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Dear Parade Participants:

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee will be celebrating its 41st Annual MLK Parade. The Committee was founded in November 1981, and continues celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by keeping the dream alive. This year the parade will be on Dr. King's actual birthday! We cordially invite the Las Vegas community to join us in this celebration at the largest parade in the State of Nevada. Let's come together and make this parade the best one ever! Bring your best floats, bands, drill teams, etc. and come out and celebrate the legacy of a great man!

This year's theme: "**Living the Dream – It Starts with Me (Shifting Priorities to Create the Beloved Community).**" The parade will be held on **Monday, January 16, 2023**, in downtown Las Vegas beginning at **10 a.m.** The parade entry fee is **\$150. DO NOT THROW CANDY OR ANY ITEMS AT ANY TIME DURING THE PARADE** because of possible injury to parade participants or spectators.

This year, we will only be accepting **100 entries**. We are accepting completed applications now. Please submit your entry application as soon as possible. The **parade application deadline** must be postmarked by **Saturday, January 7, 2023**. No applications will be accepted after the deadline. **PLEASE NOTE: CAR CLUBS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE; NOR WILL THEY BE INCLUDED WITH OTHER ENTRIES.**

The parade starts at Fourth Street and Gass Avenue, head north on Fourth Street to Ogden (where it will conclude). The parade will disburse on Fourth Street and Stewart.

Again, we look forward to celebrating the legacy of this great American with you. Attached is a copy of the parade entry form, rules and guidelines, and judging criteria. Please check which category you wish to enter. Please note: **Clark County schools fees are waived.** All CCSD applicants must contact Dr. Vincent Richardson, our school liaison at 799-8484, or go to the King Week website @ www.KingWeekLasVegas.com. For more information, questions, or concerns regarding the parade, please call **702-498-5888**.

Peace,

MLK Committee of Las Vegas

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PARADE APPLICATION**

Entries will be judged on originality that best depicts the overall theme of the parade, audience response during marching, design, workmanship and creativity. Judging of entries will be done along the parade route. Trophies will be awarded for the following categories.

1. Best Elementary/Prime 6 School - 1st and 2nd place winners will be awarded.
2. Best Middle/Jr. High School Band - 1st and 2nd place winners will be awarded.
3. Best High School Band - 1st and 2nd place winners will be awarded.
4. Best School Float - (school bands/drill teams are not included in this category.) 1st and 2nd place winners will be awarded.
5. Best Drill Team - 1st and 2nd place winners will be awarded.
6. Best Community Float - 1st and 2nd place winners will be awarded.
7. Best Religious Float or Entry - 1st and 2nd place winners will be awarded.
8. Best Greek Sorority - 1st and 2nd place winners will be awarded.
9. Best Greek Fraternity - 1st and 2nd place winners will be awarded.
10. Best Greek Float – 1st and 2nd place winners will be awarded.
11. Most Unique - 1st place winner only will be awarded.
12. Best Military (ROTC) Unit - 1st and 2nd place winners will be awarded.
13. Best School Drill Team - 1st and 2nd place will be awarded.
14. Best Out-of-State High School Band - 1st and 2nd place will be awarded.
15. Best Out-of-State Drill Team - 1st and 2nd place will be awarded.
16. Best Overall Entry - This is a rotating trophy which is given out to the best overall entry each year. You may keep it in your possession for one year, it must be given back 2 weeks prior to the next scheduled M.L.K. Annual Parade. You may compete for it again next year.
17. Best Female Auxiliary Youth Group - 1st and 2nd place will be awarded.
18. Best Male Auxiliary Youth Group - 1st and 2nd place will be awarded.

*****EACH APPLICANT(S) AND OR GROUP(S) WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF THREE (3) MINUTES TO PERFORM THEIR ROUTINE FOR THE JUDGES. Time allocation for the setup of routines will be limited to one (1) minute. ANY APPLICANT(S) AND OR GROUP(S) WHO EXCEEDS THE ALLOCATED TIME WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**

The organization name herein requests consideration as a participant in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Parade. The undersigned warrants that he/she is empowered to sign for the applying organization and that he/she has read and understands the provisions set forth in the "General Parade Regulations."

