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NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER VISITORS VOTE FOR PRESIDENT WITH GUMBALLS

Democratic Candidate Receives 61% of the Vote

Philadelphia, PA (October 28, 2008) – One week before Election Day, the National Constitution Center announces the results of its gumball election. Today's tally shows that Obama has won 61% of the vote with a total of 16,784 gumballs.

In conjunction with the *Headed to the White House* exhibition and the Center's *Election '08: The Power of We* initiative, visitors of all ages have had the opportunity to cast a vote for president in the Center's Grand Hall Lobby and see the most up-to-date results with a running tally of colored gumballs. Each gumball signified a vote for either John McCain (red), Barack Obama (blue), or a third party candidate (white). John McCain received 33% of the vote with a total of 9,175 gumballs, and third party candidates received 6% of the vote with a total of 1,772 gumballs.

Obama took an early lead at the Center, receiving 58% of the vote during the first week of gumball voting in September. His lead remained steady throughout the following months, but took a substantial jump following the final presidential debate on October 15, bringing him to 64% of the vote.

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On Election Day, voting will continue in the Grand Hall Lobby, as the Center serves as the official kids' polling place. Visitors under the age of 18 will have the chance to cast their vote, and they will receive free admission to the Center all day. For more information about Election Day events at the National Constitution Center, visit www.constitutioncenter.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 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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