Chavez Fights To Bar Defeat
Past Support Is Laying As Union Goal Changes

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In LOS ANGELES, April 6 - Cesar Chavez, leader of the National Farm Workers' Association, said his union will stop supporting candidates who are not opposed to federal intervention in California farm labor problems. Chavez's appearance before the state's Democratic gubernatorial candidates came amid growing criticism of his union's endorsement policy, which many believe has served to divide rather than unite the farm workers.

"The problem of farm labor is a social and economic problem," Chavez told the candidates. "We believe that a federal and state solution is necessary to bring about the justice that is long overdue for the farm workers." Chavez's appearance at the candidates' forum, which was sponsored by the Los Angeles County Farm Bureau, was noteworthy because of the tension between the union leader and some of the candidates over the issue of federal intervention.

"We cannot allow our union's goals to be hijacked by politicians," Chavez said. "We are committed to a better future for all California farm workers, and we will not support candidates who do not share our vision." Chavez's speech was met with mixed reactions from the candidates, with some expressing support for his position while others expressed concern over the potential impact on the union's endorsement policy.

In conclusion, Chavez emphasized the importance of unity and cooperation in addressing the challenges facing California's farm workers. "We must work together to achieve our goals," he said. "We will not be deterred by the challenges ahead, and we will continue to fight for the rights and dignity of all California farm workers."