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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Media Advisory

**WHAT:** “Lessons Learned from Ohio’s Primary: Making November a Success”

#### **Cleveland State University’s Center for Election Integrity and The League of Women Voters of Cleveland Educational Fund Conference**

**WHERE:** Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs  
Glickman-Miller Hall Atrium  
Cleveland State University  
1717 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

**WHEN:** Friday, June 9, 2006  
8:00 a.m. until noon

**WHY:** Election officials, election day observation groups and election experts will discuss their findings and analysis from the May primary and provide recommendations for improvements to election procedures before the November election. Panelists will address issues such as the role of poll workers and their training, the usability and reliability of new voting technology, the effects of new Ohio legislation and procedural concerns. The recommendations generated by the conference will be used by the independent review panel charged with assessing the May primary for the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and will also be submitted for use by other election study committees.

#### **AGENDA:**

7:30 - 8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast  
8:00 - 8:15 a.m. **Introduction**  
Abigail Horn, Assitant Director, Center for Election Integrity,  
Cleveland State University  
8:15 - 9:30 a.m. **Election Day Observers**  
Normal Robbins, Greater Cleveland Voter Coalition  
Sherece Gray, Outreach Coordinator, League of Women Voters of Cleveland  
Educational Fund  
Chris Nance, Office of Representative Stephanie Tubbs Jones  
Ron Olsen, CASE Adopt-a-BOE  
**Questions and Answers**  
Moderator: Dora Rose, Esq., Center for Election Integrity

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- 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.      **Election Officials’ Analysis**  
Michael Vu, Director  
Cuyahoga County Board of Elections  
Bryan C. Williams, Director  
Summit County Board of Elections  
Matt Damschorder, Director  
Franklin County Board of Elections  
**Questions and Answers**  
Moderator: Jean Robejsek, League of Women Voters, Cleveland
- 10:30 - 10:45 a.m.      Break
- 10:45 - 11:30 a.m.      **Usability and Reliability of New Voting Technology**  
Hugh Shannon, Cuyahoga County  
Brian Phillips, Systest  
**Questions and Answers**  
Moderator: Abigail Horn, Center for Election Integrity
- 11:45 – noon              **From Here Forward: What are Ohio’s Next Steps**  
The Honorable Judge R. Adrian, Chair of the Independent Review Panel

The conference will be followed in the afternoon by a special public hearing of the Cuyahoga Board of Elections Independent Review Panel from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs Atrium. The conference is free and open to the community. For further details, or to register for the conference, call (216) 523-7330 or access the agenda on the College’s web site at <http://urban.csuohio.edu/cei/>.

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