



Alliance of Monterey Area Preservationists

**Presentation to the Monterey County
Board of Supervisors
December 4, 2018**

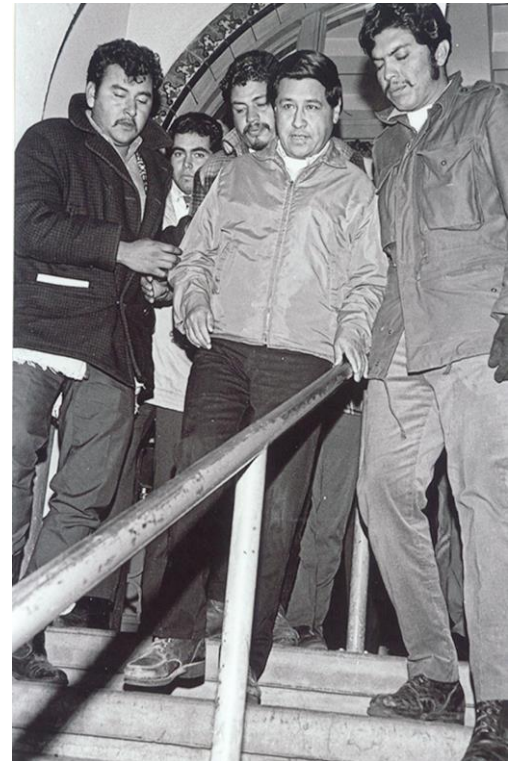


Old Monterey County Jail, 142 West Alisal Street, Salinas, CA

**National Register Number 27-002429, Listed: September 24, 2004
Designed by Reed and Corlett Architects and Engineers in 1931
Gothic Revival Style, Art Deco Period**



December 4, 1970 Marching
to the Monterey County Jail



December 24, 1970 Chavez released
from Monterey County Jail

National Register of Historic Places Monterey County Old Jail, Salinas



Supervisors voted 5-0 for Request for Proposals for Adaptive Re-use

*A gift from the
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OLD MONTEREY COUNTY JAIL



HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF
HISTORIC PLACES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

1931 Gothic Revival Style

Reed and Cortlett Architects and Engineers

In December 1970, César Chávez, co-founder of the United Farm Workers, was held in this jail for 20 days for refusing to call off a lettuce boycott, thereby raising national and international attention to farmworkers. This event was considered pivotal in the struggle for farm labor rights.

*"PRESERVATION OF ONE'S OWN CULTURE DOES NOT REQUIRE
CONTEMPT OR DISRESPECT FOR OTHER CULTURES"*

CESAR CHAVEZ (1927 - 1993)

PRESENTED TO THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY BY THE ALLIANCE OF MONTEREY AREA PRESERVATIONISTS, 2018



