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Virginia NAACP 804/321-5678

AM I REGISTERED TO VOTE?

To find out, call your local registrar ("Voter Registration" in the blue pages) or the State Board of Elections (1-800-552-9745).

WHEN DO I VOTE?

Election Day is **Tuesday, November 7, 2006**.
Polling places are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

WHERE DO I VOTE?

Look on your voter registration card or call your local voter registration office before Election Day. Or, find your polling place on the Internet at www.sbe.state.va.us

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NAACP Virginia
State Conference
www.naacp.virginia.com

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