

## Renaming street could cost \$1.2M

Estimate to change Cesar Chavez comes as city embarks on public input process

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Renaming Cesar Chavez Street could cost upward of \$1.2 million, according to a staff presentation Tuesday to the Austin City Council that covered the price of new signage and a sweeping community engagement plan to determine a new name for the major thoroughfare.

The presentation also covered possible alternative names that included Water Street.

The push follows a March investigation by the New York Times that reported newly disclosed allegations against the late labor leader, prompting similar renaming conversations across the state and country.

In Austin, the effort also comes as the city stares down a \$26 million budget shortfall.

In a presentation to City Council Tuesday, city staff outlined a plan for engaging a wide array of interests in the renaming process that included residents and businesses along

East and West Cesar Chavez streets, labor unions and Latino community leaders.

Staff said the city plans to hold three public meetings over the summer — two in-person and one virtual — where residents will have the opportunity to ask questions and give feedback.

The city also will gather feedback online.

Staff will spend September analyzing the feedback and make a recommendation to council, which would likely vote on a renaming in the fall.

Staff said there are about 450 addresses, including 153 businesses, along East and West



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A sign calls for the renaming of East Cesar Chavez Street, featuring the United Farm Workers logo.



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A man walks into the Williamson County Jester Annex in Round Rock on Tuesday to vote in the primary runoff election. There was no line when polls opened at 7 a.m. For live election results, visit Statesman.com, and look for election analysis of the U.S. Senate, attorney general and other state and local primary runoff races in Thursday's print edition.

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## Iran calls strikes a show of 'bad faith'

Effects of attack on negotiations unclear

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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Iran on Tuesday denounced the most recent U.S. strikes as a sign of "bad faith and unreliability" as negotiations pressed on toward a possible deal to end the war, and the Islamic Republic began restoring internet access after one of the longest nationwide shutdowns ever.

The U.S. military characterized Monday's strikes in southern Iran as defensive, with targets that included missile launch sites and minelaying boats, and said the U.S. acted with "restraint" in light of the weeklong ceasefire.

Iran's foreign ministry called the strikes a ceasefire violation and warned that Washington would bear responsibility for "all consequences," without elaborating.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran will leave no act of aggression unanswered," it added in a statement.

Iran's Revolutionary Guard said Tuesday that it shot down at least one drone and deterred another drone and a fighter jet that entered its airspace, according to Iran's official Mizan news agency. It didn't specify when the incidents occurred.

Iran's supreme leader, Mojtaba Khamenei, used a statement about Islam's annual Hajj pilgrimage to address his country's confrontation with the U.S. and Israel, declaring that other Middle East nations "will no longer serve as a shield" for U.S. military bases. Iran has previously complained about U.S. military facilities in the region and targeted them.

It was not immediately clear what the developments would mean for negotiations.

Iranian state TV reported Tuesday that Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf and Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi left Qatar, where talks had been taking place. The report did not elaborate or point to any next steps.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio projected that talks on extending the ceasefire and reopening the crucial Strait of Hormuz will "take a few days."

Meanwhile, Iranian authorities eased a monthslong internet shutdown that they cast as a wartime necessity, but that has cost the country's economy an estimated \$30 million to \$40 million a day. Internet users re-

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## Cornyn tries to hold on in Senate runoff

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PLANO — Texans are choosing a Republican nominee for U.S. Senate in Tuesday's runoff election, bringing to a close a bitter and expensive primary where President Donald Trump weighed in late in another effort to rid the GOP of leaders he sees as less devoted to him.

Trump's endorsement of state Attorney General Ken Paxton over four-term Sen. John Cornyn gives the challenger a boost and puts Cornyn at risk of becoming the first Republican senator in Texas history to seek the party's nod and lose.

That's despite Cornyn's campaign and allied groups spending roughly \$90 million in advertising since last year, the vast majority of it attacking Paxton.

It's the latest GOP contest where Trump has sought to



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Darlee Foster, left, and Debbie King talk before a campaign event for U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, in Lubbock. Cornyn is locked in a tight race with state Attorney General Ken Paxton.

punish a Republican he sees as insufficiently loyal. This month, he has successfully backed challengers to incumbents in Louisiana, Kentucky and Indiana, a sign of his enduring influence

among primary voters.

Paxton's campaign and a pro-Paxton super PAC began airing ads promoting the endorsement within 24 hours of Trump's announcement. Cornyn acknowl-

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edged Trump's move would have an impact but said he wasn't giving up.

"I know who gets to choose our senators, and it's the people of Texas," he said hours after the endorsement.

The winner will face Democratic state Rep. James Talarico in November, when Democrats see hope of winning a statewide Texas office for the first time in decades.

Tuesday's runoffs also will decide Democratic U.S. House nominees for districts in Dallas and Houston that overwhelmingly support Democrats, and a

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