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2018 Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Celebration
Planned for Saturday, January 13

Theme of *Character + Infinite Hope... Selected*

PASO ROBLES, CA – The City of Paso Robles will host a celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 1 p.m. at Flamson Middle School Auditorium, located at 2450 Spring Street. This annual event commemorates the birthday of this great American leader and his lifelong journey toward equality and peace.

The event will kick-off with a Unity March at noon led by the Atascadero High School drum line. Those interested should meet at 11:30 a.m. at 21st St. and Riverside Avenue in Paso Robles. The march will begin at the 21st St. location and end at Flamson Middle School. Refreshments will be provided for march participants.

“The theme for this year’s event, *Character + Infinite Hope...* represents the way in which this event brings our community together in celebration of a brighter tomorrow,” said Sharon Williams, MLK event co-chairman. “Events such as the MLK, Jr. Celebration educate our community about our history and social justice and remind us that there is still work to be done. This celebratory event brings the entire community together and encourages unity.”

Dr. Joye M. Carter M.D. is scheduled to deliver the keynote address during the event. Dr. Carter made history when she became the first graduate of Howard University to achieve board certification in Forensic Pathology and later became the first African-American to be appointed a Chief Medical Examiner in the United States in 1992. Dr. Carter has written several books, including *My Strength Comes from Within*, and *Let Me Give You A Peace of My Mind: Don't Rent Space in Your Head, Evict Negativity*.

The event will also feature a drama presentation based on *Man of La Mancha* performed by the Cuesta College Performing Arts Department. The winner of the Paso Robles High School student essay contest will share their essay while other top compositions will receive awards. Middle school students will participate in an art contest related to the theme of the event and the winning entry will be showcased on the front cover of the program.

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The program at Flamson Middle School will feature many talented community members, organizations and leaders including District 1 Supervisor John Peschong, Cuesta College performers, Boy Scout Troop #60, the Singing Hands Choir, the Pink Jackets of Main Street dance group and local singer Jora Landis performing the national anthem. Additionally, many local businesses have donated prizes that will be presented to community members at the end of the celebration.

The purpose of the Martin Luther King, Jr. committee is to promote remembrance and celebrate the life and message of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The committee strives to educate, empower and strengthen the community and create among people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities a heartfelt desire to move closer to Dr. King's vision of a unified community.

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