



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
AND POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE
STATE OF ARIZONA
CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

Location: Citizens Clean Elections Commission
 1110 W. Washington, Suite 250
 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Date: Thursday, February 19, 2026

Time: 10:00 a. m.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the Commissioners of the Citizens Clean Elections Commission and the general public that the Citizens Clean Elections Commission will hold a regular meeting, which is open to the public on February 19, 2026. This meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. **This meeting will be held in person and virtually. The meeting location will be open by 9:45 a.m. at the latest.** Instructions on how the public may participate in this meeting are below. For additional information, please call (602) 364-3477 or contact Commission staff at ccec@azcleelections.gov.

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The Commission may allow time for public comment on any item on the agenda. Commission members may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing Commission staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

The Commission may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for the purpose of obtaining legal advice on any item listed on the agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3). The Commission reserves the right at its discretion to address the agenda matters in an order different than outlined below.

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The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Discussion and Possible Action on Meeting Minutes for January 29, 2026.
- III. Discussion and Possible Action on Executive Director's Report, Enforcement and Regulatory Updates, and Legislative Update.

Note: The executive director's report includes announcements and information about elections and campaign finance, a report on voter education activities, administrative information (including agreements with state budget units such as Arizona State University), information on candidates running clean, reports on legal proceedings involving Clean Elections and other Arizona election officials, a report on correspondence from other agencies, appointments, enforcement status, the regulatory agenda, reports of the Auditor General, and the Governor's Regulatory Review Council. The legislative update includes bills that have or may be considered for action by the Arizona legislature or the Governor.

Materials are included in the Commission packet available on its website or by request at ccec@azcleaselections.gov.

- IV. Discussion and Possible Action on Probable Cause to believe in MUR 25-03, Monica Timberlake, 2024 candidate for legislature.
- V. Discussion and Possible *Action Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Comm'n v. Fontes*, No. CV-2025-064149 (Consol.) (Super. Ct. Ariz., Maricopa).

The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session, which is not open to the public, to receive legal advice or consult with its attorneys regarding this litigation. A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), (4).

- VI. Discussion and Possible Action on election, campaign finance, and related legislation considered during the 2026 legislative session including:
 - A. H.B. 2022 (elections; July primary; curing; observers).
 - B. S.B. 1687 (now to voter access; elections; primary date).
 - C. S.B. 1609 (new political parties, party name).
- VII. Discussion and Possible Action on Amendment to Administrative Rule R2-20 113 relating to the Commission Voter Education Guide.
- VIII. Discussion and Possible Action on the 2025 Annual Report.
- IX. Recognition and Plaque Presentation to Renaldo Fowler, Senior Staff Advocate, Disability Rights Arizona.
- X. Public Comment.

This is the time for consideration of comments and suggestions from the public. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or rescheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date or responding to criticism

- XI. Adjournment.

This agenda is subject to change up to 24 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of the agenda background material provided to the Commission (with the exception of material relating to possible executive sessions) is available for public inspection at the Commission's office, 1110 W Washington St, #250, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2026
Citizens Clean Elections Commission
Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director

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THE STATE OF ARIZONA
CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC MEETING

Phoenix, Arizona
January 29, 2026
10:00 a.m.

By: Kathryn A. Blackwelder, RPR
Certified Reporter
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| <p>1 PUBLIC MEETING BEFORE THE CITIZENS CLEAN 2 ELECTIONS COMMISSION convened at 10:00 a.m. on January 3 29, 2026, at the State of Arizona, Clean Elections 4 Commission, 1110 West Washington, Conference Room, 5 Phoenix, Arizona, in the presence of the following 6 Board Members: 7 8 Mr. Mark Kimble, Chairman 9 Mr. Galen Paton 10 Ms. Christina Werther 11 Mr. Sam Crump 12 Mr. Steve Titla 13 14 OTHERS PRESENT: 15 Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director 16 Paula Thomas, Executive Officer 17 Mike Becker, Policy Director 18 Gina Roberts, Voter Education Director 19 Alec Shaffer, Web Content Manager 20 Avery Xola, Voter Education Manager 21 Samantha Fox, Richards & Moskowitz 22 Craig Morgan, Taft Law 23 Cathy Herring, KCA 24 Rivko Knox, Member of the Public 25</p> | <p>1 motion to approve both of those sets of minutes? 2 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Mr. Chairman, I move 3 to approve the meeting minutes for December 11th and 4 December 22nd, 2025. 5 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 6 Commissioner Werther. 7 Is there a second? 8 COMMISSIONER PATON: I'll second it. 9 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 10 Commissioner Paton. 11 It's been moved and seconded that we approve 12 the meeting minutes for December 11th, 2025 and 13 December 22nd, 2025. I'll call the roll. 14 Commissioner Werther. 15 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Aye. 16 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton. 17 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye. 18 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Crump. 19 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Aye. 20 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla. 21 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye. 22 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Chair votes aye. The 23 meeting minutes are approved 5-to-nothing. 24 Item III is the Executive Director's Report, 25 including enforcement and regulatory updates and the</p> |
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| <p>1 P R O C E E D I N G 2 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Good morning. I'm 3 Mark Kimble, Chair of the Citizens Clean Elections 4 Commission. It's 10:00 a.m. on January 29th, 2026. I 5 call this meeting of the Citizens Clean Elections 6 Commission to order. 7 With that, we'll take attendance. 8 Commissioners, please identify yourselves for the 9 record. 10 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Christina Werther. 11 COMMISSIONER PATON: Galen Paton. 12 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Sam Crump. 13 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Morning. Steve Titla 14 present. 15 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Good morning. 16 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Hello, everybody. 17 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Good morning. We have all 18 five Commissioners with us this morning. 19 Item II, discussion and possible action on 20 the meeting minutes for two meetings, December 11th, 21 2025 and December 22nd, 2025. Do any of the 22 Commissioners have comments or questions on the 23 minutes? 24 (No response.) 25 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Hearing none, do I have a</p> | <p>1 legislative update. 2 Tom. 3 MR. COLLINS: Thank you. Commissioners, I 4 just want to highlight a couple of items. First, on 5 the election calendar, with local elections coming up 6 in -- on March 10th, the City of Tempe, for example, 7 has three council seats and then Pima County has 8 Propositions 418 and 419, so the voter registration 9 deadline for that election is February 9 and 10 the ballots will go out on February 11th. The two that 11 I mentioned are both mail -- I think they're all-mail 12 elections. 13 On voter education outreach, we're -- we have 14 a few things I wanted to mention. And you can see in 15 one of the -- one of the many great photos we have from 16 the inaugural Civics Matters Summit, which was 17 sponsored by the Arizona Cardinals, and so Avery and 18 Gina and Captain Activate were there -- 19 Alec, were you there? 20 MR. SHAFFER: No. 21 MR. COLLINS: -- out at the Cardinals 22 Stadium. And there were thousands of high school 23 students there and they -- we had a table and a -- and 24 a -- Avery and Gina got to present to the students 25 there about different civic opportunities.</p> |