Category Selection _____ Parade Day Designee _____ (Sign-in)

Parade Day Designee MUST come to Registration Tent to sign-in and get parade number BEFORE start of parade. THERE WILL BE NO CHANGING OF NUMBERS AT THE REGISTRATION TENT.

Name of Entry _____

Sponsored by _____

Description of Entry/Vehicle/Floats/Walking Units

Scripts used by announcers (If additional space is needed, pl

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Address _____ City, State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Entry Fee \$150 Business Check _____ Money Order _____ PayPal _____

PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH!!! NO EXCEPTIONS

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Saturday, January 7, 2023

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY THE DEADLINE DATE

All checks/money orders must be made payable to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee

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GENERAL PARADE REGULATIONS
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE COMMITTEE
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

THEME: LIVING THE DREAM: “IT STARTS WITH ME (Shifting Priorities to Create the Beloved Community).”

1. No individual or unit will be allowed to take part in the parade without prior approval of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee.
2. The conduct and movement of the parade will be controlled by Parade marshals assigned for that purpose. Participants will obey the directions of the marshals as they relate to the parade. Failure to do so will cause the offending individual or unit to be removed from the parade.
3. All units must be identified so that spectators and media can easily see the name of each unit or its sponsor. Identification on floats must be on both sides, running the entire length of the floats or 20 feet, whichever is the least. Marching units and others must be preceded by marchers carrying banners or signs, which can be easily read at a distance of 100 feet. All identification signs and banners must be carried or displayed in such a way as to assure they can be read even in rain or high winds. **NO CANDY OR ITEMS MAY BE THROWN AT ANY TIME DURING THE PARADE!!!**
4. Units may contain no element higher than 14 feet (to clear overhead wires and traffic lights).
5. All units with children under third grade level will be expected to station persons along the parade route to assist tired marchers.
6. Individuals and organizations in the parade are expected to perform courteously, in good taste and with safety in mind at all times during the formation, execution, and dismissal of the parade. **Parade officials and/or parade marshals** reserve the right to stop and/or remove any entrant that, in their sole discretion, violates this regulation and/or is hindering the progression of the parade.

All parade entries that have vehicles, trucks, and motorcycles will be expected to adhere to the following rules and guidelines. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS**; parade officials will strictly enforce these rules the day of the parade. **NO CAR CLUBS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE PARADE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES! MOTORCYCLES WILL BE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN 10.**

7. Entries with cars and/or trucks will be limited to no more than three (3) total vehicles. **Again there will be NO EXCEPTIONS to these rules and parade entries found in violation of these rules will be disqualified and immediately removed from the parade and the parade fee will not be refunded.**

For the safety of the parade entries and the spectators; it is important for the MLK Committee to make some **NO EXCEPTION RULES & GUIDELINES.**

ALL PARADE ENTRIES will adhere to these rules and guidelines: Parade Marshals will be enforcing the rules.

There will be no more than (3) vehicles allowed with any group such as drill teams; dance groups; cheer teams, etc. This will also include walking groups and floats.

Cars and motorcycles participating in the parade are prohibited from doing stunts along the parade route for the safety of the other parade participants and spectators.

No motorcycles or vehicles will be allowed to enter the parade from any side street other than the starting point for their particular entry.

8. In keeping up with Dr. King’s dream we do ask that all parade entries, floats, vehicles, etc. **MUST** keep their entries tasteful and respectable and must comply with the parade theme. Failure to do so will in fact disqualify and remove the entry from the parade and the parade fee will **NOT** be refunded.

