

## **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.