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Local Electorate and Community Organizations Embrace the Tobacco Action Coalition of LI

2011 was an outstanding year of partnerships between the Tobacco Action Coalition of LI and municipal leadership, community organizations, and housing authorities in an effort to achieve tobacco free living and changing the social norms associated with tobacco use.

Plainview resident and Nassau County Coordinator Carol Meschkow extends her congratulations to the Towns of Oyster Bay, Hempstead and North Hempstead; City of Glen Cove, Villages of Great Neck and Hempstead, the Great Neck Park District, Grenville-Baker Boys & Girls Club, S&S Auto Repair Center, North Bellmore Library, Syosset Library, RVC Library, Island Park Library and Locust Valley Library for supporting their commitment to the State's Tobacco Free Outdoor Air Initiative by implementing voluntary entryway bans and adopting Tobacco Use Regulations for Outdoor Recreational Areas.

The Town of Oyster Bay Housing Authority demonstrated their leadership in adopting a Smoke Free Living Policy and Outdoor Bans to protect their families from the dangers of second-hand and drifting

smoke, spanning 910 housing units across 10 complexes. Town of Oyster Bay, who remains in the forefront, as long-time friends and partners with the coalition, once again celebrated a special day of awareness, "Wear White for Clean Fresh Air" in coordination with World No Tobacco Day.

Youth initiation continues to be of great concern. To that extent the coalition thanks the Plainview-Old Bethpage School District, Plainedge School District, Rockville Centre Youth Council and Southside HS, Grenville Boys & Girls Club, Glen Cove SAFE and Pride Project Coalition, Uniondale Library Youth, and Boy Scouts Troop 423 for their support of the State's Point-of-Sale "We've Seen Enough" Campaign. The aforementioned held events, many of those to mark the celebration of the "Great American Smoke Out," to educate and empower youth against the marketing efforts of the big tobacco lobby aimed at youth initiation. Protecting the next generation is incumbent on leaders and adult mentors.

As a resident, Meschkow is very proud and grateful for the accomplishments of our remarkable supporters across the county.