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Honorable Cathy Murillo
Mayor
City of Santa Barbara
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Santa Barbara, CA 93102
Email: <https://www.santabarbaraca.gov/contact/council/cmurillo/default.asp>

RE: Honoring Dolores Huerta

Dear Mayor Murillo:

On behalf of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee (SBWPC), I am writing to express support for the effort underway in our community to name/rename a street in honor of Dolores Huerta. As you know, SBWPC's mission is dedicated to furthering gender equality and other feminist values through political and social action and educational activities. Our organization is one of the largest women's political committees in Santa Barbara County with approximately 300 members. We advocate for a diverse set of positions that includes gender balance in all aspects of civic and political life -- <https://sbwpc.org/positions/>.

We are aware that a local group has been working with you and the City Council as well as City staff to identify a street to name in Ms. Huerta's honor. A road has been named for her in Albuquerque. An intersection in Boyle Heights in Los Angeles has been designated in her honor. There are efforts underway in San Francisco to rename South Van Ness Street for her. It is time for Santa Barbara to expand this growing call to honor this civil rights champion. Sí se puede!

The Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee regards naming a street in Dolores Huerta's honor as an important step forward in acknowledging the contributions of Latinas like her for the historical role they played in our city, state, and national fight for justice and equality. Additionally, Ms. Huerta remains active to this day in furthering the causes of educational equity and civic engagement with a particular focus on the role of the U.S. Census in ensuring representation and resources for all communities.

Thank you for reviewing our organization's position on this issue. Should you wish to communicate further with us, please email us at info@sbwpc.org or visit our website: www.sbwpc.org

Sincerely,

Luz Reyes-Martín
President SBWPC