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FEC ANNOUNCES EXTENDED HOURS OF OPERATION

WASHINGTON -- Extended office hours to meet heightened press and public interest in federal campaign financial activities have been set by the Federal Election Commission's Office of Public Communications and its Public Disclosure Division. New temporary hours for Public Communications will start October 1 and continue through November 4. Public Records will start extended hours on October 14.

Information specialists in the Office of Public Communications will be available to respond to questions about the election law from candidates, political committee officials and the public. The office will be staffed from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. on weekdays. At all other hours and on weekends, callers on the Commission's toll-free lines may leave a message on a recording device and have their calls returned on the next business day.

Weekday hours for the Public Records Office will be from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m., with Saturday hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday hours from noon to 4 p.m. All campaign finance reports of candidate committees and political committees are maintained in the Public Records room on the ground floor of the Commission's headquarters at 1325 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Anyone may review and copy these campaign finance reports as well as other public documents, such as closed compliance cases, statistical summaries of campaign finance reports and computer indexes.

The telephone number for Public Records is (202) 523-4181. For Public Communications, the number is (202) 523-4068. The Commission's toll-free number is (800) 424-9530.

All offices of the Commission will be closed on Monday, October 13, for the federal holiday.