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PRESS RELEASE

Frederick M. Herrmann, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC), announced today that gubernatorial public matching funds totaling \$344,660.00 were deposited into public funds bank accounts for 1997 gubernatorial primary election candidates as follows:

Robert E. Andrews	\$ 223,000.00
James E. McGreevey	\$ 78,360.00
Michael Murphy	\$ 43,300.00

Herrmann noted that eligible contributions are matched with two public dollars per private dollar submitted by a candidate and that the first \$69,000 of contributions submitted by a candidate is not matched.

Candidate Andrews' application for public matching funds, received by the Commission on April 28, 1997, was his second. The submission included \$112,600.00 in contributions eligible for match. If all contributions on his second submission had been eligible for match, Candidate Andrews would have received \$225,200.00. Candidate Andrews has now received a total of \$1,192,133.22 in public matching funds, including \$969,133.22 based upon his first submission

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Herrmann explained that contributions which were found to be ineligible for match for technical reasons may be resubmitted with clarification for match by the candidate on a later matching fund submission date. Contributions may be declared ineligible for match for a variety of reasons including an incomplete contributor name or address, the need for clarification of the source of a contribution, and the absence of occupation and employer information for a contribution in excess of \$300 received from an individual.

Candidate McGreevey's application for public matching funds, received by the Commission on April 28, 1997, was his seventh. The submission included \$43,730.00 in contributions eligible for match. If all contributions on his seventh submission had been eligible for match, Candidate McGreevey would have received \$87,400.00.

Herrmann indicated that Candidate McGreevey has already received public funds in the amount of \$1,485,109.16, based upon his first six submissions, and has now received a total of \$1,563,469.16 in 1997 primary election public matching funds. The maximum in public matching funds which may be received by a 1997 primary election gubernatorial candidate is \$1.86 million.

Candidate Murphy's application for public matching funds, also received by the Commission on April 28, 1997, was his third. The submission included \$22,750.00 in contributions eligible for match. If all contributions on the third submission had been eligible for match, Candidate Murphy would have received \$45,500.00. Candidate Murphy has already received public funds in the amount of \$398,692.00, based upon his first and second submissions, and has now received a total of \$441,992.00 in 1997 primary election public matching funds.

In order to be qualified to receive public matching funds, Herrmann said that Candidates Andrews, McGreevey, and Murphy submitted signed agreements to participate in two gubernatorial primary election debates and documented that a minimum of \$210,000 in contributions of \$2,100 or less was raised and spent for the 1997 primary election.

Herrmann stated that, to date, public matching funds totaling \$5,057,594.38 have been distributed to 1997 gubernatorial primary election candidates, including maximum public funds of \$1.86 million to Candidate Christine Todd Whitman.

Herrmann announced also that an alphabetical contributor list for the 1997 gubernatorial primary election is available for public inspection at the Commission's offices. The information contained in the list is taken from contributor information provided in applications for public matching funds submitted to the Commission. The list which is currently available therefore contains contributor information relevant to the Andrews, McGreevey, Murphy, and Whitman campaigns.

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