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DRAWING DEMOCRACY FAIRLY:
Minority Voting Rights
On the Eve of Redistricting

Featuring civil rights legal guardian
JOHN DOAR
Former Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights from 1965-1967

9:30-11:00 AM

WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
3000 EARL GOODWIN PARKWAY
SELMA, ALABAMA
Hank Sanders Technology Center, Room 105
Recently released Census data reflects that America is more racially diverse than it has ever been.

And now, on the eve of redistricting, as states begin to redraw district lines to accommodate America’s growing racial diversity, we are called upon to ensure that local, state and federal boundary lines are drawn fairly.

Even as it stands as our democracy’s checkpoint guarding against discrimination, the Voting Rights Act is again under attack. Two years ago, the Supreme Court rejected an invitation to find the Voting Rights Act unconstitutional after a small Texas district argued that the election of President Barack Obama rendered the protections of the Act unnecessary.

More recently, a similar challenge was filed out of Shelby County, Alabama, the state that gave birth to the Voting Rights Act. The State of Georgia filed a constitutional challenge of its own, and others are threatened.

Featuring civil rights legal guardian, John Doar, Former Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights from 1965-1967, this panel will address what is at stake in the next round of redistricting for the African-American community and other communities of color.

This panel will also examine the historical justifications and continuing need for the Voting Rights Act and how, even as it is under attack, the Act will again be called upon to safeguard minority voting rights and to ensure that democracy is drawn fairly in the upcoming round of redistricting.