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## **NEW JERSEY U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ESTABLISHES ELECTION DAY HOTLINE FOR COMPLAINTS OF VOTING IRREGULARITIES OR ABUSES**

NEWARK, N.J. – New Jersey United States Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced today that the U.S. Attorney's Office has established an Election Day Hotline to receive and respond to reports of election irregularities, voter intimidation or any other activities that would interfere with a citizen's right to vote on November 2, 2010. The Election Hotline – (609) 656-2558 – is available for both English and Spanish-speaking callers.

The Department of Justice and federal law enforcement partners will work with county boards of election and the New Jersey Attorney General's Office to respond to complaints and direct them to the appropriate authority.

The Department of Justice seeks to ensure that all qualified voters have the opportunity to cast their ballots and have their votes counted, without discrimination, intimidation or fraud.

This yearly initiative is intended to foster public confidence in the integrity of the election process by providing local points of contact within the Department of Justice for the public to report possible election fraud and voting rights violations while the polls are open on Election Day.

The Department of Justice and federal investigative agencies, led by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, work cooperatively with the state Attorney General's Office, under the direction of Attorney General Paula Dow, to enforce voters' rights at the polls.

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