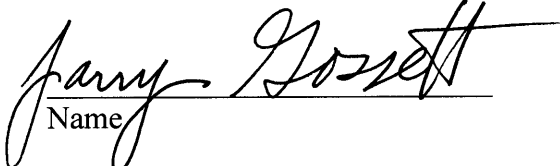
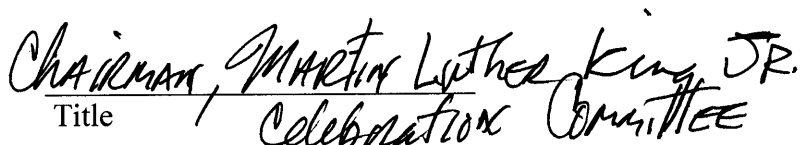


Resolution Endorsing Campaign to Free Nestora Salgado

- Whereas: Nestora Salgado is a resident of Renton Washington, a naturalized U.S. citizen, and an indigenous leader imprisoned in Tepic, Mexico; and
- Whereas: Ms. Salgado and the indigenous citizens of her hometown of Olinalá, Mexico, decided to defend themselves against drug traffickers, corrupt politicians, and mining companies which were exploiting their resources by organizing their own state-sanctioned, democratically-elected community police force with Ms. Salgado as their coordinator; and
- Whereas: in carrying out her duties, Ms. Salgado arrested the sheriff of Olinalá on theft charges and was subsequently falsely charged with kidnapping; and
- Whereas: Ms. Salgado is being denied medicine and medical attention in jail; and
- Whereas: over 115 organizations and individuals have endorsed the campaign to free Nestora, including the Seattle Human Rights Commission, Central Puget Sound Carpenters Union Local 30, Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA) San Francisco Chapter, the National Lawyers Guild, United American Indians of New England, and Washington Federation of State Employees Local 304; be it
- Resolved: that the Seattle Martin Luther King Celebration Committee 2013-2014 endorse the Libertad para Nestora/ Freedom for Nestora campaign and urge participants in this year's activities to do the same and to sign the on-line petition at Changes.org; and be it further
- Resolved: that the Seattle Martin Luther King Celebration Committee 2013-2014 urge the U.S. State Department to take immediate and rigorous action to secure Ms. Salgado's release; be it finally
- Resolved: that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Congressional Black Caucus for its adoption.

Adopted by unanimous vote of the Seattle Martin Luther King Celebration Committee 2013-2014 on January 7, 2014.


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