



# Cesar Chavez & Dolores Huerta Commemorative Committee

**Invites the Berkeley Community to meet**

Presidential Medal of Freedom winner

**Sylvia Mendez**

The *Brown v. Board of Education* is a widely known

landmark Supreme Court case yet few can trace its origins to the *Mendez v. Westminster*.

**Sylvia Mendez**, who received the [Presidential Medal of Freedom](#) at a 2011 White House ceremony, was a nine year old child when she was turned away from a California public school for "whites only." That rejection fueled her father's determined journey through school, civic, and legal channels. Gonzalo Mendez, represented by a civil rights attorney, took four Los Angeles-area school districts to court and won a class action lawsuit. **Come and join** the community and meet **Sylvia Mendez** and hear her story that is relevant in today's political climate and narrative.



## Thursday - April 13<sup>th</sup>

- **Thousand Oaks Library from 10 to 11**
  - **840 Colusa Avenue**
- **Longfellow Auditorium from 11:30-12:30**
- **Center for Latino Policy Research from 2 to 3:30**
  - **2457 Channing Way**
- **Longfellow Auditorium – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC from 6 to 8pm**
  - **1500 Derby Street**

**BUSD Teachers don't forget!!**

**Essay, Poetry and Poster Contest**

**Open to 2<sup>nd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers and Students**

**Deadline for submittal April 17, 2017 – Deadline Extended**

**Mendez v. Westminster - 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

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