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**The National Commission on Federal Election Reform
Goes West to Further its Work with a Second Public Hearing**

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The National Commission on Federal Election Reform, led by former Presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford, will hold its second **public hearing at the Ronald Reagan Library in Simi Valley, California, on April 12, 2001, beginning at 10 AM PST.** Following a productive first hearing on March 26 chaired by Carter at which legislative issues were explored, this hearing will focus on election best practices. The Secretaries of State of California and Oregon, as well as Los Angeles area registrars will offer perspectives on election reform. Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Chair of the Democratic Caucus's Special Committee on Election Reform, and others will offer insights on citizen participation. New voting technologies will be showcased. It furthers the Commission's work to issue recommendations this Fall for pragmatic, bipartisan and politically viable election reform.

The hearing is open to the public. Visit www.reformelections.org, for a full, updated list of those to testify, as well as live and on-demand webcasts. The current agenda follows:

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| 10:00 a.m. | Demonstration of Voting Technologies: optical scans, touch screens and more |
| 10:20 a.m. | Perspectives of Administrators in the Field with LA County Voting Registrars Conny McCormack and Riverside County Registrar Michelle Townsend |
| 11:00 a.m. | Election Oversight with FEC Chairman Danny McDonald; and Secretaries of State Bill Jones (CA) and Bill Bradbury (OR). |
| 1:30 p.m. | Citizen Participation with Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA); Kim Alexander of the California Voter Foundation; California State Assemblyman Rod Pacheco; and Rosalind Gold, National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials. |
| 2:30 p.m. | New Technologies with Dr. Michael Alvarez from the CalTech/MIT Voting Project; Dr. David Jefferson of the California Internet Task Force; and Dr. Susan Roth from The Ohio State University. |

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This public hearing in Simi Valley is the second of a series of public hearings at presidential libraries across the country. Two more public hearings remain:

- May 24 at the Lyndon B. Johnson Library in Austin, Texas;
- June 5 at the Gerald Ford Library in Ann Arbor, Michigan. (Former President Ford to preside)

Seats at the Reagan Library Auditorium will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Press accreditation and badging will begin at 9 A.M. Doors open to the public at 9:30 A.M. Media are asked to pre-register via e-mail to zgorski@tcf.org or by fax at 202/483-9430 by COB on Tuesday, April 10.

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