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ILLINOIS BALLOT INTEGRITY PROJECT WILL SPONSOR A SPECIAL SHOWING OF *STEALING AMERICA: VOTE BY VOTE* WITH GUEST SPEAKER HARVEY WASSERMAN.

Chicago, October 13, 2006. The Illinois Ballot Integrity Project has just announced it will present a special showing of the new feature-length documentary *Stealing America: Vote by Vote* by Emmy-winning and Oscar-nominated filmmaker Dorothy Fadiman, with special guest speaker, well-known author and Free Press Senior editor, Harvey Wasserman. This must-attend event will be **7:00pm, Sunday, October 22nd at Elm Place Middle School Auditorium, 2031 Sheridan Road in Highland Park.** The program will open with the film and Wasserman will speak followed by a question and answer session and book signing.

Stealing America: Vote by Vote documents significant irregularities in the Presidential election of 2004 while underscoring the fact that election fraud and reform are not partisan issues. The film weaves together dramatic behind-the-scenes experiences of poll workers, computer security experts, journalists, politicians, activists and voters of all ages. We hear from those who feel their communities were targeted for intimidation during the election, side by side with descriptions of voting machine irregularities showing the number of votes tallied don't equal the number of votes cast.

Filmmaker Dorothy Fadiman has been producing media with a focus on social justice and human rights since 1976. Subjects of her films range from progressive education to the story of a woman's recovery after a devastating spinal cord injury. Her interest in women's issues includes a three-film series about the controversy surrounding abortion issues in the United States, *From The Back-Alleys To The Supreme Court And Beyond* and a documentary about women of courage in rural India come out of seclusion to serve in their communities, *Woman By Woman: New Hope for the Villages of India.* Her films are shown on PBS, and in a many international venues. Faidiman's honors include an Academy Award nomination, an Emmy and the Gold Medal from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. She is currently working on her book, *Producing With Passion: Making Films That Make A Difference*

Harvey Wasserman is author or co-author of a dozen books on politics, history, energy and the environment, including *Harvey Wasserman's History of the U.S.* and *Solartopia! Our Green-Powered Earth, A.D. 2030.* He speaks widely on college campuses, at public gatherings and in the media. Wasserman earned his master's degree from the University of Chicago. He holds professorships of history at two colleges in central Ohio. Wasserman has covered politics for more than forty years. He helped found the Liberation News Service, the

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Montague (MA) organic farm, and numerous local and national environmental groups, including the Clamshell Alliance and Musicians United for Safe Energy. His award-winning articles and editorials appear throughout the world in magazines, newspapers and on the Internet. He is senior editor of the Columbus Free Press/Freepress.org, and has served as senior advisor to Greenpeace USA and the Nuclear Information & Resource Service. He co-wrote with Bob Fittrakis, the first widely circulated articles warning that Ohio's 2004 election would be stolen and then documented the theft.

The **Illinois Ballot Integrity Project** is incorporated as a not-for-profit, non-partisan civic organization dedicated to the correction of election system deficiencies and ensuring fair, accurate, and completely transparent elections. IBIP believes that fundamental to election integrity is the inscribing of all votes (whether by hand or by machine) on durable paper ballots which are easily handled and verified by the individual voter. The voter's paper ballot should be the only official ballot for purposes of casting, tallying, counting, audit and recount.

The **Mission** of the **Illinois Ballot Integrity Project** is to inform and educate the public, media and government officials about important election integrity issues and to promote the adoption of legislation and policies designed to secure the democratic process.

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