.com>, <joshialumkal@hotmail.com>

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

I am writing today to voice my concern about the renaming of my street, NE 39th Ave. I think the most germane first question is whether this is necessary. The second question that comes to mind is is 39th Avenue the best street for this re-naming.

I have lived in several cities prior to coming to Portland where Cesar Chavez Blvds existed, mainly in Texas. Invariably the streets chosen for renaming were downtown, in commercial districts, or in neighborhoods with strong Latino ties. 39th Avenue in Portland does not fit any of these criteria. I am a minority myself and have Mexican-American relatives, but I think we can honor Mr. Chavez more by promoting tolerance, diversity, and acceptance rather than renaming streets. Does the world really need another Cesar Chavez street to show its appreciation of his works?

My main concern with the renaming is not the intended person of honor. I would object to any re-naming of my street. I believe that this will cause a great deal of disruption to myself and other families who live on the street r/e all legal documents with permanent addresses, subscriptions, etc. In addition, our current address, NE 39th Ave, makes our location readily obvious to visitors, etc. While these might seem trivial, I would ask how excited you would be about having your street re-named?

If the council feels as though re-naming of this street is a priority, I would suggest that all who live on NE 39th Ave (or whatever street is eventually chosen as a candidate) have a say and a vote in the matter. Otherwise, this will be a decision made by proxy by those on whom no impact will be felt.

Sincerely,
Joshi J, Alumkal, MD
Registered (and voting) citizen
2444 NE 39th Ave
Portland, OR 97212

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From: Gregory Kerr <biggregk@mac.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 17, 2009 7:25:59 AM PDT
To: samadams@ci.portland.or.us, nick@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us, amanda@ci.portland.or.us,
dan@ci.portland.or.us, kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us

Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

Respectfully submitted

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From: Bret Lundquist <bretlunk@gmail.com>

Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**

Date: June 17, 2009 6:48:38 AM PDT

To: samadams@ci.portland.or.us, nick@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us, amanda@ci.portland.or.us,
dan@ci.portland.or.us

Dear Commissioner:

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Respectfully submitted

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From: John Olson <johnolson@gmail.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 16, 2009 9:24:13 PM PDT
To: nick@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us, amanda@ci.portland.or.us, dan@ci.portland.or.us, kmoore-
love@ci.portland.or.us

Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

It's just wrong! Why not name something that is new after Cesar Chavez like a new park, or a new bridge (I-5), why rename anything, new things are built all the time. It just makes sense.

John Olson

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From: "John Martin" <martinore711@comcast.net>

Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**

Date: June 16, 2009 9:14:10 PM PDT

To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, <rleonard@ci.portland.or.us>, <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>, <dan@ci.portland.or.us>

Dear Commissioner:

Pease vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue. 39th Ave actually does not meet the criterea for street renaming based upon the following fact. The street does not start and stop within the city of Portland but rather continues to Milwaukie. For this reason the street should be eliminated for renaming.

Respectfully Submitted Patty Martin

From: "Aaron Asmus" <aaron.asmus@gmail.com>
Subject: **Keeping 39th AVE as 39th AVE**
Date: June 16, 2009 9:38:37 AM PDT
To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>, <randy@ci.portland.or.us>, <dsaltzman@ci.portland.or.us>
Cc: <schneider@uci.net>, <info@save39th.com>

To Whom It May Concern:

During all of the conversation around the renaming of 39th AVE to Caesar E Chavez Blvd there are 2 concerns which are the most disappointing.

- 1.) What is the cost of replacing all of the signs along 39th AVE? \$500,000 a million or more when you include payroll to put the signs up? When you consider all business around the city are trimming expenses, the local and state governments are looking at tax increases and cutting programs. Why is the city even considering this project at a time when all families are feeling the pinch of the financial times we are in today? The money you would put into renaming the street could go to support healthcare for kids, or feeding the homeless, or food stamps for the working poor. A decision to rename a street would be a disappointment to the entire city of Portland.
- 2.) While Caesar E Chavez has some historical significance, what ties does he have to Portland? None directly. While recognizing the past is important why don't we name a park after this historical figure? The cost of doing so would be drastically reduced and would not impact any of the residents or businesses of the city. This seems like a fair compromise and a cost effective one at that.

It is disappointing we as a community are spending tax payer dollars to discuss this at a time when we should be focusing on how we create a sustainable and viable city government which is able to provide the services necessary to its constituents. If 39th Ave does become Caesar E Chavez Ave it will be one of the greatest disappointments I have seen the city approve since arriving in Portland just 6 years ago.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments. As a resident on 39th Ave I feel it is necessary to voice the opinions of those who will be directly impacted by your decision.

Sincerely,

Aaron Asmus & Connie Snow
5105 SE 39th AVE
Portland

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From: Nik <schnik@hotmail.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 16, 2009 8:04:34 AM PDT
To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, <rleonard@ci.portland.or.us>, <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>, <dan@ci.portland.or.us>

Dear Commissioner:

The continued silence of The Cesar E. Chavez Blvd Committee (CECBC), is leading me to believe the committee has confidence the commission has already made up their mind regarding the renaming of Historic 39th Avenue. I sincerely hope this is not true. This is a major thoroughfare from North Portland through Milwaukie, Oregon; therefore, changing the name would cause undue confusion and hardship on many Portlanders. I urge you to consider all issues when casting your vote for renaming.

