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Legislator Martinez Outraged as to the Illegal Dumping at Roberto Clemente Park in Brentwood, NY

(Brentwood, NY)- I am outraged about what has happened at Clemente Park. Illegal dumping is a heinous offense and when it is done to one of the only public parks that the youth of the Ninth Legislative District have access to, it makes the offense even more heinous.

As the representative of Brentwood, Central Islip & North Bay Shore in the county legislature, providing safe and enjoyable recreation for our young people is at the top of my list and I fully intend to pursue my goal. I strongly urge my colleagues to join with me in my endeavors to secure financial resources to provide recreational facilities for our children here in the district.

I commend the District Attorney and the Department of Environmental Conservation for their immediate actions regarding this matter. I trust that the District Attorney will do everything in his power to ensure that justice is served.

I fully intend to meet with the Town of Islip Officials regarding their plans for this summer. It was promised to both my Office and the residents of the Ninth District that our children would have use of the Clemente Park pools this year. With Memorial Day just weeks away, this situation is very disheartening. I will meet with the Town to assess what back-up plan is in place now that we are at this juncture.

I promise to continue to fight for our residents. I will not stop pushing until our children have access to the same type of recreational facilities that every other child has in more affluent districts across Long Island.

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