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Suffolk County Legislator Monica R. Martinez, from a young age, has had a passion for helping others. She is a Brentwood High School alumna and a graduate of Binghamton University where she earned a dual Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology and History. As a young student, Monica served the Binghamton community by volunteering her weekends at the local zoo and day care centers. Having been taught the value of education by her family, she knew she wanted to dedicate her time educating others. Monica later attended New York University, attaining a Master's degree in Secondary Education with a concentration in Social

Studies.

In July of 2000 Monica was offered a position as a Social Studies teacher at Brentwood High School. After serving the Brentwood school district in the capacity of a teacher for ten years, she recognized an inner desire to effectuate further change. In 2006, she enrolled at Stony Brook University where she obtained her administrative degree. In 2010, Monica was selected to lead the administration of Brentwood's East Middle School as Assistant Principal where she dedicated much of her time enriching the lives of her students.

In 2013, Monica was elected to the Suffolk County Legislature to represent her home, the Ninth Legislative District. Monica is currently serving in her third term and remains committed to enhancing the area she represents through various legislative actions such as opening a resource center, sponsoring and co-sponsoring resolutions for women's wage equality, expanding legislation to protect the rights of individuals by strengthening Suffolk County's human rights law, increasing access to government information for those who have visual or hearing impairment, banning smoking in multi-dwelling apartment complexes, strengthening county animal laws, and barring contractors in Suffolk County if found guilty of illegal toxic dumping. Legislator Martinez was appointed Chairwoman to the Public Safety Committee at the Suffolk County Legislature. Legislator Martinez is committed to eradicating the opioid and gang violence epidemic through collaboration with local law enforcement officials. She is a sitting member of the permanent Heroin and Opiate Advisory Panel and has allocated funding for youth programs to keep our youth safe and engaged. Now, Monica is running for New York State senate to continue fighting for Long Island families.

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