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CRCL Clarifies Recent Release by US Senate Campaign *Non-profit does not endorse candidates*

(Baton Rouge, LA--October 1, 2016) This statement was released today by Kimberly Davis Reyher, Executive Director of the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana.

"A press release issued yesterday, September 30, 2016, from the US Senate campaign of Public Service Commissioner Foster Campbell listed endorsements from individuals and included the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana's name in a way that implies an endorsement from our organization.

"The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana is a 501(c)3 non-profit and non-partisan organization that does not endorse candidates for public office.

"As the state's largest and oldest coastal advocacy group, what we do endorse is open and constructive discussion of policy issues that affect Coastal Louisiana and the people who live and work here. That is why we will be hosting our Coastal Issues Forum at the LSU Union Theater this Thursday, October 6, at 6:00pm, for the top candidates running for United States Senate."

Coastal Issues Forum details:

- This will be the first time that a US Senatorial forum deals exclusively with coastal issues.
- We invited the top six candidates, determined by averaging four statewide polls published before August 31, 2016. Five candidates have agreed to attend --Congressman Charles Boustany, Public Service Commissioner Foster Campbell, Caroline Fayard, Congressman John Fleming and Colonel Rob Maness. State Treasurer John Kennedy declined our invitation.
- The forum is open to the public and free of charge.
- The forum will be streamed on our website, crcl.org, and [broadcast tape delayed](#) on several cable systems, television channels and public radio affiliates.
- The first-ever Coastal Issues Forum for the upcoming US Senate race follows the first-ever Coastal Issues Forum for the 2015 Governor's race. CRCL is organizing these forums in order to explore the views of our leaders on Louisiana's coastal land loss crisis and the challenges and opportunities related to coastal restoration.

About CRCL:

The **Coalition to Restore Coast Louisiana** (CRCL) is a non-partisan, non-profit organization driving bold, science-based action to restore Coastal Louisiana through outreach, restoration and advocacy. CRCL was founded in 1988 and is the state's oldest and most comprehensive coastal restoration organization.

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