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BECOMING AN ACTIVE CITIZEN: NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER HOSTS CONVERSATION WITH HARRIS WOFFORD AND ALAN KHAZEI

Philadelphia, PA (October 29, 2010) – The National Constitution Center will highlight the importance of active citizenship during a roundtable discussion on Thursday, November 11, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., with **Harris Wofford**, former United States Senator, and **Alan Khazei**, author of the new book *Big Citizenship: How Pragmatic Idealism Can Bring Out the Best in America*. **David L. Cohen**, Executive Vice President of Comcast Corporation, will introduce the program, and **David Eisner**, President and CEO of the National Constitution Center, will moderate. In a political environment often bogged down by petty bickering and cynicism, the panelists will discuss ways to bridge differences, encourage positive discourse, and effect powerful change. Admission is FREE, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700 or at www.constitutioncenter.org.

Harris Wofford represented the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the United States Senate from 1991 to 1994. He previously served as Governor Casey's Secretary of Labor and Industry. Wofford was president of Bryn Mawr College from 1970 to 1978. In the 1960s, he served as President Kennedy's Special Assistant for Civil Rights, and worked closely with Sargent Shriver in organizing the Peace Corps. Later, Wofford served as the Peace Corps' Special Representative to Africa and its Associate Director. He is the author of five books, including *Of Kennedys and Kings: Making Sense of the Sixties*.

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Alan Khazei is an award-winning social entrepreneur who has dedicated his life and work to strengthening American democracy through the engagement of citizens in service and public policy. He is the founder and CEO of Be the Change, Inc., which organizes national coalitions to craft and advocate for bold, post-partisan solutions to major national challenges. Khazei previously served as co-founder and CEO of City Year, a youth service corps currently serving in 20 American cities, which helped inspire the creation of AmeriCorps.

David L. Cohen is Executive Vice President of Comcast Corporation, where he oversees corporate communications, government affairs, public affairs, and corporate administration. He also serves as senior counselor to the CEO. Prior to assuming this position in 2002, he served as a partner in and Chairman of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP. From January 1992 to April 1997, Cohen served as Chief of Staff to the Honorable Edward G. Rendell, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia. He serves as Chairman of both the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, and as a member of the CEO Council for Growth. Cohen also serves as Chairman of the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania and its Executive Committee, as well as on various other boards, and has received numerous awards for his civic and charitable activities.

David Eisner is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Constitution Center. Eisner assumed leadership of the Center following a five-year tenure as CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, the independent federal agency that oversees America's national service programs, including AmeriCorps, VISTA, and Senior Corps. Eisner was previously a senior executive at AOL Time Warner and America Online, Inc., where he established and directed the AOL Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to using the power of media and information technology to serve the public interest.

A book sale and signing will follow the program, courtesy of Joseph Fox Bookshop.

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ADD TWO/BIG CITIZENSHIP

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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