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10am Press Conference Monday at State Capitol Highlights Voter Registration and Early Voting

As early voting gets under way, Election Protection officials will discuss what voters need to know about making sure they are able to vote, remind voters to call the 1-866-OUR-VOTE voter assistance hotline if they have problems, and discuss their plans for monitoring the 2010 Election in Georgia.

ATLANTA—On Monday, September 27th at 10 a.m., Election Protection will hold a news conference about voter registration and early voting, and will outline its planned efforts in Georgia during the 2010 Election.

Following its successful work in Georgia since 2004, *Election Protection* is continuing its nonpartisan Know Your Rights/Election Protection Program. Election Protection is committed to mounting a voter assistance and education effort in 2010 to ensure voters know their rights and are able to cast a ballot that counts on Election Day.

The deadline to register to vote is Monday, October 4, 2010. Election Protection knows that the single largest issue that prevents Georgia voters from being able to cast a ballot on Election Day is a problem with the voter's registration. Registration problems are almost always easy to resolve before Election Day, but may be more difficult to resolve on Election Day, so voters should check their registration status and correct any problems before the registration deadline. At Monday's press conference, representatives from Election Protection and county registrars' offices will discuss the steps voters should take to make sure their votes are counted.

Voters can also make sure their vote counts by voting early. Registration problems are often not detected until the voter tries to vote, there may not be enough time to resolve a problem if the voter waits until Election Day to vote. By voting early, voters not only can vote when it is convenient for their work and family schedule, they can also be assured that they have enough time to correct registration problems – with Election Protection's help, if necessary – in time for their votes to count.

Voter Resources and Assistance. Voters can check their registration status, get registration forms and information, and find out their early voting and Election Day polling places on the Secretary of State's "My Voter Page," <http://www.sos.ga.gov/mvp>.

Election Protection's toll-free hotline (**1-866-OUR-VOTE**) is already available for voters who have difficulty registering to vote or voting early. Although it will not be staffed with live volunteers until November 1 and 2, Election Protection aims to return voters' calls within 24 hours to ensure voters get the help they need in time for their votes to count.

A press conference will held be at 10am in the North Wing of the State Capitol on Monday, September 27, 2010 to discuss voter registration and early voting, as well as Election Protection's planned efforts during the 2010 Election. Speakers include:

Sarah Shalf, Georgia Election Protection.

Harold Franklin, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

Helen Butler, Georgia Coalition for the People's Agenda.

**Election Protection Press Conference
Monday, September 27, 2010
10 a.m.
North Wing, Georgia State Capitol**

Voter Registration Deadline is Monday, October 4, 2010. Election Protection advises all voters to check their registration prior to this deadline to make sure their voter registration is up to date. An online registration check, and a wealth of other important voting information, is available on "My Voter Page" at <http://www.sos.ga.gov/mvp>. New voters should make sure the information on file with DDS is up to date and matches the information on their registration form. Voters with problems registering can call Election Protection at 1-866-OUR-VOTE for assistance.

Early Voting Has Begun. Metro counties have already opened their early voting locations. More locations will be available the week prior to Election Day. Fulton County will be open on two Saturdays to accommodate those who work during the week. Early voting is convenient and helps avoid last-minute problems on Election Day. Find early voting locations on [My Voter Page](#).

Volunteers are needed. On Election Day, Election Protection plans to staff a Georgia-specific hotline with live volunteers, and to send volunteers into the field to assist voters. To learn more about our efforts in Georgia, and to sign up, go to www.ElectionProtectionGA.org.

The Election Protection Program provides voter information and assistance, expert legal help and poll monitors to help voters understand their rights when problems arise. Election Protection targets historically disenfranchised communities, including Hispanic, African-American and low-income communities, by providing these voters with key information and advice.

Election Protection is the nation's most ambitious non-partisan program for preventing Election Day disenfranchisement. The coalition of state and national allies seeks to ensure that every eligible voter casts a ballot that counts on Election Day. For more information about Election Protection, please visit www.866ourvote.org or www.electionprotectionga.org.

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