

General Marshaling Information & Rules

2024 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade

1. **Parade Route:** The Parade begins on Harbor Drive in front of the County Administration building at **10:00am SUNDAY, JANUARY 14th, 2024**. We'll travel south on Harbor Drive, Left on Broadway, and Rt. at Pacific Highway. Total marching distance is ~1 mile and the Parade route is 24 feet wide. The disbanding area is at Pacific Highway and G Street.
2. **Check-in time:** Check in at the registration tent near the County Administration Building **7am – 9:30am**.
3. **Parade Headquarters** will be located under the tent near the County Admin. Building on Harbor Drive.
4. **Parade Marshaling / Staging Area:** The Parade will marshal / stage in the area in front of the County Administration Building located between the intersections of Grape St. and Ash St. along Harbor Dr..
5. **Participant Buses** will park along Pacific Highway and discharge band members onto the sidewalk behind the County Admin. Building. Bands and participating groups will form on Harbor Dr., one block west.
6. **Participant Drop Off** will take place at the corner of Harbor Dr. and Grape St., as well as Harbor Dr. and Ash St.
7. **Floats & Specialty Groups** will line up in the staging area on Harbor Drive and the bay in the designated line up positions.
8. **First-Aid:** First aid shall be administered by our parade physician at the registration tent. In the event of a medical emergency, please contact anyone with a parade volunteer shirt or vest to call 911 for an ambulance. AED device will be on site as well.
9. **Portable Toilets:** Portable toilets will be set up in the staging / marshaling area, along the parade route, and in the disbanding area.
10. **No stopping along the route:** Units are prohibited from stopping to perform along the parade route, except for the judging / grandstand area. This helps keep efficient flow of the parade which makes it more enjoyable for our guests and participants.
11. **Two-minute rule** for performances will be enforced with green, yellow, and red cards at the judging stand. **GREEN**= begin performance, **YELLOW**= 30 seconds remain, **RED**= 2-minute mark reached & please proceed down parade route.
12. **Disband:** The parade will disband along Pacific Highway near G Street. After unloading marchers and equipment in the marshaling area, buses should proceed to the disbanding area to await participant arrival at the end of the parade.
13. **Throwing or passing** out objects from a float, vehicle, or while walking / marching the parade route is strictly prohibited.
14. Due to a full parade line-up, it is imperative that each parade group march together in close formation. Parade marshals will require groups to maintain proper formation and appropriate spacing between units.
15. Only uniformed or costumed marchers will be allowed to march in the Parade. We do not permit families and friends walking along with parade groups within the route parameters to care for personal effects such as jackets, water bottles, or baby carriages.
16. Participation in the Parade does not release anyone from observing laws and regulations of the City of San Diego.
17. Maximum height of equipment should not exceed 13 feet 6 inches to clear overhead traffic lights and wires.
18. **Parking-** City meters are free on Sunday. The County Admin. Building has paid underground parking, on Ash, between Pacific Hwy and Harbor Dr. There is also paid parking near the cruise ship terminal on Broadway.
19. **Awards Ceremony-** The awards ceremony will take place at the grandstand stage immediately after the parade. Trophies will be distributed for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of Best Band, Educational Unit, Marching Group, Float, and Drill Team.

We look forward to your participation in the Martin Luther King, Jr.
Parade!