

# César E. Chávez



## Memorial Walkway

### César E. Chávez Memorial Signs

In October 2007, Mayor Reed created the Mayor's Committee to Honor César E. Chávez, which identified the establishment of a memorial walkway as one of its top priorities. On March 24, 2009, the City Council designated a route through Downtown and East San José as César Chávez Memorial Walkway. With funding from the Mayor's office, walkway signs were installed in March 2010 at seven locations along the route, which served as important landmarks in César Chávez's life or have since been dedicated in his memory.

#### #1 Plaza de César E. Chávez

The site of California's first state capital from 1849 to 1851 and the original 1797 Pueblo de San José, this popular park was named after Civil Rights Leader César Chávez in 1993 to recognize San José as the birthplace of his struggle for social justice.

*Location: S. Market St. & San Carlos St.*

#### #3 Mexican Heritage Plaza

The Mexican Heritage Plaza sits on the former site of one of the first grape boycotts led by the United Farm Workers in the mid-1960s under the leadership of César Chávez. The Plaza is built in the architectural style of a traditional Mexican plaza and serves as a hub of community activity.

*Location: 1700 Alum Rock Ave.*

#### #5 Mayfair Community Center

The Center opened in January 2009 and provides the community a place to share, learn, and play. The Mayfair neighborhood, formerly known as "Sal Si Puedes" (Get Out If You Can), was historically home to migrant workers and the childhood home of civil rights activist César Chávez.

*Location: 2039 Kammerer Ave.*

#### #7 Former Chávez Home

Located in what was originally known as the East San José barrio of "Sal Si Puedes" or "get out if you can", César and Helen Chávez and their family resided in this home from 1951 to 1953 while César labored at nearby apricot orchards.

*Location: 53 Scharff Ave.*

#### #2 Arch of Dignity, Equality & Justice

Designed by Judith F. Baca and completed in 2008, the 22 foot Arch of Dignity, Equality and Justice is topped by the United Farm Workers' emblem and pays tribute to César Chávez and other leaders instrumental to the Civil Rights Movement.

*Location: San Jose State University*

#### #4 César E. Chávez Elementary School

Named in tribute to the civil rights leader César Chávez, the Elementary School opened in 1992 and serves 600 students in grades K-5. César lived with his family just blocks away when he started the struggle for farm worker rights that would eventually grow into a national civil rights movement.

*Location: 2000 Kammerer Ave.*

#### #6 Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church was instrumental in the United Farm Workers' movement during the 1950s and 1960s, supporting local migrant workers with basic services and helping to galvanize community organizing efforts.

*Location: 2020 East San Antonio St.*



