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## NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER TO HOST A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE FUTURE OF MARRIAGE

Philadelphia, PA (October, 13 2009) – The National Constitution Center will present a timely program on the topic of same-sex marriage on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. With a potentially precedent-setting legal challenge to California's Proposition 8 working its way through the federal court system, the debate is at the forefront of American politics, and the Center will bring together scholars and advocates to discuss this contentious constitutional issue. Admission is free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

In November 2008, California voters approved the Proposition 8 ballot measure, amending their state Constitution to recognize marriages only between a man and a woman. Since then, lawsuits filed on behalf of gay couples wishing to marry have attracted national attention. David Boies, a leading lawyer in one of the cases, will participate in a conversation on the issue with Keith Boykin, Maggie Gallagher, and Glenn Stanton.

**David Boies** is founder and chairman of Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP. He was named "Lawyer of the Year" by the *National Law Journal* and runner-up for "Person of the Year" by *Time* magazine. Boies served as Special Trial Counsel for the United States Department of Justice in its successful antitrust suit against Microsoft, and was counsel to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation from 1991 to 1993, in efforts to recover losses for failed savings and loan associations.

**Keith Boykin** is the editor of The Daily Voice online news site, a CNBC contributor, a BET TV host, and a *New York Times* best-selling author. He served in the White House as special assistant to President Bill Clinton. Boykin's book, *Respecting The Soul*, won the Lambda Literary Award, and his most recent book, *Beyond the Down Low: Sex, Lies and Denial in Black America*, was nominated for the award.

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**Maggie Gallagher** is president of the National Organization for Marriage, which is widely credited with getting Proposition 8 on the California ballot. She also serves as President of the Institute for Marriage and Public Policy. In addition, Gallagher is a nationally syndicated columnist and the author of several books on marriage, including *The Case for Marriage: Why Married People are Happier, Healthier, and Better-Off Financially*.

**Glenn T. Stanton** is the Director for Family Formation Studies at Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs. He served in the White House under George W. Bush as a consultant on increasing fathers' involvement in the Head Start program. Stanton is a founding signatory of the new *Hampton Proclamation*, a cooperative effort of diverse leaders launched by the National Center on African American Marriages and Parenting at Hampton University, with the goal of strengthening marriage and married parenting in the African-American community.

**Margot Adler** will moderate the program. Adler is a National Public Radio correspondent whose reports can be heard regularly on All Things Considered, Morning Edition, and Weekend Edition. She has been with NPR since 1979 and has worked in radio journalism for 40 years. Until June 2008, she hosted NPR's Justice Talking, a weekly show that explored the cases and controversies that come before our nation's courts.

This program is part of the Knight Constitutional Conversation Series, which has been generously underwritten by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation promotes excellence in journalism worldwide and invests in the vitality of the U.S. communities where the Knight brothers owned newspapers. Knight Foundation focuses on projects with the potential to create transformational change. For more, visit [www.knightfoundation.org](http://www.knightfoundation.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

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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](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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