



TO: Parks, Arts, Recreation and Culture Commission
FROM: Manny A. Hernandez, Staff Liaison
SUBJECT: Endorse the MALA Iftar Cultural Event

RECOMMENDATION:

Action to endorse the Iftar Dinner that is scheduled for Mach 15, 2025 as part of the PARC Commission's efforts to increase cultural programming in Los Altos.

BACKGROUND

The Parks, Arts, Recreation and Cultural Commission, and the Parks & Recreation Department is committed to help expand cultural programs and events in Los Altos. This can be done through City programming and partnerships with cultural experts and organizations. The Muslims Around Los Altos group (MALA) is holding their 2025 Iftar event at the Community Center on March 15.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar and is observed by Muslims worldwide. During Ramadan, Muslims fast from dawn until sunset, abstaining from food, drink, smoking, and other physical needs. The fast is broken each evening with a meal called iftar. It is considered a time for spiritual growth, self-discipline, and empathy for those less fortunate. The end of Ramadan is marked by the celebration of Eid al-Fitr, a festive holiday.

As part of the PARC Commission's effort to promote increased cultural events in the Los Altos Community, the Commission has the opportunity to endorse this cultural event that was very successful in 2024. The Commission will entertain a motion to endorse the 2025 Iftar cultural event and discuss at a later meeting possible ways to support the 2026 event.

Attachments:

A. None