



36TH ANNUAL ALL PEOPLES CELEBRATION



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WELCOME TO THE 36TH ALL PEOPLES CELEBRATION

Alliance San Diego welcomes you to the 36th celebration and commemoration of one of the world's greatest visionaries, activists, and leaders, Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. King would have turned 95 years old today and his legacy lives on in all of us. He believed that all people are created equal and all are part of the human family. This fundamental belief is a core principle of Alliance San Diego. It guides our work to create an inclusive democracy so that all people are a part of shaping our future, and all people can live in an environment of harmony, safety, equality, and justice. It also inspires the All Peoples Celebration, recognizing the human dignity in all of us.

During his life, Dr. King called on the nation to lift our democracy from the "quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of human dignity." Movements for change then and now have sought to safeguard our inherent dignity by protecting our human rights. This struggle has always been about more than civil rights, even more than constitutional rights — it is the fight for our humanity, in its totality, and it inspires this year's theme: CLAIMING DIGNITY.

Emerging from the quicksand of racial and other forms of injustice will require us to take deliberate steps. Alliance San Diego invites you to take the first step: start with dignity. See it in yourself and everyone around you, in friends and foes alike. Then together, let's build the 'Beloved Community' envisioned by Dr. King by creating space for respectful dialogue, fostering compassionate policies, and centering human dignity. We do not have to agree on everything to treat each other with humanity, but we do have to be intentional about how we engage one another. That is how we claim our dignity.

We hope you enjoy the program today, which includes keynote speaker Dr. Alisa Warren, the President of the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies (IAOHRA), as well as local artists and voices who will inspire us to move forward in the spirit of Dr. King. We are grateful to all who help make this event possible and we thank you for being a part of it.

Isidro D. Ortiz, Ph.D.
Board President, Alliance San Diego

Andrea Guerrero, Esq.
Executive Director, Alliance San Diego

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Thanks to the generosity of multiple table sponsors, we were able to accommodate various youth groups, future leaders, and community members!

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We are also grateful to the major supporters that fuel our mission all year long:
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Dr. Alisa Warren serves as President of the International Association of Official Human Rights Agencies (IAOHRA), a professional association of state and local human rights government agencies serving nearly 250 million people. She is the Executive Director of the Missouri Commission on Human Rights, a state agency working to prevent and eliminate discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations.

Dr. Warren engages in extensive education and outreach efforts at the domestic and international levels. She works to leverage strong partnerships which are key to advancing human rights. She is a subject matter expert in human rights appearing on television, radio, and as a keynote speaker. She is a perennial university guest lecturer and conducts training for government agencies, organizations, communities, and businesses. She is a vocal champion for international human rights treaty obligations and advocated before the United Nations Human Rights Committee in Geneva, Switzerland in 2023.

Dr. Warren serves on the Board of Directors for FOCUS St. Louis and the Diversity Awareness Partnership; she is appointed to the Missouri Supreme Court Commission on Race and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts, and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Joint Standing Committee. She received the “Most Influential Business Women” Award and the “Women Who Dare to Dream” Distinguished Humanitarian Award. Dr. Warren earned a Ph.D. in Community Development and Social Disparities from the University of Missouri.

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-DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (MARCH 14TH, 1965)

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“LIFT EVERY VOICE & SING”

Tasha Cobbs Leonard

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Andrea Guerrero

Executive Director, Alliance San Diego

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Dr. Alisa Warren

President of IAOHRA

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“WE SHALL OVERCOME”

FINALE

Thunder Squad Drumline
Heartbeat Performing Arts Academy

LEO CARRILLO CHANGE AGENT AWARD



Leo Carrillo was an extraordinary change agent. As Alliance San Diego's first full-time organizer, he led with compassion and conviction to empower the community to build an inclusive democracy.

An alumnus of CSU San Marcos, Carrillo had fire in his belly and was eager to help us build Alliance San Diego, which back then did not even have four walls. He helped develop the nascent San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium (SDIRC), bridging organizations and catalyzing solidarity in the immigrant rights movement. Carrillo also supported our Education Consortium, ASD'S first coalition in the area of education, and drove our first successful policy campaign to extend the college readiness curriculum known as 'A-G' to all students at San Diego Unified. As a result, thousands of students enjoyed and continue to enjoy an unprecedented opportunity. This was a game changer and inspired him to pursue a Master's degree in education at Stanford and a counseling degree at San Diego State University.

