

# THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

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### **U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON NEW BLACK PANTHER PARTY VOTING RIGHTS SUPPRESSION INVESTIGATION**

Washington, DC – The United States Commission on Civil Rights announces that it will hold a public hearing on February 12, 2010. This meeting is open to the public and the media.

**DATE AND TIME:** Friday, February 12, 2010; 9:30 a.m. EST

**PLACE:** 624 9<sup>th</sup> St., N.W.  
Room 540  
Washington, DC 20425

Pursuant to the provisions of the Civil Rights Commission Amendments Act of 1994, 42 U.S.C. § 1975a, the Commission will hold a hearing to collect information within the jurisdiction of the Commission related particularly to the Department of Justice's actions in the New Black Panther Party Litigation and enforcement of Section 11(b) of the Voting Rights Act. An executive session not open to the public may be convened before or during the hearing.

The Commission is authorized to hold hearings and to issue subpoenas for the production of documents and the attendance of witnesses pursuant to 45 CFR § 701.2. The Commission has broad authority to investigate allegations of voting irregularities even when alleged abuses do not involve discrimination.

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Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Pamela Dunston at least seven days prior to the meeting at 202-376-8105. TDD: (202) 376-8116.

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