



DECEMBER 16, 2021

On November 23rd, Concord First Partners was honored to partner with the Noor Islamic and Cultural Community Center and the Concord City Council in sponsoring a special Thanksgiving gathering for newly arrived Afghan refugees. A first Thanksgiving celebration for many of the Afghan families that attended, the event was graciously hosted at the Noor Islamic and Cultural Community Center in Concord. The Noor Islamic and Cultural Community Center, led by Dr. Sedique Popal, serves and stewards hundreds in the community and has been one of the essential anchors for Afghan refugees seeking a stable home in Concord and the surrounding region. The Thanksgiving celebration was both an introduction and celebration of Thanksgiving tradition and an opportunity to provide much needed necessities to a number of newly emigrated Afghan families. Many members of the Concord City Council, City Staff, Concord Police Department and community attended and served dinner, passed out gift bags and welcomed the many families into the community. Concord First Partners is appreciative of the relationship with Dr. Sedique Popal and Noor Islamic and the important work that they are doing to serve the Concord community and beyond.

In alignment and in support of the many businesses that undergird the economic health of the Concord community and surrounding region, we are proud to be a Chairman's Circle Partner and to support the leadership of the Chamber of Commerce. Our Concord First Partners team is dedicated to building our relationship with the Chamber and the many local businesses in Concord and look forward to expanding those relationships in the coming year.



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<https://www.visitconcordca.com/blog/celebrate-the-holidays-in-concord/>*

As we close out 2021, and prepare to enter 2022, we want to express our sincere appreciation to the Concord City Council, City staff, East Bay Regional Park District, Concord community stakeholders and residents, and the many businesses, community organizations and non-profits that form the character and essential infrastructure of the City of Concord. We are honored and excited to continue to collaborate, engage in meaningful dialogues and cultivate relationships with the Concord community. More information to come soon regarding upcoming community outreach meetings to be scheduled in January.

We wish you and your families a healthy, safe and joyful Christmas, Holiday Season and Happy New Year!

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<https://www.concordfirstpartners.com>