

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 5, 2018

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Upcoming Event – 2018 MLK Jr. Celebration Weekend**

On Friday, January 12, 2018, the City of Dallas will kick off the 36<sup>th</sup> Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration weekend with a series of events dedicated to celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. King. The theme of this year's celebration is "Reflect on Yesterday for a Better Tomorrow."

Special events include the MLK Celebration Fair, a candlelight ceremony hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., a formal awards banquet, and a parade down MLK Boulevard. For specific event information, please see the attached flyer. All activities are open to the general public, but a ticket must be purchased for the awards banquet. For awards banquet tickets, visit [www.dallasmlkcenter.com](http://www.dallasmlkcenter.com).

The Honorable Mayor, City Council Members and the City Manager will receive two (2) complimentary tickets to the awards banquet. Additionally, a parade float will be provided for City of Dallas elected officials. For those elected officials who have not confirmed their participation in this year's parade, please RSVP to Cheritta Johnson, Interim Director of the Office of Community Care, at [cheritta.johnson@dallascityhall.com](mailto:cheritta.johnson@dallascityhall.com) by close of business on January 10, 2018.

For the latest updates, follow the MLK Center on Twitter @MLKCCDallas or "Like" and share Facebook posts of The Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center @mlkccdallas.

If you need additional information about the planned celebration, please contact Chief of Community Services Nadia Chandler Hardy.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nadia'.

Nadia Chandler Hardy  
Chief of Community Services

[Attachment]

c: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager  
Larry Casto, City Attorney  
Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor  
Biliera Johnson, City Secretary (Interim)  
Daniel F. Solis, Administrative Judge  
Kimberly Bizzor Tolbert, Chief of Staff to the City Manager  
Majed A. Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager

Jo M (Jody) Puckett, Assistant City Manager (Interim)  
Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager  
Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager  
M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer  
Raquel Favela, Chief of Economic Development & Neighborhood Services  
Theresa O'Donnell, Chief of Resilience  
Directors and Assistant Directors

*The 36th Annual*  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
CELEBRATION WEEKEND  
DALLAS, TEXAS

*The Awards Banquet*  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018  
*Attire: Black Tie Formal*



REV. DR. WILLIAM J. BARBER II

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

PRESIDENT, SENIOR LECTURE

REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

CO-CHAIR OF THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

RALEIGH, NC

*Mistress of Ceremony*



*Yolonda Williams*

HOST - CW33'S NEWSFIX

*Entertainment*



*Life School Oak Cliff Honor Choir*

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THEME:

*"Reflect On Yesterday For A Better Tomorrow"*

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# EVENTS:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018

- 11:00AM MLK CELEBRATION FAIR \*\*
- 2:00PM DALLAS CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE @ CORE BUILDING A
- 7:00PM CANDLE LIGHT CEREMONY \*\*

**\*\* MLK RECREATION CENTER**

**2901 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE | DALLAS, TEXAS 75215**

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018

*Attire: Black Tie Formal*

SILENT AUCTION 5:30 PM

AWARDS BANQUET 6:30 PM

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EVENT TICKETS:

\$85.00 PER PERSON

\$1,000.00 TABLE SPONSORSHIP

PARKING:

HOTEL VALET PARKING \$14.00

HOTEL SELF PARKING \$6.00

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MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018

THE DALLAS DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARADE

PARADE KICK-OFF 10:00 AM

STARTING AT HOLMES ST./MLK JR. BLVD.

ENDING AT THE ENTRANCE TO FAIR PARK

GRAND MARSHALS



*Mrs. Faith Simmons Johnson*

DALLAS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY



*Ms. U. Renee Hall*

CHIEF OF POLICE - CITY OF DALLAS

For more event information contact the MLK Jr. Community Center

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