



CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 4, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council

FROM: Joe Goodman, City Manager

SUBJECT: **Consideration to form an Ad Hoc Committee for Community Enrichment** (Discussion/Action)

Background

City staff and the Mayor recently met with community members to explore opportunities to better celebrate and recognize Orland's cultural heritage. The meeting was constructive and focused on collaboration, cultural inclusion, and transparency in how the City supports community-led initiatives.

Following the meeting, community representatives submitted a formal request to continue this dialogue and to pursue actions that would promote inclusivity and cultural pride throughout Orland.

Discussion

City staff and the Mayor expressed appreciation for the community's engagement and enthusiasm in promoting cultural enrichment and inclusion. Staff emphasized the importance of maintaining transparency and complying with California's Brown Act (Gov. Code §§ 54950 et seq.), which ensures that all City actions and discussions regarding public commitments or expenditures occur in an open and properly noticed public meeting.

To support continued collaboration while ensuring compliance with legal requirements, staff recommend that the Council establish an Ad Hoc Committee for Community Enrichment. The committee would include representatives from the City Council, City commissions, local organizations, and community members, including participants from the Economic Development Committee, the City Arts Commission, the Historical Society, and the Chamber of Commerce. This committee would:

- Explore opportunities to celebrate Orland's cultural diversity.
- Review and refine proposals for cultural celebrations, parades, and community projects.
- Evaluate potential funding sources; and
- Return recommendations to City staff and the full City Council for consideration.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council consider the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee for Community Enrichment to collaborate with community representatives on initiatives celebrating Orland's cultural diversity.