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JOSEFIK ELECTED TO SERVE FEC AS CHAIRMAN FOR 1988

WASHINGTON -- Massachusetts native Thomas J. Josefiak today was elected Chairman of the Federal Election Commission for 1988, succeeding Scott E. Thomas of Wyoming.

Commissioner Danny Lee McDonald, a native of Oklahoma, was named Vice-Chairman.

By statute, the Commission elects a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from its six members. Terms of office are for a calendar year. A member may serve as Chairman only once during his or her appointed six-year term. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman may not be members of the same political party.

Mr. Josefiak, a Republican, was nominated by President Reagan on July 23, 1985 and named as a recess appointee by the President 16 days later. He was confirmed by the Senate on October 3, 1986. Prior to his appointment, Commissioner Josefiak was Special Deputy to the Secretary of the Senate, who is an ex officio member of the FEC. He currently is Vice-Chairman of the Commission. The Chairman-elect's past experience includes serving as Legal Counsel to the National Republican Congressional Committee. He previously worked as Special Counsel on federal election law to the Minority on the Committee on House Administration. Commissioner Josefiak also was a Legislative Assistant to Congressman Silvio O. Conte. The Commissioner's term expires on April 30, 1991.

A 1969 graduate of Connecticut's Fairfield University, Mr. Josefiak later earned a Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

Vice-Chairman-elect McDonald, a Democrat, has served as Commissioner since December, 1981. Mr. McDonald was Commission Chairman in 1983 and Vice-Chairman in 1982. Prior to his initial appointment, he was General Administrator of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission. Additionally, he served as Secretary of the Tulsa County Election Board and as Chief Clerk of that Board. The Commissioner also was a member of the Advisory Panel to the FEC's National Clearinghouse on Election Administration. Mr. McDonald's term expires April 30, 1993.

Commissioner McDonald holds a B.A. degree from Oklahoma State University and attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

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