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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER WELCOMES HUGH ALLEN, CHRISTINA CHAGIN, AND TANYA BARRIENTOS

Philadelphia, PA (January 17, 2008) – The National Constitution Center announces the appointment of **Hugh Allen** as Senior Director of Special Projects and Government Relations, **Christina Chagin** as Director of Individual and Major Gifts, and **Tanya Barrientos** as Development Writer.

As Senior Director of Special Projects and Government Relations, **Hugh Allen** will work on federal, state, and local government relations, as well as new revenue generating projects. He will also serve as an advisor to the President and CEO.

Prior to joining the Center, Allen served as Government Relations Coordinator before being named Deputy Chief of Staff for the School District of Philadelphia. In this role, he assisted the Interim Chief Executive Officer in relations with the School Reform Commission, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the City of Philadelphia, as well as with federal, state, and local elected and appointed officials. Allen also previously served as Chief Legislative Aide for the City Council of Philadelphia, Senior Legislative Liaison for the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association, and Legislative Research Analyst for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Allen received a Bachelor's degree in government and politics and a Master's degree in public administration from Widener University, where he teaches an "Introduction to Public Administration" course. Allen currently resides in the Somerton section of Philadelphia.

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As Director of Individual and Major Gifts, **Christina Chagin** will serve as the lead fundraiser for annual gifts from individuals and will develop donor programming, proposals, and donor communications. In addition, she will oversee the membership department.

Before joining the Center, Chagin served as Public and Government Relations Liaison and Fundraising Manager for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. There, she served as the Chairman's liaison to the public, state and local government officials, community leaders, and staff. In addition, she planned fundraising events for the Pennsylvania Historical Society and managed the production of fundraising materials. Chagin also served as Chairman's Liaison and Fundraising Manager for Historic Philadelphia, Inc., Deputy Director of Finance for Joe Torsella for Congress, and Campaign Coordinator for Dave Hardy for Council at Large.

Chagin earned a Bachelor's degree in law and society from American University, where she participated in the study abroad program in Rome. Chagin currently resides in the East Falls section of Philadelphia.

As Development Writer, **Tanya Barrientos** will be responsible for writing a wide variety of materials in support of the Center's fundraising efforts. She will also oversee print and electronic projects, including funding proposals for individuals, corporations, foundations, and other organizations; annual stewardship reports for select foundation donors; and project summaries for a diverse array of fundraising goals.

Before joining the Center, Barrientos worked for twenty years as a staff writer for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* where she reported on national stories, education issues, and human interest features, and wrote a humor column. Before joining the *Inquirer*, she worked as a staff writer for the *Dallas Times Herald*.

Barrientos is a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism, the author of two novels, and a 2001 recipient of the Pew Fellowship in the Arts. She currently resides in Abington, Pennsylvania.

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ADD TWO/NEW HIRES

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. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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