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MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA PLANTS TREES IN HONOR OF FALLEN SEPTEMBER 11TH FIRE FIGHTERS

Trees to count as part of Million Trees LA program through www.milliontreesla.org

LOS ANGELES (July 20, 2006)---Today at a tree planting event at Fire Station No. 77 in Sun Valley, Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa introduced www.milliontreesla.org, the official website for Million Trees LA – his initiative to plant one million trees across Los Angeles.

Joined by City Councilmembers Wendy Greuel (2nd District), Tony Cardenas (6th District), and Tom LaBonge (4th District), and Los Angeles Fire Chief William Bamattre, the Mayor planted 19 trees that were provided by the Hollywood Beautification Team (HBT) under the “United We Plant” commemorative tree planting program. Each tree was planted in memory of a fallen fire fighter lost on September 11. After planting the trees, the Mayor demonstrated the use of www.milliontreesla.org, by entering his tree planting efforts into the website and having it count towards his one million-tree goal.



GREENING EFFORTS---*From left, front row: Councilmembers Tom LaBonge (CD4) and Tony Cardenas (CD6), LAFD Chief William Bamattre, Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, Councilmember Wendy Greuel (CD2), LAFD Commission President Dalila T. Sotelo, and Public Works Commissioner Paula Daniels, planted a tree outside of Fire Station No. 77 in Sun Valley in honor of NYFD Battalion 57 Chief Dennis Cross.*

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WEBSITE DEMONSTRATION---Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, seated, makes his tree planting effort count by logging on to www.milliontreesla.org. From left, website developer Elvia D. Garcia of the Department of Public Works, and Councilmembers Cardenas, LaBonge, and Greuel look on.

For more information about Million Trees LA, visit www.milliontreesla.org or contact the Department of Public Works Public Affairs Office at (213) 978-0333.

The Million Trees LA is a project of Mayor Villaraigosa, and will be administered with the leadership of the Department of Public Works. As Los Angeles' third largest municipal division, the department is managed by the five-commissioner Board of Public Works. The Department of Public Works oversees the construction, renovation, and operation of public projects such as municipal buildings, streets, bridges, street lights, water treatment plants, sewers and sidewalks, and provides essential public services like street tree planting and maintenance, recycling and solid waste management.

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