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## NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER ELECTS FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR DAVID GIRARD-diCARLO TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Philadelphia, PA (May 10, 2012) – The National Constitution Center has elected **David F. Girard-diCarlo**, former U.S. Ambassador and Member at the Philadelphia law firm Cozen O’Connor, to its Board of Trustees, which is chaired by former President William J. Clinton. Girard-diCarlo was elected during the Center’s April board meeting.

“Ambassador Girard-diCarlo brings a deep personal commitment to his country, a lifetime of political and policy connections and a passion for international engagement that are sure to bolster the Center’s ability to achieve the aggressive goals in our strategic plan,” said National Constitution Center President and CEO David Eisner.

Mr. Girard-diCarlo was appointed by former President George W. Bush as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Austria, one of the largest U.S. diplomatic missions in the world. He served as Ambassador from 2008 to 2009.

Prior to his service as Ambassador, Girard-diCarlo worked for 26 years – first as a partner, then for 22 years as Managing Partner and/or Chairman – of the law firm Blank Rome LLP. He began his career as an associate with Wolf Block LLP and then joined Dilworth Paxon LLP, where he became a partner. From 1979 to 1982, he served as Chairman of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA), having been appointed to the Board by former Pennsylvania Governor Richard Thornburgh.

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Girard-diCarlo also has been actively involved with numerous local, state and federal political campaigns, as treasurer of the Ridge for Governor Committee and chairman of the Governor elect's Transition Team; Pennsylvania state chairman of the Bush-Cheney 2000 and 2004 campaigns; and co-chairman of the host committee for the 2000 Republican National Convention, held in Philadelphia. Prior to his nomination as Ambassador to Austria, Girard-diCarlo was Pennsylvania Chairman for McCain for President 2008.

In addition, he has served in leadership positions at several prominent cultural institutions including the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, the Philadelphia Orchestra and Academy of Music, the Walnut Street Theatre, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and the Arizona Heart Foundation. Girard-diCarlo recently completed a 2 year term as President of the Pennsylvania Society.

Girard-diCarlo received his bachelor's degree from Saint Joseph's University and his law degree from Villanova University School of Law. He is the recipient of an honorary doctorate degree from Drexel University.

The National Constitution Center is the first and only nonprofit, nonpartisan institution devoted to the most powerful vision of freedom ever expressed: the U.S. Constitution. Located on Independence Mall in Historic Philadelphia, the birthplace of American freedom, the Center illuminates constitutional ideals and inspires active citizenship through a state-of-the-art museum experience, including hundreds of interactive exhibits, films and rare artifacts; must-see feature exhibitions; the internationally acclaimed, 360-degree theatrical production *Freedom Rising*; and the iconic *Signers' Hall*, where visitors can sign the Constitution alongside 42 life-size, bronze statues of the Founding Fathers. As America's forum for constitutional dialogue, the Center engages diverse, distinguished leaders of government, public policy, journalism and scholarship in timely public discussions and debates. The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, the national hub for constitutional education, which offers cutting-edge civic learning resources both onsite and online. Freedom is calling. Answer it at the National Constitution Center. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org)

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