Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee Presents Two MLK Day Rallies Jan. 16, 2017 with Speakers, Music, Dance, and Poetry

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Before the March: Rally in the Gymnasium at Garfield High School, 23rd & Jefferson, Seattle

Come early to get a good seat and hear Seattle's famous **Total Experience Gospel Choir** led by **Patrinell Wright**, a group that has been delighting audiences since 1973, with music starting 10:30 a.m.

Rally Program starts 11:00 a.m.

Welcome to everybody by former State Senator **Claudia Kauffman**, Intergovernmental Affairs Liaison for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and introduction of our **MCs, Adrianna McAfee-Coe and Rashaan Gillian**

Bailey Adams, Garfield High School Black Student Union President, will extend a Welcome on behalf of **Garfield High School**

"Lift Every Voice", known as the **Black National Anthem** led by **Anthony Williams**

Oscar Eason, former Chair of the Commission on African American Affairs, will recognize **public officials & clergy** in the audience and ask them to stand

Aneelah Afzali, founder and Executive Director of the American Muslim Empowerment Network, will invite **all faith based leaders** to come up to the front in a **show of unity**

Aneelah Afzali will then lead the **Invocation** and speak about combatting Islamophobia and **fighting all bigotry and discrimination**

County Councilmember **Larry Gossett**, former Chair of the MLK Celebration Committee will speak about the **History of the Seattle MLK Celebration** and Recognize Local Civil Rights Legends

Spoken Word Artist and Activist **Durell Green**

Estella Ortega, Executive Director, El Centro de la Raza, an organization whose mission includes the goal of building unity across all racial and economic sectors

Dance Performance by **Kutt'N'Up,** a dance company that consists of youth from all over the Greater Seattle area

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Grateful Acknowledgement of some Generous Funders of this event by MLK Celebration Committee Members **Charlie James** and **Eddie Rye**; **Appeal for Donations** from the Audience

Cindy Domingo, Chair, US Women and Cuba Collaboration; she was a member of the MLK Celebration Committee for many years

Dance Performance by **Alashia Jefferson**

Keynote Speaker **Ron Sims**, who has served as Deputy Secretary of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, King County Executive, and King County Councilman where he led successful efforts to rename the county after Martin Luther King, Jr.

Closing Remarks by MLK Celebration Committee Co-Chair **Jacquie Jones-Walsh**

Announcements and Directions to Crowd on Leaving the Auditorium and preparing for the March by **Shaude' Moore**, Co-Chair of the MLK Celebration Committee's Program Subcommittee

Benediction by the **Rev. Paul Benz** of Faith Action Network

Rally after the March, at Federal Building 2nd & Madison, Downtown
Program, estimated start time 1:30 p.m.

Opening Entertainment by **Cry-Out**, with Christopher Robinson

Erin Jones, educator and former Washington State Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction

Entertainment by **"Alex and Alex"** musicians Alex Enger and Alex Gonzalez

Kent Wong, director of the UCLA Labor Center and editor of 3 books written by and about undocumented students will speak. He launched the **DREAM Summer fellowship program** that has now graduated over 500 fellows

Entertainment by **Y-WE**, Young Women Empowered

Former State Representative **Jesse Wineberry**, who was a leader in the Legislature to make Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a state holiday

Nikkita Oliver, spoken word artist, lawyer, and activist who has been active in the Black Lives Matter movement

Speaker from **Socialist Students** of Seattle

Closing Remarks and Announcements