As a transformational activist, Carrillo drew courage from his immigrant family and found joy in his LGBTQ family. He was a deeply committed and empathetic person who guided many through the complexities of this world. He gave generously of his talents, insights, and expertise. Long after he worked at Alliance, he came back to shepherd community conversations to talk about fears, anxieties, and hope in moments of political turbulence. He inspired people to find their strength and recognize that they were not alone.

In honor of his memory, Alliance San Diego has created the Leo Carrillo Change Agent Award to recognize a young activist and emerging leader who is working concretely to bring about social change in Leo's spirit and example.

CARRILLO AWARD HONOREE MITCHELLE WOODSON



Mitchelle Woodson is presented with the inaugural Leo Carrillo Change Agent Award for her outstanding advocacy and her fight for housing as a human right.

Woodson is the executive director and managing attorney of Think Dignity, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to advance basic dignity for people experiencing homelessness. She started at Think Dignity in 2017 as a staff attorney and worked to provide clients with the advocacy and resources they need to support their growth. She now oversees the organization's operations, including the Homeless Youth Legal and Advocacy Project, the Legal and Referral Advocacy Clinics, and the Know Your Rights campaign that aims to empower individuals with knowledge of their legal rights.

Woodson's passion for advocating for San Diego's homeless community has led to the growth and notoriety of Think Dignity as the premier organization for legal representation and advocacy. Her expertise and knowledge is highly sought after, and she has presented at such events as the Yale Law School's Rebellious Lawyering Conference and the Coalition for Juvenile Justice on the issues of homelessness and poverty law.

Woodson is a founding member of FREE-SD, which utilizes the approach of participatory defense, a community organizing model that aims to empower people facing charges and their families to transform the landscape of power in the courtroom; and the DeDe McClure Community Bail Fund, a grassroots organization committed to educating and empowering community members to fight against the devastating effects of the cash bail system and supporting those who have been victimized by it.

THE ASHLEY L. WALKER SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD



Ashley L. Walker is a lifelong social justice activist that has left an indelible mark on San Diego. In 2009, the City of San Diego's Human Relations Commission created the Ashley Walker Social Justice Award. In 2019, the commission passed the award to Alliance San Diego. The award recognizes an individual or group for their work in promoting peace, social justice, and human and civil rights in our community.

As a founding board member of Alliance San Diego, Ashley Walker helped create an organization dedicated to building the Beloved Community envisioned by Dr. King. Throughout her life, Ms. Walker has been a freedom fighter for the downtrodden. She is credited with institutionalizing comprehensive and compassionate domestic violence services in the county, creating a model for other cities across the nation through the Family Justice Center, among others.

She also shaped the City of San Diego's Human Relations Commission as its executive director for over 15 years, where she devoted countless hours to creating a more inclusive San Diego. Ms. Walker once described her purpose as follows:

"I try to live a nonviolent life that returns love for hate, defends the absent, includes the excluded, forgives without apology, gives without recognition, that accepts defeat without losing heart, and admits when I am wrong. I work each day to help create the 'beloved community' where those loved and hated, those feared and respected, those disdained and elevated are all present and cared for."

WALKER AWARD HONOREE TONI G. ATKINS



Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins is presented with the Ashley Walker Award for her extraordinary public service and unrelenting commitment to build the Beloved Community envisioned by Dr. King.

Atkins was born and raised in rural southwestern Virginia, the daughter of a miner and a seamstress. Her foray into public service began when Atkins served as an aide to San Diego City Councilmember and LGBT trailblazer Christine Kehoe. In 2000, she was elected to replace Kehoe as the council's District 3 representative. Atkins proceeded to hold many other roles including state Assembly and Speaker of the Assembly.

In 2016, Atkins was elected to represent the 39th District in the state Senate. After just one year, she was selected by her colleagues to serve as Senate President pro Tempore. In March 2018, she was sworn in, becoming the first woman and the first openly LGBTQ person to lead the Legislature's upper house.

Throughout her career, Atkins has been a champion for our diverse communities, especially in expanding access to affordable housing. In 2022, she introduced the 'California Dream for All Program,' an innovative new way for the state to help first-time homebuyers dramatically lower or eliminate their down-payment requirements and lower monthly mortgage payments. That same year, she also authored a constitutional amendment to make explicit the fundamental right to abortion and contraceptives. She leads on a range of issues as she works towards a vision of California where everyone belongs and everyone thrives.

