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## South Coast AQMD to host 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Event

California Secretary of State Dr. Shirley Weber, Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, and author Dr. Marcus Goodloe keep alive the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**DIAMOND BAR** – On Saturday, January 15, 2022, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) will virtually host the 9th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service event celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy promoting advocacy for justice, equality and equity.

This year's celebration, "Living, Dreaming, Believing in a Clean Air Future" focuses on how each of us can work for cleaner, healthy air to breathe, especially for our environmental justice communities most impacted by air pollution.

KTTV "Good Day LA" Anchor Brooke Thomas will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies for the virtual event. Thomas Kepler, principal National Anthem performer for the Anaheim Ducks and Los Angeles Angels, will sing the National Anthem and provide musical entertainment. Among the speakers are:

- **Reverend Dr. Mary S. Minor** of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Los Angeles will give an invocation and benediction.
- California Secretary of State and former Chair of the chair of the California Legislative Black Caucus Dr. Shirley Weber will provide the keynote address.
- Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell will be honored with the Environmental Justice for All Award for her efforts, leadership, and contributions to help clean the air, protect public health, and improve quality of life for all.
- **Dr. Marcus Goodloe**, author of "KingMaker: Applying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Leadership Lessons in Working with Athletes and Entertainers" will deliver an inspirational speech.

## Who:

South Coast AQMD Governing Board Member Gideon Krakov

South Coast AQMD Governing Board Member and Long Beach Vice Mayor Rex Richardson

**What:** The 9th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service event celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy promoting advocacy for justice and equality. The event is free, but registration is required.

**When:** The virtual event will be held Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. to approximately 12:30 p.m. via Zoom and livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook.

**Where:** Registration is required. Please contact <u>Cristina Lopez</u>, or visit <u>https://scaqmd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_7r18m4QMQFCVodYmg5aALg?utm\_campaign=aqmd\_m</u><u>lk22</u>

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