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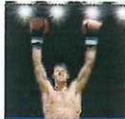
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CITY of ALBANY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO INTRODUCE YOUTH BOXING PROGRAM INITIATIVE FOR FIRST TIME OFFENDERS



Fight for Success

ALBANY, NY: On Thursday, November 10th at 3:30 PM at the Albany Boxing Center, 91 Quail Street, Mayor Gerald D. Jennings, Commissioner John D'Antonio/Department of Parks and Recreation; Richard S. Hartunian/United States Attorney (Northern District); David Soares/Albany County District Attorney; Craig Apple/Albany County Sheriff; Michael Breslin/Albany County Executive; Steven Krokoff/Chief, Albany Police Department; Patricia Aiken, Director, Albany County Probation; and Ron Barrett/City of Albany Gang Prevention, will announce a collaborative special initiative called, "Fight for Success."

"The City of Albany is proud to introduce an alternative youth program that promotes positive goals and options for first time offenders," said Mayor Jennings. "This valuable option will provide the opportunity to instill discipline and focus in its participants, ideally changing their life direction."

The program will serve as a positive alternative for some first time offenders, who may benefit by becoming involved in the City's fitness and boxing programs. The youth will attend either the Albany Fitness program, located in Lincoln Park, or the Quail Street Boxing Center, located at 91 Quail Street. The program's goal is to provide youth with

discipline, focus, patience, and respect for themselves and others. In addition, the importance of a positive peer group and the value of being associated with something larger than themselves is stressed and promulgated.

By providing positive role models and structured activities, tenets that underlie nonviolent attitudes and behaviors, the “Fight for Success” program will be another alternative to the streets, and a proactive solution in the fight against violence and crime.

For more information or to register an individual, contact Gang Prevention coordinator, Ron Barrett at 434-5699.