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| <p>1 I also understand there was an election for</p> <p>2 the most popular mascot, and we finished third, which</p> <p>3 -- and I guess Sparky finished first, the Cardinals</p> <p>4 mascot finished second, and we finished third. So we</p> <p>5 beat the Wildcats and the Lumberjacks, so...</p> <p>6 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: You might want to point out</p> <p>7 it was -- it was held up here, so it was obviously --</p> <p>8 obviously not an impartial election.</p> <p>9 MR. COLLINS: And then we have -- and then</p> <p>10 this weekend is Tempe FanCon, where -- Avery will be</p> <p>11 there.</p> <p>12 We've had 11 participating candidate</p> <p>13 workshops.</p> <p>14 I wanted to highlight we're working on a</p> <p>15 couple of projects with ASU that we're kind of hoping</p> <p>16 to finalize. The first one is a project with the</p> <p>17 Center for an Independent and Sustainable Democracy</p> <p>18 around doing some focus groups on Gen Z voters. We've</p> <p>19 worked with this part of ASU before, and we think</p> <p>20 that's -- that will be something that will give us some</p> <p>21 good insights, you know, as we -- you know, through</p> <p>22 Captain Activate, the curriculum, and other things that</p> <p>23 we are doing, you know, we are trying to, you know,</p> <p>24 identify ways that we can better communicate with</p> <p>25 younger voters.</p> | <p>1 think would give an opportunity for us to do --</p> <p>2 And Paula is going to have a heart attack.</p> <p>3 It was in the report, Paula.</p> <p>4 And I think the -- I think the value there</p> <p>5 would be -- you know, one of the things that, in</p> <p>6 talking to ASU about this and -- you know, would be to</p> <p>7 try to bring in -- you know, not -- to make it less</p> <p>8 academic in the sense of trying to bring in more folks,</p> <p>9 whether they're, you know, election administrators,</p> <p>10 election officials, and attorneys and the whole</p> <p>11 community around elections to, you know, the</p> <p>12 conference. So we're working on that, but I think it</p> <p>13 would be an opportunity for us to, you know,</p> <p>14 potentially have some testimony around election</p> <p>15 administration and some of the things that we're doing</p> <p>16 there. So I'm excited about that and we're working on</p> <p>17 that.</p> <p>18 I needed to note, you know, on the legal</p> <p>19 front, you know, we're still awaiting two pending</p> <p>20 Appellate Court decisions on Prop 211: The Ninth</p> <p>21 Circuit argument we had in May, and that's still</p> <p>22 waiting; and then we had the second Arizona Supreme</p> <p>23 Court argument in September, and that's still waiting.</p> <p>24 In the meantime, we had an oral argument at</p> <p>25 the Superior Court in the legislative leadership's case</p> |
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| <p>1 You know, I read a thing the other day that</p> <p>2 said that -- pointed out that if you are 20 years old,</p> <p>3 right, you've basically -- just like -- so I'm older</p> <p>4 than that, right. So from the first presidential</p> <p>5 election I could vote in until -- for 20 years, you</p> <p>6 know, there was a Clinton on the ballot. And now if</p> <p>7 you're 20, there has been -- you know, Trump has --</p> <p>8 President Trump has been on the ballot that whole time.</p> <p>9 So that's a real -- you know, that's a big generational</p> <p>10 shift, that window. So those kinds of things, I think,</p> <p>11 make this kind of -- make it valuable.</p> <p>12 The other thing we are -- and I mentioned</p> <p>13 this last year. We've been working with the Mechanics</p> <p>14 of Democracy Lab at ASU, which is run by Bill Gates,</p> <p>15 who's the former Maricopa County Supervisor, and</p> <p>16 they're going to be hosting the Election Science,</p> <p>17 Reform, and Administrative -- Administration Conference</p> <p>18 this summer, May, actually, and -- or, June, early</p> <p>19 June, rather. And that we're -- that's the biggest</p> <p>20 sort of academic conference on election matters in the</p> <p>21 country, and so we were -- we were working on</p> <p>22 finalizing what we -- what we would do there.</p> <p>23 But the idea that former Supervisor Gates</p> <p>24 had, which I thought was a great idea, would be to have</p> <p>25 a live Commission meeting at the conference, which I</p> | <p>1 against the Prop 211 Act, and so I think that that --</p> <p>2 you know, I think that that argument went well. You</p> <p>3 know, it's a little hard to -- a little hard to</p> <p>4 predict. But what we'll be doing, both sides will be</p> <p>5 submitting proposed findings of fact and conclusions of</p> <p>6 law, and then we'll --</p> <p>7 The major writ ask there and the major topic</p> <p>8 there is the Legislature's motion for a preliminary</p> <p>9 injunction, and they seek to enjoin all of Prop 211.</p> <p>10 In the first round through the courts on this, they</p> <p>11 were unsuccessful in securing an injunction at all.</p> <p>12 And then at the Court of Appeals they had a -- they</p> <p>13 were not able to convince the Court of Appeals to, you</p> <p>14 know, reverse -- or, enjoin the entire Act. The Court</p> <p>15 of Appeals opinion was vacated by the Supreme Court, so</p> <p>16 we're sort of -- sort of back to square one.</p> <p>17 But, again, I think that -- you know, our</p> <p>18 position is, you know, with the attorneys is really</p> <p>19 focused on, you know, you can resolve the Legislature's</p> <p>20 claim on statutory construction bases -- essentially,</p> <p>21 you have to read the statute in a way that's pretty at</p> <p>22 odds with the typical way that you read statutes to get</p> <p>23 to where they want to get -- but even if you do that,</p> <p>24 it's still severable.</p> <p>25 So before I wrap up, and certainly I'm</p> |

