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**COALITION RELEASES REPORT CARD ON ASHCROFT'S RESPONSE
TO MIAMI-DADE ELECTIONS' CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS**

- WHO:** **Miami-Dade Election Reform Coalition**
Brad Brown, *NAACP - Miami*
Lida Rodriguez-Taseff, *ACLU-Florida*
Max Rameau, *Brothers of the Same Mind*
Gihan Perera, *Miami Workers Center*
- WHAT:** **PRESS CONFERENCE** community coalition releases report card for Attorney General Ashcroft and Department of Justice's record on responding to elections civil rights violations.
- WHERE:** **Joseph Caleb Center**
Room 110 (Meeting Room)
5400 NW 22nd Avenue
Miami, FL 33142
- WHEN:** **2:00 PM**
Monday October 28, 2002
- WHY:** In response to Attorney General Ashcroft announcement last week to monitor Miami-Dade's upcoming November 5th elections, the Election Reform Community Coalition will release a report card on civil rights issues that have been brought before the Department of Justice (DOJ) since 2000.

"Ashcroft has refused to take action on the body of evidence on civil rights violations brought before him. As a result, we are concerned that the DOJ's presence on November 5th will not improve, and may in fact deepen, the community's crisis of confidence in the election process."

-- Brad Brown, President of NAACP – Miami, member organization of the Election Reform Coalition

Copies of the report card and background on reports to DOJ will be made available.

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