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PRESS RELEASE

Frederick M. Herrmann, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC), announced today that gubernatorial public matching funds totaling \$287,164.84 were deposited into public funds bank accounts for 1997 gubernatorial primary election candidates as follows:

Robert E. Andrews	\$ 95,337.00
Michael Murphy	\$133,516.00

Herrmann explained that the amounts deposited for Candidates Andrews and Murphy include a percentage of the total funds submitted for match by the campaigns in submissions filed on Tuesday, May 27, 1997, and the balances remaining from the percentages certified to the campaigns for the submissions filed on May 19, 1997. The submissions filed yesterday are the fifth for Candidate Andrews and the seventh for Candidate Murphy. The two submissions will receive complete review by the Commission, and any remaining public funds amounts will be distributed to the Andrews and Murphy campaigns at the conclusion of the review.

Candidates James E. McGreevey and Christine Todd Whitman have already received the \$1.86 million maximum in 1997 primary election matching funds.

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Gubernatorial candidates participating in the 1997 primary election matching fund program have to date received a total of \$6,442,342.22 as follows:

Robert E. Andrews	\$1,808,724.22
James E. McGreevey	\$1,860,000.00*
Michael Murphy	\$ 913,618.00
Christine Todd Whitman	\$1,860,000.00*

*1997 primary election maximum public funds

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