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| <p>1 available for questions, I did want to make a quick 2 note. You know, I saw, and I think it was on LinkedIn, 3 but, you know, Paula is this month, I think, 4 celebrating 34 years with the State and 26 years with 5 the Commission.</p> <p>6 So I -- you know, what you're going to hear 7 both in this report in terms of the stuff we're talking 8 about and then later on with respect to the Voter 9 Education Plan, you know -- you know, I just -- I felt 10 like it was important to recognize that, you know, and 11 say that, you know, Paula has been central and is 12 central to keeping the infrastructure that keeps all of 13 this going, going, you know, whether that's, you know, 14 the purchase orders that get implemented, the 15 procurement evaluations that she participates in, you 16 know, dealing with the Voter Education Guide 17 procurement. These are very time-intensive and 18 detailed projects, and they're a little invisible, but 19 they are, you know, crucial to allowing us to deliver 20 on the Commission mission.</p> <p>21 So I wanted to -- you know, I felt like it 22 was a good time to highlight Paula's work there, 23 because it's -- we're really demanding a lot of her 24 right now in any event, so --</p> <p>25 But that sort of completes my report, if you</p> | <p>1 that I -- you know, I keep them apprised of our 2 interactions around this. So I would just say that 3 that's in the process, and then these other two are 4 Prop 211 complaints, I think I can say. But that -- 5 you know, so --</p> <p>6 You know, if you're interested in having 7 copies of the complaints, for example, which we don't 8 generally provide until the actual -- we agendize them, 9 we can work with Craig to get those to you in an 10 appropriate venue.</p> <p>11 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>12 Do any Members of the Commission have 13 questions or comments from Tom on the Executive 14 Director's Report?</p> <p>15 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Chairman.</p> <p>16 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Yes, Commissioner Titla.</p> <p>17 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Yeah. Thank you, 18 Chairman.</p> <p>19 First of all, I'd like to congratulate Paula 20 for being with the Clean Elections for so long. She's 21 an integral and valuable member of the team. I know 22 that for all the time that I have been on the 23 Commission, she's always done excellent work working 24 with the team and with Thomas and everybody else. So 25 I'd like to thank her and congratulate her for all the</p> |
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| <p>1 have any questions for me.</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Congratulations, Paula.</p> <p>3 MS. THOMAS: Thank you. Thank you.</p> <p>4 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: I see that there's a 5 number of complaints here that I don't know anything 6 about. Are these things we're going to discuss at 7 upcoming meetings?</p> <p>8 MR. COLLINS: Yeah. So we keep a running 9 sort of tab on the -- on the complaints in the ED 10 Report. You know, procedurally I think I can -- I 11 think I can say that, you know, everything that we 12 haven't brought to you for a decision is somewhere in 13 a -- in a -- in an administrative process. What we do 14 with -- and, you know, to -- so, you know, to some 15 extent -- so that's what they are. So we keep this 16 running list on the -- on the report every month in 17 order to, you know, make you aware of what the docket 18 is.</p> <p>19 The list ebbs and flows as cases come and 20 go. The Jaramillo matter is on this Agenda. The 21 status of the Timberlake matter, I think I can say that 22 we will -- we will have -- you know, I have to make an 23 administrative determination about when and what to 24 bring to the Commission, and I have to make sure that 25 the respondent is, you know, aware of any conversations</p> | <p>1 good work she's done throughout the years.</p> <p>2 Second, Thomas, with respect to the 3 litigation, the Ninth Circuit case, was it before the 4 full panel or was it just a three-judge panel on the 5 arguments?</p> <p>6 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner 7 Titla, it was a three-judge panel. It was Judge 8 Rawlinson and Judge Bumatay, and then there was a third 9 judge who I can't -- the name escapes me at the moment.</p> <p>10 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Yeah. We were in the 11 Ninth Circuit arguments also a few weeks ago, like 12 three weeks ago, I think, or maybe a month ago there in 13 downtown Phoenix at the white glass house Federal Court 14 building in the big courtroom and we were before a 15 three-judge panel, so -- so we're waiting upon decision 16 of that.</p> <p>17 On the third item, you know, recently they 18 had the Tribal State Legislative Day a couple weeks ago 19 there in the State Capitol, and it is a day designed 20 for tribal leaders and state legislators on the -- on 21 the Senate and the legislative House side to get 22 together and talk and just co-mingle and discuss 23 issues. So I know, Thomas, you've been there before.</p> <p>24 MR. COLLINS: Yes.</p> <p>25 COMMISSIONER TITLA: I was Chairman of the</p> |

