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## Senator Martins and NCC to Host Job Resource Workshop at Elmont Library

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In an effort to help those looking for a new job, changing jobs or entering the workforce for the first time, State Senator Jack Martins and Nassau County Community College are sponsoring a “Job Resource Workshop” on September 17th at the Elmont Public Library Theatre and meeting rooms. The workshop and networking event is free and open to the public.

Registration for the workshop begins at 9:30am, classes proceed at 10am and complete at 1pm. A job resource networking social for participants will take place at 12:15 at the conclusion of the workshop. The Elmont Library is located at 700 Hempstead Turnpike. Parking is available at the Library and the Alva T. Stanforth lot next door.

“My goal is to help job seekers develop the necessary skills to give them that edge when they are applying for a job,” said Senator Martins adding, “having that edge is critical when competing for a job in these challenging economic times. I’m happy to have been able to put this workshop together to meet a community need.”

Craig Wright, Vice-President of Equity, Inclusion and Affirmative Action at Nassau Community College, said, “Nassau Community College is very proud to co-host this workshop. Our goal with Senator Martins is to help people develop the proper skill set so that they can put their best foot forward in competing for a job in today’s turbulent job market.”

The workshop will focus on writing an effective resume, identifying job opportunities, interview strategies, cover letters, networking, dress for success and an expert panel of employers to answer questions. Those job seekers that already have a resume, and would like it critiqued, are invited to have a job expert look it over.

“The Elmont Chamber of Commerce is proud to partner with Senator Martins on this important initiative. We expect this program to pay big dividends for our community, and give them a leg up while navigating these challenging economic waters,” said Elmont Chamber member Muzzio Tallini.

Break out sessions at the workshop will focus on each skill area. The goal is to give participants the opportunity to ask questions, assist them in developing a resume, critique

and participate in mock-interviews.

Mary Seifert, President of the Franklin Square Chamber of Commerce, said, "This is a workshop you can't afford to miss if you are looking for a job. Senator Martins Job Resource Workshop can truly help job seekers get that edge in the interview and present themselves in a way where they can shine. The Franklin Square Chamber of Commerce is very excited to be a part of this special day!"

Anna McCarthy, Vice-President of Covert Avenue Chamber of Commerce, added, "this workshop is for anyone who is looking for a job, recently lost their job or is about to change jobs. Having the right resume and understanding how to approach a job interview can be the difference in getting the job or not."

Different aspects of the workshop will focus on target audiences. For High School and College students: activity sheet development, a first resume and identifying part-time and full time jobs will be a prime focus. For job seekers changing careers: resume building and interview strategies will be explored. For job seekers just entering the workforce: basic interview skills, resume critique and networking strategies will be examined.

Sal Bonagura, President of the Floral Park Chamber of Commerce, noted, "having a resume that outlines your skills and abilities is probably the most important step in qualifying for an interview and being considered for a job. The Floral Park Chamber of Commerce is excited to be a part of this effort and thanks Senator Martins for addressing a real need for our communities."

Registration for "Senator Martins Job Resource Workshop" is at 9:30am on September 17th. You can email Senator Martins office at [martins@nysenate.gov](mailto:martins@nysenate.gov) to reserve your space. You can also register the day of the workshop. For more information on the workshop, call Senator Martins office at 746-5924.