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### CULVER CITY CELEBRATES DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

This year's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual City of Culver City Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration event theme has been selected: **L.O.V.E.** This theme is eloquently expressed by Dr. King in his inspirational messages:

Life's most persistent and urgent question is: what are you doing for others?

**O**ur Lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.

Returning **V**iolence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.

**WE** must accept finite disappointment but never lose infinite hope.

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. -

The 2016 Celebration will start at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at the Culver City Senior Center, 4095 Overland Avenue in Culver City. The day-long celebration of Dr. King's life is free and open to the public. "The City of Culver City appreciates the opportunity once again to provide a quality program in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I invite the entire community to come together to learn more about one of our nation's most prolific leaders," said Mayor Micheál O'Leary.

The event will feature a screening of the film "Dare Not Walk Alone" directed by Jeremy Dean. "Dare Not Walk Alone" is hailed as "a triumph of outrage and empathy," and

described as a "powerful slice of roiling American history" by the Los Angeles Times and tells "the greatest civil rights story never told." Set to a soundtrack that flows from gospel to hip-hop, the film places the heroic struggle for civil rights in the context of current conditions in a place where those struggles were fought, a place that epitomizes what President Obama said in 2008, "...the gap between the promise of our ideals and the reality of their time."

Other activities during Culver City's Dr. King Day celebration include an intergenerational panel discussion about youth's view of current and past social and civil rights issues, featuring Robert C. Farrell, former Los Angeles City Councilmember; a dramatic rendition of Dr. King's "I have a Dream Speech" by actor Gerald C. Rivers; and a special performance by 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders from Ocean Charter School playing authentic djembe drums from West Africa, as a tribute to Dr. King. There will be an all-day community service fair with participation from multiple organizations that provide services to our local community.

Culver City's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. event will also feature a dramatic performance with Singer/Actress Windy Barnes Farrell and Actor Darryl Alan Reed. Ms. Farrell has performed in the company of Julio Iglesias, Michael Bolton, and Stevie Wonder. Mr. Reed is a television and film actor. He has performed various roles in TV shows including NCIS, The New Normal, Desperate Housewives, and ER.

For more information on Culver City's 2016 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, please call (310) 253-6675 or visit [www.culvercity.org](http://www.culvercity.org).

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CITY OF CULVER CITY ANNUAL

# *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

C E L E B R A T I O N


Saturday, January 16, 2016

11:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

Culver City Senior Center

4095 Overland Ave., Culver City, CA 90230

**FREE EVENT**



**I have decided to stick  
with love. Hate is too  
great a burden to bear.**

-- Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Robert Farrell**

*Panelist*

**Daniel Lee, Tori Bailey, Steven Fisher**

*Moderators, Panel Discussion*

**Film Screening of "Dare Not Walk Alone "**

**Youth Speak Project Presentation**

*Culver City Teen Center Members*

**Actor Gerald Rivers**

*as Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**Special Performance by Windy Barnes Farrell and Darryl Alan Reed**

Additional Parking at Veterans Memorial Park, Culver Blvd. at Overland Ave.

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Culver City Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department

## Schedule for the Day

11:00am—11:30am Open Ceremony

11:30am —12:00pm Performance by Windy Barnes Farrell and Darryl Alan Reed

12:00pm—12:30pm Actor Gerald Rivers as King

12:30pm—1:30pm Panel Discussion

1:30pm – 1:45pm Service Fair Introductions

1:45pm— 2:15pm Intermission/ Service Fair/ Food

2:15pm Singer/Songwriter Danny Sandock "MLK, INSPIRED BY NELSON MANDELA "

2:20pm—2:30pm Youth Speak

2:30pm— 3:50pm Film " Dare Not Walk Alone" directed by Jeremy Dean

3:50pm—Closing by MLK Chairman, Wayne Slappy



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