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**CALIFORNIA A CENTRAL THEME FOR TWO NEW SEPARATE EXHIBITIONS AT
THE CALIFORNIA AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM**

King In California II
and
Justice, Balance and Achievement: African Americans and the California Courts

Los Angeles, CA (January 19, 2012) - Two new history exhibitions have been installed at the California African American Museum (CAAM), and both have connections with past events in the “Golden State” of California. The first exhibition *King in California II* is on view through February 28, 2012. The second exhibition *Justice, Balance and Achievement: African Americans and the California Courts* on view through May 27, 2012 is a recognition of African American judges, and some of the major legal cases that have impacted the experiences of African Americans in California.

King in California II pays tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with historical photographs taken during some of his many trips to California. Dr. King visited California regularly from 1956 through 1968, participating in the civic, political and social life of California. Through this exhibition one has the opportunity to view images of Dr. King in his travels to bring justice to America. Photographs are from the collection of the Center for Photojournalism and Visual History at California State University, Northridge.

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The exhibition, *Justice, Balance and Achievement: African Americans and the California Courts* examines the achievements of African American judicial leadership and how some court cases have shaped the experiences of African Americans in California. Through objects and photos, the exhibit also celebrates the 17 African American justices who served on the Supreme Court and Courts of Appeal in California, also highlighting significant 19th and 20th century cases that influenced and shaped our communities. Organized by CAAM this exhibition combines two previous exhibitions, ...*And Justice For All* curated by the California Legislative Black Caucus and the Administrative Office of the Courts, and *African Americans in the California Courts*, curated by the California Judicial Center Library at the California Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District in San Francisco.

All CAAM exhibitions and educational programs are free and open to the public. CAAM is located at 600 State Drive, Exposition Park, Los Angeles, 90037. For more information on please visit www.caamuseum.org or call (213) 744-2024.

OTHER EXHIBITIONS IN THE CAAM GALLERIES:

“*The African Diaspora in the Art of Miguel Covarrubias: Driven By Color, Shaped By Cultures*” through February 26, 2012

“*Women Game Changers: Less Known, Here Celebrated*” extended through March 29, 2012.

“*Places of Validation, Art & Progression*” through April 1, 2012

“*Gallery of Discovery*” (multi-use education exploration space) ongoing

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ABOUT THE CALIFORNIA AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM

The California African American Museum (CAAM) researches, collects, preserves and interprets for public enrichment the history, art and culture of African Americans. Chartered by the California State Legislature in 1977, CAAM is a state supported institution and a partner with the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization Friends, the Foundation of the California African American Museum. In addition to its permanent collection of over 6,000 objects of art, artifacts and historical documents, CAAM also houses a research library containing more than 20,000 volumes, employs and trains high school students through its *Young Docents* program, and hosts in-house curated exhibitions and traveling shows on a regular basis. The museum also tours CAAM exhibitions throughout California and the nation.

Located at 600 State Drive in Exposition Park, the museum is open to the public Tuesday-Saturday 10am-5pm, and Sundays 11am-5pm. Admission and workshop participation is always free. Parking in the adjacent lot is \$10.00 all day at Figueroa and 39th Streets. For more information on the California African American Museum visit www.caamuseum.org.

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