

# Brookhaven Hispanic Advisory Board and Supervisor Romaine Host Information Seminar for Spanish Speaking Families

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**Farmingville, NY** – Parents and young adults filled the conference room at the Patchogue-Medford Library on July 28, 2016 to learn about various Brookhaven Town programs and other resources available to them in their local community. The event was hosted by Supervisor Ed Romaine and the Hispanic Advisory Board. Representatives from Suffolk Community College, Suffolk County National Bank and the Suffolk County Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS) Program also participated and discussed various issues facing the growing Hispanic adult and youth populations in Brookhaven Town.

The residents who participated in the program were informed in Spanish and English of counseling and youth services provided by the Town of Brookhaven Housing and Humans Services Department. A representative from Suffolk County National Bank spoke about financial literacy, including how to open a checking account and ways to help manage personal finances. Representatives from Suffolk Community College informed residents about the process of enrolling at the college and available financial aid opportunities. A Suffolk County Probation Officer discussed how the PINS Program works in an effort to improve youths' behaviors and divert them from becoming involved in the court system.

"Brookhaven Town has a lot of excellent programs geared toward helping youth and families, and I want to make sure people living within our communities are aware of this and know they are accessible to them," said Supervisor Romaine. "Outreach is a big part of all these programs and I want to thank our Hispanic Advisory Board and the representatives from Suffolk County National Bank, Suffolk Community College and the Suffolk County Probation Office for working with us to educate members of the community about the resources that are available."

If you would like to find out more information about the Brookhaven Town Hispanic Advisory Board, please call Lucia del Valle at 631-451-6174.

Supervisor Ed Romaine (second from left) and the Brookhaven Town Hispanic Advisory Board educated members of the community about resources available to them at the Patchogue-Medford Library.

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