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| <p>1 Commission a few years back when we still had the 2 office across the street there. 3 MR. COLLINS: Yes. 4 COMMISSIONER TITLA: And I know that you were 5 there. And as you know, as Chairman of the Commission, 6 that I advocated that we reach out to the 22 tribes in 7 the state, reach out to the four corners of the state 8 and try to include them in the Clean Elections 9 Commission's mandate by the citizens because they are 10 -- we are -- as tribes we are citizens also, and there 11 are 22 tribes out there. 12 And so it is my fault, but I wish I could 13 have told you that -- it might have been a good idea to 14 come out there and have a booth there, because there 15 were numerous, numerous booths out there from every 16 aspect of Arizona business and government and federal 17 government and everything else, so it was -- when I was 18 there is when I thought about it. 19 But maybe for next year, if you all can make 20 it, I think it would be a good idea to maybe get a 21 booth out there and have all the information that we 22 can, because there were many tribes there and many 23 Native American people there co-mingling and having 24 lunch and talking and meeting with Senators and 25 legislators.</p> | <p>1 us. 2 So I just want to continue to advocate for 3 Native Americans in the state of Arizona. I think 4 that's very important that we reach out to them. Thank 5 you. 6 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 7 Commissioner. Very, very important points you make. 8 Any other Member of the Commission have any 9 comments or questions on Tom's Executive Director's 10 Report? 11 (No response.) 12 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Hearing none, we'll move on 13 to Item IV, discussion and possible action on penalties 14 in MUR 25-01 involving Hector Jaramillo, a 2024 15 candidate for the Legislature. 16 Commissioners, you have the staff materials. 17 I'll give the Executive Director an opportunity to 18 present his recommendation. We will also have time for 19 Mr. Jaramillo, if he is here, or his representative. 20 Craig is available as our independent advisor if we 21 have questions. 22 Tom. 23 MR. COLLINS: Thank you, Commissioners. I 24 want to be brief. I think this is -- you know, this is 25 the -- there are several procedural steps here, so I</p> |
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| <p>1 So I just wanted to divvy out that we need to 2 continue to reach out to the tribes in the state, 3 because they are an integral part of the political -- 4 politics in the state of Arizona and they want to be 5 included more in the political process of the state, 6 because I think that they have a lot to contribute to 7 the state. 8 One example I'd like to point out is that we 9 went to a Proposition 202 vote back in 2002, I think, 10 and the tribes tried to negotiate a compact -- gaming 11 compact with the State of Arizona, and the Legislature 12 would not sign, although the Governor at the time was 13 with us. And finally the tribes just went to a 14 proposition and put a ballot on the -- on the vote. 15 And the tribes won that ballot, although a very narrow 16 margin. I think we won by 20,000 votes over a million 17 votes in that case. But we were still able to win that 18 vote with the help of many citizens in the state of 19 Arizona, along with the Governor. The Governor 20 supported us and, I remember, the sheriff at the time. 21 I can't remember his name, but he was a 22 famous kind of sheriff in the nation. He was the one 23 that had instituted pink underwear. Maybe you guys 24 remember the guy, but I can't remember his name right 25 now. But he supported us also and made commercials for</p> | <p>1 think you all are probably pretty familiar with this 2 matter. It involves a participating candidate who 3 failed to file timely reports that were required and 4 then failed to comply with the audit obligations under 5 the Act. 6 You know, the proposed order I think 7 recognizes that these aren't technicalities. These are 8 substantial accountability mechanisms that make the 9 public financing program credible, they also make the, 10 you know, the overall disclosure and anti-corruption 11 purposes of the entire campaign finance scheme 12 credible, and then -- and the order reflects that 13 seriousness. It does, you know, I think identify the 14 formal findings and it does recommend -- or, I 15 recommend the civil penalty that I -- that is included 16 there, you know, and then -- and then, you know, it 17 also advises Mr. Jaramillo of his appeal rights. 18 The other -- obviously, the other aspect of 19 this is simply how you -- how you deal with the 20 monetary penalty. And this -- what, you know, I sought 21 to do in the proposed order is to have a penalty that 22 demonstrated some consistency and proportionality and 23 defensibility, but also protect the integrity of the 24 program. 25 So with that, I don't -- I'd answer your</p> |

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| <p>1 questions about the proposed order.</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Just for the record, Tom,</p> <p>3 have you discussed the proposed penalties with</p> <p>4 Mr. Jaramillo and does he have any reaction to that?</p> <p>5 MR. COLLINS: I have not had a substantial</p> <p>6 conversation with Mr. Jaramillo, you know, in some</p> <p>7 time. We have exchanged e-mails. I was hopeful we</p> <p>8 would schedule something this week. That -- I offered</p> <p>9 times, and then -- you know, but I never got any</p> <p>10 response.</p> <p>11 You know, my -- my own, you know, thing -- I</p> <p>12 think that in that e-mail exchange I was -- I was clear</p> <p>13 that we were moving forward with the next step in this</p> <p>14 after our December probable -- after the probable cause</p> <p>15 determination in December. This is the next step in</p> <p>16 the process, so --</p> <p>17 So the answer is no. This is a -- this is</p> <p>18 not a conciliation, you know, this is an order. And</p> <p>19 so, you know, beyond that, you know, I -- I mean, he</p> <p>20 has, in my view, notice -- appropriate notice for</p> <p>21 this -- of this hearing. And beyond that, I guess I</p> <p>22 really don't have much I can add.</p> <p>23 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you.</p> <p>24 Do any Members of the Commission have any</p> <p>25 questions of -- or comments?</p> | <p>1 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Mr. Chairman, I'd like</p> <p>2 to make a motion to approve the order assessing the</p> <p>3 penalties in MUR 25-01 against Hector Jaramillo.</p> <p>4 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you,</p> <p>5 Commissioner Werther.</p> <p>6 Is there a second?</p> <p>7 COMMISSIONER PATON: I'll second.</p> <p>8 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you,</p> <p>9 Commissioner Paton.</p> <p>10 It's been moved and seconded that the</p> <p>11 penalties in MUR 25-01 be imposed as recommended by the</p> <p>12 Executive Director. I will call the roll.</p> <p>13 Commissioner Werther.</p> <p>14 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Aye.</p> <p>15 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton.</p> <p>16 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye.</p> <p>17 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Crump.</p> <p>18 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Aye.</p> <p>19 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla.</p> <p>20 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye.</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Chair votes aye. The</p> <p>22 motion is approved 5-to-nothing.</p> <p>23 Item V is discussion and possible action on</p> <p>24 Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission versus</p> <p>25 Fontes, Number CV-2025-064149, consolidated. As</p> |
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| <p>1 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Chairman. Chairman.</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Yes, Commissioner Titla.</p> <p>3 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Yeah. Thomas, did the</p> <p>4 other party have notice of the -- this meeting today?</p> <p>5 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman,</p> <p>6 Commissioner Titla, yes, Mr. Jaramillo has had notice.</p> <p>7 He had notice in a couple of different ways, but he</p> <p>8 had -- he has had both formal and informal notice of</p> <p>9 both the date of the hearing and the -- and the order</p> <p>10 and the proposed penalty.</p> <p>11 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Any other questions from</p> <p>13 Members of the Commission?</p> <p>14 (No response.)</p> <p>15 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: For the record,</p> <p>16 Mr. Jaramillo was invited to this -- to this meeting.</p> <p>17 And as near as I can tell, I don't see either him or a</p> <p>18 representative for him either in our room or on Zoom.</p> <p>19 If there is any member who -- anyone who's representing</p> <p>20 Mr. Jaramillo, please speak up at this time.</p> <p>21 (No response.)</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: And I don't see anyone.</p> <p>23 If there are no more questions, does any</p> <p>24 Member of the Commission wish to make a motion</p> <p>25 regarding penalties in MUR 25-01?</p> | <p>1 indicated on the Agenda, the Commission may vote to go</p> <p>2 into executive session, which is not open to the</p> <p>3 public, to receive legal advice or consult with its</p> <p>4 attorneys. Before we proceed, I'd like to see if any</p> <p>5 Commissioners have questions or comments they would</p> <p>6 like addressed in open session.</p> <p>7 (No response.)</p> <p>8 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Hearing none, I would</p> <p>9 entertain a motion to go into executive session.</p> <p>10 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Mr. Chairman, I move</p> <p>11 to go into executive session for Item Number V.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you,</p> <p>13 Commissioner Werther.</p> <p>14 Is there a second?</p> <p>15 COMMISSIONER PATON: I'll second.</p> <p>16 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: It's been moved and</p> <p>17 seconded that we go into executive session. I will</p> <p>18 call the roll.</p> <p>19 Commissioner Werther.</p> <p>20 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Aye.</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton.</p> <p>22 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye.</p> <p>23 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Crump.</p> <p>24 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Aye.</p> <p>25 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla.</p> |

