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PRESS RELEASE

Frederick M. Herrmann, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC), announced that the Commission at its meeting today certified \$1,446,924 in public matching funds to Republican gubernatorial primary election candidate Christine Todd Whitman. Whitman's application for public matching funds was filed with the Commission on March 22, 1993 and contained \$859,343 in contributions eligible for match.

Herrmann explained that the first \$59,000 of contributions submitted by a candidate is not matched. Therefore, if all contributions had been found eligible for match, Ms. Whitman would have been eligible to receive the \$1.6 million maximum in 1993 gubernatorial primary election public matching funds. Contributions which were found to be ineligible for match for technical reasons by the Commission today may be resubmitted with clarification for match by the candidate on a later submission date. The next two submission dates are April 12 and April 19. Contributions may be declared ineligible for match for a variety of reasons including an incomplete contributor name or address, the need for clarification of the source of a contribution, and an unreadable contributor signature.

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In order to be qualified to receive public matching funds, Herrmann said that Ms. Whitman submitted a signed agreement to participate in gubernatorial primary election debates and documented that a minimum of \$177,000 in contributions of \$1,800 or less was raised and spent for the 1993 primary election.

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