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President Gerald Ford to Preside at Public Hearing on “Election Reform: The American and International Experience”

Charlottesville, VA — May 30, 2001 On Tuesday, June 5, former President Gerald Ford will chair the fourth and final public hearing of the National Commission on Federal Election Reform at the Ford Presidential Library, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The theme of the hearing will be "The American and International Experience." The Commission will hear from panels of elected officials, election administrators, experts in media coverage, and scholars. It will be live broadcast on-line at <http://www.reformelections.org> beginning at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

11:00 a.m.

Welcome by President Ford

11:05 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Panel 1: Perspectives from Washington

Congressman John Conyers

Congressman Steny Hoyer

Congressman Bob Ney (invited)

Scott Thomas, Federal Election Commission

1:00-2:00 p.m.

Panel 2: Administrative Perspectives

Christopher Thomas, Michigan Bureau of Elections

Ernest Hawkins, Registrar of Sacramento County
(CA)

Doug Lewis, The Election Center

2:00-2:40 p.m.

Panel 3: Media Projections

Joan Konner, CNN Report on Election 2000

Michael Traugott, University of Michigan

2:40-3:20 p.m.

Panel 4: Special Problems with Voter Access

Jim Dickson, American Association of Persons with Disabilities

Admiral Stephen Yusem, Reserve Officers of the United States

3:20-3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Panel 5: International Perspectives

Robert Pastor, The Carter Center

Jean-Pierre Kingsly, Elections Canada

Richard Soudriette, International Foundation for Election Systems

To learn about the mission, scope and work of the Commission, find out more about the Commission's members, watch a hearing, or to read the transcripts, please visit our website: <http://www.reformelections.org>.

The hearing, which is open to the public, will be held at the Ford Presidential Library, located at 1000 Beal Avenue, in Ann Arbor, on the University of Michigan Campus. Press accreditation and badging will begin at 10:00 a.m. Doors open to the public at 10:30 a.m. Media are asked to pre-register via e-mail by Friday, June 1 to Lisa-Joy Zgorski at zgorski@tcf.org or by fax at 202-483-9430.

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