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FEC PANEL DISCUSSES INFORMATION AND
TECHNOLOGY NEEDS OF ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON - June 4 - The second meeting of the Advisory Panel of the Federal Election Commission's Clearinghouse on Election Administration will be held Wednesday, June 9, and Thursday, June 10, at the St. Francis Hotel, Union Square, San Francisco, California.

The Advisory Panel, created last winter to advise the Commission on research projects in election administration to be undertaken by the Clearinghouse, will concentrate on problems of information and technology transfer in state and local election administration. Included on the twenty-member Panel is The Honorable Tom Walsh, LaSalle County Clerk, Ottawa, Illinois.

Under the 1974 Federal Election Campaign Act Amendments, the Commission must "serve as a national clearinghouse for information in respect to the administration of elections" and is instructed to conduct research on "officials and personnel working on boards of elections; practices relating to the registration of voters; and voting and counting methods."

Following a general overview of information and technology transfer problems by Clearinghouse staff on June 9, three speakers will address the Panel on Wednesday, June 10. Randy Hamilton, immediate past president of the American Society for Public Administration, will discuss the relationship between the election administration and public administration. Richard Scammon, former Director of the Census, will address the meeting on election administration in other countries, and Warren Miller, Director of the Survey Research Center at the University of Michigan, will discuss the relationship between the fields of political science and election administration.

In addition to the two days of discussions and meetings, the Panel will observe the elections process in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties during the June 8 primary.