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“CLEAN ELECTIONS” MEETINGS SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Trenton, New Jersey—A schedule of six public meetings of the New Jersey Citizens' Clean Elections Commission (NJCEC), occurring in different parts of the state over four weeks starting in late November, was announced today by William E. Schluter, chairman of the commission.

The meetings, mandated by the law that created the NJCEC, will occur in Collingswood, Camden County, Lincroft, Monmouth County, South Orange, Essex

County and New Brunswick, Middlesex County. The meetings in Collingswood and Lincroft will occur between 4 and 9 PM. The remainder of the meetings will start at 2 PM and end at either 4:30 or 6 PM. The purpose of the meetings will be to solicit testimony from participants in the “clean elections” pilot project, the public and members of special interest groups in regard to the successes and failures of the project.

The meeting in South Orange will occur on the main campus of Seton Hall University and will feature a presentation to the commission by Mr. Jonathan Wayne, the Executive Director of the Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics, the agency that oversees that state’s clean elections program.

“This will be a great opportunity for the candidates and the public to tell us what they thought about the project,” noted Chairman Schluter. “We have purposely scheduled the first two meetings to run later so that interested citizens can come after work and present their views. Although the public is welcomed to attend all of the meetings, the first two and the one at Seton Hall will be for the commission to gather as much information as possible about the successes and failures of the project. The next three meetings will be primarily working sessions where the commissioners will discuss and finalize the recommendations that will appear in our preliminary report.”

The schedule for the NJCCEC meetings is as follows:

- Tuesday, November 22nd, Collingswood Senior Community Center, Collingswood, 4 - 9 PM.
- Tuesday, November 29th, Warner Student Life Center, Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, 4 - 9 PM.
- Friday, December 2nd, Seton Hall University, South Orange Campus, 2 - 6 PM.
- Friday, December 9th, Douglass College Center, Douglass College, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, 2 – 4:30 PM.
- Tuesday, December 13, Winants Hall, Old Queen’s Campus, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, 2 - 6 PM.
- Wednesday, December 14, Winants Hall, Old Queen’s Campus, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, 2 - 6 PM.

The NJCCEC is charged by law with monitoring and evaluating the pilot project and reporting back to the Legislature with a preliminary report in February 2006 and a final report in May 2006, so that the Legislature can decide on changes to project for the 2007 primary and general elections.

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