

Remembering Los Seis De Boulder

May 27-29, 2024

In the span of less than 48 hours in May 1974, two car bombings killed six Chicano activists in Boulder. On May 27 at Chautauqua Park, an explosion took the lives of University of Colorado Boulder law school graduate Reyes Martinez; CU junior Neva Romero; and CU alumna Una Jaakola; and two days later, a bomb tore apart a car at a parking lot on 28th Street, killing former CU student Florencio Granado, students Heriberto Teran and Francisco Dougherty, and seriously injuring Antonio Alcantar.

Their deaths shocked the state and the news reverberated throughout the southwest, and they became known as “Los Seis de Boulder”.

Students, including Los Seis, protested the University's administrative actions that denied students their financial aid that resulted in the decrease of parity. Los Seis struggled to increase CU's enrollment to percentage-levels that reflected Colorado's Latino population, (parity).

For almost a half-century, the case has remained unsolved and shrouded in mystery, and for most of that time, “Los Seis de Boulder” and their deaths have gone unrecognized by city of Boulder residents, businesses, and institutions.

Los Seis de Boulder were loved by their families and communities, and May 2024 marks 50 years since these tragic bombings. Colorado Chautauqua has placed a memorial stone near the site of the first explosion, and the University of Colorado has recognized the students through a permanent sculpture on campus. The City of Boulder plans to erect a second sculpture at 17th Street and Pearl in May. Additionally, in December 2023, the Los Seis Memorial Endowed Scholarship fund was established with monetary contributions from community members and CU gifts.

The City Council of Boulder, Colorado declares in 2024 the

50th Anniversary of Remembering Los Seis De Boulder

And proclaims the importance of recognizing and remembering Los Seis and their struggles and the significance of their contributions to the overall fight for justice and equity; the need to educate the broad Boulder community about the history and implications of these tragedies; and invites the community to recognize Los Seis de Boulder through the upcoming 50th Anniversary Commemorative Events.



Aaron Brockett, Mayor

