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**Statement on the 2010 Election Administration and Voting Survey
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Commissioners, Mr. Wilkey and Deputy General Counsel Gilmour, I am pleased to provide you with some background and context to your public discussion and deliberation around the development and release of the EAC's 2010 Election Administration and Voting Survey.

This Survey will represent our Commission's the fourth iteration of a national survey that tracks a variety of election administration data. As you are aware, it includes a fairly comprehensive series of questions related to voter registration, UOCAVA, provisional voting, domestic absentee and early voting, and poll workers. And, as you know, questions which are included in the survey that relate to UOCAVA voting and NVRA are required by HAVA.

Stakeholder opinions regarding the direction the EAC should take with the 2010 survey span a spectrum. Some have requested that the EAC use the 2008 survey questions for the 2010 survey, thereby making no changes to the instrument beyond those that might be statutorily required so that EAC might release the 2010 survey this summer. Other stakeholders have indicated a desire to see additional questions added to the 2010 survey.

In an effort to be responsive, the issue of how to proceed with the 2010 survey is being brought before the Commission for consideration. If the Commission decides to make no changes to the survey, a *draft* of the survey could be released by July or August of this year. However, if the decision is to make changes to the survey these recommended changes will need to be reviewed and, the survey modified before a draft can be released. In this instance, a draft of the survey could be released in October or November.

Whether the decision is to make no changes to the survey or instead, to introduce new questions, the survey must undergo the 120-day Paperwork Reduction Act clearance and review process (as required by OMB) before the final version of the survey can be released.

Thank you. I look forward to hearing from our stakeholders and to the Commission's discussion of this issue.