Proposed Cesar Chavez National Park



San Jose, CA



Delano, CA

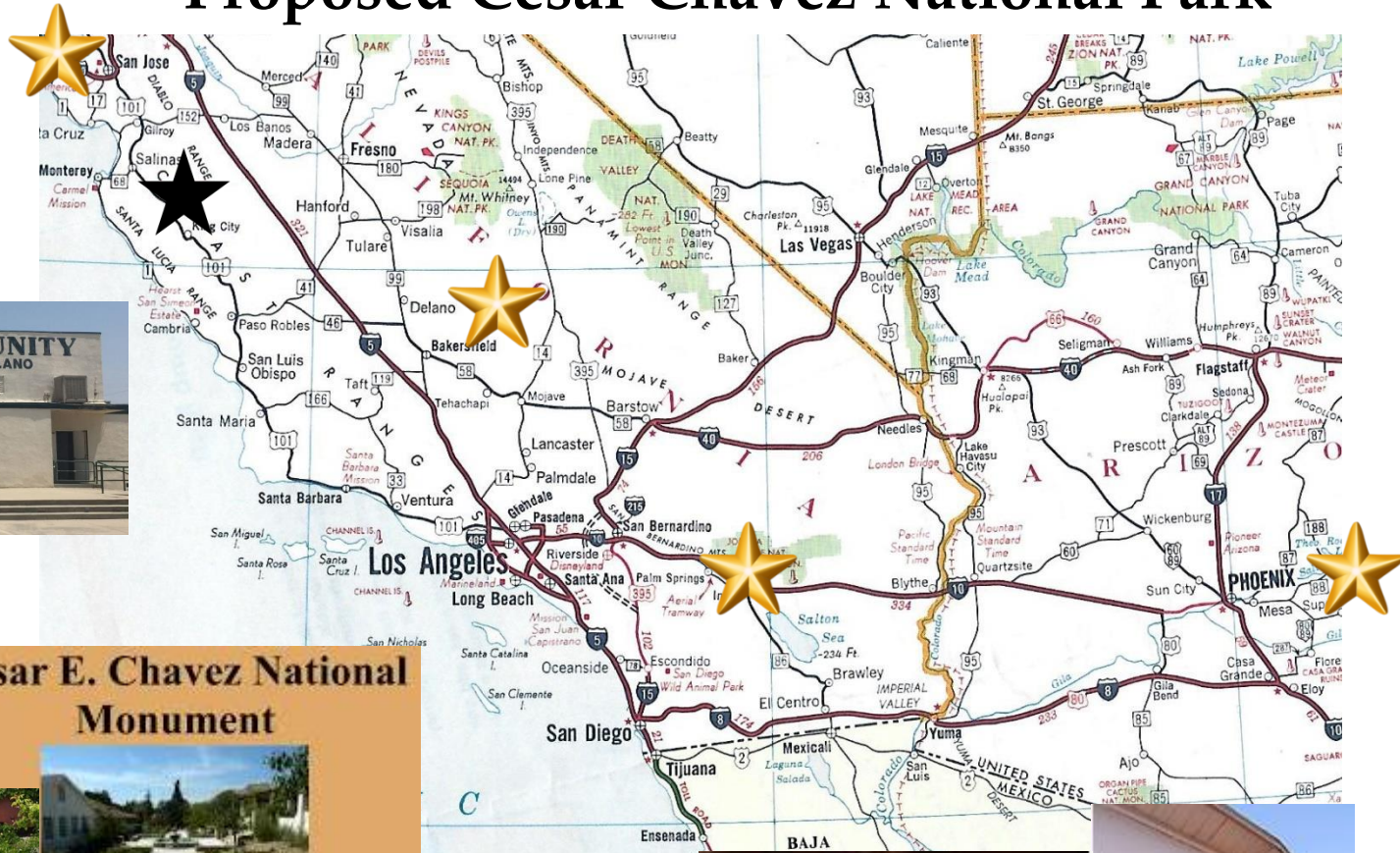
Cesar E. Chavez National Monument



Keene, CA



Phoenix, AZ



PRECEDENTS FOR ADAPTIVE REUSE OF JAIL STRUCTURES



Project Name: Allegheny County Prison
Location: Pittsburgh, PA
Year Built: 1884
Year Rehabilitated: 1999-2000
Description: In 1995, Allegheny County opened a new jail, rendering the historic old jail useless. Between 1998-2000, the structure was renovated to house the Family Division of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas.



Project Name: Armory Arts Village
Location: Jackson, MI
Year Built: 1839
Year Rehabilitated: 2007
Description: In 2007, the former prison was opened to artists as a living, working, and presentation space. Extra space is occupied by low-income families and individuals.



