



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Kevin S. Parker

## Senator Kevin Parker Celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Legacy With A Free Community Concert At Brooklyn College

KEVIN S. PARKER January 20, 2016



Brooklyn, NY (1/20/2016) – On Monday, more than one thousand families joined State Senator Kevin Parker (D, WF) for his 12th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute Concert in conjunction with the A Shared Dream Foundation. The event, held at The Walt Whitman Theater located at Brooklyn College, is one of the largest Dr. King holiday celebrations in New York City and this year's tribute featured gospel musician, producer and songwriter Ricky Dillard and WBLS Radio Personality, Liz Black.

In addition, the event featured an array of musical acts including community groups such as the Brooklyn United Marching Band, Dwana Smallwood Performing Arts Center, Ifetayo Cultural Arts Academy, IET Band and Dave James. For the past 11 years, A Shared Dream has been attended by thousands of concertgoers from across the five boroughs. Senator Parker, the Founder of A Shared Dream Foundation which produces the event, was joined on stage by community, religious, and political leaders to reflect upon, and pay tribute to, Dr. King's life and legacy.

"Every year, I look forward to bringing the community together to celebrate Dr. King's life and accomplishments on behalf of people of color. Just as important, I want everyone gathered to remember that we have much more work to do to achieve equal justice, and that they leave the concert full of love and on a mission to continue Dr. King's work" said Senator Parker.

This event was made possible by the generous contributions of Time Warner, Health First, CUNY, Cablevision, and REBNY. We also thank our community sponsors such as Aces Beer and Soda Inc., Silver Crust Restaurant, and Alex Van Lines.

#### About State Senator Kevin Parker

Senator Kevin S. Parker, a lifelong Brooklyn resident, is intimately familiar with the needs of his ethnically diverse Brooklyn community that consists of 318,000 residents in the Flatbush, East Flatbush, Midwood, Ditmas Park, Kensington, Windsor Terrace, and Park Slope sections of Brooklyn. He is the Ranking Democratic Member of the Senate Committees on Energy and Telecommunications, and Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. He serves on the Senate Committees on Banks, Higher Education, Rules, Insurance, Finance, and Cultural Affairs,

Tourism, Parks and Recreation. Senator Parker is the Assistant Democratic Leader for Intergovernmental Affairs for the Senate Democratic Conference, and Chair of the Democratic Task Force on New Americans.

For more information on Senator Parker, please visit [www.nysenate.gov/senators/kevin-s-parker](http://www.nysenate.gov/senators/kevin-s-parker)

#### About A Shared Dream Foundation

A Shared Dream Foundation, with the support and sponsorship of Sen. Parker, has offered an annual tribute concert free to the community for a dozen years. A Shared Dream Foundation's mission is to uphold the legacy of the life of Dr. King and his dream of a more equal and unified world through faith and compassion.