9. The parade is scheduled for **Monday, January 16, 2023**. The **parade lineup will start at 8 a.m. at the corner of Fourth Street and Hoover**. The parade will start promptly at 10 a.m. The parade starts at **Fourth Street and Gass, head north on Fourth to Ogden (where it will conclude)**. The parade will **disburse on Fourth and Stewart**.
10. Each entry will be assigned a number. We will call the contact person listed on the application at the phone number indicated. **Please ensure the contact information listed on the application is correct**. If your number falls between 1-50, you will need to be at the starting point **no later** than 8:00 a.m. If your number falls between 50-100, you need to be at the starting point **no later** than 8:30 a.m.
11. You must assign one person from your group or organization to come to the registration booth on the day of the parade to check-in and receive your parade number. **There will be no changing of numbers at the parade site. All entries will be verified at registration. Parade Day Designee MUST come to Registration Tent to sign-in and get parade number BEFORE start of parade. THERE WILL BE NO CHANGING OF NUMBERS AT THE REGISTRATION TENT.**
12. The parade entry fee is **\$150**. **APPLICATION DEADLINE IS: Saturday, January 7, 2023, 5:00PM.**

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Payment may also be made through PayPal on the MLK Committee website,
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NO PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ENTRIES ARE ONLY PAYABLE0

**BY MONEY ORDER, BUSINESS CHECKS, CREDIT CARD, or PAYPAL
NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY THE DEADLINE DATE.

Single Vehicle, and Car/Motorcycle Club Policies and Safety Addendum

1. Any individuals who operate a truck, car, tractor or any other type of vehicle in the parade must possess a valid driver's license. A copy of license as well as a copy of driver's insurance is required to be turned in at the staging area. Drivers for entrants without these proofs are to be disqualified for entry into the parade, without refund of fees.
2. The Martin Luther King Parade Committee reserves the right to limit the number/type of vehicles and other entries in the parade.
3. **Car/Motorcycle Clubs:** Club entries are limited to **10** vehicles and must be approved by the MLK Parade Committee prior to entry. (If more than the appropriate numbers of vehicles attend, only the first appropriate number will be allowed to participate.) Only registered and recognized clubs qualify for entry with multiple vehicles. Each vehicle must submit an entry form, driver's insurance, and driver's license, **(and a fee). The additional per-vehicle fee for Clubs is \$10 per vehicle above 5 vehicles.** All motorcycle riders need to comply with the Nevada helmet law.
4. Car/Motorcycle Clubs are only allowed to submit 1 entry application per club for the parade. Additional entries are no longer available. Vehicles are required to double up, and not travel single file.
5. Vehicles must follow a straight course, in a cautious and safe manner with no quick starts, stops, peeling of rubber, swerving back and forth and no reckless driving of any kind.
6. No person(s) shall ride on hood, roof, trunk, door frames, or any portion of any vehicles in an inappropriate manner at any time, as well as, no jumping on or off of any vehicles.
7. It is the responsibility of the parade applicant to inform their unit's participants of the Parade Rules and Regulations prior to the event, as well as, ensuring their unit upholds Parade Rules and Regulations within the event site. It is also the parade applicant's responsibility to manage and communicate with their unit participants, specific Staging, Drop & Go, Event Procedures, Parade Updates and Weather Contingency or Emergency Plan Details both prior to the event as well as during the event.
8. Unsafe Operation: a parade entrant which operates vehicles or equipment in such a way that can be dangerous to spectators or other participants will be removed from the parade by the marshals
9. **FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM THE PARADE, AS WELL AS FINES OR LOSS OF PRIVILEGES**

**The Acknowledgment on the following page must signed and returned with
your application.**

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read and fully understand the official rules and regulations governing the 2023 MLK Parade and agree to comply with them. The MLK Parade Committee reserves the right to remove from the parade, at any time, entries not conforming to the Rules and Regulations or any entrant refusing to follow instructions of police or parade officials. These rules are for the safety of the parade participants and attendees.

LIABILITY WAIVER: In consideration of the right to participate in the 2023 MLK Parade, I, my organization, and any related participants or entrants hereby release and discharge both the MLK Parade Committee and the City of Las Vegas, to include either entity's officers, directors, employees, and representatives, of and from all claims, demands, causes of action, damages, losses, and expenses of any kind or nature, including legal costs and attorney fees, which I have or may have in the future from any cause, known, unknown, or yet to occur, arising out of or relating in any way to participation in the 2023 MLK Parade.

Name of Entry

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Received: _____ Paid: _____ Entry # _____