

Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative PRESS RELEASE

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New Neighborhood Park to Open in South Angeles

Los Angeles, CA – 111th Place Park, located at 207 E. 111th Place, Los Angeles, CA 90008, will open to the public on **Thursday, April 14th at 12:00 PM.**

A true example of how community members working together can bring positive change to heavily-impacted, historically park-poor neighborhoods, 111th Place Park was made possible with funding from the Proposition 84 Statewide Park Program and with the support from the Office of Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Los Angeles City Council District 8. Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI), an independent nonprofit organization, in partnership with the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) and the consultant team Shared Spaces, engaged local stakeholders in the process of developing a community-led plan to convert a formerly blighted property into meaningful public open space.

The resulting park has been enthusiastically supported by the community and will serve as a beloved destination for neighborhood children, a public gathering place, and a source of tremendous community pride. The new park will feature amenities for multiple uses of various age groups including:

- A colorful playground
- Adult fitness equipment
- Drought-tolerant landscaping and sustainable design elements
- A calm space for respite that can be enjoyed by everyone in the community

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Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson said, "I congratulate LANI for being a great partner in making this new park a possibility as it's essential that we provide youth and families with safe spaces to congregate and lead active and healthy lifestyles."

111th Place Park is part of the City of Los Angeles's 50 Parks Initiative, an innovative program designed to address park disparity across the city. "We are excited to be opening a new park in a neighborhood that provides recreational opportunities for children and families of this community to enjoy. We are committed to continuing our efforts to build new parks in communities lacking green space," said Michael A. Shull, General Manager, Recreation and Parks.

Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) is a nonprofit organization that works with community stakeholders to implement neighborhood-based improvement projects. LANI secured the funding for the park, conducted community outreach, and managed the project from conceptualization through construction. LANI's Executive Director Veronica Hahni said, "We are so excited to celebrate the completion of 111th Place Park. South Los Angeles has long suffered from a historic lack of park and green space. Bringing opportunities for active recreation and engaging physical activity, this vibrant, colorful park will make a monumental difference in the lives of children in this neighborhood."

WHO:

Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson, 8th District, City of Los Angeles

Javier Solis, Superintendent, Department of Recreation and Parks, City of Los Angeles

Veronica Hahni, Executive Director, LANI

WHERE:

207 E. 111th Place, Los Angeles, CA 90008.

WHEN:

Thursday, April 14th at 12:00 PM

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