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Mitchell J. Silver, FAICP  
Commissioner  
Department of Parks & Recreation  
830 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10065

Dear Commissioner Silver,

Manhattan Community Board 11 supports the plan and design for the new playground at P.S. 155. The proposed playground aims to increase active and accessible play capacity for park users, as well as improve passive use and caretaker seating.

The 0.83 acre playground is located at East 117th Street and East 118th Street between First and Second Avenues. The schematic plan for the playground includes safety surfacing, 8 new swings, spray showers, and state of the art mobility accessible playground equipment for different age groups. Site furnishings, including a water fountain and bottle filler, BigBelly Solar Powered Trash Compactors, benches, lighting, and fencing. The schematic plan aims to relate the play equipment area to the entire Jointly Operated Playground (JOP) and P.S. 155.

The playground renovation costs a total of \$2.5 million, and was funded by Councilwoman Diana Ayala (\$2.17 million) and Borough President Gale Brewer (\$.33 million). We are extremely grateful to the Councilwoman, Manhattan Borough President, and NYC Parks for moving this project forward.

We eagerly await the completion of the playground at P.S. 155, and request that NYC Parks keep us updated as the project progresses.

If you have any questions, please contact Carly Wine, our Assistant District Manager, at (212)831-8929 or [cwine@cb11m.org](mailto:cwine@cb11m.org).

Sincerely,

Nilsa Orama  
Chair

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