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### **Concerned Citizens of Montauk Elects New Leadership, Welcomes New Board Members**

Montauk, New York -- Concerned Citizens of Montauk (CCOM) today announced the addition of Mr. David Freudenthal and Mr. Thomas Creel to its Board of Directors, and the election of long-time Board Member and Finance Committee Co-Chair, Mr. Edward Braun, as its new Chairman.

“For more than 45 years, CCOM has been the leading voice protecting Montauk’s environment,” said Braun. “The challenges facing Montauk are greater now than ever before, but CCOM is positioned to make a real difference. Our membership is growing and our support is solid. We all share one goal: Keeping Montauk *Montauk*. I love Montauk and am honored to have been selected to lead this effort.”

David Freudenthal, serves as the Director of Government Affairs at Carnegie Hall, and has extensive experience with non-profits, partnership, and community planning. Thomas Creel has practiced law for more than 30 years and is a respected expert in intellectual property litigation. They join other CCOM Board Members Jessica James, Shirley Katz, Robert Stern, Celine Keating, Peter Lowenstein, Richard Kahn, Raymond Cortell, Andy Harris, and Rich Silver.

Jeremy Samuelson, CCOM’s President, explained, “I’m excited about CCOM’s leadership team and grateful for the commitment of our Board and membership.” “2016 is going to be an important year for us,” explained Samuelson. “CCOM is moving forward on three key priorities: saving Montauk’s coastline through our “Say Yes to Sand” campaign, which supports a large-scale beach nourishment project and long term planning to relocate threatened infrastructure; launching Save the Lake - Save the Pond—a community based program to clean up our water; and, advocating for more sustainable development in Montauk through the enforcement of laws, zoning, and codes.”

CCOM preserves and protects the unique environment and ecology of Montauk through education, advocacy and grassroots citizen action. Founded in 1970, CCOM has grown to become one of the most effective environmental groups in Eastern Long Island.

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