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PUBLIC FEDERAL ELECTION LAW SEMINAR SET FOR SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA ON AUGUST 20

WASHINGTON - Everything you want to know about Federal Election laws and planning for the 1980 Presidential elections are among the subjects of a one-day seminar to be conducted August 20 in the California State Capitol in Sacramento.

Sponsored by the Federal Election Commission, the seminar will be in Room 4202 of the State Capitol with all proceedings open to the public. The program will start at 10:00 a.m. with presentations by FEC Chairman Robert O. Tiernan, Vice Chairman Max L. Friedersdorf, and Commissioners Joan Aikens and John McGarry. William Loughrey, Deputy Staff Director, and William Oldaker, General Counsel, also will participate in discussions of the Federal Election Campaign Act, public financing of presidential elections and operations of the Commission, itself. The two-hour morning session will highlight FEC planning for the 1980 elections.

Starting at 2:00 p.m. and running until 4:00 p.m. will be two workshops conducted simultaneously. A reporting workshop will deal with requirements under the Federal Election Campaign Act, and will be directed particularly at campaign committee workers who anticipate being involved in advising on and preparing campaign finance reports for Federal elections.

A Political Action Committee workshop will provide an overview of the Federal Election Campaign Act, regulations governing federal elections, and FEC Advisory Opinions relating to separate segregated funds.

All sessions will be open to questions from the public and FEC staff specialists will be on hand for additional consultation and advice.

The seminar on campaign financing coincides with a two-day Conference for Election Administrators from the nine state Far West Region. This two-day conference also is in Sacramento and runs through August 21. Sponsoring this conference are the California Secretary of State, the California County Clerk's Association and the Federal Election Commission's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration. The Far West Regional Conference is one of five such regional meetings to be conducted by the FEC this year and in early 1980.