

Latino Heritage Month Celebration 2022

Culver City Equity and Human Relations Advisory Committee
Report from Latino Heritage Month Celebration Ad Hoc Subcommittee
Prepared for 9-27-22 Meeting

Latino Heritage Month Celebration Ad Hoc Subcommittee: Chair Carlos Valverde; Members Jared Morgan, Haifaa Moammar, Rebecca Rona-Tuttle

For the first time

For the first time in its long history, the City of Culver City will host a Latino Heritage Month Celebration.

City Council Approval. The City Council approved holding this event at its 9-19-22 meeting.

Latinos in Culver City

Latinos have lived in this area since even before the city was incorporated. They have a proud history and beautiful cultures. They have given in so many ways to this city, the region, the state and the nation.

Purpose

The purpose of this event is to celebrate and shine a spotlight on our Latino residents' past, present and future, their achievements, cultures and challenges.

When and where

The event will take place Tuesday, October 11, 6pm to 9pm, in a city location not yet determined.

Taco dinners Free taco dinners from a taco wagon will be provided to the first 100 audience members

Celebration

The program will include:

- Folklorico dancers
- Songs sung by children from a local elementary school
- A display of art created by Culver City High School students
- Poetry read by one or more Culver City High School students
- Storytelling by Latino community residents
- History of Culver City Latino residents

Storytellers, telling their stories in either English or Spanish, with interpretor

- Amanda Chacon, whose father lived in a Mexican labor camp in Culver City (accepted)
- Wendel Osborne, a Panamanian American physician (accepted)
- Two additional speakers, invited (acceptance pending)

Facilitator. Event facilitator will be Rosemary Quintero, CCHS teacher

History of Culver City Latino residents

- To be recounted by Chair Carlos Valverde

- **Discussion and Q&A.** The storytellers will be encouraged to discuss their experiences with each other, and audience members invited to ask questions.
- **Raffle** A raffle has been proposed. Approval is pending.
- **A booklet** A booklet containing information about Latino-owned businesses has been proposed. This booklet will include a request to support Latino-owned businesses. Approval is pending.
- **Donations.** City Council recommended that the subcommittee members seek donations, which members are attempting to do.