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Bellport Community Comes out to Dunk and Make a Difference Basketball Game Goal Was to Reclaim Neighborhood Park



Bellport, August 4: Leg. Rob Calarco joined the Bellport community, the Bellport Boys & Girls Club, and Suffolk County P.A.L. officers as the first Dunk for a Difference basketball game took place at Robert Rowley Park. The games drew a large enthusiastic crowd who came out to play and/or support the community effort to reclaim Robert Rowley Park from a gang presence.

“When Bellport residents began to complain to me and other elected officials that this park was being overrun by gang members, so much so that parents were afraid to allow their children to use it, that is when I

knew it was time to bring us all together and sit down with the 5th Precinct. From those meetings came the idea to hold this tournament to reclaim the park and re-establish it as a safe place for families. I am grateful to the Boys & Girls Club and P.A.L. for running with this ball. It has been a really positive event,” said Leg. Calarco.

PHOTOS ATTACHED

D4D2: Leg. Rob Calarco (far right rear) and P.A.L. Officer Daniel Fraas with the youngsters who came out to Dunk for a Difference’ in Bellport

D4D4: (left to right) a Boys & Girls Club representative; Brian Beedenbender representing Supervisor Mark Lesko; Rob Powell, program director of Boys & Girls Club of Bellport; Legislator Rob Calarco; P.A.L. Officer Daniel Fraas.