March 30, 2015

Councilwoman Kepert and the Town Board presented retired Lt. Detective Leonard Gibbs with a proclamation for his outstanding work as a community advocate. Mr. Gibbs is a retired New York City Police Officer and a lifelong resident of Gordon Heights. He is also the liaison between the Suffolk County Police Department and the community. His outreach and mentorship have resulted in many changes in policy and procedure in the national, state and town levels of government, including:

- Working to ease overcrowding in rental housing
- Assisting in finding services for the homeless
- Working to eliminate gangs in communities
- Pushing for new signal lights to be installed at major intersections, which had a high number of fatalities, resulting in zero fatalities since their installation
- Giving a voice to those who feel voiceless by making their concerns heard in every level of government

"In being the Ambassador of the community, Mr. Gibbs is a living example that a person can truly make a positive difference in the lives of others," stated Councilwoman Kepert.