

APA Products & Resources for Legislative Advocacy

*10 Tools for Promoting Policies to
Make Great Communities Happen*

1. From Washington

APA publishes a free, biweekly e-mail newsletter covering all the latest developments on Capitol Hill and in the Administration affecting planning.

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2. Online Action Center

A sophisticated tool to improve grassroots advocacy.

Features include:

- Comprehensive directory of your federal and state officials
- Latest alerts and updates
- Send email directly to Congress
- Monitor key legislation

3. Planner's Legislative Action Network

Get with the PLAN. Join APA's grassroots network.

- Receive legislative alerts directly via email
- Respond to calls for action
- Meet congressional staff and members of Congress
- Be a leader in your community

4. Planners Advocacy Week

December 5-9, 2005

APA will help you coordinate meetings with your congressional representatives back home in the congressional district office during recess.

5. Legislative & Policy Conference

January 29-31, 2006

Washington, D.C.

Special Policy Programs:

- Planners Day on Capitol Hill
- Addresses from leaders in Congress and the administration
- Federal agency information & networking
- Special advocacy training opportunities
- Sessions on key federal issues

For more information, contact APA's Government Affairs Department at 202-872-0611 or govtaffairs@planning.org

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6. Policy Guides & Brochure

APA policy guides outline key positions on major issues of concern to planners and communities.

APA publishes a free booklet summarizing our policy guides. It's a great tool for educating the public and elected officials. Download a free copy from our website.

7. Amicus Briefs

APA's efforts to inform and influence policy include promoting planning principles through the legal system. APA files amicus curiae briefs in key cases.

Recent key cases include the U.S. Supreme Court's *Kelo* decision involving the use of eminent domain.

8. Congressional Handbook & Guide to Citizen Advocacy

APA publishes resources to keep you informed and make you a better advocate for good planning. The Congressional Handbook puts all of Congress in your pocket. Tips for effective advocacy letters, meetings, and email are available online and by request.

9. Congressional Fellowships

APA has launched a collaborative partnership with the U.S. Congress to provide two fellowships annually for planning graduate students to work on Capitol Hill. Fellows work on issues related to planning and community development. Read more about it and apply online at www.planning.org/fellowships/.

10. Workshops, Reports, Legislative Information & Alerts

Information, training and technical assistance is at the center of APA's policy services. We host workshops, provide analysis, conduct research, offer alerts and resources on pending legislation. APA also serves as the voice of good planning to the media and policymakers. Let us know how we can help you promote good policy in your state or community. APA's policy department can provide customized assistance to you to help *create communities of lasting value*.

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