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**Radio Host Tavis Smiley Speaks on Elections & Communities of Color
Keynote Address Opens National Conference on Race & Public Policy**

Berkeley, CA — Radio and television talk-show host Tavis Smiley will be speaking in UC Berkeley's Wheeler Auditorium at 7pm, Thursday November 11, 2004. The public event, titled "Racing the Elections: What Do the Presidential Elections Mean for Communities of Color?", costs \$10 for the public and \$5 for students with ID. Smiley will speak about the impact the reelection of President Bush will have on communities of color, as well as role that voters of color had in the election process. The event opens the conference on Race and Public Policy being held at the University of California, Berkeley, November 11-13, 2004.

Tavis Smiley is the host of *The Tavis Smiley Show* from NPR, and *Tavis Smiley* on PBS. His latest book is titled *The Unfinished Agenda of Brown v. Board of Education Black Issues in Higher Education*. Smiley is one of the premier media personalities in the U.S. *Time* selected Smiley as one of America's 50 most promising young leaders. *Newsweek* profiled him as one of the "20 people changing how Americans get their news."

The Race & Public Policy conference is cosponsored by the Applied Research Center, the Center for Social Justice at Boalt Law School—UC Berkeley, the Philanthropic Initiative for Racial Equity, and the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law. Special assistance for the Smiley event provided by the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

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