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LULAC Council 10: The First Ten Years, 1959-1969

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Closing Cook’s Point - 1952

Mary Terronez

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LULAC COUNCIL 10

Chartered on February 16, 1959

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Community Organizing 1960s
Davenport Catholic Interracial Council

In 1962, Henry Vargas served on the executive board of the Davenport C.I.C.

“Mottet was the machine that made the Catholic Interracial Council go!”
Jack Schneiders

Rev. Marvin Mottet

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Pacem in Terris Awards
Coach Peña was honored for his work with inner city youth at the Pacem in Terris awards banquet in Davenport in 1969.

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Protest at City Hall – 1959
LULAC Council 10 Delegation

Jesse Vargas
Henry Vargas
Ernest Rodriguez

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Henry Vargas

1962:
Davenport HRC
Davenport CIC

Fight for fair housing
NAACP – LULAC - CIC

‘Huelga’ Committee for
Grape Boycott Campaign

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Ernest Rodriguez

- Davenport HRC
- Minority Coalition
- Area Board for Migrants

“Lift the veil of whatever obscures your vision . . . Look into our hearts, look into our minds, read about us, know us, understand us.”

Ernest Rodriguez

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Women Hold Up Half The Sky

Fiesta Queens, 1967.
Photo by Phyllis Fillers.

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LULAC Scholarship Program

Salvador Lopez

One year LULAC Council 10 raised $27,000 for the scholarship program.

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¡Boicoteo!

¡Huelga!
John Terronez (1938-1997)

State Director Iowa LULAC
1968 - 1970

Mary Terronez papers, LULAC Council 10 records,
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Quad City Grape Boycott Committee

Cesar Chavez, Delano, Calif., leader of the nationwide grape boycott, will speak in Davenport at a rally in support of the boycott at 8 p.m. Nov. 18 at Eagles Dance Hall. It was announced Saturday by John Terronez, chairman of the Quad-City Grape Boycott Committee.

Chavez rose to prominence as leader of the United Farm Workers Organizing Committee of the AFL-CIO, which was created to improve wages and living conditions of Iowa Women's Archives, The University of Iowa Libraries.
International Grape Boycott Day

Grape Strike Spurs Quad City Protest

DAVENPORT — "Huelga" and "Viva La Caña" are Mexican-American words which are translated into the word "trouble" for California grape growers who refuse to negotiate with the thousands of grape pickers who want to unionize.

The words became relevant in the Iowa and Illinois Quad Cities last Saturday when between 20 workers — most of them Mexican-American — are pressing for protection under the National Labor Relations Act and union recognition by the growers for whom they work.

The farm workers, under the leadership of César Chávez, allege that the growers have rejected all efforts to negotiate and have imported illegal labor to break the strike.

No Action

The United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO, claims the federal government does nothing to stop the importation of workers from across the border by the growers.

The Quad City Boycott Committee issued a leaflet alleging some stores make it a practice to "deceive the consumers." The committee says some stores have mislabeled grape boxes and have dispensed misleading information about the origin of the grapes. "Consumers are told that the grapes are from Arizona or New York."

John Terronez

An 80-year-old key figure and 40 people — representing many organizations — looked up picket signs and paraded in front of seven supermarkets where California grapes are reportedly for sale.

The boycott was international.
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“Some of us had lived at Cook’s Point and so we thought it wasn’t right. So we thought it was something we had to do.”

Henry Vargas
LULAC Members March on Des Moines, 1969
Support Rights of Iowa Migrant Workers

DON'T BUY HEINZ PRODUCTS
until the Legislature acts to correct deplorable conditions afflicting migrant workers in Iowa.

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¡Sí, Se Puede!

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¡Muchas Felicidades Council 10!

¡Gracias!

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