

## MEDIA ADVISORY

For Immediate Release  
December 8, 2011  
PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Contact:  
Lucy Vandenberg  
PlanSmart NJ  
609-393-9434  
[lvandenberg@plansmartnj.org](mailto:lvandenberg@plansmartnj.org)

### PLANSMART NJ TO HOST SYMPOSIUM ON NEW JERSEY'S FISCAL CHALLENGES

Speakers Will Highlight 20% Future Gap in Funding at All Levels of NJ Government

**What:** Symposium on "Facing Our Future" - Approximately 100 attendees from the private and public sectors will gather to discuss and provide input on potential options for addressing New Jersey's fiscal future. According to a report released earlier this year, "Facing Our Future," published by the Council of New Jersey Grantmakers (CNJG), there is a projected 20% gap in funding at all levels of NJ government. PlanSmart NJ and CNJG will examine the state's fiscal policies and address three key questions: 1) what are the priorities for spending in New Jersey; 2) is the state organized efficiently enough to deliver on those priorities within all levels of our government?; and 3) is the state able to fund those priorities?

**When:** Friday, December 9, 2011 from 8:00 to 11:30 AM; program begins at 9 a.m.

**Where:** Dodds Auditorium, Robertson Hall, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University

#### Speakers:

##### **Facing Our Future Leadership Panel**

**Deborah T. Poritz** Former Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz is Of Counsel at Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP. Additionally, she serves as a Trustee of the Fund for New Jersey

**Raphael J. ("Ray") Caprio**, Vice President, Division of Continuing Studies at Rutgers, The State University of NJ; Executive Director, Center for Executive Leadership in Government at Rutgers and Professor of Public Administration. Past: Department Chair (Geography, Urban Studies and Public Administration departments) at Rutgers; Senior Associate Academic Dean at Rutgers' Newark College of Arts and Sciences (NCAS); Acting NCAS Dean, Associate Provost (Newark)

**Sam Crane**, Principal, Crane Consulting LLC. Past: Senior Vice President – External Affairs, Maher Terminals LLC 2000/2008; President, Regional Business Partnership 1994/2000; NJ State Treasurer 1992/1994

**Robert Del Tufo**, Of Counsel, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP and Affiliates. Past: Attorney General, NJ 1990/1993; Commissioner, NJ State Commission of Investigation 1981/1984; US Attorney for the District of NJ 1977/1980; First Assistant Attorney General, NJ 1974/1977; Director, Division of

## MEDIA ADVISORY

Criminal Justice 1976/1977; Assistant Prosecutor, Morris County 1962/1967; First Assistant Prosecutor 1965/1967

**Richard F. Keevey**, “Distinguished Practitioner in Residence”, School of Public Affairs and Administration, Rutgers University – Newark. Past: NJ State Budget Director and Comptroller (under two governors); Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Finance; Chief Financial Officer – US Department of Housing and Urban Development; Practice Director – Andersen LLP and Unisys Corporation

**Ingrid Reed**, Retired; Board Chair, [www.njspotlight.com](http://www.njspotlight.com); Chair, Governor’s Task Force on Local Government Ethics; founder and member of the Board, NJ Future; Chair, Capital City Redevelopment Corporation. Past: New Jersey Project Director, Eagleton Institute of Politics, Rutgers

### PlanSmart NJ Response Panel:

**Rev. Eric Dobson**, Open Communities. An ordained pastor, a community organizer and outreach specialist, and a community psychologist. Co-Founder of Open Communities LLC, integration consultants. He also served as a clergy outreach director for the Obama campaign.

**David Fisher, PP/AICP**, Vice President of Governmental Affairs for K. Hovnanian, a residential building company based in Edison, New Jersey. Former member of the NJ State Planning Commission.

**Robert Goertz, Ph.D.**, Retired, Director, Office of State Budget and Accounting, for the New Jersey Department of Education.

**Deborah Alaimo Lawlor, PP/AICP**, Chief of Sustainability managing the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission Office of Sustainability and the Meadowlands Conservation Trust. Is a commissioner with the American Planning Association’s (APA) American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).

**Lucy Vandenberg, PP/AICP**, Moderator, Executive Director of PlanSmart NJ, formerly a Planning and Redevelopment Aide for Mayor Dana L. Redd in the City of Camden. Previously the Executive Director of the NJ Council on Affordable Housing (COAH).

This event is a collaboration of Facing our Future, PlanSmart NJ, the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

**To learn more about the event please go to our website: [www.plansmartnj.org](http://www.plansmartnj.org)**

PlanSmart NJ is an independent, non-profit civic planning and research organization committed to improving the quality of community life through the advancement of sound land use planning and regional cooperation.

###