Project Name: Old Salem Jail

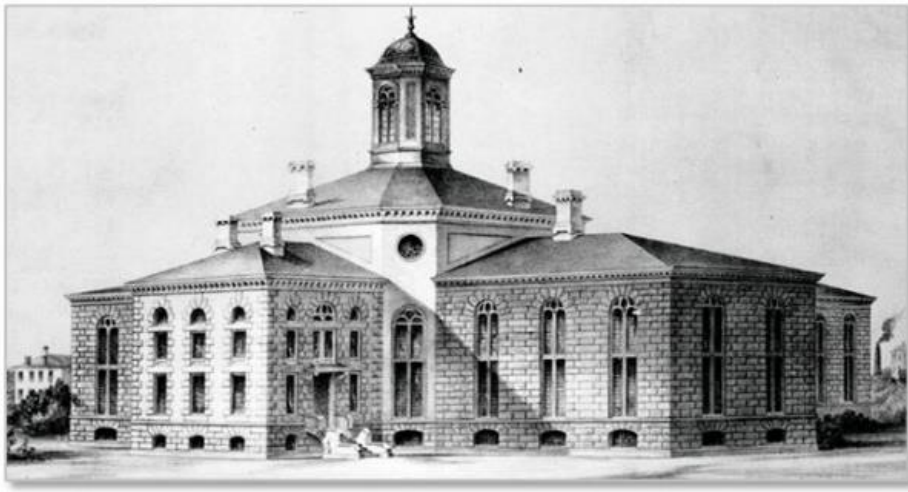
Location: Salem, MA

Year Built: 1813

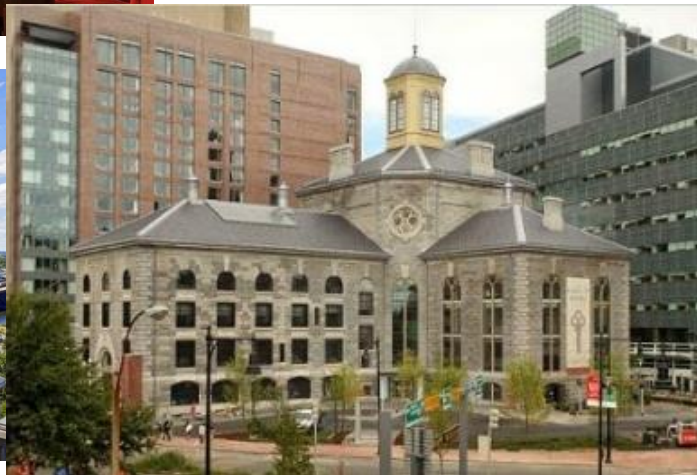
Year Rehabilitated: 2009

Description: In 2001, the Old Salem Jail was bought by the city for one dollar. Four years later, New Boston Ventures stepped in and converted the site into residential units, a restaurant, and a museum.





The Liberty Hotel, Boston



Louviers Music School (Normandy, France)



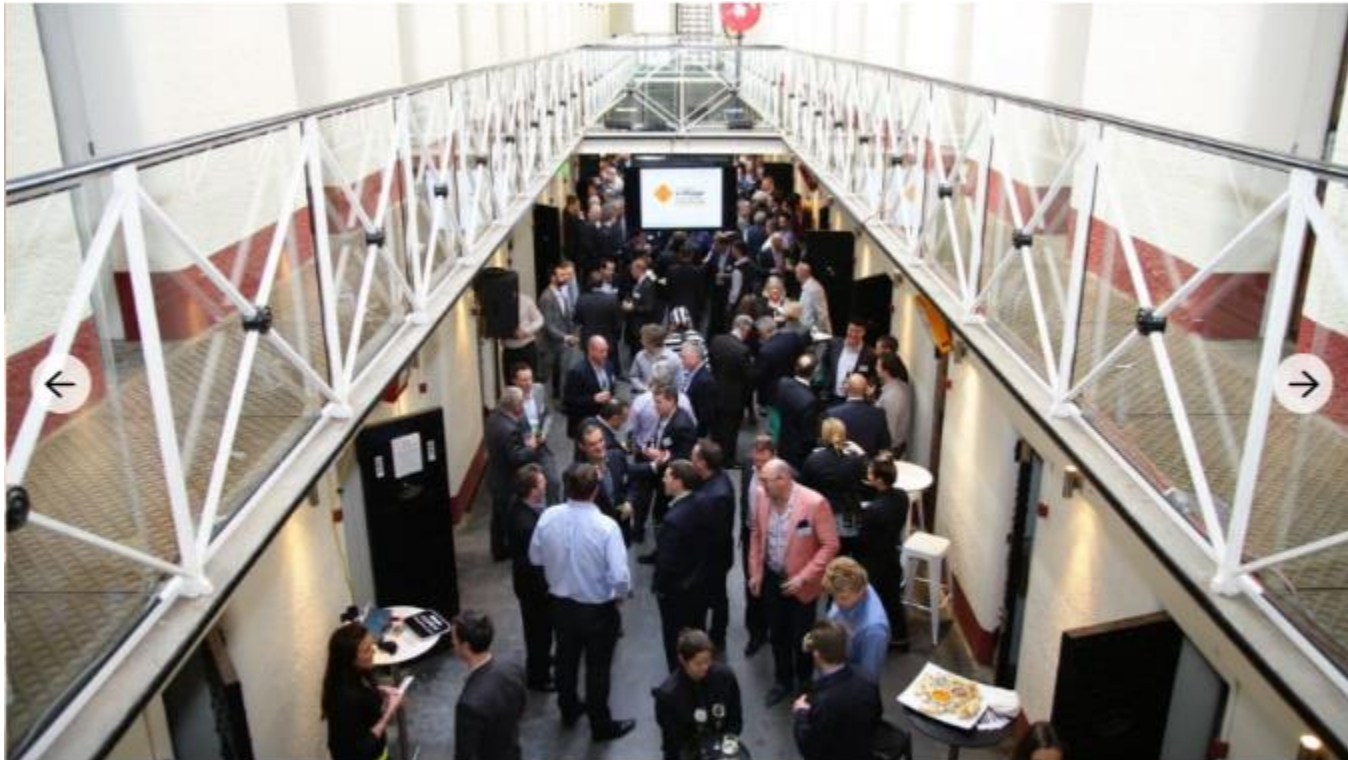
This former convent and prison has been transformed into a music school and concert hall.

