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**DISCUSS THE PRIMARY PROCESS WITH POLITICAL EXPERTS
AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER**

Philadelphia, PA (March 14, 2008) – On Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. – only twenty days before the important Pennsylvania primary – a panel of political experts will join the National Constitution Center to respond to citizens' ideas for reforming the primary process, as part of the Center's *Election '08: The Power of We* series. Participants include Angela "Bay" Buchanan, Pedro A. Cortés, Thomas "Tad" Devine, Chris Henick, and Meredith White. Admission to "What's your PRIMARY concern?" is free, but reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700. The public is invited to e-mail their thoughts about the primary process to talkback@constitutioncenter.org.

Angela "Bay" Buchanan began her political career as the national treasurer of Ronald Reagan's presidential campaigns in 1980 and 1984. In 1981, President Reagan appointed her to be treasurer of the United States. Buchanan served as the campaign chairman for all three of her brother Pat Buchanan's presidential campaigns. This election cycle, she served as chairman of Tom Tancredo's presidential campaign and as a senior advisor to Mitt Romney.

Pedro A. Cortés serves as Secretary of State for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Previously, Secretary Cortés served as the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs. He also served with the PA State Civil Service Commission and the PA Department of Public Welfare. He is the first confirmed Latino Cabinet member in Pennsylvania history.

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Thomas “Tad” Devine is a partner at Devine Mulvey, and has worked as a media consultant, writing, directing, and producing television and radio advertising for leading Democratic candidates in the U.S. His work in politics began in 1980 on President Carter’s campaign as a delegate tracker. In the 2000 general election, Devine served as a senior strategist to the Gore/Lieberman campaign. In 2004, he served as a senior advisor and strategist to Senator John Kerry’s campaign.

Chris Henick served as Senior Advisor to the Rudy Giuliani Presidential Committee. From January 2001 to December 2002, he served President George W. Bush in the White House as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy to the Senior Advisor. During the 2000 presidential election, Henick served as Deputy Director of Strategy for the Bush-Cheney campaign.

During this election cycle, **Meredith White** worked as a field organizer in Iowa, Nevada, and Missouri for John Edwards’ presidential campaign. In college, she worked on various campaigns, including General Wesley Clark’s presidential campaign in New Hampshire. White currently serves as a staff assistant for Senator Claire McCaskill in her Washington, D.C. office.

Moderating the event is **Jane Eisner**, Vice President for National Programs and Initiatives at the National Constitution Center. Eisner is the author of *Taking Back the Vote: Getting American Youth Involved in our Democracy*.

The National Constitution Center is celebrating the election season with an exciting, year long series, *Election '08: The Power of We*, which is designed to promote voting during the presidential election and active citizenship every day.

As part of *Election 08: The Power of We*, the Center is presenting a series of programs designed to engage Americans in the 2008 presidential election from the citizen perspective. The series is based on the premise that ordinary citizens have an important voice, not only in choosing among candidates, but also in shaping the nature of the election from its most elemental stages.

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ADD TWO/PRIMARY CONCERN

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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