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Councilmember Gloria Breaks Ground on McKinley Joint Use Field
Project Will Provide 2.67 Acres of Park Space to Community

SAN DIEGO, CA (May 9, 2016) – Councilmember Todd Gloria today joined San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) Board Trustee, Richard Barrera, Superintendent Cindy Marten, and McKinley Elementary students and faculty to break ground on a 2.67 acre joint use park at the North Park school.

“McKinley students have waited a long time for this improvement and I am happy it is becoming a reality today,” Councilmember Gloria said. **“I thank San Diego Unified for its partnership in making sure this new park can be used to benefit McKinley students as well as the community at large in the surrounding neighborhood.”**

In March, the San Diego City Council unanimously approved a joint use agreement with the District to open up the park at McKinley Elementary for public use when school is not in session. The District will construct the improvement, while the City will operate and maintain the joint use facilities for the entire term of the 25-year agreement.

Today's ground breaking comes as a result of much public outreach during which Councilmember Gloria, the District, and City staff coordinated the park's design with the community and school. The project will include a natural turf field, shade trees, a drinking fountain, and hard courts. An area outside the fence, popular with neighborhood pet owners, will remain open and accessible to the public. The cost of the improvements is estimated at \$2.2 million which will come from Proposition Z funds.

Amenities at the joint use field will include:

- A natural turf field with irrigation
- One baseball backstop
- An expanded asphalt-concrete play area with play court markings
- A decomposed granite running path
- Security gates and fencing
- New shade trees

Today's event marked the beginning of construction for the project. SDUSD aims to have the park open by the end of the year.

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