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| <p>1 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye.</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Chair votes aye. We will</p> <p>3 go into executive session.</p> <p>4 (The following section of the meeting is in</p> <p>5 executive session and bound under separate cover.)</p> <p>6 * * * * *</p> <p>7 (End of executive session. Public meeting</p> <p>8 resumes at 11:01 a.m.)</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Good morning. We're back</p> <p>10 in open session.</p> <p>11 Item VI is discussion and possible action on</p> <p>12 the 2026 voter education plan. Tom, do you want to set</p> <p>13 the stage? And then Gina has a presentation.</p> <p>14 MR. COLLINS: Yes. And I'll be very brief</p> <p>15 here before I turn it over to Gina. I think, as you</p> <p>16 see this plan, you know, one of the things we know is</p> <p>17 that Arizona elections are -- you know, now unfold</p> <p>18 across a longer and longer calendar and in a much more</p> <p>19 fragmented information environment. And what that</p> <p>20 means is that voter education has to function as a</p> <p>21 civic infrastructure, so it has to be reliable and</p> <p>22 accessible and it has to be built to last over -- over</p> <p>23 the course of a longer period of time.</p> <p>24 I think the voter education plan that you're</p> <p>25 going to hear about, which will also highlight our</p> | <p>1 that occur every single year. So this is a good</p> <p>2 reminder that elections happen all the time, very</p> <p>3 local, in our own backyard, and it was a very busy</p> <p>4 year, so -- including, with the special elections, that</p> <p>5 did prompt debates as well for us. So we'll give you a</p> <p>6 little bit of background on what those elections</p> <p>7 entailed.</p> <p>8 In terms of our success, I have some key</p> <p>9 performance measures here that I wanted to share with</p> <p>10 you. So all in all, we had five paid media campaigns.</p> <p>11 And I know we had six elections, but I'm referring to</p> <p>12 the CD7 special election as one. And we were really</p> <p>13 very impressed with our performance here, and this in</p> <p>14 part -- and you'll see this throughout the</p> <p>15 presentation. Our partnerships are very important.</p> <p>16 So as we work with our partner Riester, you</p> <p>17 know, we -- we have X-amount of dollars that we are</p> <p>18 able to execute for our efforts to reach, again, every</p> <p>19 voter across the state, not just, you know, those in --</p> <p>20 local in Maricopa County. We're going to all the four</p> <p>21 corners. And so the financial resources that come into</p> <p>22 play there, we have to really be smart with the public</p> <p>23 dollars that we are spending here and really get the</p> <p>24 best bang for our buck. So, again, very happy with the</p> <p>25 performance of these paid media campaigns.</p> |
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| <p>1 successes in 2025, reflects the Commission's deliberate</p> <p>2 shift towards building voter capacity over time and not</p> <p>3 just focusing outreach around individual elections, and</p> <p>4 so I think this sets the framework for that work.</p> <p>5 So with that, I -- with your permission,</p> <p>6 Commissioner -- or, Chairman, I'd like to turn it over</p> <p>7 to Gina to walk through what we're implementing for the</p> <p>8 2026 election.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you.</p> <p>10 Gina.</p> <p>11 MS. ROBERTS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,</p> <p>12 Commissioners. I will go ahead and share my screen, as</p> <p>13 I have slides for you. And it looks like you can see</p> <p>14 everything. Okay.</p> <p>15 Okay. Well, good morning. As Tom mentioned,</p> <p>16 we'll start off with a little bit of recap from our</p> <p>17 efforts from 2025. The slides that I have for you are</p> <p>18 in no way reflective of everything that we've done,</p> <p>19 we'd be here for much longer if we did that, but we do</p> <p>20 want to highlight a few of our efforts.</p> <p>21 So we'll jump into what we experienced in</p> <p>22 2025 for elections. We had six elections, and two of</p> <p>23 them we -- were special elections due to the vacancy</p> <p>24 created in Congress by the passing of Congressman Raul</p> <p>25 Grijalva, and then we had our standard four elections</p> | <p>1 Of those five, you can see here we had over</p> <p>2 89 million impressions, which basically means how many</p> <p>3 times our content was presented to someone in the</p> <p>4 state. Of our organic social media, which was</p> <p>5 fantastic, so basically nonpaid here, we had 216,000</p> <p>6 impressions and 2.2 million engagements. So 2.2</p> <p>7 million times people engaged with our content on</p> <p>8 social.</p> <p>9 In terms of editorial, so maybe that is, you</p> <p>10 know, an opinion piece that a staff member or a</p> <p>11 Commission Member wrote, but basically our own content</p> <p>12 that we were producing, we had 99 articles that linked</p> <p>13 back to Clean Elections directly and we had 284</p> <p>14 placements. And so some of the numbers here, they're</p> <p>15 very, you know, high reaching here, but because of</p> <p>16 those placements and the coverage that we received on</p> <p>17 our editorial pieces, that resulted in 2.2 billion</p> <p>18 total audience. And what that means is all of those</p> <p>19 entities that either linked back to Clean Elections or</p> <p>20 shared our content, that was the broadest audience that</p> <p>21 we could reach there. So, again, the editorial efforts</p> <p>22 were very successful in helping to get our information</p> <p>23 out there.</p> <p>24 Our podcast, which is in its infancy still,</p> <p>25 we launched it last year, we had 19 episodes that we</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 26</p> <p>1 recorded with -- we had 1.3 -- oh, that should be 2 thousand -- downloads. And our consumption rate, which 3 I think is a very important metric here, the 4 consumption rate, how long did people listen to our 5 episodes, which are about 10 minutes in length, we had 6 a 76 percent average consumption rate, and that's 7 really great. That's above industry standard there. 