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Mr. Paul S. Park, Esq.
% Cesar Chavez Foundation

By Email Only (legal@chavezfoundation.org)

Re: Your Letter to John Duran Dated Feb. 20, 2023 (OBO Cesar Chavez Foundation)

Dear Mr. Park:

The Law Offices of Melo and Sarsfield LLP represent Mr. John Duran for purposes of responding to your letter dated Feb. 20, 2023.

We practice First Amendment law, to include anti-SLAPP (CCP § 425.16 et seq.).

Your letter to Mr. Duran is inaccurate. At no time has Mr. Duran accused the Cesar Chavez Foundation of engaging in criminal conduct. Nor has he besmirched the name of Cesar Chavez. In point of fact, Mr. Duran has the highest regard for the late labor leader. It is Mr. Duran's belief that the Foundation and the memory of the late Cesar Chavez are being unscrupulously taken advantage of by Mr. Paul Chavez.

Mr. Duran was commenting to a legitimate newspaper about an ongoing matter of public concern (a court case) as well as an investigation by a law enforcement entity. As such, his remarks are protected speech under the First Amendment.

Additionally, your admonition that Mr. Duran cannot publish the letter you sent to him is silly, at best. He may, or may not, publish the letter. You are free to contact the media to respond if he does.

Be advised that Mr. Duran is fully prepared to vigorously defend any legal action against him, in the appropriate jurisdiction.

Letter to Attorney Paul Parks
3/13/23

I trust we have made our position regarding this matter clear.

As Mr. Duran now has retained counsel, please direct all further communication regarding this matter to this firm. We prefer communication by email to the address:
“meloandsarsfield@icloud.com.”

Sincerely,

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