

Culver CITY

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 17, 2026

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

FROM: Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration & Juneteenth Celebration Advisory Committee, Chair Karena Bibbins-McKeever, Vice Chair Latoya Hearn, and Members Lisa Gordon Cain, Christian Green, Amber Kearney, Anasia Obioha, 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 June 17, 2026, regular meeting of the Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration & 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 January through June 17, 2026, and provides a list of anticipated activities/upcoming agenda items for the second half of the 2026 calendar year. The Committee regularly meets on the third Wednesday of every month and met four times from January 21, 2026, through June 17, 2026.

List of Accomplishments

- Accepted the Proclamation for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day from the City Council on January 12, 2026.
- Alongside the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department, held the Committee's second Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration with over 250 participants following the year's theme of **Diversity Unites Us, Love Leads Us and Action Propels Us**.
- Worked with the Culver City's Artist Laureate Victoria Marks to help produce a video on the day of the Martin Luther King Celebration.

- Advised the Economic Development staff on various planning elements for the Juneteenth Celebration 2026.
- Meet numerous times with in their various Ad Hoc sub Committee and community members to identify, research and vet potential entertainers and vendors.
- Helped with community outreach for a broader reach for bringing awareness of the Martin Luther King Jr. 2026 event and Juneteenth 2026 event.

Scheduled Activities Plan:

- Elect a new Chair and Vice chair and reorganize the Ad Sub Hoc Committees.
- Continue planning and expanding the scope and concept, of the Committee's Third Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration in collaboration with the Park, Recreation and Community Services Department.
- Continue planning and expanding the scope and concept, of the Committee's Third Juneteenth Celebration collaboration with the City Manager's Office's Economic Development Division.
- Continue to broaden the City's network of entertainers, vendors, and stakeholders available for future events.
- Continue to meet in various Ad Hoc Subcommittee to better organize both events.
- Continue to meet monthly to advise the corresponding department on the planning and production of each event.