

Culver City Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Latino Heritage Month Celebration

Members of the Latino Heritage Month Celebration Ad Hoc Subcommittee are: Chair Carlos Valverde, Member Haifaa Moammar, Member Jared Morgan, and Member Rebecca Rona.

Latino Heritage Month begins in mid-September and extends until October 15, 2022.

Event Date

Tuesday, September 27, 6pm to 9pm

While we prefer a Saturday event, we understand the difficulty of providing staff during weekends.

Location

We recommend an outdoor location, such as one near the fountain in front of the Veterans Memorial Complex or the City Hall Courtyard.

Refreshments

We recommend that we arrange for a minimum of one food truck to be parked nearby. We will need a permit.

Celebration

We are planning a program that will include:

- Aztec dancers
- Songs sung by children from local elementary schools
- Art by high school students on display and for sale during a silent auction
- Dance by students
- Poetry reading by a Culver City High School student
- Storytelling

Storytellers, telling their stories in either English or Spanish, with translator:

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| • Carlos Valverde, CCHS English teacher and chair, EHRAC | (Has accepted.) |
| • Julissa Gutierrez, CCHS graduate, student at UC Irvine | (To be invited) |
| • Randy Santiago, CCHS student muralist, created mural at CCHS) | (To be invited) |
| • Amanda Chacon, whose father lived in a Mexican labor camp in Culver City | (To be invited) |
| • Wendel Osborne, a Panamanian American physician | (To be invited) |

Remarks by local historian

Kelly Lytle-Hernandez, UCLA scholar, author of *Bad Mexicans* and other books (To be invited)

A booklet

This booklet will include a brief history of Culver City with a focus on Latinos, Latino art, and a listing of Latino-owned businesses. It will contain a request to support the Latino-owned businesses named in the booklet.

Funding

We will look into the possibility of outside funding.