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**POLITICAL STRATEGIST HOWARD WOLFSON TO ADDRESS
FAMILY PLANNING ADVOCATES BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Kirsten Moore, Lisa Landau and Dr. Alwyn Cohall to Receive Awards at FPA's Annual Meeting**

DATE: Thursday, November 16, 2006

TIME: 12:30 pm Award Presentations
1:00 pm Keynote Address

PLACE: Empire State Plaza Convention Center
Concourse Level, Meeting Room 6
Albany, New York

Howard Wolfson will present the keynote address at Family Planning Advocates of New York State's Annual Meeting at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany November 16.

Wolfson is a savvy and in-demand political analyst and strategist. He was executive director at the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee prior to taking his current position as a partner in The Glover Park Group. He served as communications director for Senator Charles Schumer and Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton's U.S. Senate campaigns, and as chief of staff to Congressman Nita Lowey. He currently advises political and corporate clients including the New York State Democratic Party and News Corporation.

Wolfson will discuss the outcome of state and national elections. Prior to his address, Family Planning Advocates (FPA) will present awards to three exceptional individuals who have advanced reproductive rights in New York State:

The **Alfred F. Moran Public Advocacy Award** will be presented to **Kirsten Moore**, president and CEO of the Reproductive Health Technologies Project, headquartered in Washington, DC. This award will be presented by FPA Board Chair Catherine Abate, president of Community Healthcare Network in New York City.

The **Rev. Beatrice Blair Courageous Service Award** will be presented to **Lisa Landau, Esq.** for her work as director of the Reproductive Rights Unit in the New York State Attorney General's Office. This award will be presented by Carol Blowers, director of governmental affairs at Family Planning Advocates.

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The **Shirley Gordon Public Policy Leadership Award** will be presented to **Alwyn Cohall, MD**, principal investigator and project director of the Harlem Health Promotion Center. This award will be presented by Daphne Philipson, who sits on the boards of both Family Planning Advocates and Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic.

Members of FPA's 2006 Board of Directors will also be honored:

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FPA's Annual Meeting and luncheon program will be moderated by Family Planning Advocates Board Chair Catherine Abate. FPA President and CEO JoAnn M. Smith will present Family Planning Advocate's 2006 Annual Report and 2007 legislative agenda.

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Family Planning Advocates of New York State is a non-profit, statewide organization dedicated to protecting and expanding access to a full range of reproductive health care services. It represents New York's Planned Parenthood affiliates and other family planning clinics, as well as hundreds of organizations and thousands of individual members.