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Frederick M. Herrmann, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, announced today that the Commission has scheduled a public hearing concerning the New Jersey gubernatorial public financing program. The hearing will be held:

Date: Tuesday, February 20, 1990
Location: State House Annex, Room 418
West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey
Time: 10:00 a.m.

Herrmann explained that the public hearing is being conducted as part of the Commission's in-depth review and analysis of the 1989 New Jersey gubernatorial public financing experience. The hearing is intended to promote public comment concerning the operation and effect of the program. Further, the Commission especially welcomes recommendations that will improve this program.

The Commission expects that testimony and comment will be offered by former gubernatorial candidates, campaign treasurers, political party officials, and other interested citizens.

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The Commission anticipates that among the topics that will be the focus of written comments and oral testimony on the 1989 public financing experience are: the role of the political parties, the amount of public dollars being spent, the management of the debates, the effect of negative advertising, the impact of independent expenditures, and the administration of the program.

A report concerning the 1989 gubernatorial public financing program is expected to be released in the fall of 1990, and will include consideration of testimony offered at the hearing or submitted to the Commission in writing.

The Commission invites the participation of interested individuals in the February 20, 1990 hearing. Please contact Nedda Massar, Director of Public Financing, at (609) 292-8700 with any questions or to indicate a desire to participate in the hearing and evaluation process. Further, the Commission would appreciate any written comments interested parties might wish to submit.