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CM CHIN JOINS LES COMMUNITY LEADERS & STUDENTS FOR SOL LAIN PLAYGROUND RIBBON CUTTING



LOWER EAST SIDE – Yesterday Council Member Margaret S. Chin joined NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell Silver, Lower East Side community leaders and local students to unveil the newly reconstructed Sol Lain Playground.

“I am honored to be part of the unveiling of the newly reconstructed Sol Lain Playground,” said **Council Member Margaret S. Chin**. “Home to the Sol Lain Football League and the Edward Garcia Field, which celebrates the legacy and spirit of a community leader who dedicated his life towards cultivating local youth leadership through sports, Sol Lain Playground has served as a

pillar in our Lower East Side community for decades. Thanks to Mayor de Blasio for providing \$3.6 million to fund this project, and to Commissioner Silver and local partners who helped make this Community Parks Initiative possible. These investments will ensure that our community can continue to enjoy one of our most treasured playgrounds for generations to come.”

Sol Lain Playground’s new design was made possible by \$3.6 million in funding from Mayor De Blasio’s Community Parks Initiative, a comprehensive parks equity project launched in 2014 that provides much needed investments to public parks in densely populated neighborhoods.



Upgrades for Sol Lain include: play areas for children of different age groups, swings, a spray shower, a basketball court, painted lines for tag football and a mini-running track, and a children’s educational garden.

The playground also contains new green infrastructure that conserves and re-uses storm water runoff, new pavements, and

drinking fountains, and will open a brand new comfort station in early 2018.

Parks Borough Commissioner William Castro, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, Community Board 3 Parks Chair Trever Holland, and PS 134 Principal Daniel Kim also joined Council Member Chin for yesterday’s ribbon cutting.

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