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## Senator Serrano Celebrates Grand Reopening Of Tavern on the Green

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(Central Park, NY)- Senator Serrano helped ring in a new chapter in one of New York City's beloved landmarks at the ribbon cutting ceremony of the renovated Tavern on the Green. Serrano joined NYC Parks' First Deputy Commissioner Liam Kavanaugh, NYC Department of Design and Construction Dr. Feniosky Peña-Mora, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, Central Park Conservancy President Douglas Blonsky, Restaurateurs Jim Caiola and David Salama, as well as Executive Chef Katy Sparks in the unveiling of the restored Tavern on the Green.

Tavern on the Green was originally known as the sheepfold in Central Park as it was the home to approximately 200 sheep. In 1934, it was converted to a restaurant and Tavern on the Green was born. The restaurant spent years as a New York City icon, until it was shut

down in December of 2009. The ribbon cutting marks the first time the doors will be open to the public in 4 years.

"I am delighted and honored to be a part of New York City history by standing here today and unveiling the new Tavern on the Green. I'm so proud to represent Central Park and this iconic restaurant in my Senate District, as both are big parts of the cultural landscape of New York City. As we head toward another record-breaking year for tourism in our city, my hope is that the new Tavern on the Green will be at the top of the list," said Serrano.