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POTTER ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN OF FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON -- Trevor Potter, a resident of Marshall, Virginia, has been elected Vice Chairman of the Federal Election Commission (FEC) for 1993.

In addition to serving as Vice Chairman, Mr. Potter - the youngest Commissioner and the most recent presidential appointment to the six-member Commission - will also direct the FEC's Budget and Regulation committees.

"With a new Congress considering major campaign finance reform, the threatened collapse of the current presidential public funding system, the Commission's completion of a number of internal changes, and special attention to finally getting sufficient staff to do the job, 1993 will be a critical year," said Mr. Potter.

Mr. Potter said the FEC, which was established to administer the public financing program for presidential elections, enforce limitations and prohibitions on contributions, and require public disclosure of campaign finances, has a vital role in politics.

"The entire government in Washington has a lot of work to do if we are to convince the American people that the political process follows the rules and conducts the public's business fairly and openly," said Mr. Potter. "I believe the Federal Election Commission is ready to do its part in regaining the public's confidence."

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Potter was a partner in a Washington, D.C. law firm where for six years he practiced in the fields of campaign and election law and federal ethics regulation. During his years in private law practice, he advised U.S. Presidential campaign committees and other federal committees and candidates on various election-related questions.

Mr. Potter's previous experience in government includes serving as an Assistant General Counsel at the Federal Communications Commission from 1984-1985, and as a Department of Justice official from 1982-1984.

A graduate of Harvard College and of the University of Virginia School of Law, Mr. Potter was Editor-in-Chief of the Virginia Journal of International Law from 1981-1982. He is currently a Vice Chairman of the American Bar Association's Election Law Committee, Administrative Law Section.

In 1991, Mr. Potter served as a member of the International Observer Delegation of the Parliamentary and Municipal Elections in Bulgaria, sponsored by the International Republican Institute and the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs. In 1992, he served as a Member of an American Council of Young Political Leaders delegation to Japan.

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