

## Media Alert

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## Burnett Street Park Receives First "Talking Is Teaching: Talk, Read, Sing" Themed Playground in Nation New Playground Made Possible Through Partnership with The Clinton Foundation and Landscape Structures Inc.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department, City Council Member Karla Cisneros, District H, The Clinton Foundation and Landscape Structures Inc. will cut a ribbon on a new playground at Burnett Street Park on Friday, June 30, 2017. The event will take place at 10:00 a.m. at Burnett Street Park (1500 Burnett Street, 77009).

| WHO:   | Council Member Karla Cisneros, District H<br>Lisa Johnson, Interim Director Houston Parks and Recreation<br>Department<br>Toral Sindha, Regional Director, CHMI, The Clinton Foundation<br>Jane Park Woo, Sr. Manager of Strategic Partnerships, Too Small to<br>Fail, The Clinton Foundation |
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|        | Jane Jenewein, Landscape Structures Inc.  |
| WHAT:  | Ribbon Cutting for New "Talking is Teaching" Playground   |
| WHEN:  | Friday, June 30, 2017   |
|        | 10:00 a.m.  |
| WHERE: | Burnett Street Park<br>1500 Burnett Street<br>Houston, TX 77009   |

The Burnett Street Park project was made possible through a partnership with the *Clinton Foundation's Health Matters* and *Too Small to Fail* initiatives which aim to improve health outcomes and disparities as well as generate public awareness on the importance of early childhood development. This is the first national model to incorporate literacy prompts in a developed park. The Clinton Foundation's partner, Landscape Structures Inc. donated and installed the playground equipment and behavioral and literacy panels.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,859 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit <u>www.houstont.gov/parks</u>.