PERFORMERS



Miki Vale

Miki Vale is an international Hip Hop performing artist and U.S. Cultural Ambassador of Hip Hop, Teaching Artist, Old Globe-commissioned playwright and founder of SoulKiss Theater, an arts education organization centering and celebrating the voices of Black queer womxn. Her work serves to amplify community consciousness around relationships, wellness, and justice. Vale has performed and participated in panels at landmark venues and festivals in the US and internationally, from Hollywood and D.C. to Mumbai and Cairo. For her contributions to Hip Hop culture, Vale has earned a San Diego Hip Hop Honors Award, a Female Perspective Award, and the 2021 San Diego Music Award for Song of the Year for “Bad Wolves”, a song condemning anti-Black racism. For her work within the LGBTQ community, Vale was awarded the 2017 Bayard Rustin Civil Rights Honor.



Tasha Cobbs Leonard IG: @tashacobbbleonard

A pastor’s daughter born and raised in Georgia, Leonard first emerged to widespread acclaim with her breakout 2013 release, *Grace*, which garnered a GRAMMY, three Doves, and three Stellar Awards on the strength of its chart-topping, platinum-selling lead single, “Break Every Chain.” In the years that followed, Leonard would go on to establish herself as a genuine “gospel sensation” (NPR), racking up more than two billion streams across platforms, landing three more #1 singles and five #1 albums, performing with everyone from Common and Nicki Minaj to Ne-Yo and Ciara, and making national television appearances on *Good Morning America*, CNN’s *Fourth of July*, BET’s *Black Girls Rock*, CBC’s *A Day Of Healing*, and the Super Bowl Gospel Celebration.

PERFORMERS



Ballet Folklórico en Aztlan

Ballet Folklórico en Atzlán (BFA) is an indigenous dance company founded in 1967 by Tecihtzin Herminia Enrique in San Diego Ca. BFA’s mission is to lift the hearts of humanity through dance, music, and song. Under the artistic direction of Viviana Enrique the BFA prides itself on welcoming dancers of all ages and skill levels. The BFA centers indigenous traditions and stories and presents dances from all regions of México. The BFA offers four signature productions a year, classes year round, and community performances based on availability. They also offer classes at local schools. We hope you enjoy the performance today and will share in the energy. Qué viva BFA!



Heartbeat Thunder Squad Drumline

Heartbeat Thunder Squad Drumline - HBMPAA is a non-profit organization providing Music & Dance Education to underserved youth in San Diego. What started as a drumline in 2011 at the Jackie Robinson YMCA, HBMPAA has grown to a renowned organization that uplifts the inner city and lower income communities of San Diego. HBMPAA’s band is composed of a highly skilled drumline and dynamic majorettes. HBMPAA was created out of a need to help the underserved youth of San Diego and surrounding areas that were impacted by the downsizing or complete elimination of music and dance education programs in the inner-city school district.



transcenDANCE

transcenDANCE is a nationally-recognized creative youth development organization that works with teens in underserved San Diego communities. Their programs change the trajectory of students’ lives by building resilience, confidence, and creativity and by instilling life-changing skills such as leadership, collaboration, and community engagement.

GREETINGS FROM THE COMMUNITY SPACE SPONSORED BY UNITED DOMESTIC WORKERS

Welcome to the 36th All Peoples Celebration! We invite you to visit the Community Space, which is open to the public. Learn how you can get involved with the many organizations below that are working alongside Alliance San Diego to build the Beloved Community.

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We shall overcome,
We shall overcome,
We shall overcome, some day.

Oh, deep in my heart,
I do believe
We shall overcome, some day.

We'll walk hand in hand,
We'll walk hand in hand,
We'll walk hand in hand, some day.

Oh, deep in my heart,
I do believe
We shall overcome, some day.

We shall all be free,
We shall all be free,
We shall all be free, some day.

Oh, deep in my heart,
I do believe
We shall overcome, some day.



START WITH DIGNITY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE CLASS OF 2024

Join Alliance San Diego’s Class of 2024 and learn about human rights through the Leadership Development Course, Start with Dignity.

Through this course, participants are encouraged to immerse themselves in activities where they will elevate, claim and protect human rights and human dignity while also promoting self esteem, empathy and respect.

The goal? Make space for interactive experiential learning where individuals can recognize and appreciate dignity in themselves while connecting with other participants on a deeper level. Participants will take part in discussions about human rights here at home and share personal experiences in navigating challenges related to self worth, respect, and empathy.



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