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Senator Golden Announces “American Idol” Allows Brooklyn Senior Idol to Keep Contest Name

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Brooklyn – State Senator Martin J. Golden (R-C-I, Brooklyn) today is announcing that American Idol has agreed to allow the annual talent show contest, billed as Brooklyn’s Senior Idol, to keep its name for the October show.

The future of the event’s name only, not the show itself, was in jeopardy earlier this Summer. At that time, Senator Golden issued a press release seeking the assistance of the community in selecting a new name for the show, stating “Brooklyn’s talented seniors will make you laugh, cry and celebrate at the show, regardless of what we will call it.”

Since that time, Senator Golden and his staff have been in communication with the legal team of FreemantleMedia North America, representing American Idol, and a

legal contract has been signed allowing for the Idol brand to be used for the 8th Annual Brooklyn Senior Idol.

Senator Marty Golden stated, "I thank American Idol for reaching out to my office in light of the attention we brought to the issue of the name of our highly regarded Brooklyn Senior Idol talent show. The Southwest Brooklyn community is looking forward to the October show and although we have received many suggestions for new show titles, we have decided that we will continue to call our talent show Brooklyn Senior Idol."

"This show has become a very special annual community event, and now the show and the name will be a tradition that is together kept alive. So now, let's get ready for a great show in partnership with Xaverian High School, with the proceeds benefitting the school's music program. So sign up today to be among those who audition to be this year's winner," said Senator Golden.

Brooklyn's 8th Annual Senior Idol auditions are scheduled for early September and the finals will take place on Saturday, October 3rd at Xaverian High School. Tickets are \$10.00 and available only for purchase at the door. For more information, contact Senator Golden's office at golden@nysenate.gov or (718) 238-6044.