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FEC APPOINTS ORTIZ TO NATIONAL PANEL

WASHINGTON -- San Diego County Registrar Ray J. Ortiz has been appointed to the 17-member Advisory Panel to the Federal Election Commission's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration.

FEC Chairman Lee Ann Elliott said that Mr. Ortiz' term will run from January 1, 1984, through December 31, 1984. "As a member of our Advisory Panel, Mr. Ortiz will help advise the Commission of the best ways to use its resources to help improve the administration of elections throughout the Nation," she said.

Members of the Advisory Panel are selected by the FEC from among local and state elections administrators and public officials throughout the United States.

Mr. Ortiz will be taking part next month in a two-day meeting of the Advisory Panel in Washington, discussing such matters as application of computer technology to the election process, a Congressional mandated FEC study on voting systems standards and publication of an updated summary of all state campaign finance laws and applicable regulations.

A native of Sanger, he became Registrar of Voters of San Diego County in July, 1979, and currently is chairman of the Southern Area County Clerk's Association and a member of the legislative committee, is past president of the County Executive Association, and is a member of the Advisory Board of Directors of LEAD, San Diego.

During 1983, Mr. Ortiz served as a panelist at five Federal Election Commission-sponsored regional conferences on election administration and campaign finance.

He was educated at Allen Hancock College in Santa Maria and served 10 years in the military services. Following that he was employed in hospital administration at the LA-USC Medical Center, moving, in 1971, to the office of the Los Angeles Registrar-Recorder, later becoming elections assistant in the office of the California Secretary of State.

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