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SENATOR MONICA R. MARTINEZ ANNOUNCES HER CANDIDACY FOR THE THIRD SENATE DISTRICT

BRENTWOOD, NEW YORK- Today, Monica R. Martinez announced her candidacy for New York’s 3rd State Senate District. Martinez, who lives and was raised in the 3rd Senate District, has served its communities as an educator and a public servant.

Under New York State’s redistricting, the 3rd Senate District is Long Island’s first Hispanic plurality Senate district, and for the first time, Martinez’s home of Brentwood is united in a single Senate district.

“From Brightwaters to Brentwood, from Medford to Mastic, the 3rd Senate District unites hard-working communities who need a strong fighter in Albany who can deliver on needs like school aid, tax relief for working families, and public safety,” Martinez said. “This amazing community has given me many opportunities which I am grateful for- from my education which led me on a path to public service as a teacher and administrator; then as a County Legislator and State Senator. As a person who never leaves things unfinished, I am eager to return to Albany so I can continue the work I began by delivering on the needs of our communities.”

Public service has been a lifelong passion for Monica. A graduate of Brentwood High School, from a young age, she involved herself with activities which offered assistance to others. Her public service began in 2000 when Martinez was hired as a High School Social Studies teacher in the Brentwood Union Free School District. She faithfully served the school district for 14 years before entering the political arena in 2013 and ousted a ten-year incumbent in the Suffolk County Legislature before winning an open seat in the New York State Senate in 2018.

As a State Senator, Martinez helped secure then-record funding for local schools and was a leader to pass a permanent property tax cap which is critical to help working Suffolk families get by. A former Chairwoman of the Suffolk County Legislature’s Public Safety Committee, she has demonstrated that she is not afraid to stand up to her own party and demanded changes to bail reform to keep repeat offenders off the street.

Since leaving the New York State Senate in 2021 and enduring the pandemic with the rest of New Yorkers, Monica has found the residents and communities of the 3rd Senate District have been neglected. The communities which encompass the Third District have failed to have true representation in the New York State Senate and deserve better. There is work to be done and the excuses to get them done simply need to stop. Caring for our families and children is the number one priority and it is time she returns to the State Senate to continue the work she started- and be there for those residents who so desperately need her.

Martinez currently serves as the Deputy Regional Director of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for the Long Island region.

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