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ANNOUNCE CONTACTS TO HANDLE ELECTION-RELATED COMPLAINTS

Election Day Program Again in Place for the November 2010 Mid-Term Election

ATLANTA, GA - United States Attorney Sally Quillian Yates announced that Assistant United States Attorney William Toliver will lead the efforts of his Office in connection with the Justice Department's nationwide Election Day Program for the upcoming November 2, 2010 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.

United States Attorney Yates said, "Every citizen must be able to vote without interference or discrimination and to have that vote counted without it being stolen because of fraud. The Department of Justice will act promptly and aggressively to protect the integrity of the election process."

Eight years ago, the Attorney General's Office established a Department-wide Ballot Access and Voting Integrity Initiative. The goals of this ongoing Initiative are to increase the Department's ability to deter election fraud and discrimination at the polls, and to prosecute these offenses whenever they occur. The Department's long-standing Election Day Program furthers these goals, and also seeks to ensure public confidence in the integrity of the election process by providing local points of contact within the Department for the public to report possible election fraud and voting rights violations while the polls are open on election day.

The franchise is the cornerstone of American democracy. We all must ensure that those who are entitled to the franchise exercise it if they choose, and that those who seek to corrupt it are brought to justice. In order to respond to complaints of election fraud or voting rights abuses on November 2, 2010, and to ensure that such complaints are directed to the appropriate authorities, United States Attorney Yates said that Assistant United States Attorney 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: 404-581-6374.

In addition, the FBI will have Special Agents available in each Field Office and Resident Agency throughout the country to receive allegations of elections fraud and other election abuses on election day.

The FBI can be reached by the public at 404-679-9000.

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.

United States Attorney Yates added, "The effectiveness of our Election Day Program depends in large part on the watchfulness and cooperation of the American electorate. It is imperative that those who have specific information about discrimination or election fraud make that information available immediately to my Office, the FBI, or the Civil Rights Division."

For further information please contact Sally Q. Yates, 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.justice.gov/usao/gan.