



**Metro**



AFRICAN AMERICAN EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

OPENING CEREMONY ~ MWD BOARDROOM  
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2011 ~ 12:00 – 12:30 PM  
(NO FOOD ALLOWED IN BOARDROOM)

## ❖ OPENING REMARKS

- MWD Black Employees Association
  - Judy Holland, President
  - Garry Bryant, Vice-President
- MWD Board of Directors, Vice-Chair
  - John W. Murray Jr, City of Los Angeles
- MWD Executive Office
  - Gilbert Ivey, AGM Chief Administrative Officer
- AFSCME
  - Stephen Williams, Executive President, Local 1902
- METRO™ African American Employees Association
  - Susan Dove, Senior Contract Administrator
  - Balandugu Kan, African Drums
    - Tony Martin, Senior Contract Administrator
    - Rahson Cummings Keita



## ❖ POETRY & SONG

- Janice Hill, MWD
- Royetta Perry, MWD



## ❖ CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Benita Lynn Horn, MWD

MWD B.E.A. EXECUTIVE BOARD: JUDY HOLLAND - PRESIDENT, GARRY BRYANT, VICE-PRESIDENT, KIMBERLE JACKSON - TREASURER, DAWN PARKER – SECRETARY  
 BLACK HISTORY MONTH COMMITTEE: BENITA HORN; NICOLE MEGGERSON DE MARTINEZ; LEROY DAVIS, DENITRA SMITH, PAULA HUBBARD, NAPOLEON JEMISON, MARILYN STONE, PAULA MITCHELL, KEN ASHFORD

## LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

Lift every voice and sing,  
'Til earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on 'til victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chast'ning rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past,  
'Til now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who has by Thy might  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,  
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,  
May we forever stand,  
True to our God,  
True to our native land.