

**Project 8:** Storefront Improvements **Partner:** Grant Neighborhood Association **Site Leaders:** Elizabeth Horin (LLBI '17), Ijah Lockett

(YLLB '15)

www.leadershiplb.org/2018/01/2018-mlk-store/

Volunteers spent their time cleaning and preparing the building for their paint job at this store on Cherry Avenue in North Long Beach. They put on a quality coat of paint on the building from the ground up.







**Project 9:** Mary Molina Garden Cleanup **Partner:** Office of Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez and
Long Beach Organic

Site Leaders: Kathleen Boyd LLBI '17), Julia Jaynes (YLLB

www.leadershiplb.org/2018/01/2018-mlk-mmgarden/

A group of volunteers helping with the gardening and cleanup activities at this community garden near Cabrillo High School. Volunteers worked on the garden plots by clearing areas and planting vegetation for the community.





Thanks to the 250+ volunteers who gave up their time on the Monday holiday to "Make it a Day On, not a Day Off" in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In addition to their service, volunteers had the opportunity to connect and share their experience through quotes, sayings and any personal revelations facilitated by site leaders to help bring meaning and purpose to the day.







## **2018 MLK Day of Service Planning Committee**

LLB Executive Director Jeff Williams (LLBI '08), Kathleen Boyd (LLBI '17), Nicolas Cedeno (YLLB '13), Joe Corso, Oscar Cosby, Sharon Diggs-Jackson (LLBI '93), Camille Donnell (LLBI '16), Jerry Fink, Bonnie Harris, Xavier Harris (YLLB '10), David Hedden, Brent McCloud, Sara Myers (LLBI '12), Isaac Romero (LLBI '12), and Jeff Rowe.

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## LONG BEACH 2018 MLK DAY OF SERVICE

"MAKE IT A DAY ON, NOT A DAY OFF"

Monday, January 15, 2018





The residents of Long Beach came together on **Monday, January 15** in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the MLK National Day of Service

- 9 service project sites around the city
- 250 volunteers, young and old, serving on this day
- 750+ volunteer hours



































Morning Rally at Houghton Park www.leadershiplb.org/mlk-service-2018/

The **2018 Long Beach MLK Day of Service** began with a pancake breakfast provided by the Long Beach Firefighters Association. **Vice Mayor Rex Richardson (LLBI '10), 9th District councilman** welcomed the crowd by thanking them for coming out to support the values of Dr. King through their volunteer service. **Reverend Leon Wood (LLBI '94)** spoke about the life of Dr. King and told of the great results from the nonviolence teachings of Dr. King. After 9 am, volunteers traveled to project sites to begin their volunteer service.







**Project 1:** Garden Planting and Cleanup

Partner: Our Foods

Site Leaders: Rusty Mahakian (LLBI '17), Meme Phay

(YLLB '13)

www.leadershiplb.org/2018/01/2018-mlk-molibrary/

Volunteers removed old plants and replaced with new plants for the season; they also completed other basics site cleanup duties.



Michelle Obama Library 5870 Atlantic Avenue Long Beach 90805





**Project 4:** Houghton Park/Helopad Planting **Partners:** Vice Mayor Rex Richardson's Office, Ricardo's

Nursery

**Site Leaders:** Isaac Romero (LLBI '12), Nicolas Cedeno (YLLB '13)

www.leadershiplb.org/2018/01/2018-mlk-houghton/

Nearly 100 volunteers came out to plant, landscape & clean the helopad area of Houghton Park. Volunteers were directed to place garden plants to beautify that area of the park.







Project 5: Painting/Gardening & Children's Reading Hour

**Partner:** St. Mark's Church

Site Leaders: Camille Donnell (LLBI '16), Karen Mares

(YLLB '14)

www.leadershiplb.org/2018/01/2018-mlk-stmarks/

Over 50 volunteers painted church fencing and cleaned up the parking lot at St. Mark's Church in Central Long Beach. Young children were also treated with a reading time while their parents continued to work.







**Project 7:** Alley Cleanup in North Long Beach **Partner:** Grant Neighborhood Association **Site Leaders:** Antonio Ruiz (EQS '07), Jonnathan Coleman (YLLB '13)

www.leadershiplb.org/2018/01/2018-mlk-alley/

A small and tenacious group of volunteers handled the cleanup duties for several alleyways in North Long Beach. The group cleared out trash, debris and other unwanted items to make the alleys more manageable for residents.







**Project 2:** Urban Garden Upgrade/Fence Repair **Partners:** Vice Mayor Rex Richardson's Office, Grant Neighborhood Association

**Site Leaders:** Antonio Ruiz (EQS '07), Jonnathan Coleman (YLLB '13)

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A large group of volunteer tore down and rebuilt the fencing around the urban garden at the 9th District field office. The rotted, closed fence was taken down and replaced with a new fence created better visibility, sunlight and airflow.







**Project 3:** Freeway Underpass Improvement **Partner:** Hamilton Neighborhood Association **Site Leaders:** Abagail Meija (LLBI '17), Lilian Garcia (YLLB '12), Alexis Sandoval (YLLB '12)

www.leadershiplb.org/2018/01/2018-mlk-underpass/

Volunteers did general cleanup and planting creating a garden area on the 91 Freeway underpass at Orange Avenue and E. Penfold Street in North Long Beach. The area was cleared of weeds and trash before volunteers planted various flowers and shrubs to beautify the area for the neighborhood.







**Project 6:** Palo Verde Grove Tree Planting **Partner:** Grant Neighborhood Association **Site Leaders:** Elizabeth Horin (LLBI '18), Ijah Lockett (YLLB '15),

www.leadershiplb.org/2018/01/2018-mlk-pv/

Volunteers cleared out debris and trash on Cherry Avenue in North Long Beach before they planted several plants and trees along the walkway. This service created a better appearance for this section of the street.



