

CITY OF MADISON
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL
CORRESPONDENCE

To: Members of the Joint City-County Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Awards Committee

From: Equal Opportunities Commission

Subject: Opposition to Elimination of Youth Category for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award

At its meeting on October 11, 2010, the Equal Opportunities Commission learned from its representative on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award Committee, John Quinlan, that the King Humanitarian Awards Committee is considering elimination of the Youth Awards category.

The Equal Opportunities Commission wishes to state its opposition to this proposal.

It is our understanding that the reason behind this proposal is the lack of nominations for youth in past years. The EOC believes it is important that youth who made outstanding and significant contributions in the spirit of sisterhood, brotherhood and harmony toward making our city an ideal place in which to live deserve recognition and provide excellent role models for other youth. We would propose that the City and County issue a joint award and that it be awarded only in years when deserving individuals are nominated, rather than eliminate the category.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

NIA ENEMUOH-TRAMMELL
President

Signed and dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.