

# Community members celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Santa Maria Sunday | Photos

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Over a hundred community members came together Sunday to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at Lavagnino Plaza outside the Santa Maria Public Library. The event featured guests speakers, performances, and a special screening of the film *The Color Purple*.



NAACP member Pamela Beebe performs a music presentation Sunday at the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration in Santa Maria.

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Community members gather at Lavagnino Plaza Sunday to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. outside the Santa Maria Public Library.

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Santa Maria-Lompoc NAACP President Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt welcomes guests Sunday during a celebration of life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at Lavagnino Plaza outside the Santa Maria Public Library.

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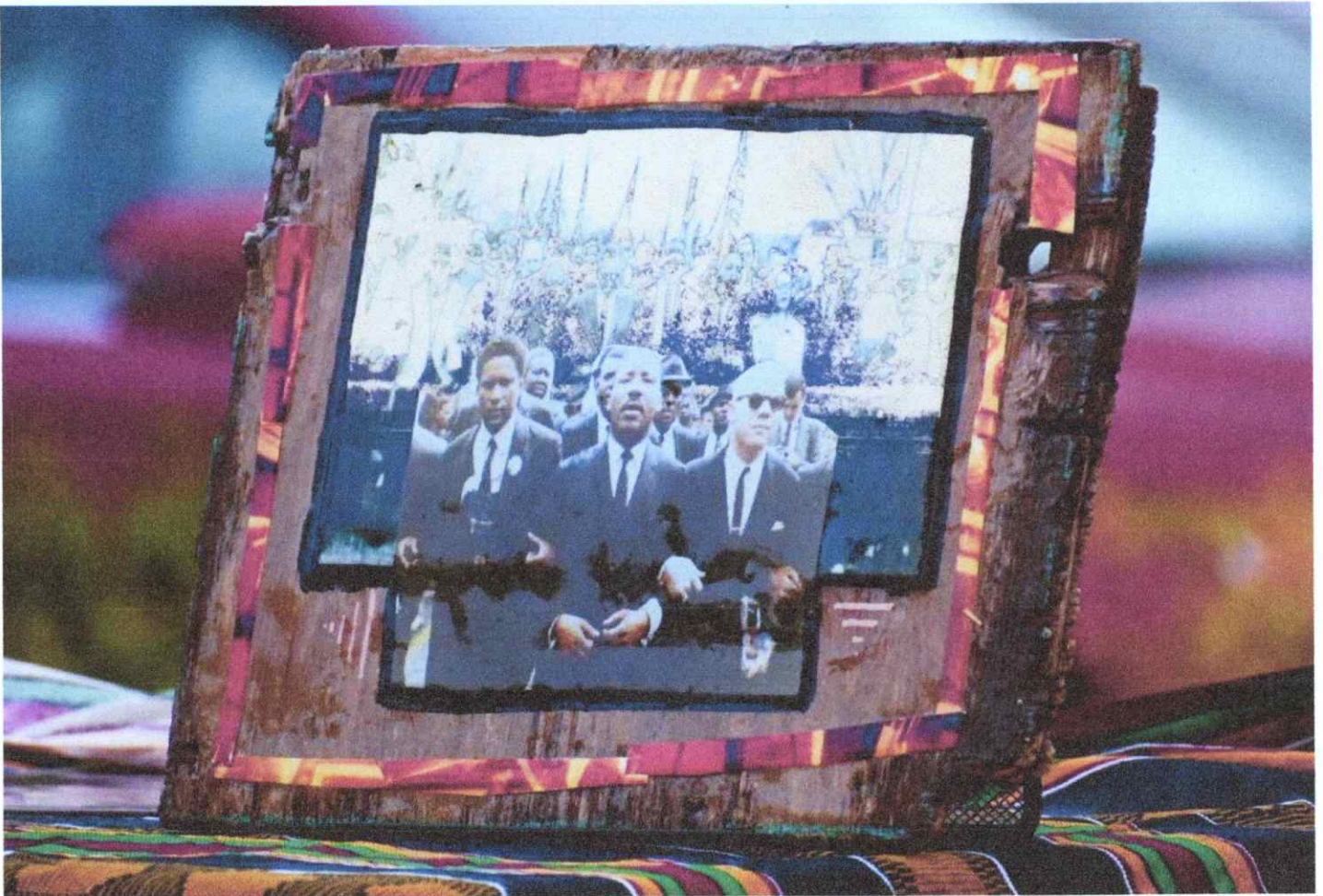
Santa Maria Bonita School District Superintendent Dr. Darren McDuffie salutes during the pledge of allegiance Sunday during a Martin Luther King Jr. celebration in Santa Maria.

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Community members enjoyed musical performances Sunday during a celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at Lavagnino Plaza outside the Santa Maria Public Library.

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Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is celebrated and idolized for his unwavering stance against racial injustice. Though he consistently spoke passionately about the unjust social climate facing people of color across the country during the Civil Rights Movement, he also took tangible activist action to encourage change.

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## More information

- MLK Jr. holiday celebrations include acts of service and parades, but some take a political turn