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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Legislator Monica R. Martinez Proposes Local Law to Bar Environmental Polluters from Conducting Business with Suffolk County

Legislator Martinez laid Introductory Resolution No. 1501-2014 on the table on May 13, 2014. This resolution, co-sponsored by Legislator Calarco, calls to amend a local law to bar environmental polluters from conducting business with Suffolk County. A public hearing will be held on June 3, 2014 at the W.H. Rogers Legislature Building located at 725 Veterans Memorial Highway in Smithtown, NY.

This local law would amend Chapter 189-5, Purchasing and Contracts of the Suffolk County Code. It would prohibit "Any environmental crime, including, but not limited to, the illegal use or disposal of toxic/hazardous waste or chemicals" by a non-responsible bidder.

Unfortunately, a town park, Roberto Clemente Park in Brentwood, NY, is under investigation for illegal dumping of hazardous material by a local contractor. The Suffolk County District Attorney and the State Department of Environmental Conservation is investigating after receiving complaints by many residents in the area.

"I am outraged about what has happened here at Clemente Park. It's upsetting to know the only public park that the youth of the Ninth Legislative District have access to, is dumped on and could have exposed our children and residents to health risks," stated Legislator Martinez.

She added, "I fully intend to meet with the Town of Islip Officials regarding their plans for this summer. Our children deserve a place to run, play and enjoy the summer months in a park of their own, in a swimming pool of their own."

Legislator Martinez will be holding a Free Community Health and Legal clinic at the Brentwood Public Library on May, 15, 2014 from 6:30-8:30pm. It is encouraged that all residents who may have questions pertaining to health and legal issues concerning the recent activity at Roberto Clemente Park attend. Please contact the Ninth Legislative District office at 631-853-3700 with any questions.