8 So it shows the people are interested in the content 9 that we're putting out on the podcast, they're taking 10 the time to listen to it. 11 And then we have our content management, so 12 our CRM here. This means basically our newsletter, our 13 content that we are writing in house that we are 14 sending out. We had over 300,000 e-mails that were 15 sent. And we have -- on our subscription list we have 16 over 16,000 e-mail subscribers, and that is continuing 17 to grow month by month that we're keeping track of. 18 And then SMS, which is our text messaging 19 service, this is very new as well too. We had 32,000 20 texts that were sent, and we have just -- well, 3,518 21 subscribers. So that is still very new and we're 22 growing that as well. 23 So we are very excited with the performance 24 of each one of these tactics because, again, it 25 showcases that our content is effective, it's engaging,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 27</p> <p>1 and we are being very smart with our financial 2 resources. 3 So to give you an idea of how we reached 4 voters with all of our content through paid media, 5 these are the digital channel -- or, excuse me -- these 6 are some of the paid media channels that we utilized. 7 This is -- we were on -- so over the top, like Netflix, 8 things like that, your streaming services. We were on 9 social media. Search -- search is something that I 10 will highlight in a few slides later, but it is very 11 successful for us. And what I mean by that is, when 12 somebody opens up a search engine, like Google, and it 13 ultimately gets them to our content. And we had 14 digital display ads and then we had print ads, so we 15 were in the newspaper. We had radio reads and 16 out-of-home, such as billboards. So we used a very -- 17 a variety of paid media tactics to reach voters across 18 the state. 19 So what did these elections look like? We 20 had our local elections in March and May. And so for 21 March we had a City of Tucson election, which 22 was ballot by mail. And you typically see that type of 23 election, ballot by mail, where every registered voter 24 is automatically mailed -- or, excuse me -- every 25 eligible voter is automatically mailed a ballot, we</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 28</p> <p>1 typically see those in those local elections. And just 2 some key metrics here from our website. For that 3 particular election we had over -- we had about 117,000 4 visitors to our website for election information on 5 that Tucson race. 6 In May there were Glendale, Goodyear, and 7 Colorado City ballot-by-mail elections. Again, you'll 8 see a range of what's on the ballot, ranging from 9 council elections to charter, zoning amendments, to 10 school board elections as we go through these. So, 11 again, it's very important that we keep up our outreach 12 during odd years. 13 There really is no such thing as, oh, it's 14 not an election year. That just doesn't exist. I know 15 some folks still have that thought, that perception 16 that elections only happen every two years and it's 17 only the primary and general or it's only presidential 18 and midterm. But the reality is, there's elections 19 happening pretty much all the time, every year, and 20 they are very real, important matters that impact 21 voters directly. 22 For this May local election we had 132,000 23 visitors on our website. 24 Then we jump into our special primary 25 election, and we had six -- it looks like six counties</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 29</p> <p>1 that were participating in that election and we had 2 131,000 views. 3 And then we get into our August, which is -- 4 you know, we'll think of as our primary election, 5 right, for 2025. We had Tucson, San Tan Valley, 6 Prescott, several elections going on, and, again, 7 everything ranging from a recall election to 8 propositions to council seats, and we had about 56,000 9 views on that from our website. 10 Then we jump into the CD7 special general 11 election. We had 110,000 views on our website. 12 And then finally, we capped the year off with 13 the November locals, which there were multiple 14 counties. Most of the counties across the state had 15 elections, and there were a lot of elections related to 16 schools, so whether that was school boards, bonds and 17 overrides, things like that. We had a lot of activity 18 going on throughout for the November 4th locals. And 19 again, you can see all the counties listed here, the 20 elementary school districts. 21 And, you know, one of the things that I will 22 pause here and note for this particular election that 23 we see, again, with all of these school-related items, 24 we are the only entity in the state of Arizona that you 25 can go to, the single website, to find this</p> |
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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 30</p> <p>1 information. And that's a big shout out to Alec for 2 having all of his well established contacts to get this 3 accurate election information and post it timely for 4 us. So this is a very key service that our website 5 provides during these school district elections. And 6 then we had 228,000 views on our website. 7 So for the year of 2025 we had 852,000 views. 8 And the key event count is a great performance 9 indicator as well, so what that means -- it means that 10 we had people take some sort of action when they were 11 on our site 2.7 million times. So that could be, you 12 know, clicking our register to vote button, it could be 13 downloading our civics curriculum, they are taking an 14 action on the website 2.7 million times all throughout 15 2025. 16 And that heat map, it indicates our presence 17 throughout the state. And we're very excited about 18 this, because it showcases, again, our efforts to not 19 just reach the Phoenix metro area. We have a very 20 strong presence in rural areas, and we're going to 21 continue to do that, but this is also an indicator of 22 why we don't rely solely on digital outreach efforts, 23 because we know in some of our rural areas that could 24 be difficult with broadband access. So as we talk 25 about our 2026 voter education plan, we have a</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 32</p> <p>1 based off a search that way as well. 2 A few things that we wanted to share were the 3 top pages for the year. So when people come to the 4 Clean Elections website, what pages are they most 5 interested in. I personally thought this was really 6 interesting that one of the top pages has to do with 7 the President's cabinet. So we have on our pages all 8 of the different cabinets that the President of the 9 United States oversees and his appointments, and that 10 was really interesting to voters in 2025. So, again, 11 that's part of our just how government works section 12 and explaining the different branches and levels of 13 government. Again, civics education. So that was very 14 popular in 2025. 15 The second highest page is The People's 16 Ledger. And I have some slides dedicated to that, but 17 I just wanted to highlight that right now. I'll 18 explain why that's important in a few slides. But The 19 People's Ledger was number two, which is very exciting, 20 and then we get into our election pages. 