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**Legislator Martinez Hosts the 2nd Annual "Christmas in the Plaza"
Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting Ceremony**

(Central Islip, NY) – On November 30, 2015, Legislator Monica R. Martinez hosted the 2nd Annual "Christmas in the Plaza" which was held outside Home Depot in the Central Islip Town Center on Carleton Avenue. This is the second of what promises to be a yearly event uniting the communities of Brentwood, Central Islip and North Bay Shore.

Advocates who contributed staff, time and donations to this event included local businesses such as Home Depot, IBEW Local 25, Iglesia Tabernaculo de Restauracion, PSEG, Suffolk Federal Credit Union, 7Eleven and many more.

Children participated in dance, choir and scout activities celebrating the traditional lighting of the Menorah and Christmas tree, with the arrival of Santa on a sparkling sled. Donated by Toys for Tots, gifts were given out by "elves" who were high school student volunteers.

The true significance of the Hanukah and Christmas holidays was inspired by the presence of several spiritual leaders representing the diverse religious organizations.

"Our 'Christmas in the Plaza' was a beautiful way for us to create holiday memories with family, friends and the entire community," stated Legislator Martinez.

