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WOODLAND HILLS NEIGHBORS GLOVE UP FOR COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING

LOS ANGELES (March 25, 2010)—Los Angeles City Councilmember Dennis Zine, District 3, and the Woodland Hills-Tarzana Chamber of Commerce will partner with Million Trees LA on Saturday, March 27, to plant 23 Ginkgo biloba trees on Ventura Boulevard between Canoga Avenue and De Soto Avenue. More than 100 volunteers will participate in the greening of the West Valley area.

Councilmember Zine says, "This community tree planting is the first phase of a multi-pronged improvement effort along Ventura Boulevard in the Third Council District. I am very excited about this project and the community's active leadership in beautifying one of our most important business corridors in the San Fernando Valley. This first step is a promising indication of what we are capable of achieving when there is a unified vision in the community. Additional tree plantings and other projects are in the planning stages at this time."

Lisa Sarno, Million Trees LA executive director adds, "We are pleased to bring more trees to Woodland Hills as part of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's effort to grow the Los Angeles urban forest and make our city the cleanest and greenest in America. These trees will not only help beautify this area, but also clean the air from vehicle emissions from the nearby 101 freeway."

The tree planting activity will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Woodland Hills Holiday Inn at 21101 Ventura Boulevard. All participants should bring gardening gloves, sunblock, hats and closed-toe shoes to the event. For more information and to volunteer, please call Million Trees LA at (213) 473-9950.

Million Trees LA is Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa's plan to plant one million trees in the City of Los Angeles. It aims to make the city greener and more sustainable by engaging residents, community groups and organizations to plant trees and helps facilitate environmental changes. Since the program's launch in the summer of 2006, more than 250,000 new trees have been put in the ground across the city. This count includes all reported tree planting efforts by residents, community groups, Million Trees LA project partners, and the City of Los Angeles departments of Public Works and Recreation and Parks.

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