Resolution No. 2026-104

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA RENAMING ALL OF CALLE CESAR CHAVEZ BETWEEN EAST GUTIERREZ STREET AND EAST CABRILLO BOULEVARD TO LIMUW STREET

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Santa Barbara received a request to consider renaming Calle César Chávez, between East Gutierrez Street and East Cabrillo Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 22.48 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code, the City Council may consider a street-name change after notice to affected property owners and appropriate public consideration, including consideration of the public interest, community input, potential effects on residents and businesses, and the avoidance of unnecessary confusion or disruption; and

WHEREAS, the Council acknowledges that the purpose of this action is not to adjudicate or make findings concerning allegations involving César Chávez, but to determine, in the exercise of the City's legislative discretion and consistent with Chapter 22.48, whether the current street name remains suitable for a City street; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has heard and considered the recommendation of the Neighborhood Advisory Council, public testimony, written comments, and other materials presented at a duly noticed public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Council has also considered alternatives to the existing name, the historical and cultural context of the corridor, the views of affected property owners, residents, businesses, community members, and representatives of the Chumash community, as well as the practical consequences of a street-name change; and WHEREAS, Limuw is known as the birthplace of the Chumash people.

WHEREAS, the street ends at East Cabrillo Boulevard and if one is standing at the end of the street looking out toward the ocean, it leads directly to Limuw.

WHEREAS, after considering the foregoing, the City Council finds that renaming the street Limuw Street serves the public interest by recognizing the Indigenous history and cultural heritage of the area while providing a name with a direct geographic relationship to the corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Santa Barbara desires to provide a period of time after adoption for parties to prepare for the renaming Limuw Street to minimize impacts to businesses and residents and procure and install the new street signs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA THAT:

1. Based upon the record before it, including the considerations required by Chapter 22.48 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code, the City Council finds that changing the name of the portion of Calle César Chávez described in this Resolution is in the public interest.
2. The portion of Calle César Chávez located between East Gutierrez Street and East Cabrillo Boulevard is hereby renamed "Limuw Street," effective January 1, 2027.
3. The City Administrator, or designee, is directed to take the administrative actions necessary to implement this Resolution, including procuring and installing replacement street signs and updating applicable City records.
4. The Clerk and City Engineer is directed to notify such change in name by mailing a copy of this Resolution and an address letter to the City Police, Fire, Public Works, Community Development Departments, the United States Postal Services, commercial package delivery services, the County of Santa Barbara, public utility companies, and to each of the owners of properties (to both situs and mailing addresses) which abut the area of the street that is renamed, as such owners appear on the latest available County Assessor's records of Santa Barbara County.
5. In order to give property owners an opportunity to make adjustments for this change in name, this Resolution shall not take effect or be operative until January 1, 2027.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA) ss.
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CITY OF SANTA BARBARA)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Santa Barbara at a meeting held on October 6, 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Eric Friedman, Oscar Gutierrez, Meagan Harmon, Mike Jordan, Wendy Santamaria, Kristen W. Sneddon.

NOES: Mayor Randy Rowse.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Santa Barbara on October 6, 2026.

Sarah P. Gorman, MMC
City Clerk Services Manager

I HEREBY APPROVE the foregoing resolution on October 6, 2026.

Randy Rowse
Mayor