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### PRESS RELEASE

Frederick M. Herrmann, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC), announced today that the Commission has scheduled a public hearing concerning the 1993 New Jersey gubernatorial public financing program. The hearing will be held:

Date: Tuesday, February 15, 1994  
Location: State House, Room 319  
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 1993 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 anticipates that among the topics that will be the focus of written comments and oral testimony on the 1993 public financing experience are:

- Possible statutory changes affecting the 2:1 matching ratio and the expenditure limit;

- Possible changes to Commission regulations to address communications by an incumbent governor in the ordinary course of government business and spending by a gubernatorial general election candidate prior to the date of the primary election;
- Selection of gubernatorial debate sponsors and conduct of debates;
- Political party activities and independent expenditures;
- Gubernatorial Ballot Statement program;
- Expenditure limit litigation;
- Reporting and other issues relevant to gubernatorial inaugural fundraising events;
- Use of public funds in advertising by gubernatorial campaigns; and,
- General administration of the program.

Herrmann noted that a report concerning the 1993 gubernatorial public financing program is expected to be released in the future, 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 15, 1994 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.

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