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PRESS RELEASE

The New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) has released the names of candidates and treasurers who were fined for failure to comply with "The New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act" (the Act) during elections in 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990, and whose fines remain outstanding to date.

In each instance, the persons fined were given the opportunity for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. Final Decisions were entered by the Commission either following a hearing, after receipt of a waiver of hearing from the parties being fined, or after having received no response from the parties being fined.

Each of the cases listed is a case in which the fine has remained unpaid for at least 90 days following issuance of the Final Decision and for which a written request for payment has been made by the Commission. The letter requesting payment advised the parties that the names of those persons whose fines remain unpaid would be released to the press. Those cases for which the violation is identified as "non-

filing of campaign reports" are cases in which Commission records indicate the party still has not filed campaign reports with the Commission for the particular election involved.

The publication of this list is a Commission procedure, begun with complaints issued for calendar year 1987, designed to foster compliance, enhance disclosure, and make enforcement more effective.

The Act requires that candidates spending more than \$2,000 for an election file detailed campaign reports (Forms R-1) of their financial activities with the Commission 29 and 11 days prior to an election and 20 days after the election. Candidates spending \$2,000 or less are required to file a Form A-1 with the Commission 29 days prior to an election. The Form A-1 does not contain detailed campaign finance information. Where candidates were required to file R-1 Forms, fines were imposed jointly on the candidates and their treasurers.

All candidates are notified by the Commission of their reporting obligations. Candidates who fail to report are notified that reports have not been received. The Act gives the Commission broad authority to initiate enforcement actions against candidates and treasurers, including civil enforcement and imposition of monetary penalties. Factors considered by the Commission in levying fines include the number of days the filing is late, any previous violations that are on record with the Commission, and nonpayment of previous violations. Sheriff service fees may also be included in fine amounts.

Copies of the Complaints and Commission Final Decisions are available at the Commission offices at the National State Bank Building, 28 West State Street, 12th Floor, Trenton, New Jersey. ELEC's letter to persons and entities not paying their fines is attached.

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ELECTION: 1988 Municipal

<u>Name</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>County - Municipality/District</u>	<u>Office Sought</u>	<u>Violation(s)</u>	<u>Fine Outstanding</u>
Stephen J. Martinchick (C) (N)		Middlesex County, Perth Amboy City	Municipal	Late Filing	\$216.84

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ELECTION: 1988 General

<u>Name</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>County - Municipality/District</u>	<u>Office Sought</u>	<u>Violation(s)</u>	<u>Fine Outstanding</u>
Orvis Leopardi	(C) (R)	Atlantic County, Absecon City	Municipal	Late Filing	\$300.00
Thomas Buckley	(C) (I)	Monmouth County, Sea Girt Borough	Municipal	Late Filing	\$450.00
Alan South	(C) (D)	Ocean County, Plumsted Township	Municipal	Late Filing	\$100.00
Debra Jean Rose	(C) (R)	Union County, Fanwood Borough	Municipal	Non-Filing *	\$2116.80

* Candidate has filed subsequent to issuance of the Final Decision but penalty remains unpaid.

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ELECTION: 1989 Primary

<u>Name</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>County - Municipality/District</u>	<u>Office Sought</u>	<u>Violation(s)</u>	<u>Fine Outstanding</u>
Michael Grier	(C) (R)	28th Legislative District	State Assembly	Late Filing	\$200.00
James Richardson	(C) (R)	31st Legislative District	State Assembly	Late Filing	\$250.00
Charles Martin	(C) (R)	Atlantic County	County Freeholder	Non-Filing	\$1000.00
Walter Fields	(C) (D)	Bergen County	County Freeholder	Late Filing	\$563.80
Christian Semenech	(C) (D)	Bergen County, Hasbrouck Heights Borough	Municipal	Late Filing	\$213.80
Jim Smith	(C) (R)	Bergen County, Maywood Borough	Municipal	Late Filing	\$200.00
Dominick Belcastro	(C) (D)	Bergen County, Moonachie Borough	Municipal	Late Filing	\$214.60
Gary Drinkwater	(C) (D)	Camden County, Clementon Borough	Municipal	Late Filing	\$200.00
Joel Webster	(C) (R)	Cumberland County, Fairfield Township	Municipal	Late Filing	\$215.00
Richard Galioto	(C) (R)	Essex County, Bloomfield Township	Municipal	Late Filing	\$200.00
Frank DeVito	(C) (D)	Monmouth County, Middletown Township	Municipal	Late Filing	\$200.00

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Jose Moore	(C)	35th Legislative District	State Assembly	Late Filing	\$215.00
Kenneth Haeser	(C)	Atlantic County, Weymouth Township	Municipal	Late Filing	\$200.00
Alan Smith	(C)	Gloucester County, Greenwich Township	Municipal	Late Filing	\$200.00

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Anne Scullion	(D)	Bergen County, Ramsey Borough	Municipal	Non-Filing	\$1018.44
James R. Willoughby	(R)	Burlington County, Burlington City	Municipal	Late Filing	\$200.00
Danny A. Lee	(D)	Cumberland County, Fairfield Township	Municipal	Late Filing	\$200.00
Neil Schulman	(R)	Hudson County	County Freeholder	Late Filing	\$200.00
Eleanor Mixson	(R)	Hudson County	County Freeholder	Late Filing	\$213.64
Carl Czaplinski	(R)	Hudson County	County Freeholder	Late Filing	\$213.64
Jack Lopez	(R)	Hudson County	County Freeholder	Non-Filing	\$1013.44
Barry Cooke	(D)	Monmouth County, Neptune Township	Municipal	Late Filing	\$318.12
Ellen Harrigan	(R)	Morris County, Lincoln Park Borough	Municipal	Late Filing	\$218.76
Bensley Field	(R)	Somerset County, Bedminster Township	Municipal	Non-Filing	\$1000.00

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