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## PRESS RELEASE

Frederick M. Herrmann, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC), announced that at its public meeting today the Commission certified a total of \$204,936.00 in public matching funds to 1993 gubernatorial primary election candidates Jim Wallwork and Christine Todd Whitman. Public funds were certified as follows:

Candidate	Submission	Public Funds Certified	
Wallwork (R)	4	\$ 51,860.00	
Whitman (R)	2	\$153,076.00	

Herrmann indicated that this submission filed on May 10, 1993, was the fourth for Candidate Wallwork who has already been certified to receive a total of \$345,020.68 in public matching funds on his three prior submissions.

This submission for public matching funds was the second for Candidate Whitman and was filed on May 10, 1993. Candidate Whitman has

already been certified to receive a total of \$1,446,924 in public matching funds on her first submission. She has therefore now been certified to receive the \$1.6 million maximum in 1993 gubernatorial primary election public matching funds.

Herrmann explained that in order to be qualified to receive public matching funds, each 1993 gubernatorial primary election candidate was required to submit a signed agreement to participate in gubernatorial primary election debates and to document that a minimum of \$177,000 in contributions of \$1,800 or less was raised and spent for the 1993 primary election.

Including today's certification, the Commission has certified a total of \$5,196,880.68 in public funds to 1993 gubernatorial primary election candidates as follows:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Prior</u> <u>Certification(s)</u>	This Certification	<u>Total Public</u> <u>Funds Certified</u>
Edwards (R) Florio(D) Wallwork (R) Whitman (R)	\$1,223,498.00 1,600,000.00 345,020.68 1,446,924.00 \$4,991,944.68	N/A N/A \$ 51,860.00 	\$1,600,000.00 * 1,600,000.00 * 396,880.68 * 1,600,000.00 * \$5,196,880.68

<sup>\*</sup> Maximum public funds for 1993 primary election

The Commission will transmit today's certifications to the State Treasurer who, it is anticipated, will issue checks later this week. The checks will be deposited by the Commission in the candidates' public funds bank accounts and will be available for use immediately thereafter.