

President Obama's New York Times interview



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Hi there,

You may have seen something special in the New York Times this weekend: President Obama sat down for a candid and personal look at the vision behind the Obama Presidential Center, coming in the spring of 2026 to the South Side of Chicago.

What we're building isn't a traditional presidential library—it's a welcoming, community-oriented campus where visitors will find inspiration to shape their own futures.

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President Obama once dreamed of becoming an architect, so throughout the process of designing the Center, he worked closely with architects Tod Williams and Billy Tsien.

What resulted is more than a building: it's a campus with acres of open green space, a Sky Room with sweeping views of Chicago, and community-oriented spaces like an athletic center and a branch of the Chicago Public Library. Even the tallest building is built with collective action in mind; it symbolizes four hands coming together.

As President Obama put it, "I am a big believer in public spaces and public gatherings. I love the idea of creating spaces that make people feel more alive, more connected."



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