



FROM: Boulder Campus Staff Council
DATE: October 9, 2019
SUBJECT: Support for the Sculpture of Los Seis

To whom it may concern,

Staff Council would like to formally express support for the permanent placement of the public art project led by CU Masters of Fine Arts student Jasmine Baetz in front of Temporary Building 1 (TB-1). This sculpture serves as a symbol of remembrance for Chicanx/Mexican/Mexican American students and staff on campus who have struggled across many decades to legitimize their sense of belonging and place at the university and beyond.

The artistic process involved over 200 volunteer students whose collaborative efforts demonstrate the importance of the collective memory of a group of people and honors the past and present experiences of Mexican Americans on this campus.

As we know, representation is powerful in expanding the possibilities that young people see for themselves. CU Boulder has a long history of employing its graduates; in particular, there are many Latinx/Chicanx staff who have served this campus through time as proud alumni and whose children are enrolled in the institution. In doing so legacies are created that benefit Colorado communities and beyond. Today, we have more Latinx/Chicanx students enrolled at CU Boulder than ever before, and Staff Council believes that the employment of diverse and underrepresented staff are integral to the success of the university and to meeting the needs of the state more broadly.

Furthermore, Staff Council also recognizes that it is often the invisible labor of dedicated employees who daily create the foundation for all students to find their success at CU Boulder. It is imperative that our students and employees see public displays of the university's commitment to the said goals of Lead, Innovate and Impact in addition to [making excellence inclusive](#). The permanent installation of this sculpture would serve as a potent symbol of the institution's recognition and appreciation of its underrepresented students, staff and faculty, and would demonstrate this campus' commitment to inclusivity.

CU Boulder has gone through a historical renaissance of sorts in recent years, acknowledging and honoring valued members of our community from underrepresented groups, including people of color and women. Let us not wait a century before we honor the presence and contribution of the Los Seis de Boulder, who lost their lives through their commitment to improving our institution and our society.

Sincerely,

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Endorsed on October 9, 2019, Boulder Campus Staff Council