

JANUARY 23, 2026

Angelenos to Help Plant the Seeds of a Forest That Will Rise in the Heart of Downtown L.A. at Gloria Molina Grand Park

Saturday, January 31, 2026, 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

WHAT:

Miyawaki Forest at Gloria Molina Grand Park

In an historic environmental milestone for DTLA, **Gloria Molina Grand Park** becomes the home of L.A.'s first Miyawaki Forest to grow in a fully urban setting--planted by the community for the community. The future forest is designed to grow 10 times faster and 30 times denser than traditional planting; it will also restore biodiversity and capture carbon in the heart of the city. **To create the Miyawaki Forest, Angelenos of all ages will break ground and plant 200 plants within a 650-square-foot piece of land located in the park's Block Two, located between the park's Olive Court and Hill Street, north of the Performance Lawn.**



The family-friendly gardening adventure will be preceded by an **Opening Ceremony** featuring a Land Acknowledgement and Guest Elder Mary Lee Jones from the Yakama Reservation of Central Washington, along with a **Land Blessing** performed by Aztec dance troupe Yankuititl. Guests will also experience a **Partner Village** with free planting demonstrations, a seedball-making workshop and native plant giveaways.

The Miyawaki Forest is a globally recognized ecosystem in which forests are created using the Miyawaki Method developed by Japanese botanist Akira Miyawaki. He emphasized planting a species of native trees in an extremely dense area, which will work together to create a biodiverse and multi-layered forest community.

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200 N. Grand Ave.

Los Angeles, CA 90012

- Angelenos of all ages breaking ground and planting hundreds of plants to create the Miyawaki Forest
- The **Yankuititl Aztec Dance** performing a Land Blessing
- Families participating in a Partner Village featuring **Legacy LA**; a seedball-making workshop taught by **Friends of the LA River (FoLAR)**; free giveaways of native plants and mulch from **CulturaLA**; and free immigration and legal services provided by **Bet Tzedek**
- Live music with DJ Hello Stranger

MORE INFO:

Visit **grandparkla.org** and follow Gloria Molina Grand Park on Facebook (**GrandParkLosAngeles**), as well as X, Instagram and TikTok (**@GrandPark_LA**).

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