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EDITORS NOTE: As the public's interest in issues of campaign finance continues to grow, the following regional conference represents an educational opportunity for editors, reporters and their readers. Interviews can be scheduled in advance with FEC Chairman Danny Lee McDonald by contacting Scott Moxley of the Press Office at (800) 424-9530 or (202) 376-3155.

CALIFORNIA POLITICOS TO PREPARE FOR UPCOMING ELECTIONS AT FEC SAN FRANCISCO SEMINAR

WASHINGTON -- In preparation for the upcoming 1990 federal and state elections, the Federal Election Commission and the California Secretary of State's Office will conduct a campaign finance conference in San Francisco on October 12 and 13 at the Holiday Inn Fisherman's Wharf.

The seminar is designed to assist candidates, political parties and political action committees (PACs) in their compliance with federal and state laws as they raise and spend money on elections. A number of San Francisco area PACs, candidate committees and political party representatives are registered to attend.

FEC Chairman Danny Lee McDonald and other Commissioners as well as staff specialists will discuss federal election laws, while an Internal Revenue Service representative will present tax issues concerning campaign activities. Members of the California Fair Political Practices Commission will discuss state campaign laws. Guest speakers include U.S. Representative William Thomas (R-CA-20) and Robert Stern, Co-Director and General Counsel for the California Commission on Campaign Financing.

The Federal Election Commission, established in 1975 following Watergate, is the agency responsible for administering and enforcing the Federal Election Campaign Act. This law provides for the public disclosure of the sources and uses of campaign funds, limits contributions by individuals and PACs, and provides for partial public funding of presidential elections.

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