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## **Lighting the Night with Unity**

Senator Martinez to celebrate National Night Out during local events

**HAUPPAUGE, N.Y.** – New York State Senator Monica R. Martinez invites residents of the Fourth Senatorial District to join together for National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2024. Senator Martinez will be participating in two local events, one at Roberto Clemente Park in Brentwood and the other at Wyandanch Park in Wyandanch. This national community-building event promotes strong police-community partnerships, aiming to enhance neighborhood safety and ensure residents can live without fear.

"National Night Out provides a valuable opportunity for residents to strengthen relationships with law enforcement and first responders," said Senator Martinez. "The bonds we create between communities and their police departments contribute significantly to our neighborhoods' safety. I am proud of the collaboration between officers and neighborhoods throughout my district in their efforts in keeping our communities safe."

National Night Out was introduced in August 1984 by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) to foster public engagement in crime prevention through building trust and understanding. Since its founding year, which saw 2.5 million participants across 400 communities in 23 states, the event has evolved into a nationwide celebration. Today, communities host block parties, festivals, parades and safety demonstrations to unite neighbors and promote camaraderie.