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**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARADE AND PROGRAM SET FOR JAN. 20  
Judge Ramona Garrett is keynote speaker at Monday morning event**

VALLEJO – The City of Vallejo, NAACP, Times-Herald and officials at Touro University have joined together this year to present the fifth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and Humanitarian Awards Program.

The parade and program will take place on Monday, January 20, 2003. The parade will begin at 9 a.m. at the intersection of Tennessee and Tuolumne streets and wind it's way though Vallejo to the campus of Hogan High School.

A reception with light refreshments will take place at the end of the parade at 10:30 a.m. with a program to begin at 11 a.m. The program will feature a performance by the UC Davis Gospel Choir, presentations by Vallejo Mayor Tony Intintoli, Solano County Supervisor Barbara Kondylis, State Senator Wes Chesbro and the event's keynote speaker, Solano Superior Court Judge Ramona Garrett.

Radio personality and Vallejo native P.J. Ballard will serve as Mistress of Ceremony for the event.

Council member Pamela Pitts is chairperson for this year's event. Committee members include Rose Tyson of the NAACP, Terry Curtola of the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Bernard Zeliger of Touro University, Ron Rhea of the Vallejo Times-Herald and Carol Larsen of Georgia House Graphics.

"Pam has done an outstanding job organizing this event," City Manager David Martinez said. "I look forward to an enjoyable and successful event honoring the late Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr."

The event will be videotaped for broadcast at a later date.