

Arab American Heritage Event preliminarily
Report
Arab American Heritage Month Celebration
February 24, 2026

Event Overview

An Arab American heritage event is being planned for May. The planning team met to discuss key components including a performance, venue arrangements, educational elements, and community participation.

Note: This is a preliminary plan. The final report will be submitted at the April meeting.

Key Event Components

Performance and Activities

- A dance performance has been identified, with an estimated cost of \$300. Alternative dance groups will be researched if budget constraints become an issue
- Craft activities and banner displays are being considered for interactive elements

Venue and Logistics

- The Veterans Building has been identified as a potential venue
- Room availability and arrangements are being confirmed with staff
- The museum is being contacted regarding fees for their services and materials

Educational and Community Elements

- Student speakers will be recruited to share personal experiences and perspectives
- Educational content about Arab American history in Culver City will be included

- Information from local college clubs (UCLA, West LA College, Santa Monica College) may be displayed
- Community conversations and shared experiences will be featured

Community Engagement

- Outreach is underway to Arab American organizations for potential participation
- Local businesses, including the Yemeni coffee shop and Jackson Market, are being contacted for possible displays or involvement
- Connections through Little Arabia are being explored via local contact Rasha

Budget Considerations

- Dance performance: \$300
- Additional costs are being assessed through museum and venue inquiries
- Business sponsorships and donations are being explored as funding options (separate from direct city sponsorship)

Next Steps and Timeline

- Final decisions on speakers and participants will be made after gathering input from contacted organizations and individuals
- Final report will be submitted in April for the May 12 Special Event .