



WE HOLD  
THESE TRUTHS...

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
25TH MLK ANNIVERSARY  
COMMEMORATIVE MARCH

QUOTES





Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. encouraged us to march our way to freedom and to dream beyond our reality. The Civil Rights Movement empowered us to make those dreams real. Today, we must continue to journey beyond the march and to live beyond the dream.

ART HALL

CHAIRMAN OF THE SAN ANTONIO  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMISSION

A half-century later, we still stand on the shoulders of Martin Luther King Jr. because the dream endures. It lives and thrives in a place like San Antonio where I can be Mayor and march with a hundred thousand fellow San Antonians in honor of what binds us together, not what makes us different.

JULIÁN CASTRO  
HONORABLE MAYOR OF CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

I hope that people will take the lessons of Dr. King and apply them in their everyday lives and communities. There are so many opportunities for each of us to make a difference and if we live in the spirit of Dr. King we have the potential to make a truly significant impact on The City of San Antonio and the world around us.

IVY TAYLOR

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO COUNCILWOMAN DISTRICT 2

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Junior is one of those spirits that appear in our history to guide us to a better future. He did go to the mountain top to show us the way. We will forever be grateful for his service and vision.

**BILL SINKIN**

COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN OF SOLAR  
SAN ANTONIO

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. enabled me the opportunity to live in decent housing, the ability to get a job without regards to race and the right to vote without the threat of imprisonment. “Dr. King empowered us all by teaching us how to impact change and peacefully protest when we feel that our rights are being violated.

RUTH JONES McCLENDON  
TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 120

Dr. King's life is an inspiring example of public service and a testament to the power of nonviolence. Dr. King belongs to me, to you, to all of us and we march to celebrate the work he did and to re-commit ourselves to the work that remains to be done.

JOAQUIN CASTRO  
TEXAS STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 125

Dr. King taught us, inspired us, and sacrificed his life for us. Now each of us must do our part to make our nation better, more just, and more hopeful every day.

HENRY CISNEROS  
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN – CITY VIEW

I'm reminded of a song entitled "Why."  
"Why I wonder why, we all can't get  
along." Dr. King taught us to have a better  
understanding of one another. No matter  
who you are we're all the same in the sight  
of God.

EUGENE COLEMAN  
SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

Dr. King's lofty leadership allowed a great country to begin to right a wrong without coming apart in the process and to build a greater future for us all. We are forever in his debt!

TOMMY ADKISSON  
BEXAR COUNTY COMMISSIONER PCT.4

The road to civil rights in the name of humanity has many challenges and barriers. But a people united can overcome and prosper in the name of freedom. No obstacle great or small can stop the movement once it is in motion.

JAIME P. MARTINEZ

CHAIRMAN/CESAR E. CHAVEZ LEGACY AND EDUCATIONAL  
FOUNDATION OF SAN ANTONIO

The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
will live as a testimony to all of those that  
perished fighting for civil and human rights  
over the course of centuries.

MARIO MARCEL SALAS  
FORMER SNCC ACTIVIST

Dr. King's dream is a vision of things that  
can become reality.

CHARLES WILLIAMS  
LANDMARK COFFEE SHOP & RESTAURANT OWNER

Where there is no vision the people perish.  
Today we stand on the shoulders of Martin  
Luther King and it is important that this  
generation remembers that people died  
for your right to vote. If Dr. King were  
alive today, he would be marching to fight  
voter's suppression. Be a testament of hope;  
get out and vote.

T.C. CALVERT

PRESIDENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS FIRST ALLIANCE,  
SAN ANTONIO

The Civil Rights Movement and Dr. King  
inspired me to join...and gave me purpose.  
The next forty (40) years are (documented)  
history.

JOHN SANDERS  
SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

Rev. King made it clear, that if change were to last, it would happen through love, not hate. And so it is...that his legacy marches on.

JOE J. BERNAL  
SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

More than 40 years after his death, Dr. King's influence continues to be felt worldwide. From the uprisings in Libya and Syria, to the demands for equal rights throughout Asia, and the call for financial justice on Wall Street, Dr. King's words and deeds are often cited as the model for change. He remains perhaps America's greatest gift to global brotherhood.

KEITH T. PARKER

AICP PRESIDENT/CEO VIA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement provided the opportunities and defined the challenges of my generation. I dedicate my life to the betterment of society, largely because of the writings, teachings, and example set by Dr. King and the foot soldiers of that revolutionary movement for civil rights which began two generations ago.

REV. DR. KENNETH R. KEMP  
PASTOR OF ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, SAN ANTONIO

I remember crying with my 5 year old when President Obama was elected. I never thought that part of Dr. King's "Dream" would happen in my lifetime. I know that without Dr. King and others sacrificing their lives for equality, I would not have had the opportunity to own and operate a business that is successful not because of the color of my skin, but rather the content of my character.

TRAVIS WILTSHIRE

PRESIDENT, CNG ENGINEERING.

SAN ANTONIO

The Civil Rights movement gave all of us a unique opportunity to see what courage and personal sacrifice can do to free one from the perils of discrimination. We owe Dr. King and all those who risked their lives in order to give promise to ours, great love and respect for their extraordinary gift of courage and leadership.

ANTHONY C. EDWARDS SR.  
SAN ANTONIO LOCAL ARTIST

Dr. King's non-violent struggle for justice is the greatest example of the power of love other than that exhibited by Jesus Christ. The Civil Rights Movement reminds us that our youth must stand up and help lead our country to a better place, just as the Civil Rights leaders did in their youth. We must find our own action in today's social battles to make society achieve its best for all people.

**TOMMY CALVERT, JR.**

GENERAL MANAGER SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY RADIO  
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We owe Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and those who marched with him in times past much gratitude for the 'journey beyond the march.' Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement taught me how to live as a member of the 'beloved community.'

