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ALISON YOUNG JOINS SENIOR TEAM OF THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER AS VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Philadelphia, PA (December 8, 2010) – Intensifying its commitment to the development of innovative public education and outreach strategies, the National Constitution Center has hired former White House official **Alison Young** as Vice President of Public Engagement. Serving as a chief adviser to President George W. Bush, Young provided expertise in civic engagement and national service. Young will join the Center’s senior management team in its mission to illuminate constitutional values and inspire acts of citizenship.

By cultivating relationships and strategic partnerships with prominent individuals, thought leaders, and organizations, Ms. Young will help position the Center as the preeminent resource for discussion, debate, and education about the U.S. Constitution and its contemporary relevance. She also will oversee and expand the Center’s public outreach offerings, including curriculum-based materials, special events, web-based programs, debates, and forums.

“Alison’s expertise is critical as the Center prepares to launch its new five-year strategic plan,” said National Constitution Center President and CEO David Eisner. “We know she has the strategic vision necessary to help us fulfill key objectives such as leading the nation in providing accessible, current information and opportunities to engage on constitutional issues.”

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Prior to joining the Center, Young was Special Assistant to the President of the United States and Acting Director of USA Freedom Corps. She also served as White House Liaison and Director of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives for the Corporation for National and Community Service. In these roles, Young focused on civic education, corporate responsibility, disaster response and preparedness, volunteer mobilization, youth service engagement, and employee volunteerism.

Most recently, Young resided in Mexico where she worked with local organizations to build the capacity of community nonprofits and served as their ambassador to government agencies and funding organizations.

Young received a Bachelor's degree from Grove City College and a Master's degree from The George Washington University. She was selected for Harvard University's Executive Education Fellowship for Senior Managers in Government. She currently resides in the Old City section of Philadelphia.

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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