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**NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER WELCOMES  
LESLEY ALBANESE  
AS VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT**

Philadelphia, PA (March 24, 2014) – The National Constitution Center is pleased to announce the addition of **Lesley Albanese** as Vice President of Development after a six-month national search. Albanese joins the Constitution Center from the Cato Institute, a nonpartisan public policy research foundation in Washington, D.C., where she spent 17 years in various roles, most recently as Vice President of Development.

Albanese will oversee all fundraising efforts for the Constitution Center. She will focus on increasing annual support in all areas, including corporations, individuals, and foundations. Albanese also will continue to raise money for ongoing capital and endowment projects, including the museum's new Bill of Rights Gallery, which is scheduled for construction in late summer/early fall 2014, as well as the Constitution Center's annual Liberty Medal Awards Ceremony and Gala.

"Lesley's great depth and breadth of experience made her the perfect candidate for the job. She has proved masterful at cultivating donors from all sides of the political spectrum," said National Constitution Center President and CEO Jeffrey Rosen. "I am especially impressed by Lesley's passion for constitutional issues and her eagerness to promote the Constitution Center's unique national role as a forum for non-partisan constitutional education and debate."

In her role as Vice President of Development at the Cato Institute, Albanese was responsible for developing and directing the Institute's \$50 million "Liberating the Future" capital campaign, which expanded the Cato's headquarters on Massachusetts Avenue in D.C. Her experience includes stewardship, major gifts, development strategy, and special events.

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## ADD ONE/LESLEY ALBANESE APPOINTED VP OF DEVELOPMENT

She received a BA in Business and Political Science at the University of Pittsburgh and an MBA from Johns Hopkins University. She is a native of Medford, New Jersey and will split her time between Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., where her husband and two children reside.

### About the National Constitution Center

The National Constitution Center in Philadelphia is the Museum of We the People, America's Town Hall, and a Headquarters for Civic Education. As the **Museum of We the People**, the National Constitution Center brings the United States Constitution to life for visitors of all ages and inspires active citizenship by celebrating the American constitutional tradition. The museum features interactive exhibits, engaging theatrical performances, and original documents of freedom. As the only institution established by Congress to "disseminate information about the United States Constitution on a non-partisan basis," the National Constitution Center serves as a **Headquarters for Civic Education**—offering cutting-edge learning resources including the premier online Interactive Constitution. As **America's Town Hall**, the National Constitution Center hosts timely constitutional conversations uniting distinguished leaders, scholars, authors, and journalists from across the political spectrum. For more information, call 215-409-6700 or visit [constitutioncenter.org](http://constitutioncenter.org).

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