ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.
CAL STATE SAN MARCOS

Memorandum

Date: March 25, 2026

To: Students of California State University, San Marcos

From: Abigail Elaine Pollard, President & CEO
Anahi Martinez Perez, Vice President of Finance & Operations
Cameron Munn, Vice President of Student & University Affairs
Illeana Carmona Chavez, Chair & Chief of Staff

Re: ASI Statement on Cesar Chavez Developments and Campus Actions

In light of recent reports of abuse regarding Cesar Chavez, we at Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) of California State University, San Marcos want to recognize and acknowledge the deceit, pain, and harm that has been felt across our campus community. We want to assure you that we are working with campus administration to respond as fast and thoughtfully as possible to find ways to acknowledge the pain and impact that this has caused, support our students, and move forward together.

To provide an update on actions taken, the statue of Cesar Chavez on campus has been removed, and efforts to rename associated spaces are underway. We would also like to provide a reminder that these developments do not take anything away from the mission, work, and advancements made possible by the countless individuals for the movement of social justice and meaningful change in our world.

Please email input@csusm.edu to share your thoughts to help provide guidance as we navigate these developments as a campus community.

We recognize that this news fits within a larger pattern that many encounter way too often in our day-to-day lives. We want to reaffirm ASI's commitment to believing, empowering, and supporting survivors of abuse. Further, we implore and encourage anyone experiencing abuse to seek support and community resources.

There is support available and resources eager to assist and empower those who need it during this time.

- If you are in need of any mental health services or resources, please contact Student Health & Counseling Services (SHCS) by visiting Monday – Friday 8:00 am - 4:45 pm, by phone (760) 750-4915, or via email: shcs@csusm.edu

- If you would like to report discrimination, harassment, or sexual misconduct, please contact the Title IX/DHR Office by email at nondiscrimination@csusm.edu or by phone at (760)750-6020

- Cougar Care Network services are available by visiting Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm in Administrative Building 1200, by phone (760) 750-7627 or via email: ccn@csusm.edu

- Whether you're looking for support, identity-affirming programs, or just a place to connect, check out our Student Life Centers, College Assistance Migrant Program, and the COMPASS Office.

- Domestic and Sexual Violence Resources are also available. If you need immediate assistance or would like to be connected to support services, please reach out to campus resources or call a confidential hotline such as the National Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 799-7233.