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Local Latino leaders to be honored as part of Cinco de Mayo celebration

Former State Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso, former legal advisor to the late civil rights activist Cesar Chavez, is set to speak at a gathering that will honor local Latino leaders in celebration of Cinco de Mayo.

Hosted by Riverside County Community Action Partnership's Multi-Cultural and Arts Committee, the event is planned from noon to 1 p.m. on May 5 at 2038 Iowa Avenue, Suite B-102 in Riverside.

Reynoso was the first Latino to hold a seat on the Court of Appeal and the California State Supreme Court. He was also the first Latino to become a Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient.

"We are very honored to hear from Justice Reynoso. We know he will bring a wealth of information and insight to the on-going efforts to assist low-income families in Riverside County," said Brenda Freeman, Community Action Partnership executive director.

Along with Reynoso, among those honored will be Andy Melendrez, City Council Member; Kitty Alvarado, KMIR News; Peter Aldana, Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder; and Susana Esmeralda Chandj, business owner.

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