21 So it showcases that people are coming to 22 Clean Elections not just for logistical information on 23 voting, but really looking at the whole civic life that 24 voting is a part of. 25 So we had new pages in 2025 that we launched.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 31</p> <p>1 multitude of tactics to reach voters that -- again, 2 we're not relying just on digital and online efforts. 3 A few things to talk about, again, that we 4 wanted to share with the website. So organic search. 5 Again, voter pulls up Google, they are, on their own, 6 typing in Clean Elections or primary election, things 7 like that, and that is one of the biggest drivers to 8 our website. So for 2025 about 265,000 users were sent 9 to our website based off organic search alone, so not 10 us prompting them or anything, them doing it on their 11 own. 12 And what that means is a few things. One, 13 it's great for brand recognition that people are 14 turning to and recognize Clean Elections, they remember 15 and recall Clean Elections when they're going to do 16 their search for election information. But also, it 17 showcases that our web content is structured and 18 optimized in such a way that search engines are 19 trusting our content as well enough that they are 20 putting it in those top search queries. 21 So, again, it's another shout out to Alec in 22 making sure that the behind-the-scenes efforts of our 23 website, such as our meta tags and our site structure, 24 it all works really well for Google and other search 25 engines. So the website is being highlighted to voters</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 33</p> <p>1 The first page is Beyond the Ballot AZ, which is our 2 podcast. So we have our page where folks can go 3 directly to our website and they can stream the podcast 4 episodes directly on our website. Of course, the 5 podcast is also available any other place that you can 6 get your podcast, like Spotify or Apple. 7 And then here is The People's Ledger. So The 8 People's Ledger, again, is brand new, and it's -- you 9 know, what a ledger is, it's usually a book or a 10 collection of information. And so for our purposes we 11 thought, you know what? We'll create this content that 12 we are producing in house and we'll talk about policy 13 issues or ways to stay engaged. 14 So an example of some of the content that 15 we've produced are democracy in motion, what happens 16 when no one is voting, or we did a People's Ledger on 17 debunking election myths, spotlight on voting rights, 18 Arizona's election history, a legacy of civic 19 engagement. So folks are really showing an interest in 20 this content that we're developing. 21 And then finally here, I'll talk about the 22 content that we have on our website, and just it's a 23 wealth of information. So I talked about the school 24 board elections and how the Clean Elections website is 25 the only site in the state of Arizona -- well, really</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 34</p> <p>1 in the country -- that you can go to to get all of that 2 information about school board elections.</p> <p>3 And so what this means is, our website has a 4 wealth of information related to voting that we are 5 putting into our voter dashboard, and this also 6 includes the propositions. So for that November local 7 election there were several propositions on the ballot, 8 again, bonds, maintenance, and override elections, 9 recalls, other propositions, charter amendments. We 10 had every single one of those propositions listed on 11 our website that voters could access. So, again, it's 12 a wealth of information in one location.</p> <p>13 And again, another shout out to Alec here 14 because, you know, this is the Clean Elections website, 15 but we know that there are other entities out there, 16 other websites that people go to, such as Ballotpedia 17 is something that is a website that has a lot of -- a 18 lot of folks know about. Ballotpedia e-mails us 19 saying, hey, when can we get your information? So it's 20 just -- it's really great to showcase that our website 21 is really the original source of this content.</p> <p>22 So when we're working on our website, again, 23 data and metrics and performance, that is very 24 important in how we are executing the functions of the 25 voter education plan. And so the things that we look</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 36</p> <p>1 election officials across the state and we had really 2 great engagement and outreach efforts. Whether that's 3 going to county fairs or going to libraries or schools, 4 we definitely had a presence across the entire state of 5 Arizona.</p> <p>6 Some great numbers for our Captain Activate 7 series. We shipped over 3,000 copies. And, you know, 8 the people who are reaching out to us and saying, hey, 9 can we get copies -- copies of Captain Activate, 10 they're schools, they're parents, they're election 11 officials, they are libraries. We've had people 12 request the comics from out of state, from out of 13 country. It's really -- you know, you can't specify. 14 It's not like the comic is just for kids. We are 15 seeing a variety of folks who are interested in it for 16 a multitude of reasons.</p> <p>17 And so with that being out there in the 18 community, it's a great resource for us to be able to 19 connect with voters and start talking to them about 20 being engaged. So we found the comic to be very 21 successful, and really ultimately it's part of that -- 22 encouraging that civic life.</p> <p>23 Here is some photos of, again, boots on the 24 ground, being out there in the community, engaging with 25 voters face to face, and having a presence. Our -- so,</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 35</p> <p>1 at to make sure the website is meeting the needs of 2 Arizona voters are we are looking at the usability of 3 the site, again, the structure and organization of the 4 content. How long does it take for a page to load when 5 somebody is using it, whether on desktop or mobile. 6 You know, is it friendly. What's the bounce rate from 7 certain sites. The search effectiveness, so if you go 8 to Clean Elections and you click the little magnifying 9 glass, how great are we returning results.</p> <p>10 Accessibility, is it working well with screen readers. 11 You know, what is the contrast of our font. Looking at 12 site traffic and our conversion rates. So all of this 13 is what we were doing on the back end to provide a 14 better experience for voters. So that covers our 15 website performance and the six elections that we had 16 this year.