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BiasHELP, Inc. an anti-bias agency on Long Island, is disturbed by the latest news of an alleged bias crime in Patchogue. According to reports, a Hispanic man was assaulted and robbed by three young white men while using disparaging remarks about his ethnicity. This latest incident of hate crime violence reported to the Suffolk County Police Department continues to be an ongoing problem. BiasHELP, Inc., through continued educational programming in the local schools and through our agency's program "A VOICE" (Against Violence and Oppression In Communities Everywhere), has begun working with many supporters from Patchogue-Medford, including Mayor Pontieri, Patchogue-Medford Library, Suffolk County Police Department and Lucero de América to celebrate this community's diversity while uniting its residents through two community events, the first of which will be held Sunday, August 30th from 2 pm – 5 pm at Shorefront Park in Patchogue. We encourage members from the Patchogue-Medford community to join us at this event to enhance cooperation, unity and positive interactions between diverse communities. It is BiasHELP, Inc.'s sincere belief that, "together, we can make a difference."

For more information on BiasHELP, Inc.'s anti-bias programming and efforts, please visit the website at www.BiasHELP.org or call our toll free number at 877.END. BIAS (363.2427).