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TreePeople to partner with Councilmember Blumenfield and MTO  
Shahmaghsoudi® to distribute free fruit trees and plants to West Valley

LOS ANGELES, CA -- TreePeople is partnering with Councilmember Bob Blumenfield and MTO Shahmaghsoudi School of Islamic Sufism® to distribute 160 free pomegranate trees and 120 aloe plants to residents of the West Valley as of a larger effort to address food insecurity and enrich Los Angeles' urban forest. This partnership was facilitated by LAUSD.

TreePeople staff and MTO volunteers on April 24 will hold a drive through event at the Child Development Institute, 18050 Vanowen Street in Reseda. One pomegranate tree or one aloe plant will be provided per household to those who register [here](#).

“TreePeople is committed to partnering with community groups such as MTO and city leaders like Councilmember Blumenfield to create a greener and healthier neighborhoods throughout our region,” said Cindy Montanez, TreePeople CEO. “We’re grateful and proud to work with our friends at MTO to provide easy and sustainable solutions to the residents of the West Valley.”

The trees being distributed have been locally grown by MTO and their hard working volunteer community. Each pomegranate tree ranges from 2'- 6' feet tall and comes in

both 2 and 5 gallon containers. Each aloe ranges from 1' - 3' feet tall and comes in both 1 and 5 gallon containers.

"Trees teach us the very important lessons of balance and harmony, which are some of the core principles of Sufism. MTO is happy to share these greens and provide for a more sustainable environment in the Greater Los Angeles Area," said Sepidar Tafreshi and Sepideh Nazarian, MTO LA volunteers.

[MTO Shahmagsoudi School of Islamic Sufism®](#) is an international non-profit organization spanning five continents. Through an unbroken lineage of 42 Sufi Teachers, MTO Shahmagsoudi® dates back to the time of the Holy Prophet Mohammad (PBUH). MTO is committed to the future sustainability and prosperity of our planet. The teachings of the school bring the message of knowledge, love, peace, tranquility, and survival to the lives of true seekers.

Following COVID-19 safety guidelines, TreePeople staff and MTO volunteers will wear protective masks and gloves, sanitize materials and maintain social distancing guidelines throughout their distribution event.

"Greening the valley continues to be one of my top priorities and partnering with these two wonderful groups, MTO and TreePeople, to give away 160 pomegranate trees and 120 aloe plants is a great way to advance this mission," said Councilmember Bob Blumenfield. "This giveaway is particularly wonderful because the folks who leave with these beautiful plants will eventually reap the fruits of their labor and enjoy fresh pomegranates and aloe."

*Los Angeles-based TreePeople is the region's largest environmental movement, whose mission is to inspire, engage and support people to take personal responsibility for the urban environment. Visit us at [treepeople.org](http://treepeople.org) and learn how you can join our cause.*