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FEC ADVISORY PANELS TO MEET AUGUST 5-6

WASHINGTON—A two-day meeting will be held August 5 and 6 of the Advisory Panel to the Federal Election Commission's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration, and of the Advisory Committee on Voting System Standards. Some members serve on both panels.

All sessions will be conducted at the Washington Plaza Hotel with the public invited to attend and participate.

The District of Columbia government will host a reception for the visitors Sunday, August 4, from 5 to 7 pm at the Convention Center.

The program will start at 9 a.m. Monday, August 5, with remarks by FEC Chairman John Warren McGarry, Staff Director John Surina and National Clearinghouse Director Penelope Bonsall.

First day activities include status reports on Clearinghouse current and projected activities, FEC campaign finance workshops and state computer access to the Commission's campaign finance data, presented by FEC staff; activities of the Visitor Program Service of Meridian House International, by Ambassador Richard K. Fox, Jr., and Nancy Buttermark; proposed use of postal change of address forms for voter registration purposes, by Dr. Raymond Wolfinger, Univ. of California, Berkeley; and discussion of implementing the Voter Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act, by Bill Kimberling, Deputy Director of the National Clearinghouse.

Tuesday's topics cover the FEC's on-going three part study to develop voluntary standards for voting equipment. Presentations will be made by Kimberling and Robert Naegele, President of Granite Creek Technology, Inc. who is preparing the hardware and software standards under contract for the FEC.

Members of the Advisory Panel expected to attend are: Ray Ortiz, Registrar-Recorder, San Diego County, California; Jean Marc Hamel, Chief Election Officer, Canada; Charles Kaniss, Supervisor of Elections, Pinellas County, Fla.; John Countryman, Illinois State Representative;

Administrator, Maryland State Administrative Board of Election Laws; Lyall Schwarzkopf, Minneapolis City Clerk; Allen J. Beermann, Nebraska Secretary of State; Ray Phelps, Oregon Director of Elections; William Huish, Utah County Clerk, Utah.

Members of the Voting System Standards Advisory Committee expected are: Don Siegelman, Alabama Secretary of State; Deborah Seiler, Assistant to the California Secretary of State for Elections and Political Reform; Ernest R. Hawkins, Sacramento County Registrar of Voters, California; Enid Earle, Lee County Supervisor of Elections, Florida; Michael E. Lavelle, Chairman, Chicago Board of Elections Commissioners; Laurie Potter Christie, Executive Director, Indiana State Board of Elections; James Malone, Jefferson County Clerk, Kentucky; Jerry Fowler, Louisiana Commissioner of Elections; Susan Farmer, Rhode Island Secretary of State; Joseph DiStefano, Chairman, Rhode Island State Board of Elections; P. Michael Cinnamon, Director of Elections, County of Richland, South Carolina; Anita Rodeheaver, Harris County Clerk, Texas; Donald F. Whiting, Elections Supervisor, Office, Secretary of State, Washington; Clara Jones, New Mexico Secretary of State; Thomas Wilkey, Public Information Officer, New York State Board of Elections; Ed Mahoney, Commissioner of Elections, Erie County, New York; Stuart Cohen, Assistant Commissioner, Legal Affairs and Policy, City of New York; Shirley Baccus, Supervisor of Elections, Brevard County, Florida; J. Phil Gilbert, Member, Illinois State Board of Elections; Bremer Ehrler, representing Jefferson County Clerk's office, Kentucky.
