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### **Diversity Grant Abstract**

When Howard Davis, Jr. triumphantly returned to his native Glen Cove, New York following his Gold Medal boxing victory in the 1976 Olympics, his Back Hill neighborhood was an African American enclave. In 2009, when the City of Glen Cove honored that victory and his family's contributions to Glen Cove by naming a central avenue in Back Hill, Howard Davis, Jr. Way, the neighborhood had become more than 70 percent Hispanic.

This research examines the unwritten history of that shift in demographic and socio-cultural norms and patterns in the Back Hill neighborhood's Glen Cove Gardens Housing Projects; and places it in the context of a much larger shift as the historical black-white racial paradigm is being replaced in cities and towns across America by black-brown intergroup relations.