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**Open Space Authority Presents Akoma Arts Public Performance/Workshop  
In Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at Noon on Monday, January 18, 2016**

**San Jose, CA – January 7, 2016:** In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the Open Space Authority will present Akoma Arts: Culture and Community at Martial Cottle County Park in South San Jose. The community is invited to attend this free performance workshop that will integrate drumming and dancing with traditional and modern approaches to music, rhythm, movement and sound to promote physical, mental and emotional balance. The performance workshop is suitable for all ages and abilities.

Akoma Arts is a West African Drum and Dance performance group, based in San Jose, CA. This multi-talented ensemble provides an African and African American musical experience, from the energetic music and vitality of the African Village, through the African Diaspora of the Caribbean, South America and North America. All are invited and encouraged to come, listen and experience this dynamic art and culture.

**FREE!!!**

Akoma Arts Drumming Workshop

Monday, January 18, 2016

12 Noon

Martial Cottle County Park

5283 Snell Avenue, San Jose, CA 95136

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