Brentwood, NY – On Saturday, Rep. Steve Israel (D – Huntington) joined with Brentwood residents and community leaders for the “Paint Back the Streets” graffiti wipe-out event. The event is part of an ongoing effort by Brentwood Residents to reclaim their community, which has seen increasing gang violence.

“Today, I’m proud to join the Brentwood community to say enough is enough. We’re fighting back against the gangs. We’re painting over the graffiti. But you can’t just paint over the challenges confronting Brentwood. I’ve already helped secure more FBI anti-gang resources on Long Island and we need to continue working on comprehensive solutions to take back our community. Ultimately, law enforcement is the responsibility of the Suffolk County Police Department, but where I can help direct federal resources, I will continue to do so,” said Rep. Israel.

“I would like to thank Congressman Israel for all of his hard work and dedication in making sure our community stays safe. He turned our vision into a reality, and has given our entire community something to be proud about,” said Marcos Maldonado & Michael Ramos, Chairmen Clean Streets Committee, Brentwood Residents Against Violence Everyday (B.R.A.V.E.).

The event was organized by B.R.A.V.E. and also attended by Islip Town Supervisor Phil Nolan, State Senator Brian Foley, Assemblyman Phil Ramos and Legislator Ricardo Montano. Bethpage Federal Credit Union, Aboff Paint, Sherwin Williams and Local 338 contributed supplies and supported the event.