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DISCUSSION ON FOREIGN POLICY AND THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WITH ZBIGNIEW BRZESINSKI AND BRENT SCOWCROFT AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (September 3, 2008) - As part of the National Constitution Center's *Election '08: The Power of We* series, former National Security Advisors **Zbigniew Brzezinski** and **Brent Scowcroft** will discuss their new book, *America and the World: Conversations on the Future of American Foreign Policy*, and the presidential election. This program will take place on Monday, September 22, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 for non-members, \$9 for members, and \$7 for teachers and students. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

America and the World: Conversations on the Future of American Foreign Policy is a collection of unscripted and spontaneous conversations between Brzezinski and Scowcroft, moderated by journalist David Ignatius. Their exchanges focus on the challenges and changing nature of power that the U.S. faces as a superpower in a globalized world. Despite differing political backgrounds, Brzezinski and Scowcroft agree that the U.S. needs to adapt to this new global environment. In addition to discussing their book, Brzezinski and Scowcroft will draw upon their experience and expertise to address the security and geopolitical challenges facing the next president and the foreign policy platforms of the two presidential nominees. During the authors' visit to the Center, Ignatius will again fill the moderator role while Brzezinski and Scowcroft debate these critical and timely issues.

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Zbigniew Brzezinski is a counselor and trustee at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and professor of foreign policy at John Hopkins University. He formerly served as President Jimmy Carter's National Security Advisor, and in 1981, was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his role in U.S.-China relations and national security policies of the United States. Brzezinski is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Second Chance: Three Presidents and the Crisis of American Superpower*.

Brent Scowcroft is President of The Scowcroft Group, an international business and financial advisory firm. He is the former National Security Advisor for Presidents Gerald Ford and George H. W. Bush. A graduate of West Point, Scowcroft achieved the rank of Lieutenant General during a twenty-nine year military career and also served as former Military Assistant to President Richard M. Nixon. He currently serves on numerous corporate and nonprofit boards and is co-author with former President George H. W. Bush of *A World Transformed*.

David Ignatius is a columnist for *The Washington Post* and creator and co-moderator of *Post-Global*, an online conversation about international affairs with Fareed Zakaria. His column won the 2000 Gerald Loeb Award for Commentary, a 2005 Edward Weintal Special Citation, and the 1984 Edward Weintal Prize for Diplomatic Reporting. Ignatius previously served as executive editor for the *International Herald Tribune* and has written for *The Wall Street Journal*. He has also written six novels, including *Agents of Innocence* and *Body of Lies*.

Election 08: The Power of We is a year-long national initiative created by the Center to promote active, informed citizenship during the 2008 presidential election. This program is part of a series that includes discussions with Elizabeth Edwards and Carly Fiorina about health care and the economy. Daniel Berger is the lead underwriter of this program, which is also part of the *Daniel Berger Speaker Series*.

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