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The Martin Luther King Celebration in 2021

The El Cerrito Historical Society presents:
**From Back Streets to Major Civic Event:
El Cerrito's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration**

Patricia Durham, a founder of the 32-year old El Cerrito Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and Rally, will discuss how this event came to be. "Back then Martin Luther King Day was not a holiday in El Cerrito. Back then, we were only allowed to walk the back streets of the city," she recalls. Founders of the event, which was originally not sanctioned by the city, came from St. Peter Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and the El Cerrito branch of the NAACP. Today, Durham, adds: "Not only is Dr. King and the Dream recognized as a holiday in El Cerrito, we now walk/drive down San Pablo Avenue." Durham is a historical society board member.

4 p.m. Saturday August 21, via Zoom

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