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Gloria Molina Grand Park + The Music Center’s 4th Of July Block Party 2024

The sky’s the limit again for Gloria Molina Grand Park’s 4th of July Block Party. With a spectacular 3-D drone show buzzing above the massive crowd for the second consecutive year, plus the return of a towering 75-foot-tall Ferris wheel, Gloria Molina Grand Park will bring Angelenos’ experiences to new heights as Los Angeles County celebrates its diverse tapestry of communities.

The excitement begins when doors open to the public at 4:00 p.m. and peaks when 800 remote-controlled drones fly above The Music Center, located directly across the street from the park, to form larger-than-life 3-D configurations. Programmed by Grizzly Entertainment, the dynamic 12-minute drone show will depict aerial images that uniquely represent Los Angeles County, orchestrated to a special playlist curated by renowned DJ and music producer Captain Planet.

The event will be spread across the six city blocks that comprise Gloria Molina Grand Park and its surrounding streets. Attendees are welcome to bring a picnic or enjoy a variety of delectable food and snack options for purchase from gourmet food

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trucks, including tacos, barbecue, burgers, vegan, desserts, and more.

The nearly six-hour festivity geared for the whole family—and their four-legged friends on leashes—includes music performances on two stages showcasing L.A.’s global and diverse sounds. Local radio personality Carolina Márquez will host the Backyard Stage (the park’s Event Lawn next to City Hall, between Broadway and Spring Street), which includes a stellar lineup of local and international performers: Los Angeles-based six-piece band, Healing Gems, with its genre-bending blend of exotica, international jazz and cinematic sounds; Afro-Cuban choreographer Kati Hernandez and her dance company, KimBambula Cuban Dance & Music Ensemble; East Los Angeles’ homegrown grunge-and-cumbia band Tropa Mágica; and Mexican cumbia band Grupo Soñador. DJ Captain Planet will rev up the audience with thumping beats in between the performances.

Singer/songwriter Banga Brownin will host and DJ the opening set at the Front Yard Stage (the park’s Performance Lawn between Grand Avenue and Hill Street), featuring some of Los Angeles’s legendary DJs—Jeremy Sole, Francesca Harding, and Nu-Mark—who will keep the crowd jumping all night long.

As an added attraction to Gloria Molina Grand Park’s 4th of July Block Party celebration, the park will welcome the highly anticipated return of a 65-foot-tall Ferris wheel, thrilling partygoers of all ages high above DTLA’s green oasis. In addition, the park will introduce a new amusement ride in the form of a giant 90-foot-long fiberglass “Super Slide” designed for three riders at a time side-by-side. The family-friendly “Rec Zone” also will feature arts and crafts activities, games, Soundbox DJ truck with DJ Potira, and more provided by community partners PlayLA, LA vs Hate, The Artsy

Wagon, and CleanLA.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Promote the 4th of July Block Party by encouraging all County departments, including Countywide Communications, to include information on social media, newsletters, and other communication platforms.
2. Waive the following parking fees, excluding the cost of liability insurance, which will be utilized to produce the 4th of July Block Party:
 - a. 639 parking spaces on 7/4/24 (for 24 hours) for \$6,390.00 for the use of AP 10 (145 N. Broadway);
 - b. 6 parking spaces (per day) on 7/3/24 (from 7 pm - 11:59 pm) and 7/4/24 (for 24 hours) in the amount of \$240.00 for the full use of AP 11A (220 N. Broadway);
 - c. 150 parking spaces on 7/4/24 (for 24 hours) for \$0 for the partial use of AP 18 (140 N. Grand Ave);
 - d. 250 parking spaces on 7/4/24 (for 24 hours) for \$2500 for the partial use of AP 16 (111 S. Grand Ave.);
 - e. 150 parking spaces on 7/4/24 (for 24 hours) for \$1500 for the partial use of AP 14 (135 N. Grand Ave.); and
 - f. 125 parking spaces on 7/4/24 (for 24 hours) for \$1,125 for the use of AP 26 (120 S. Olive St.).

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