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FEC ADVISORY PANELS TO MEET DECEMBER 9-10

WASHINGTON--Computer security in elections and the impact of the new immigration law on election reporting are among the subjects to be discussed at the annual meeting of the Federal Election Commission's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration with its Advisory Panel and the Voting System Standards Advisory Committees.

The two-day meeting will take place December 9 and 10, at the Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel. The public is invited to attend.

The program begins at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9, with remarks by FEC Chairman Scott Thomas, FEC Staff Director John Surina and National Clearinghouse Director Penelope Bonsall.

First day activities include a panel discussion of Polling Place Accessibility featuring U.S. Representatives Al Swift and Hamilton Fish, Jr., Montana Secretary of State Jim Waltermire, Former Maryland State Election Board Administrator Marie Garber, Frank DeGeorge of the Paralyzed Veterans of America and Lovola Burgess a member of the American Association for Retired Persons' Board of Directors; a look at recent Federal and State Case Law with David Sullivan, Legal Counsel for the Massachusetts Election Division and Philip Hickok, Deputy County Counsel of Los Angeles County; a review of Federal Election Legislation by Kathy Jarvis, Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Elections, Committee on House Administration; a look at the Implementation Plan for Voting System Standards by Clearinghouse Director Bonsall, followed by a panel discussion of system standards featuring Donald F. Whiting, Elections Supervisor for the State of Washington, Emmett Fremaux, Executive Director of the Board of Elections and Ethics in Washington, D.C., Vendor Representative Robert Tyre and Computer Scientist Dr. Brit Williams, Director of Computer Technology and Applications at Georgia Tech Research Institute; a review of Draft Standards for Direct Electronic Systems with Robert Naegele, President of Granite Creek Technology and Consultant Ray Phelps; a look at Selection of Test Authorities by Dr. Williams; a status report of N.Y. State and N.Y. City Testing and Procurement by Tom Wilkey, Director of Election Operations for N.Y. State and Kathleen Doran, Senior Project Manager for the N.Y. City Elections Project.

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Thursday's topics include Computer Security in the Election Environment with Joseph Simnowitz and Ron Kopp of Arthur Young and Company; Presentation of Implementation Strategies for Computerized Election Management Systems by Clearinghouse Deputy Director William Kimberling and Gregory Kramer of Arthur Young and Company; Impact of Immigration Reform and Control Act (P.L. 99-653) on Election Reporting Requirements, with Martin Renkiewicz of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, The 1990 Census by Marshall Turner of the Bureau of The Census; Issues in Absentee Voting and Ballot Access featuring the Clearinghouse's William Kimberling and James Palmer of D.K. Skelton Associates; Discussion of Election Management Guidelines for System Contracting, Ballot Software Testing and Computer Security by the Clearinghouse's Penelope Bonsall.

Members of the Advisory Panel are: Charles Weissburd, Registrar-Recorder, Los Angeles County, California; Jean-Marc Hamel, Chief Election Officer of Canada; Natalie Meyer, Secretary of State, Colorado; Emmett H. Fremaux, Jr., Executive Director, Board of Elections and Ethics, Washington, D.C.; Charles Kaniss, Supervisor of Elections, Pinellas County, Florida; Max Cleland, Secretary of State, Georgia; Ronald D. Michaelson, Executive Director, State Board of Elections, Illinois; Stanley Kusper, Jr., Cook County Clerk, Illinois; Douglas Jernigan, Supervisor of Elections, Montgomery County, Maryland; Richard H. Austin, Secretary of State, Michigan; Roy D. Blunt, Secretary of State, Missouri; Lyall Schwarzkopf, City Clerk, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Allen J. Beermann, Secretary of State, Nebraska; Thomas Wallace, Executive Director, State Board of Elections, New York; Anita Rodeheaver, Harris County Clerk, Texas; William Huish, Utah County Clerk, Utah.

Members of the Voting System Standards Committee are: Deborah Seiler, Assistant to the Secretary of State for Elections & Political Reform, California; Ernest R. Hawkins, Registrar of Voters, Sacramento County, California; Shirley Baccus, Supervisor of Elections, Brevard County, Florida; Enid Earle, Supervisor of Elections, Lee County, Florida; Sandy Steinbach, Director of Elections, Iowa; Michael E. Lavelle, Chairman, Chicago Board of Election Commissioners, Illinois; Daniel L. Nelson, Executive Director, Du Page County Board of Election Commissioners, Illinois; Laurie Potter Christie, Executive Director, State Board of Elections, Indiana; James Malone, Jefferson County Clerk, Kentucky; Jerry Fowler, Commissioner of Elections, Louisiana; Hoyt Clifton, Director, Bureau of Elections, New Mexico; Thomas Wilkey, Director of Election Operations, New York; Ed Mahoney, Commissioner of Elections, New York; Kathleen Doran, New York City Election Project, New York; Robert Grant, Jr., Deputy Secretary of Commonwealth, Pennsylvania; Joseph DiStefano, Chairman, State Board of Elections, Rhode Island; P. Michael Cinnamon, Director of Elections, County of Richland, South Carolina; Donald F. Whiting, Elections Supervisor, Washington; Sam Reed, Thurston County Auditor, Washington.

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