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

Respectfully submitted
Nicholas Church

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From: susan fischer <nestingbirds@gmail.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
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dan@ci.portland.or.us

Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

Respectfully submitted
Susan Fischer
3125 ne 39th
pdx 97212

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From: Rose Bonomo <rose@rosabode.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 14, 2009 9:12:54 AM PDT
To: samadams@ci.portland.or.us, nick@ci.portland.or.us, rleonard@ci.portland.or.us, amanda@ci.portland.or.us,
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Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

Respectfully submitted

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From: "Eric J Harris" <Eric.J.Harris@comcast.net>
 Subject: **RENAMING OF 39TH AVE**
 Date: June 13, 2009 10:37:42 PM PDT
 To: <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, <tommler@ci.portland.or.us>, <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, <bfinn@ci.portland.or.us>, <dan@ci.portland.or.us>, <tkovatch@ci.portland.or.us>, <leonard@ci.portland.or.us>, <tom.bizeau@ci.portland.or.us>, <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>, <sam.chase@ci.portland.or.us>
 Cc: <info@save39th.com>

Ladies and Gentlemen,

For those of you who have taken time out of your busy schedules to respond to my e-mail, thank you. Ms. Fritz, thank you for the personalization of your e-mail, it gives one hope that they are actually read and taken into account.

It is sad to see the vast majority of residents/respondents to the surveys taken, 80+ percent in all cases, being overshadowed by such a minority percentage for political expediency.

Broadway - Support - 5.4% - OPPOSE - 94.4%

Grand Ave - Support - 15.5% - OPPOSE - 83.8%

39th Ave - Support - 11.5% - OPPOSE - 87.7%

It is sadder yet to see Mr. Fish elevate Mr. Chavez to the level of "American hero". Having had the opportunity to meet and serve with true American heroes I am very sad indeed to see the denigration of the term by affording it to nearly anyone for doing a good deed and allowing those truly deserving of the honor to be so easily dismissed and forgotten. It would behoove us all to take the opportunity to visit with a true American hero and chat with them about what they did to make America safe and free for all, and to grant us all the rights and privileges far too often taken for granted and dismissed so easily.

To quote Mr. Sean Cruz, a Mexican American, from his 'Blogoitical Sean' article dated March 22, 2009; *"It would be no insult to name a school, a library, a park, a farmers' market, a bridge for Cesar Chavez, no insult to Mexican-Americans or Chicanos at all."* - I can only again ask why must a street be renamed and waste so much time, money, and effort in doing so? Would it not be better in so many ways to take a park or some other structure, let's say Rhododendron Garden, and rename it the Cesar Chavez Memorial Rhododendron Garden and place a plaque with his many accomplishments for all who visit to read and learn rather than just a street sign that they would pay so little attention to?

To again quote Mr. Sean Cruz from his 'Blogoitical Sean' article dated March 22, 2009; *"I'd like the people bent on renaming a Portland street to work on describing Cesar Chavez more accurately, using words like Mexican-American, migrant and Chicano once in a while; focus more on educating the community, less on making demands of other people's time and money; more on the honoring part, less on the self-righteous part...remember that you do not own the franchise except in your own minds."*

Your time and effort in doing the right thing for all residents of Portland in honoring Mr. Chavez appropriately is greatly appreciated. I look forward to the right thing being done and seeing a lovely park or some other structure named in his honor and affording all people an opportunity to learn of his efforts.

Semper Fi,
Eric

"Glory belongs to the act of being constant to something greater than yourself, to a cause, to your principles, to the people on whom you rely and who rely on you in return."

Senator John McCain

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From: Dory Green <dory@speakeasy.net>
Subject: **No on 39th**
Date: June 13, 2009 7:06:08 PM PDT
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dan@ci.portland.or.us

Dear Commissioner:

Renaming 39th ave. makes no sense, please vote NO on the proposal to rename Portland's 39th Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,
Dory Green
NE Portland

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From: Franco <tnfranco@mac.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 13, 2009 4:31:03 PM PDT
To: Undisclosed recipients: ;

Dear Commissioner:

Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy B. Franco

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From: Franco <tnfranco@mac.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 13, 2009 4:30:35 PM PDT
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Dear Commissioner:

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Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Franco

From: "Marilyn Ceaser" <Marilyn_Ceaser@q.com>
Subject: **Vote NO on renaming 39th Avenue**
Date: June 13, 2009 12:49:49 AM PDT
To: <samadams@ci.portland.or.us>, <nick@ci.portland.or.us>, <rleonard@ci.portland.or.us>, <amanda@ci.portland.or.us>, <dan@ci.portland.or.us>

Dear Commissioner:

We own a home at 3218 SE 39th Avenue, Portland, OR 97202, and we are opposed to renaming of our street. With a little research we are disappointed to find out that the persons who have spearheaded the renaming process are not in the neighborhoods affected by the street renaming. One person on the committee does not even live in Portland they live in Tigard. The other committee member lives in Arbor Lodge, why not rename their own streets? Our neighbors are equally opposed to this name change. Please vote NO on the proposal to rename 39th Avenue.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan & Marilyn Klingensmith