1855 Prison now guards Belize's Cultural Treasures



Her Majesty's Prison in Belize City closed its doors in 1993. It reopened in 2002 as the Museum of Belize.
National Institute of Culture and History

Pentridge Prison (Melbourne, Australia) ...now Conference and Event Space



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This jail 15 minutes north of Melbourne's CBD was built in 1851, decommissioned in 1997 and recently converted into a hip space for everything from weddings and fashion shows to conferences and cocktail parties.

Workhouse Art Center ---a Visual and Performing Arts Space, Lorton Virginia, Listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



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A former medium-security prison that closed in 2001, Virginia's Lorton Reformatory is currently being redeveloped into a mixed-use community. One of the already finished highlights is the Workhouse Arts Center, a collaborative visual and performing arts space.



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Thanks

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Chair Luis Alejo and staff**

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Mr. Mo Mohsin, Refreshments**

Juan Martinez, Historical Display

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and many more....**



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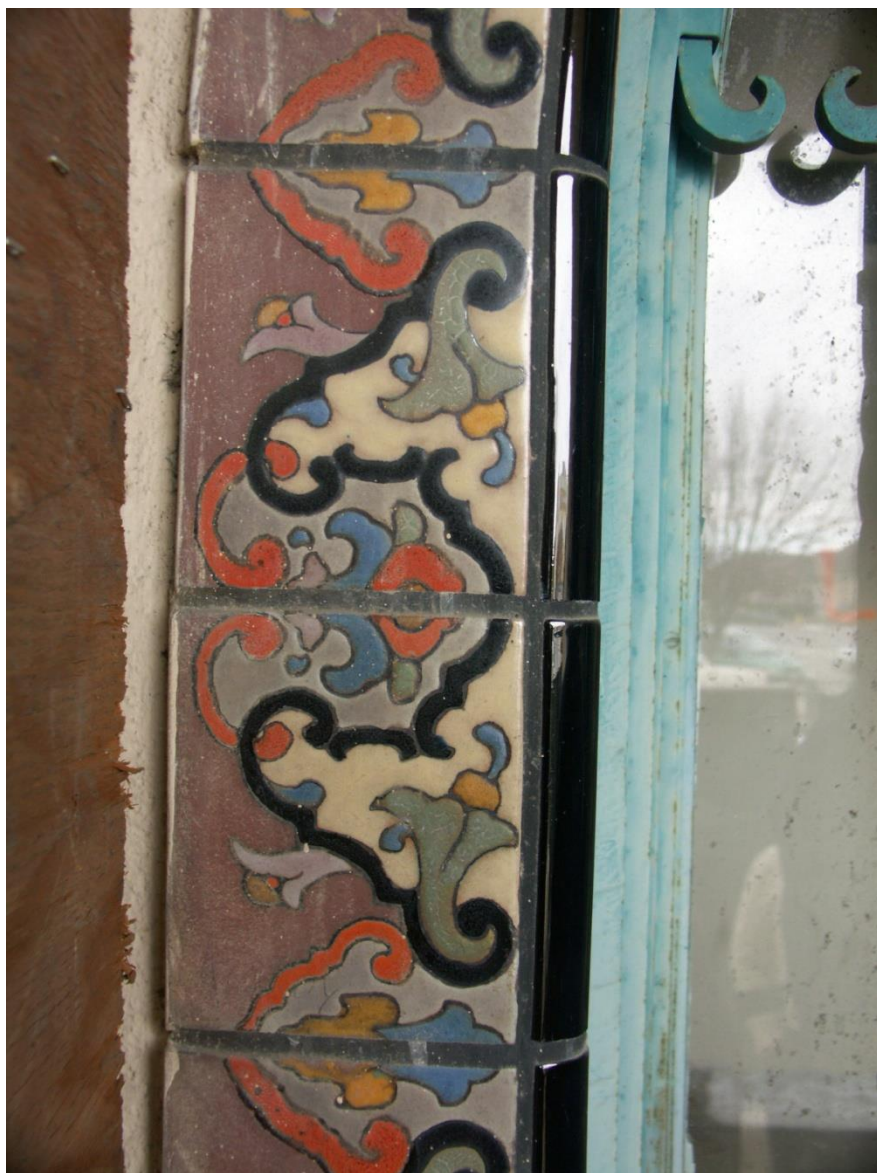


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Proposed César Chávez National Park

