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## Native American Forum Scheduled

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The Yolo County District Attorney's Multi-Cultural Community Council announces the second in a series of public forums designed to foster increased understanding and appreciation of local cultures. This forum will focus on Native American communities.

The event will be held on Thursday, May 16, 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.

Presenter, Connie Reitman, Executive Director of the Inter-Tribal Council of California, Inc. will provide a perspective on cultural challenges and opportunities within Native American communities. A panel of three people sharing their personal perspective of being Native American will also be presenting.

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.

Reisig commented, "I hope the community embraces these forums as a way to understand the rich cultural diversity that is in Yolo "County. I encourage all to attend."

Woodland Community College is a co-sponsor of the forums. For more information contact: Dr. Jesse Ortiz, <u>jortiz@yccd.edu</u> or Chief Deputy District Attorney Jonathan Raven, <u>jonathan.raven@yolocounty.org</u>