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Andrew E. Masich is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Senator John Heinz History Center. Since 1998, Mr. Masich has provided leadership for the operation of the History Center and its staff of 125, as well as the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum and the Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Museum of Rural Life and the Meadowcroft Rockshelter archeological site, the oldest site of human habitation in North America. Mr. Masich has forged strategic partnerships with the Smithsonian Institution and the Allegheny Conference for Community Development, and was a driving force behind Pittsburgh's 250th anniversary celebration. He currently serves on the Pennsylvania Civil War 150 Committee (2007-present) and the Pennsylvania Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

Mr. Masich serves on the American Association of Museums Accreditation Commission and is an active member of the American Association for State and Local History. His lively lectures on subjects ranging from the Civil War to American Indians have entertained and educated audiences from coast to coast. He makes regular television appearances on Pittsburgh's WQED and in 2003 and 2007, won Emmys for his historical documentaries. A recognized authority on the preservation and creative interpretation of history, he served for many years on the faculty of the prestigious Seminar for Historical Administration. Among his popular presentations is "Lighten up!", humor therapy for directors and other humor-impaired museum professionals. In 1997, he co-authored the award-winning *Cheyenne Dog Soldiers: A Ledgerbook of Coups and Combat* (winner of the Choice Book Award), *Halfbreed: The Remarkable True Story of George Bent – Caught Between the Worlds of the Indian and the White Man* (winner of the Colorado Book Award), and *The Civil War in Arizona: The Story of the California Volunteers, 1861-1865* (named Southwest Book of the Year).

Prior to joining the History Center, Mr. Masich served as Vice President and Acting President of the Colorado Historical Society in Denver. He managed the operation of regional museums and museum support centers as well as the Society's headquarters museum in Denver. He began his career with the Arizona Historical Society (1978-1990), serving as director of both the Yuma and Phoenix museums.

Mr. Masich has an M.A. in History/Museum Administration from the University of Arizona, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa, *magna cum laude*.

The **Senator John Heinz History Center** is an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest history museum in Pennsylvania. Under Mr. Masich's leadership, the History Center has become known nationally for its award-winning exhibitions and innovative educational programs. From the pre-revolutionary drama of the French & Indian War to the legendary match-ups of the Super Steelers, there are over 250 years of Pittsburgh history at the History Center. The 275,000-square-foot museum features six floors of permanent and changing exhibition space, including the Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum, a dynamic museum-within-a-museum, and the Library & Archives, an extensive scholarly resource documenting 250 years of life in Western Pennsylvania. The History Center presents the most compelling stories from American history with a Western Pennsylvania connection, all in an interactive environment perfect for visitors of every age.

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