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**AGENDA ITEM**

For Meeting of: 07-24-03

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MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 24, 2003

**TO:** The Commission

**FROM:** Commissioner Michael E. Toner *MT*

**RE:** Proposed Amendments to Agenda Document 03-51 Public Financing of  
Presidential Candidates and Nominating Conventions: Draft Final Rules

Attached please find an amendment that I am considering offering on July 24,  
2003 to amend Agenda Document 03-51.

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Page 71 line 22: After "441b." insert "This conclusion is buttressed by the fact that frequently members of the opposite political party have played prominent and active roles in convention host committees. For example, in 2000 David L. Cohen, a longtime aide to Ed Rendell (who was then mayor of Philadelphia, and now is the Democratic Governor of Pennsylvania), chaired the host committee for the Republican National Convention. Mr. Rendell was also actively involved in the 2000 Philadelphia host committee's activities. In addition, Noelia Rodriguez, former Deputy Mayor to Mayor Richard Riordan, and now Press Secretary for First Lady Laura Bush, served as Executive Director of the Los Angeles host committee for the 2000 Democratic National Convention. Furthermore, the co-chair of the host committee for the 1996 Democratic National Convention in Chicago was Richard Notebaert, who has been a major contributor to Republican candidates and to the Republican Party. The fact that historically members of the opposite political party have played key roles in convention host committees strongly supports the Commission's conclusion that host committee activity is motivated by a desire to promote the convention city and not by political considerations."