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**NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER PRESENTS
SPECIAL PROGRAMMING ABOUT ELECTIONS**
In conjunction with *Headed to the White House* exhibit

Philadelphia, PA – Presented in conjunction with the *Headed to the White House* exhibition, the National Constitution Center will host a variety of programs to promote active, informed citizenship during the 2008 presidential election. Reservations are required for each event and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

The schedule of upcoming *Headed to the White House* programs is as follows:

Tuesday, September 16, 6:30 p.m.: *The Daniel Berger Speaker Series: Elizabeth Edwards and the Future of American Healthcare*

Elizabeth Edwards will join the Center to discuss healthcare in the upcoming presidential election. She has recently partnered with Senator Barack Obama to advise him on healthcare reform. Drawing on her knowledge and experiences, from her accomplished legal career to her own battle with cancer to campaigning across the country, Mrs. Edwards will share her own thoughts on healthcare and assess the policies of the presidential candidates. Tickets cost \$15 for non-members, \$9 for members, and \$7 for teachers and students.

Monday, September 22, 6:30 p.m.: *The Daniel Berger Speaker Series: Zbigniew Brzezinski and Brent Scowcroft Discuss the Role of a Superpower*

Former National Security Advisors Zbigniew Brzezinski and Brent Scowcroft, co-authors of the new book, *America and the World*, will join the Center for a conversation moderated by *The Washington Post's* David Ignatius about foreign policy and the challenges that face the next President of the United States. Tickets cost \$15 for non-members, \$9 for members, and \$7 for teachers and students.

Thursday, September 25, 6:30 p.m.: *Are American Elections Truly Democratic?*

Two distinguished scholars, Dennis F. Thompson, professor at Harvard University and one of the nation's leading political philosophers, and Pamela S. Karlan, professor at Stanford Law School and founding director of the school's Supreme Court Litigation

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Clinic, will address the question, "Are American elections truly democratic?" This program is presented in partnership with the University of Pennsylvania's Program on Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism. Admission is free.

Thursday, October 2, 6:30 p.m.: *Neither Red nor Blue: The Libertarian Voter in the 2008 Presidential Election*

Just over a month before Election Day, the National Constitution Center will host a public event about the impact of the Libertarian voter on the 2008 election. William Redpath, National Chair of the Libertarian Party, and the Cato Institute's David Boaz will demystify libertarian ideology while addressing the larger issue of libertarians in the pending presidential election. Admission is free.

Monday, October 13, 6:30 p.m.: *Election '08: Carly Fiorina on the Future of the American Economy*

With many Americans feeling anxious about their jobs, paychecks, home values and commuting costs, the economy looms as a major issue in the 2008 presidential campaign. Carly Fiorina will join the Center to discuss the economic challenges facing the country and the next president. As a regular passenger on John McCain's Straight Talk Express, she is in a unique position to speak to the economic policies of the Republican nominee. Tickets cost \$15 for non-members, \$9 for members, and \$7 for students and teachers.

Monday, November 10, 6:30 p.m.: *2008 to 2012: Where We've Been, Where We're Headed*

Post-election, the Center will welcome prominent political pundits, Reihan Salam, one of the rising stars of the Republican Party and author of *Grand New Party*, and Ezra Klein of *The American Prospect*, to reflect on the most important presidential election in a generation and look ahead to what policies and prescriptions the new president may have in store for America. Admission is free.

Monday, December 8, 6:30 p.m.: *How Would You Address America?*

Journalist and author Robert Schlesinger will return to the Center to moderate a conversation with current and former presidential speechwriters about the ideas, themes, and values that the American public wishes to hear in the president's Inaugural Address. Admission is free.

From September 17, 2008 through December 14, 2008, the National Constitution Center will debut *Headed to the White House*. Developed by the Constitution Center, *Headed to the White House* is the only exhibition of its kind, uniquely created for students, teachers, and families during the height of the election season. The 3,000 square foot exhibition connects visitors with the excitement, pageantry, and importance of presidential elections through role-playing opportunities and interactive experiences.

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CBS 3 is the official media partner for the exhibition. CBS 3 (KYW-TV) and The CW Philly 57 (WPSG-TV) are part of CBS Television Stations, a division of CBS Corporation.

Admission to *Headed to the White House* is \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors ages 65 and up, and \$9 for children ages 4-12. Active military personnel and children ages 3 and under are free. Group rates are also available. Admission to the Center's main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*, including the award-winning theater production "Freedom Rising", is included. For ticket information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. Also, as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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