REV. HERMAN PRICE JR.,  
PASTOR ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH CHAIRMAN, CCSA

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. paid the ultimate price fighting for equal rights. He, along with the NAACP, CORE, SNCC and other civil rights organizations played a major role in bringing world attention to the injustices suffered by African Americans. After decades of challenges, the struggle for equal rights for all Americans continues.

OLIVER HILL

PRESIDENT OF SAN ANTONIO NAACP CHAPTER

Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Civil Rights Movement stood for a better tomorrow. They represented justice, courage and compassion against all odds. There is a real need for this kind of commitment and involvement in our communities today. Don't be the problem be the solution.

ETHEL MINOR

PRESIDENT EMERITUS NAACP, SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

Dr. King's dream shall forever live in all of us.

CHOCO MEZA  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
BEXAR COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Some who have achieved a degree of success will invalidate the Civil Rights Movement with statements such as, “Black America should pull themselves up by their own bootstraps.” What these individuals fail to recognize is that prior to the Civil Rights Movement, Black America did not have Boots with Bootstraps.

IRA SMITH

BOARD OF MANAGERS UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM  
SAN ANTONIO

We must know where we come from to understand where we need to go. As a society, it is important that we continue to walk together in the example set by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and that we do not turn back. We must keep the dream alive, never give up hope and always have faith.

JAMES HOWARD  
BOARD CHAIR SAN ANTONIO ISD

You can believe in the dream and by working together, we can bring equality through better education and understanding to all.

ROBERT “MIKE” BLOUNT  
CONSTABLE PCT. 4, SAN ANTONIO

Martin Luther King, Jr. was the most articulate and inspiring orator of our lifetime, an unparalleled genius of phraseology, and our nation's most courageous, compassionate, unwavering champion for the non-violent pursuit of justice and peace for all people.

DR. RICHARD GAMBETTA

RETIRED PROFESSOR UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO

During the time of the American  
Nightmare, he dared to dream the  
impossible for me.

TAJ MATTHEWS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CLAUDE & ZERNOVA  
DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION

Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement brought a much needed, new outlook and well-being to desperate, forgotten people. He gave all people the warrant to realize that they count. Neither beneath nor above any other, but shoulder to shoulder we all stand.

MRS. WRAY HOOD

PRESIDENT OF COLISEUM/WILLOW PARK NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION, SAN ANTONIO

Each year this march serves as a forum for all San Antonio, joined together as a collective body, to say thank you Dr. King for making America a better place to live for all of her people.

FREDERICK WILLIAMS

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF GOVERNMENT SAN ANTONIO  
COLLEGE

To this day, MLK inspires dreams in all of us  
and does so in a way that makes service and  
respect of fellow man a natural.

LEO GOMEZ

SAN ANTONIO SPURS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT

On May 17, 1957 in a keynote address in front of the Lincoln Memorial Martin Luther King Jr. stated “Give us the ballot and we will transform the salient misdeeds of bloodthirsty mobs into the calculated good deeds of orderly citizens.” “This generation still has goals to accomplish in the areas of voter intimidation, rights, and justice.

JOSEPH A. SCOTT  
SAN ANTONIO BUSINESS LEADER

Because of Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement my children and many others were able to acquire a higher education in universities that African Americans we once unable to attend.

JO MCCALL  
PRESIDENT/ OWNER  
MCCALL & ASSOCIATES, SAN ANTONIO

Dr. King's enduring legacy teaches us the vivid lesson that selfless service to our fellow man is a priceless investment in the future of humanity.

DARRYL BYRD

CEO - SA2020

Dr. Martin Luther King's ability to unite and mobilize a nation in the fight for civil rights has had an incredible effect around the globe. As an immigrant from Africa I have been fortunate to reap the rewards of Dr. King's efforts and I am thankful that my children can grow up in a country that strives for equal rights and opportunity for all.

SHOKARE NAKPODIA

BUSINESS OWNER, THE MIGHTYGROUP

SAN ANTONIO

As found in Dr. Kings words,  
San Antonio too “is a dream deeply rooted.”  
We are “a beautiful symphony.”  
A place “able to work together.”  
“To sing with a new meaning.”  
“To join hands,” march forward and watch  
our dreams become reality.

JEFF MIRAGLIA

BRAND CONSULTANT / CREATOR:  
SAN ANTONIO— DEEP. IN THE HEART

Though many Community Leaders fought and paved the Civil Rights Pathway before him, Dr. King's powerful and far-reaching message is extremely significant for Americans of all ethnicities. His vision of "The Dream" has resulted in a National Holiday with millions celebrating his "LEGACY" of Unity and Togetherness! For each of us, to sustain it, there is still much work to be done; one day at a time.

FLOYD WILSON JR.

CHAIRMAN, SAN ANTONIO AREA AFRICAN AMERICAN  
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I was on the mall when Dr King delivered his “I have a dream” speech. I also helped to build houses in Resurrection City after Dr. King’s assassination. Dr King has been an integral and spiritual part of my formation and has guided me as a person involved in community activism.

NETTIE HINTON  
SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY ADVOCATE

Dr King inspired a generation of artists  
to lift up our story though music, dance,  
literature and visual arts.

AARONETTA PIERCE  
FIRST SAN ANTONIO MLK COMISSION CHAIR  
ART CONSULTANT

MLK ushered in an era that allowed people  
to reach their full potentials.

GLORIA RAY  
FORMER SAN ANTONIO MLK COMMISSION CHAIR

As a product of the 1960s, I understand the importance of the civil rights movement. It was both symbolic and significant for women and minorities around the country and even the world.

**SHERYL L. SCULLEY**  
CITY MANAGER, CITY OF SAN ANTONIO MANAGER

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