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Powerful Documentary '*American Blackout*' to screen at **YOUR SCREENING INFORMATION HERE**

YOUR CITY HERE - 2006 Sundance Special Jury Prize winning documentary *American Blackout* to screen at **YOUR VENUE HERE**. Ian Inaba's stunning and powerful documentary *American Blackout* chronicles the recurring patterns of disenfranchisement witnessed from 2000-2004, including the systematic suppression of the African American vote in Florida in 2000 and Ohio in 2004. The film also tells the story of Georgia Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney, who took an active role in investigating these voting irregularities only to find herself in the middle of an election rife with controversy after publicly questioning the Bush Administration about the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Some call McKinney a civil rights leader; others call her a conspiracy theorist and a "looney." *American Blackout* gains unprecedented access to one of the most controversial and dangerous politicians in America and examines the contemporary tactics used to control our democratic process and silence political dissent.

The film features interviews with Rep. John Lewis (D-GA), Rep. Cynthia McKinney (D-GA), Rep. John Conyers (D-MI), Rep. Bernie Sanders (I-VT), and Rep. Stephanie Tubbs-Jones (D-OH). Also featured are Christopher Edley, former U.S. Civil Rights Commissioner and Dean of UC Berkeley's School of Law, BBC journalist Greg Palast, and Van Jones, Executive Director of the Ella Baker Center. *American Blackout* is directed by Ian Inaba, the creator of the controversial pre-election music video for Eminem's "Mosh" (watch the video at: <http://gnn.tv/videos/28/>), and features music from hip-hop mavericks DJ Shadow, Soulsavers, and Thievery Corporation, among others. In 2000, Inaba and his partners formed the Guerrilla News Network (GNN). GNN is an award-winning independent news organization whose website (www.gnn.tv) has been called a "... PBS for the Hip-Hop generation."

"*American Blackout* talks to people of all ages and delivers a simple message: Every American deserves and should expect to have their vote counted," said Inaba. "We hope that people across the nation will take a close look at our electoral system through the eyes of Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney and *American Blackout* and remember this message when they vote this year and beyond."

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