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**ROGER EBERT GIVES “FREE FOR ALL!”
THREE STARS—
ELECTION PROTECTION FILM REVEALS
KENNETH BLACKWELL & MIKE CONNELL**

— Filmmaker and Citizen Journalist John Wellington Ennis Uncovered Election Corruption Details Long Before Lawsuit Against Blackwell for “Racially Discriminatory Practices” Against Ohio Voters —

LOS ANGELES (October 5, 2008)—Filmmaker and citizen journalist **John Wellington Ennis’ Shoot First Inc.** (www.shootfirstinc.com) presents the political documentary “*FREE FOR ALL!*,” which is being released on DVD Tuesday, October 7, 2008. Famed film critic **Roger Ebert** just awarded the film three stars (out of four) in a **Chicago Sun-Times** review (<http://rogerebert.suntimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20081002/REVIEWS/810049997/1023>), calling the film “engrossing, even enraging.” The review highlights former Ohio Secretary of State **Kenneth J. Blackwell**, the man at the nucleus of political corruption that “*FREE FOR ALL!*” reveals. The film also exposes IT Technician **Mike Connell**’s role, resulting in a subpoena, which alleges that vote-tampering during the 2004 presidential election resulted in civil rights violations.

Election integrity journalist **Brad Friedman**’s story “*Who Is Mike Connell? A Clip from ‘FREE FOR ALL’ Gives You an Idea*” (<http://www.bradblog.com/?p=6220>) details how Ennis uncovered the information, long before Connell was subpoenaed or Blackwell was charged for “racially discriminatory practices” against Ohio voters.

The case, known as **King Lincoln Bronzeville Neighborhood Association v. Blackwell**, was filed against Blackwell on August 31, 2006, by Columbus attorneys **Clifford Arnebeck, Robert Fitrakis**—both featured in “*FREE FOR ALL!*” **The Raw Story** details the lawsuit in an article titled “*Republican IT consultant subpoenaed in case alleging tampering with 2004 election*” published at: http://rawstory.com/news/2008/Republican_IT_consultant_subpoenaed_in_case_0929.html

As a co-founder of **Video The Vote** (www.videothetevote.org), Ennis is actively involved with election protection initiatives around the nation.

Ennis states, “There are already numerous cases of voter purging and misinformation that I have documented for Video the Vote in 2008. The kind of disenfranchisement I discovered in making “*FREE FOR ALL!*” is back in style, leading up to this election: partisan officials, unprepared polling places and dubious voting machines. The time to fix our elections and confirm registration is *NOW*—election day is too late.”

Just in time for the 2008 Presidential Elections, "*FREE FOR ALL!*" uncovers evidence of voter suppression schemes that swing U.S. Elections. The feature-length independent film features Ennis in "*one dude's quest for democracy*" with **BBC** investigative journalist and best-selling author **Greg Palast**. Using satire, comedy and animation, the film explores the concept of truth itself, questioning what we often take for granted as the basis for facts.

The film, which is co-executive produced by **Richard Ray Perez** (co-director of "**Unprecedented**") and **Holly Mosher** ("**Side Effects**"), was first screened for independent media at the **National Conference for Media Reform**.

The *FREE FOR ALL!* DVD with Extras is available for purchase on the website for \$20.08. Bonus footage includes a featurette on Blackwell. The DVD also features Spanish subtitles and English closed-captioning.

For more information, please visit www.freeforall.tv — where the film began streaming online for free on July 4, 2008.

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