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COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN UNVEILS \$135K RENOVATION OF SOCCER FIELD AT SARA D. ROOSEVELT PARK

Lion's Gate Soccer Field ready for the soccer stars of tomorrow—just in time for the beginning of the school year

Lower East Side, NY – Council Member Margaret Chin today joined NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP, and members of the Lower East Side and Chinatown communities to celebrate the opening of the newly refurbished Lion's Gate Soccer Field at Sara D. Roosevelt Park.

“I am proud to have worked with Parks staff and dedicated members of our community to ensure that the soccer stars of tomorrow have a durable, well-designed field in the Lower East Side to practice their sport,” said Council Member Margaret Chin. “Parks play an essential role in keeping young people active and fit, and I look forward to working with Parks to rebuild, restore, and refurbish even more recreation spaces.”

Funded with \$135,000 from NYC Parks' FY15 expense budget, the artificial turf field restoration project lasted seven months from design to completion, and only necessitated a three week closure. Artificial turf fields are more durable than natural grass fields, decrease our overall use of lawn mowers and pollutant pesticides, and can last up to ten years. Lion's Gate Soccer Field is one of the City's most utilized mini fields. Initially built as an asphalt field, it was transitioned to turf 15 years ago; this is its first renovation.

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