## THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

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## USCCR TO EXAMINE VOTER FRAUD AND VOTER INTIMIDATION AT THE POLLS

Commission probes allegations of voter fraud and intimidation in federal and state elections.

What: Meeting of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, an independent, bipartisan agency charged with monitoring and protecting civil rights

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has assembled a panel of experts to discuss the frequent allegations of voter fraud and intimidation that have questioned federal and state elections in recent years. Purported incidents of voter fraud have concerned non-citizens voting, eligible voters casting two or more ballots or impersonating other voters and other types of fraud. Claims of voter intimidation have involved officials purportedly challenging voters in minority areas with requests for identification and providing incorrect information on voter eligibility.

The speakers will include Donna Brazile, Chair, Democratic National Committee Voting Rights Institute, founder and managing director, Brazile and Associates; John Fund, writer, OpinionJournal.com, author, "Stealing Elections: How Voter Fraud Threatens Our Democracy;" Thor Hearne, Lathrop & Gage, former National Election Counsel, Bush-Cheney 2004; and Professor Robert Pastor, American University, National Security Council, Carter Administration.

When: Friday, October 13, 2006 1:00 PM

Where: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street NW, Room 540 Washington, D.C.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan agency charged with monitoring federal civil rights enforcement. Members include Chairman Gerald A. Reynolds, Vice Chairman Abigail Thernstrom, and Commissioners Jennifer C. Braceras, Peter N. Kirsanow, Arlan D. Melendez, Ashley L. Taylor, and Michael Yaki. Kenneth L. Marcus is Staff Director. Commission meetings are open to the media and general public.