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First Multi-Cultural Community Forum Scheduled

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The first in a series of public forums designed to foster increased understanding and appreciation of local cultures will focus on local Muslim and Sikh communities.

Presenters, Khalid Saeed, National President, American Muslim Voice Foundation, and Kavneet Singh, Managing Director of the Sikh American Legal Defense & Education Fund will each provide a perspective on cultural challenges and opportunities within Muslim and Sikh communities.

The event will be held on Thursday, February 28th, 2013 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Woodland Community College, 2300 East Gibson Road in Woodland, Room 800. Parking is free in the student parking lot. Anyone interested in learning more about the myriad of cultures found in Yolo County is welcome to attend.

The forums are an outgrowth of efforts by the Yolo County's Multi-Cultural Community Council to enrich understanding of Yolo County's diverse population and to celebrate how cultural knowledge expands our ability to accept and appreciate differences. The Multi-Cultural Community Council is comprised of individuals from throughout Yolo County. The MCCC was created by Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig, along with MCCC Chairperson Dr. Jesse Ortiz. The MCCC organizes and sponsors culture-enriching forums and events and also acts as an advisory group to Reisig.

Woodland Community College is a co-sponsor of the forums. Future forums will feature a presentation on May 16th of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation.

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