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## **MARKOWITZ ELECTED TO CHILDREN'S MUSEUM BOARD**

**Garden City, NY** – Community and political leader Steven Markowitz has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Long Island Children's Museum. (LICM). Markowitz will serve a three-year board term and join the Museum's Community Engagement Committee.

In announcing Markowitz's election, LICM President Erika S. Floreska said, "I am thrilled that Steve Markowitz is lending his support to the Long Island Children's Museum. The museum will benefit from his robust community connections, his strategic insight and his advocacy for our mission."

In joining the Children's Museum board, Markowitz pointed to its role as a community gathering place that facilitates important connections for children and families as a key draw for him. "Children don't seem to notice or care about ethnic, religious, color or any other differences among their playmates. The Long Island Children's Museum has the mission, facilities, expertise and record of fostering children's play as a way of enhancing the overall sense of community on Long Island and elsewhere. I am proud and honored to join the effort."

Markowitz's career has been defined by a commitment to community and public service. His professional career began in Washington, DC as Economic Advisor and Legislative Assistant to a prominent member of Congress. Markowitz and his family later moved to New York where for over a decade he served as head of government affairs for The Continental Group, Inc., a Fortune 100 company.

In 1984 he founded MultiState Associates, which grew to become the nation's largest lobbying company. At MultiState he focused on creating and implementing government relations strategies for corporations and associations to primarily deal with state and local public policy issues. He served as the company chair for 30 years; stepping down in 2014 to become an advisor; retiring fully in 2019.

His commitment to the community is visible in the number of organizations and causes he supports. A major focus of his community activities has been the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County. After serving on the Board of the Center for several

years, he was elected as its Chair, a role he held for eight years (2012-2020). During its 30-year history, the Center has grown to become the pre-eminent Long Island resource for the teaching of the history and lessons of the Holocaust.

Currently he serves on the Board of Directors of the Viscardi Center where he is a proud advocate for the rights of children and adults with disabilities and for assisting them pursue their educational and vocational dreams. He was recently elected Chair of the newly established Museum of Disability History, housed at the Viscardi Center.

Additional community commitments include work with the Great Neck Student Aid Fund, the Gold Coast Arts Center, and Temple Israel of Great Neck. He served as a local Democratic Party leader and is Past President of the Great Neck Democratic Club and a former Vice Chair of the Nassau County Democratic Committee.

He is a member of the Dean's Advisory Board of the Hofstra College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Hofstra University Public Policy and Public Service Programs External Advisory Council. He is a Board member of the Long Island chapters of the American Jewish Committee and the Jewish Community Relations Council.

He attended Stuyvesant High School, did his undergraduate studies at Harpur College (now Binghamton University) and his graduate work in economics at George Washington University.

### **About the Long Island Children's Museum ([www.licm.org](http://www.licm.org))**

The mission of Long Island Children's Museum (LICM) is to connect all our communities' children, and those who care for them, to a life of wonder, imagination and exploration. At LICM, children discover their passions and their relationship to the world we share. The 40,000-square-foot museum serves over 300,000 children and adults annually. The private, not-for-profit institution chartered by the New York State Board of Regents, offers museum-based educational programs and cultural experiences, as well as an extensive community outreach program offered in schools, libraries and youth centers across Long Island. Additionally, the Children's Museum operates the historic Nunley's Carousel in association with Nassau County, one of three intact Stein & Goldstein carousels still in existence.

Recognized with several honors, including the National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), LICM is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM), the gold standard of museum excellence. It is currently the only accredited children's museum in New York State and is one of only 16 accredited children's museums nationwide. LICM has earned 4-stars on Charity Navigator and has Platinum Transparency on Candid.