- The César E. Chávez National Monument, Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz, Keene, California
- The Santa Rita Center, Phoenix, Arizona
- The Forty Acres National Historic Landmark, Delano, California
- Filipino Community Hall, Delano, California
- McDonnell Hall, San Jose, California

11 additional sites were considered by the **National Park Service**, including the **Monterey County Jail**, in the 2013 **Cesar Chavez Special Resource Study**



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1931, Designed by Reed and Corlett
Architects and Engineers, Oakland
Gothic Revival Style, Art Deco Period

PROGRAM

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

*On the Anniversary of the 1970
Incarceration of Cesar Chavez*

11:00 a.m. Announcement and
Presentation in the
Supervisors Chambers
168 W. Alisal Street

11:45 a.m. Unveiling of the Bronze
Plaque Outside the Jail
142 W. Alisal Street

Supervisor Luis Alejo, Chairman
of the Board

Introduction of Special Guests

11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Music and Fiesta!

Refreshments
by Mo Mohsin

Historical Display
by Juan Martinez

Music provided by
El Teatro Campesino



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Old Monterey County Jail



**Bronze Plaque Presentation
to the Monterey County
Board of Supervisors**

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11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

West Alisal Street, Salinas

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2001 Gothic Revival Style
Reed and Corlett Architects and Engineers

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Workers, was held in this jail for 20 days for refusing to pull off a lettuce
boycott. This jail raising national and international attention to farm workers.
This event was considered pivotal in the struggle for farm workers' rights.

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1931-1932 REED CORLETT ARCHITECTS

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Preservation of one's own culture does not require contempt or disrespect for other cultures. Cesar Chavez



In 2002, Monterey County slated the Old Jail for demolition. The Architectural Heritage Association of Monterey County (AHA) led the public in an effort to preserve the Old Jail for its association with important historic events and its art deco period architectural beauty. AHA, with the help of preservationist Enid Sales,

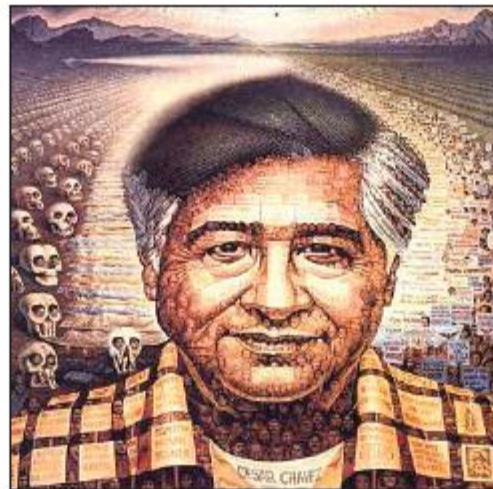
successfully nominated the Old Jail to the National Register of Historic Places. In 2007, the county hired historic consultants Page and Turnbull to study alternative uses for the Old Jail. On Oct 10, 2017, Monterey County Supervisors approved 5-0 Luis Alejo's proposal to open a Request for Proposal for adaptive reuse of the Old

County Jail where Cesar Chavez was jailed for 20 days in Dec., 1970. In 2013, AHA merged with the Alliance of Monterey Area Preservationists, who now carry on the quest to find the best alternative use for the Old Jail to honor the important agricultural, immigrant, and labor histories of Monterey County.

Below, Supervisor Luis Alejo's late aunt, Irma Alejo, is walking to the right of Chavez as he marched to turn himself into jail after the arrest warrant was issued.



Right, painting of Cesar Chavez by Octavio Ocampo



Judge jails Chavez AP Photo

The significant historic event which occurred in this building was the incarceration of Cesar Chavez in December 1970 for his refusal to call off a lettuce boycott. The fact that Chavez was jailed in pursuing what he believed was a Constitutional right focused national attention on the jail, and on his organizing efforts, and helped to change the course of farm labor working conditions nationwide. This became an event of major national significance.

The jailing and subsequent release of Chavez, along with visits by national civil rights figures Coretta Scott King and Ethel Kennedy, drew national attention to what was previously a regionally instigated boycott. When the California Supreme Court ordered his release from jail on Christmas Eve, 1970, Chavez realized that the grower boycott would become one of his most effective organizing tools — creating a tremendous impact on the market for both grapes and lettuce and putting pressure on growers to sign union contracts.

The Monterey County jail was built in 1931, and is a good example of Gothic Revival architecture during the Art Deco Period. While commonly employed in nineteenth century churches, collegiate buildings, and prisons, this style was not in wide use in the 20th century. Both the administration section of the building and the cellblock were designed in that style by architects Reed and Corlett. Both portions of the building retain a high degree of integrity relative to 1970, the date of Chavez' incarceration.