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*****MEDIA ALERT*****

***UPDATED* VIBRANT ARTWORK MAKES A STOP AT CITY HALL**

**[THE PRIOR RELEASE INACCURATELY STATED
THAT CAVE COMMISSIONED THE ARTWORK]**

The City of Chico, Chico State's Art Program and the Associated Students invite you to come view the temporary art addition to City Hall, an 8 foot by 4 foot painting of Cesar Chavez titled *Si, Se Puede* located on the third floor.

The mural was commissioned by Nadine Salas in her role as Associated Students Commissioner of Community Affairs and the art project itself was led by two Chico State students, Will Mobley and Shannon "Shay" Taylor, in J Pouwels' public murals course. Incredibly, the artwork had a very quick turnaround, with only 24 hours from final commission to deadline! Chico State University President Gayle Hutchison celebrated the mural and artists by stating, "The 'Public Murals' course has been a fantastic addition to Chico State's arts program this semester. It has provided opportunities for students to explore art as a profession and share with our community the University's values of public service and diversity in a creative and visual way. I am proud of the fantastic work of the students—Will, Shay and Kris—and Professor Pouwels. Chico citizens and visitors alike are sure to treasure this new community feature."

Of the Associated Student's vision, artist Will Mobley explained, "They wanted to bring life to something that's very important to this area. Our biggest accomplishment with the Chavez mural is a sense of community, an overall sense of unity throughout the University, Chico itself, and the local Hispanic community, too. The scheme and composition carried that whole message out." Artist Shay Taylor added, "With Cesar Chavez as the main focal point, we then wanted to also include the school and community. That's part of the landscape of what Chico State does- it

has this natural relationship with agriculture, and it's obviously a major part of what Cesar Chavez was about.”

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Of the collaboration, City Manager Mark Orme noted: “Arts of all kind plays an integral role in Chico’s city life and the creative mind continues to be a benchmark of our citizenry. Additionally, the partnership between the City and Chico State continues to thrive in wonderful ways. Both realities have culminated in the opportunity for the City to display one example of the high level of talent from Chico State’s Department of Art & Art History for anyone to experience. The City is proud to display this wonderful illustration of vibrant and bold art, to inspire future artists and contribute toward our thriving arts culture.”

The City of Chico City Manager’s office encourages citizens to come view the mural that is now on display at City Hall, third floor, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. It is anticipated that this artwork will remain available for viewing at City Hall throughout the summer.

For more information, please call the City Manager’s Office at 530-896-7210.

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