L.A.’s Great Lawn and Urban Meadow

Park Design for Downtown Los Angeles

- A tilted plane
- A continuous grassy plane
- Cut-outs give sunlight to the street
- Magnificent canopy trees provide shade

Envisioned for Los Angeles is a Great Lawn, a contemporary California urban meadow that gently slopes up from the steps of City Hall to the Music Center. Bathed in sunlight, it will become the favorite haunt for lunchtime picnics. Shady walks at its perimeter offer respite from the heat of the day. In the evenings and during special event days, the meadow welcomes large crowds in the bowl, a natural amphitheater setting.

A grand Avenue Stage emerges from the street as a dramatic overlook with City Hall in the background. The Grand Avenue stage is crowned by a tiara of lights, a center stage venue where Grand Avenue comes alive. At the foot of the City Hall steps is another performance space, suitable for informal events or City proclamations. The venue is a grand and civic symbol for our proud city, a response to Angelinos claiming their rightful place in the public realm.

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