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GARCIA, GARCETTI ANNOUNCE FUNDING FOR BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD

Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti and Los Angeles School Board President Monica Garcia today announced the allocation of more than \$3.5 million to build a new athletic field at Belmont High School.

The funding will support a major renovation of the existing athletic field at the Belmont campus that was originally built in 1923 and primarily serves students from the Historic Filipinotown and Pico Union neighborhoods. The project will include installation of an artificial turf field and a decomposed granite track. The current athletic field is not maintained during certain seasons during which time students participating in physical education classes or extracurricular sports must play on dirt and in dust. The new facilities will be available to community organizations for use on weekends and evenings.

“Belmont High School has served generations of students and we want to ensure that it can continue to prepare Angelenos for success. The new athletic field and track will emphasize for our students the importance of fitness, health, teamwork, and sportsmanship. It will also provide a great resource for neighbors who want to run, walk, and play after school and on weekends” said Council President Garcetti.

“Belmont High School students deserve state-of-the art facilities and a top-notch athletic program. I am pleased that we worked arm-in-arm with the City to give kids and families a brand new field here in the heart of Los Angeles,” School Board President Garcia said.

The announcement is a victory for students, teachers, and administrators who advocated for this upgrade. “This is a great triumph for the Belmont School family. Our school is open seven days a week, so this field will be a tremendous asset for both our students and, during the evenings and on the weekends, for the entire community,” said Belmont High School Principal Gary Yoshinobu said.

School Board President Garcia secured \$2.5 million in LAUSD funding, including Joint Use funding from previous school construction bonds and \$1.1 million from her discretionary fund, to help build the new facility. Council President Garcetti worked to secure \$1 million in funding from voter-approved Proposition K and Community Development Block Grant funds, which the city allocates under guidelines established by the state and federal governments respectively.

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