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## TSONGAS DECLARED ELIGIBLE BY FEC FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY MATCHING FUNDS IN '92 RACE

WASHINGTON -- Paul E. Tsongas, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for president in 1992, was declared eligible today by the Federal Election Commission to receive federal matching funds.

To become eligible for matching funds, candidates must raise a threshold amount of \$100,000 by collecting \$5,000 in 20 different states in amounts no greater than \$250 from any individual. Other requirements to be declared eligible include agreeing to an overall spending limit, abiding by spending limits in each state, using public funds only for legitimate campaign-related expenses, keeping financial records and permitting an extensive campaign audit.

Based on documents filed by the Tsongas campaign on October 10, 1991, FEC auditors verified qualifying matchable amounts in 20 states: California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia and Washington.

Tsongas becomes the second presidential candidate to be declared eligible for matching funds by the FEC. Lenora B. Fulani became eligible on October 31, 1991.

Once declared eligible, campaigns may submit additional contributions for matching funds. The U.S. Treasury Department will pay the FEC-certified amounts beginning in January 1992. The maximum amount a candidate could receive is currently calculated to be \$13.8 million.

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