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CHATHAM, NJ – Chatham Moms for Change is proud to endorse Carolyn Dempsey and Jocelyn Mathiasen for Chatham Borough Council in Chatham Borough, New Jersey.

Dempsey, a long time Chatham Borough resident and volunteer, brings necessary experience and knowledge that is needed on the Chatham Borough Council. Having served as a Chatham Borough Historic Preservation Commissioner, been both a music and Spanish teacher for children, and a founder of a small local business, Carolyn has the ability to work with all different types of people in a variety of situations.

Having spent a year in the CIA recruitment program and time on Capital Hill, she has been exposed to international, national and local issues that affect all people in America, regardless of what side of the aisle they sit on.

She is also the creator and director of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church's Vacation Bible School that serves 30-70 children each year. Carolyn can identify complex projects that need attention and create a plan to execute a successful solution. She is also an advocate for woman and is the Parent Coordinator for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation annual youth fundraiser. Dempsey will be a valuable asset to the Chatham Borough Council.

A graduate of the College of William and Mary, with a degree in Russian/Soviet Studies, she spent her study abroad year in Spain on a Duke University program.

Mathiasen has shared that she is an "experienced grant writer for municipalities and a champion for modernizing operations and...will be a good steward for our tax dollars, ensuring accountability for every dollar spent." With her hands-on previous background of managing municipal departments in Milford, CT, Hartford, CT and Bellevue, WA, we believe that Mathiasen will be the right person to help guide Chatham Borough through the downtown, Post Office Plaza and River Road development projects that are on the horizon. She will also be able to help streamline and modernize day-to-day operations of the Borough in general.

She was a department director for the coastal city of Milford, Connecticut during Superstorm Sandy in 2012, the Halloween Blizzard in 2011, and Hurricane Irene in 2011. As she has conveyed on her Facebook page, "we were part of the critical path to get power back on to hundreds of homes and then to help people rebuild using more flood-resilient construction. We worked with the fire department, police department and navigated bureaucracy through three branches of FEMA. I also served on the Emergency Operations Committee for Bellevue, Washington after 9/11, participating in simulations of everything from terrorist attacks to earthquakes."

Mathiasen has a Master of Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, in addition to an undergraduate degree in government from Oberlin and a Mini-Master of Public Administration from

Rutgers.

With their combined professional and volunteer experiences and their passion for Chatham Borough, we believe that Carolyn Dempsey and Jocelyn Mathiasen are the best candidates to serve Chatham Borough. They will be fresh and knowledgeable voices that are needed in the community as Chatham Borough looks to plan for 2019 and beyond. We endorse Carolyn Dempsey and Jocelyn Mathiasen for Chatham Borough Council.

Chatham Moms for Change is a grassroots organization that was founded in October of 2016 and has now grown to over 800 members. We have built a community of support that allows our members to have a voice representing them at all levels of government and community involvement. Our members inspire and empower each other to spearhead community service projects, celebrate the diversity of our community, run for office, campaign for candidates and stand up when we see injustice.

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