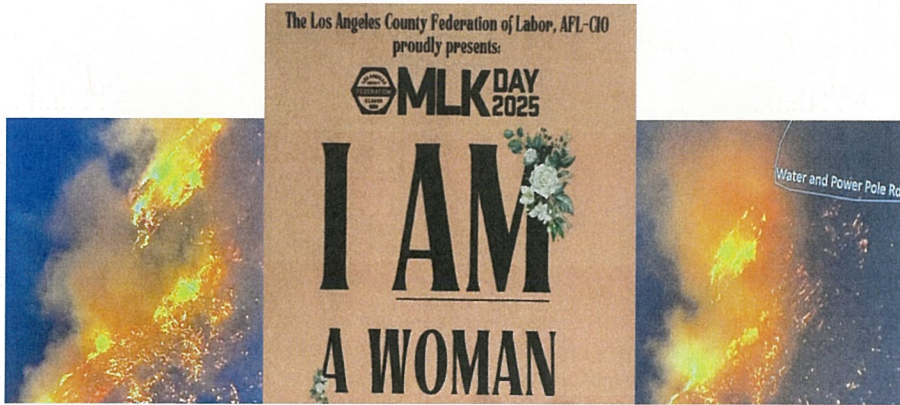


MLK Day 2025 Celebration

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Amid the devastating wild fires of 2025 in Los Angeles, LA Fed President Yvonne Wheeler decided to hold the *MLK Day 2025 Celebration* on January 11, 2025 because it was important to “celebrate women in the past, present and the future who continue to uplift the Civil Rights and Labor Movement.” The Breakfast helps the House of Labor to empower women activists and labor leaders.



It is also a major fund raiser to support the work of the Los Angeles Federation of Labor.

"I've Been to the Mountaintop" Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke on April 3, 1968, at the Mason Temple in Memphis, Tennessee. The speech involved the Memphis sanitation strike. King called for unity, economic actions, boycotts, and nonviolent protest, while he challenged the United States to live up to its ideals.



“We Need Each Other”



“Let’s do this together. Let’s be the change we want to see in the world. This is our home, our country, our democracy. If we can keep it, and we can keep it, by working together, united as one.”

Vice President Kamala Harris sent a letter praising the *MLK Day 2025* which was introduced by Councilwoman Heather Hutt of the City of Los Angeles 10th District.



The *Torch of Freedom Award* was awarded to Cecily Myart-Cruz, President of UTLA.

A.J Lujan, CWA 9505 and Louis Gabriele, NABET-CWA, Local 53 were in the house.





A parting message from Yvonne Wheeler, President of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO: *“Bronze the shoes of those that came before you and wear your own stilettos.”*



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