

Culver CITY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 17, 2025

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR PUZA AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULVER CITY

FROM: Martin Luther King Jr Celebration and Juneteenth Celebration Advisory Committee: Chair Karena Bibbins-McKeever, Vice Chair Latoya Hearn, Members Lisa Gordon Cain, Amber Kearny, Curtis Raynor, Carissa Joy Smith, and Andrew Weiss

SUBJECT: 2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND 2026 PROPOSED ACTIVITY/UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT 6 MONTHS

CC: Odis Jones, City Manager

At the December 17, 2025, regular meeting of the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Juneteenth Celebration Advisory Committee (Committee), the Committee discussed and approved a staff report of activity and authorized staff to transmit the final report to City Council for approval. The list below summarizes the CBC's accomplishments during the period of July through December 2025 and provides a list of anticipated activities/upcoming agenda items for the first half of the 2026 calendar year. The Committee regularly meets on the third Wednesday of every month and met five times from July 16, 2025 through December 17, 2025

List of Accomplishments

- Assessed and reorganized the Ad Hoc Subcommittees to ensure that they are a balanced and effective for both events.
- Advised PRCS staff in various planning elements for the 2026 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.
- Collaboratively developed the official theme for the 2026 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration to guide programming and messaging.
- Reviewed the Run of Show and major planning components for the 2026 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.
- Expanded the City's network of entertainers, vendors, and community stakeholders for current and future events.

Scheduled Activities Plan:

- Alongside the City Manager's Office Economic Development Division, Plan the Committee's second Juneteenth Celebration.
- Alongside the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, plan the Committee's third Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.
- Continue to meet monthly to advise the corresponding department on the planning and production of each event.