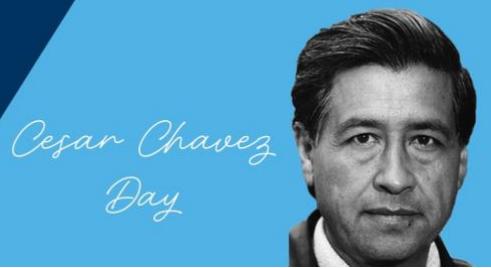




A MESSAGE FROM INTERIM CHANCELLOR ALBERTO J. ROMÁN



Dear LACCD Community,

Today, we pause to honor the legacy of César Chávez, a leader whose life's work was dedicated to justice, dignity, and giving a voice to those who could not advocate for themselves. He believed in the power of unity, in the strength of collective action, and in the idea that true progress is not measured by individual success but by how we uplift and protect the most vulnerable among us.

At a time when the world is facing deep divisions and challenges, we need more leaders like Chávez—leaders who fight not for themselves, but for the greater good. His unwavering commitment to the rights of farmworkers and working families reminds us that real change does not come from isolated efforts, but from standing together, side by side, in the pursuit of justice.

This is the spirit I want reflected in every classroom, every workspace, and every connection we have with our community. The work we do at LACCD must embody the same principles Chávez championed: education as a force for equity, service as a means of empowerment, and advocacy as a moral responsibility. Our students deserve to see that their voices matter, that their struggles are acknowledged, and that they have the power to change the world—just as Chávez did.

Let us not only honor his memory but live his legacy. Let's commit ourselves to fostering spaces where all people—regardless of background—are heard, respected, and supported. Let's challenge injustice when we see it, lift up those who need it most, and remember that we are strongest when we stand together.

In solidarity and service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alberto J. Roman".

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