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Center for Political Accountability Announces New Board Members

Washington, D.C. – Shelley Alpern, Vice President and Director of Social Research and Advocacy at Trillium Asset Management, and Michael Petro, Vice President and Director of Business and Government Policy and Chief of Staff of the Committee for Economic Development, have joined the board of the Center for Political Accountability, Bruce F. Freed, the CPA’s executive director, announced today.

“As a leader in the socially responsible investment community and as the chief of staff of a distinguished business organization, Shelley and Mike provide important perspectives to the Center that will help it carry out its mission of bringing transparency and accountability to corporate political spending,” Freed said. “The CPA is very fortunate to have them as directors as it expands its activities.”

The CPA is a non-profit, non-partisan advocacy organization. As a result of the efforts of the Center and its partners, 31 leading public companies have adopted political disclosure policies. CPA directors include John C. Coffee, Jr., John Milton Cooper, Jr., Daniel P. Lucas and Mr. Freed.

Ms. Alpern is the recipient of the 2005 Socially Responsible Investing Service Award, which is awarded by peers in the SRI industry, and was recognized by *Fortune* as one of the 25 most powerful lesbians and gay men in business for her work in promoting sexual orientation nondiscrimination policies. She is also the recipient of the first ever Rachel Carson Advocacy Award from the Silent Spring Institute. Her environmental work was profiled in *E: The Environmental Magazine*.

At CED, Mr. Petro helped build new constituencies around such issues as campaign finance reform, trade and globalization, K-12 education reform and early childhood education. The organization played a critical role in mobilizing business leaders around campaign finance reform, a development credited with helping pass the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002.

In addition, Maureen O'Brien has joined the CPA as research director. Previously, she was an analyst for the Investor Responsibility Research Center and a senior research analyst at Institutional Shareholder Services.

The Center also announced that co-director John C. Richardson has left to pursue other interests.



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