

PRESS RELEASE

6/9/2023

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



Subject:

Juneteenth @King Park Celebration on Sunday, June 18, 2023

African American Migration and Long Beach Harbor Development Exhibit - 1880 to 1950 Showcased

Contact:

Sharon Diggs-Jackson

Elite Skills Development

(562) 244-9324 shdiggs56@gmail.com

Long Beach, CA – Elite Skills Development and the Black Resource Center are proud to present a joint exhibit showcasing the migration of African Americans to Long Beach and the development of the harbor from 1880 to 1950. The exhibit, titled "From the South to the West: African American Migration and Long Beach Harbor Development," will highlight the intertwined histories of African Americans and the harbor during this period.

The exhibit is one component of the 2nd Annual JUNETEENTH @King Park Celebration. This year's celebration is a tribute to fathers and will feature a DAD Zone, KIDS Zone, free community breakfast and Church in the Park. (See the attached complete schedule.) This free event will occur at MLK Park, 1950 Lemon Ave., 9am to 3pm. The celebration is free and open to the public.

The exhibit will feature a wide range of family profiles, photographs, and documents that highlight the experiences of African Americans who migrated to Long Beach during this time and their contributions to the development of the harbor. Visitors will be able to explore the reasons for migration, the challenges faced by African Americans in the West, and the role they played in the development of the city of Long Beach.

"We are excited to showcase the intertwined histories of African Americans, the city of Long Beach and the harbor during this important period," said Sharon Diggs-Jackson, Executive Director, Elite Skills Development. "This exhibit will provide visitors with a unique opportunity to learn about the experiences of African Americans and their contributions to the development of the city of Long Beach and harbor."

The exhibit will be divided into several sections, each focusing on a different aspect of African American migration and harbor development. These sections will include:

- The Great Migration: This section will explore the reasons for African American migration from the South to the West and the challenges they faced in the West.
- Building Community: This section will highlight the ways in which African Americans built community in Long Beach, including the establishment of churches, businesses, and social organizations.

- Contributions to the Harbor: This section will showcase the contributions made by African Americans to the development of the City of Long Beach and the harbor, including their role in the construction of warships and the growth of the shipping industry.

The exhibit will be open to the public from June 16th to June 20th, 2023, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, at the Black Resource Center, located at Martin Luther King, Jr Park, 1133 Rhea St, LB 90806. Admission is free, and visitors are encouraged to bring their families and friends to experience this unique journey through African American history and harbor development.

For more information about the exhibit, please contact Sharon Diggs-Jackson at (562) 244-9324, or our website at www.eliteskillsdev.org.

Contact:
 Sharon Diggs-Jackson
 Executive Director, Elite Skills Development
 (562) 244-9324
shdiggs56@gmail.com

Event Partners: Elite Skills Development, Love Beyond Limits, Port of Long Beach, LB City Sixth Council District-Councilmember Suley Saro, Developing Future Leaders, TCC Family Health, L

CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH @ KING PARK

Father's Day Celebration

SUNDAY JUNE 18 GAMES | MUSIC | FOOD TRUCKS
 VENDORS | HERITAGE EXHIBIT
 SPECIAL DAD ZONE

**MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PARK
 1950 LEMON AVE
 LONG BEACH, CA 90806**

9:00am-10:00am 'Church in the Park' with
 Grace Memorial Church

10:00am-11:00am Free Community Breakfast
 sponsored by St Mark Baptist Church

11:00am-3:00pm Juneteenth Celebration

LOVE BEYOND LIMITS | @juneteenth_at_kingpark | SULEY SARO
 EVENTBRITE.COM/E/JUNETEENTH-AT-KING-PARK-TICKETS

Port of Long Beach | Elite Skills Development | TCC Family Health | CHANGING

A PROUD SHARED HERITAGE
African American Migration & LB Harbor Development
1880 - 1950

Join Us:

JUNETEENTH HERITAGE PARK EXHIBIT

Showcasing the migration of African Americans to Long Beach and the development of the harbor from 1880 to 1950.

- 5 Oldest Black Churches
- Harbor Development
- Joseph Dunning
- Racism in LB
- Mary Dell Butler
- NAACP
- McCowen Family
- Dunk the N***er
- Lillian Veal McBride
- Priscilla Gray
- Cabrillo Homes
- The Fukuhara Family
- Shoeshiners
- The Debonaires

Exhibit Opens: **June 16th** 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
 Exhibit Ends: **June 20th**

**BRC @ King Park
 1133 Rhea St, LB 90806**

Elite Skills Development
 Sharon Diggs-Jackson
www.eliteskillsdev.org
 For more information call:
 (562) 303-2750