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**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

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**SAN FRANCISCO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES 2013 HRC "HERO"  
AWARD HONOREES**

*Awards commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom*

**(San Francisco, CA)** -- The San Francisco Human Rights Commission ("HRC") and its Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) are pleased to announce the recipients of the Commission's annual "HERO" Awards. This year's Hero Awards commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom by recognizing organizations and individuals who advance civil rights and economic justice and embody of the spirit and legacy of the March.

The HRC and the Equity Advisory Committee put out a public call for nominations for individuals, organizations and students to engage the city on the collective importance of recent civil rights victories and achievements in San Francisco. The finalists were selected based on their commitment to equity and their courageous contributions in the field of civil rights and economic justice.

**HRC "HERO" Legacy Award for Lifetime Achievement in Human Rights Advocacy**

**Dr. Clarence B. Jones**, former personal counsel, advisor, draft speech writer and close friend of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Diversity Scholar Visiting Professor, University of San Francisco; Scholar in Residence at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute, Stanford University.

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### **HRC “HERO” Award for Individual Leadership in Civil Rights and Economic Justice Advocacy**

- **Paul Day,**  
Manager of Events and Communications, Office of Diversity and Outreach, University of California San Francisco
- **Linda Evans,**  
Organizer, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children (*retired*)
- **Don Marcos,**  
Executive Director, Mission Hiring Hall
- **Kimiah Tucker,**  
Workforce Director, Magic Zone

### **HRC “HERO” Award for Organizations Advancing Civil Rights and Economic Justice**

- **Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Asian Law Caucus,**  
The mission of Asian Americans Advancing Justice is to promote a fair and equitable society for all by working for civil rights and empowering Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other underserved communities.
- **Homeless Prenatal Program,**  
By seizing the motivational opportunity created by pregnancy and parenthood, Homeless Prenatal Program joins with families to help them recognize their strengths and trust in their capacity to transform their lives.
- **Bayview Hunters Point Senior Services Inc.,**  
Bayview Hunter's Point Multipurpose Senior Services, Inc. is a grassroots organization, the agency is deeply connected to and committed to the seniors of the Bayview Hunter's Point community. Services are designed to ensure the health of the primarily African American population that has lived in this community for years.

### **HRC “HERO” Award for Students Advancing Civil Rights and Economic Justice**

- **Veronica Garcia,**  
Student, San Francisco State University; Public Service Aide, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission; Program Coordinator, Moms Making A Change, Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth

Congratulations to these individuals and organizations for fostering positive change in and throughout the City’s diverse and multicultural communities and for uplifting the spirit of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

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Dr. Jones will be presented with his award on **August 20, 2013 at 6 pm at McLaren Conference Center, USF 2130 Fulton Street, San Francisco CA 94117.** The ceremony will be hosted in conjunction with the HRC, the City and County of San Francisco Office of the Mayor and the University of San Francisco (USF) School of Law's Office of Diversity Engagement and Community Outreach. For more information on this event, please visit- [sf-hrc.org](http://sf-hrc.org).

Other honorees will be recognized during the San Francisco Human Rights Commission's **Special Commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on the March on Washington on Wednesday August 28, 2013 @ 5:00 pm- City Hall Room 250.** The public is invited to attend.

For more information on the HRC "HERO" Awards or the honorees, please contact, [zoe.polk@sfgov.org](mailto:zoe.polk@sfgov.org) or by calling the HRC Office at 252-2500.

*The Human Rights Commission (HRC) works to increase equality, eradicate discrimination, and to protect human rights for all people.*

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