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## **Inaugural Unity Walk Set for July 4 in Pomona, California**

**The walk for racial reconciliation will begin the day, followed by the unveiling of a monumental statue of *Harriet Tubman* at Lincoln Park in Pomona, Calif., all part of Unity Day L.A. Celebration**

*Live performances, comedy and celebrity boxing will highlight Unity Day LA – the vision of Producer Ray Adamyk, Founder and CEO of PTowne Productions – to raise funds for the restoration of Harriet Tubman’s Salem Chapel and Museum, the Last Stop on the Underground Railroad.*

**POMONA, California. (June 7, 2022)** – The organizers of [Unity Day L.A.](#) today announced that Dr. Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will lead the inaugural Unity Walk on July 4, 2022 in Pomona, California.

The half-mile walk for racial unity and community reconciliation will precede the unveiling of a monumental statue of Harriet Tubman (created by the famous African American sculptor Manuelita Brown) at 10:00 a.m. at Lincoln Park in Pomona. **The walk will include all ethnicities, police and the community walking together under the theme “There is a time to protest - There is a time to Unite.”** Police and politicians from all around Los Angeles will take part in the effort, walking hand in hand in a display of community unity. Following the Walk, at the L.A. County Fairgrounds, will be the first annual Unity Day LA Celebration. Live music and celebrity boxing will highlight Unity Day LA, and it is the vision of Ray Adamyk, Founder and CEO of Pomona-based [Spectra Company](#), to raise funds for the restoration of the Salem Chapel & Museum and the last stop on the Underground Railroad site in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. Tubman worshipped at the Chapel in the 1850s, which had been built with the help of Freedom Seekers and is one of the oldest black churches in Canada.

Unity Day LA will include celebrity boxing exhibitions, musicians **Aaron Carter vs Chico De Barge** and comedy duo J. Valentino vs Concrete. In addition, Adamyk – a former Golden Gloves medal-winning amateur boxer – will dust off his gloves for a match against actor **Darris Love**.

Boxing commentators will include Shawn Porter, Victor Ortiz and Kaliesha West, and the event will be hosted by **Comedians Paul Rodriguez & Tommy Davidson**. **Boxing legends**, including the **Mosley Family, Mayweather Family** and more will be in attendance. A lifetime achievement award will be presented to Jack Mosley, two-time trainer of the year, and there will also be Pro and Amateur Boxing matches. **Sean Garcia**, the younger brother of one of the world’s most exciting and top-ranked boxers right now, **Ryan Garcia**, will participate in a match. Ryan will be on hand to cheer on his little bro.

In a special match, Tim Ugarte of the Pomona Police Department will take on Remin Pineda of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department to top off the event.

Performances by musical artists **Kumbia Kings, Ray J, Jacquees, Lakeside, Chico De Barge, Aaron Carter, TGM formerly Gap Band, Mali Music, B Howard, Wylde Bunch** and more will keep the night alive with their vivacious beats and rhythms.

For Adamyk, taking on the Salem Chapel & Museum project is the most personal undertaking of his entire career, and bigger than any other building he's done previously. **Watch [this video](#)** of him addressing the need for unity and how the restoration of Salem Chapel is a symbol of racial reconciliation.

"Everything we are doing with the Unity Walk and Unity Day LA is in honor of Harriet Tubman and what she represented," said Adamyk. "I want to use Unity Day LA's connection to Harriet and the Salem Chapel to remind people that **freedom belongs to all, and we can unite around reconciliation, repentance, forgiveness, and building a future where we can live together in harmony.**"

The dedication of the Harriet Tubman statue at Lincoln Park is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on July 4, 2022, along with remarks from Adamyk, Dr. Alveda King, Pomona Mayor Tim Sandoval and Elizabeth Zamora, CEO of Bright Prospects. The park is located at 400 Lincoln Blvd. in Pomona, and anyone who wishes to attend the unveiling and participate in the Unity Walk is welcome.

The Unity Walk, led by Dr. Alveda King, will begin first and then the statue ceremony. Dr. King is the daughter of the late slain civil rights activist Rev. A. D. King and the niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as well as a Christian Evangelist. Author of the bestselling KING RULES and WE'RE NOT COLORBLIND, she is also the founder of Speak for Life and Chairman of the Center for The American Dream--AFPI. Additionally, she is a former Georgia State Legislator, college professor, a twice assigned Presidential appointee, and a 2021 recipient of the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award.

Following the unveiling, Unity Day LA is scheduled to begin at LA County Fairgrounds at approximately 2:30 p.m., concluding with the annual **Kaboom Fireworks Spectacular** starting around 9:15 p.m. **Tickets are available at [UnityDayLA.com](https://www.unitydayla.com).**

Unity Day LA partners are PTowne Productions, Spectra Company, and Fairplex. All proceeds from Unity Day LA will be contributed toward the restoration of Salem Chapel, which continues as a religious institution and visitor attraction (museum) to this day. A similar event is planned in the Niagara Area in Canada in 2023.

To donate to this effort, please go to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/Salem-Chapel>

For more information on Unity Day LA, to purchase tickets and for sponsorship opportunities, please visit [www.unitydayla.com](https://www.unitydayla.com)



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