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JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
PREPARED TO INVESTIGATE ELECTION FRAUD OR ABUSES

Atlanta, GA -United States Attorney David E. Nahmias announced today that William Toliver, Assistant United States Attorney, will lead the efforts of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Atlanta in connection with the Justice Department's nationwide Election Day Program for the upcoming November 7, 2006 general elections. AUSA Toliver has been appointed to serve as the District Election Officer for the Northern District of Georgia, and in that capacity is responsible for overseeing the District's handling of complaints of election fraud and voting rights abuses in consultation with Justice Department Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

U.S. Attorney David E. Nahmias said, "Everyone must have an equal right to vote, every vote should be honestly cast, and every honest vote should count. This is a fundamental process. We consider election fraud, corruption, and any abuses of voting rights as a serious attack against the democratic process and encourage anyone who has any knowledge of any such violation of law to let us know immediately."

On October 8, 2002, the Attorney General established a Department-wide Ballot Access and Voting Integrity Initiative. The goals of this Initiative are to increase the Department's ability to deter election fraud and discrimination at the polls and to prosecute these offenses whenever and wherever they occur - to make voting easier and cheating harder. Both goals are equally important. The Department's long-standing Election Day Program furthers the goals of the Initiative. The Program also is intended to ensure public confidence in the integrity of the election process by providing local points of contact within the Department where the public can report possible election fraud and voting rights violations while the polls are open on election day.

In order to respond to complaints of election fraud or voting rights abuses on November 7, 2006, and to ensure that such complaints are directed to the appropriate authorities, United States Attorney Nahmias stated that AUSA Toliver will be on duty in this District while the polls are open. He can be reached by the public at the following telephone number: (404) 581-6000.

The FBI will also have Special Agents available in its Atlanta field office and each resident agency in this District to receive allegations of election fraud and other election abuses. The FBI can be reached by the public at 404-679-6229.

Complaints about ballot access problems or discrimination can be made directly to the Civil Rights Division's Voting Section in Washington at 1-800-253-3931 or 202-307-2767.

For further information please contact David E. Nahmias (pronounced NAH-me-us), United States Attorney, or Charysse L. Alexander, Executive Assistant United States Attorney, through Patrick Crosby, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Attorney's Office, at (404) 581-6016. The Internet address for the HomePage for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia is www.usdoj.gov/usao/gan.