</p> <p>17 Now, as I mentioned, we don't rely solely on 18 online and digital outreach efforts. So with that 19 comes our sort of boots on the ground, and we've got 20 some information here that we wanted to highlight. 21 Again, it does not come close to representing all of 22 the areas that we were -- that we were at in 2025, but 23 it's a few things that we wanted to highlight.</p> <p>24 Of course, we have Captain Activate here. 25 But we partnered with all of our counties and local</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 37</p> <p>1 again, Captain Activate, our civic mascot, is great 2 outreach to our families and to our future voters. He 3 was at a lot of events last year. That included Fan 4 Fusion here in Phoenix, which is a very large event and 5 we have a great opportunity to connect with thousands 6 of voters at a single location. Captain Activate was 7 at the Tucson Book Festival and also Youth Day at the 8 Capitol.</p> <p>9 And it's really great too because we're 10 seeing our election partners across our 15 counties 11 contact Avery and be like, hey, can we get Captain 12 Activate out here because we're having an open house or 13 there's a public safety day, things like that.</p> <p>14 A few things that we wanted to highlight as 15 well for our outreach, Avery has launched a voter 16 outreach working group that he has several members of 17 our 15 counties participate in. And basically they get 18 together, they discuss, okay, what events do we have 19 coming up, what are some voter education issues that 20 we're seeing or, you know, can we collaborate together 21 on these things.</p> <p>22 And then, of course, there's been 23 presentations. So a multitude of events across the 24 year where Clean Elections staff is going out and 25 presenting on Clean Elections, talking about the voting</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 38</p> <p>1 process, talking about media literacy and civil 2 discourse, how to run for office. So our office -- our 3 staff are very much out there in the community being 4 looked to as folks who are knowledgeable about these 5 issues and being asked to present.</p> <p>6 And so, again, these are just some photos of 7 where we were able to be out. One of the photos I 8 wanted to highlight in particular, the one on the 9 right. I know Tom, during the ED Report, mentioned an 10 event where we were at the Cardinals stadium last week, 11 but this is another event that we were also at the 12 Cardinals stadium a few months ago. And this is where 13 Tolleson School District brought together a career day 14 for all of their school districts and bussed in 15 hundreds of students to come.</p> <p>16 And so our booth is surrounded by businesses, 17 right; things like, hey, you can have a career in this. 18 And it was really great that they reached out to Clean 19 Elections and asked us to participate, because we could 20 talk to them about do you want to have a career as an 21 election official or maybe just serve as a poll worker. 22 And then, of course, that lends the opportunity of 23 talking about voting and civic engagement as well.</p> <p>24 So we talked about the website, we talked 25 about boots on the ground. The other component that</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 40</p> <p>1 policy issues, we're also engaging the business 2 community, so that's really important. Because we do a 3 lot of outreach with our civic partners, who are 4 naturally interested in elections, working with our 5 teachers and our educators on civic engagement, working 6 with voters with disabilities, things like that.</p> <p>7 But when we are doing these specific issues 8 like this, education, we had top education minds in the 9 state come together to talk about this particular 10 issue. And then when we did healthcare, same thing, we 11 had the top leaders in the healthcare industry. So we 12 are bringing together the business industry and getting 13 them to put their buy-in and their support for civic 14 engagement and for learning about voting and being a 15 vote -- being an informed voter. So that's another 16 benefit to these Inside the Issues tables.</p> <p>17 The CD7 special election, which was 18 unexpected, but it prompted the need for a debate. So 19 we were very pleased with the success of our CD7 20 debates for both the primary and the general elections. 21 I've got some data points here that showcase the 22 results, ranging from 100 percent participation from 23 the candidates that were invited to participate to how 24 many television stations carried the debate to how many 25 hours it resulted in in live stream. We even take a</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 39</p> <p>1 was very successful for us in 2025 was our content 2 production. So we had our Inside the Issues events. 3 We held two in 2025. The first one was about 4 education, and then in December we had another one 5 about healthcare. The one about education, we 6 partnered with ABC 15 and held it at their studios. 7 And healthcare, we partnered with Telemundo, and it was 8 entirely in Spanish. And so the thought process behind 9 this is bringing information to voters about the top 10 policy issues that they've told us about in our 11 research that they care about.</p> <p>12 The Inside the Issues, I've got a lot of data 13 here showcasing just how many news outlets picked up 14 and carried this production. This is specific to our 15 education one, and so you can see all of the news 16 stations that aired it. We had ABC 15, Arizona 61, 17 Arizona PBS, KVOA, KOLD, AZPM, Cox, Fox 10, KTAR. A 18 multitude of news outlets picked up this content to 19 show it to their audiences, so it was really great to 20 reach voters across the state.</p> <p>21 And I've got a little clip here for you. 22 (Video plays.)</p> <p>23 MS. ROBERTS: So for these Inside the Issues 24 events, one of the benefits of it is, in addition to 25 bringing this information to voters about these top</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 41</p> <p>1 look at how does having this debate impact the traffic 2 on our website, which you can see there was a 258 3 percent increase in new users from the time period 4 during the CD7 election and our debate.</p> <p>5 So we, again, really try to make sure that we 6 are capturing all data points possible to, one, help us 7 determine are our efforts being successful, but also so 8 we can learn from it, you know, we can learn about 9 behavior from the voters and how they're engaging with 10 our content. So, again, we were very pleased with the 11 results from our CD7 debate -- debates that we had.</p> <p>12 So with that, Mr. Chairman, I can pause if 13 there's any questions on our activities for 2025 before 14 I jump into our 2026 plan, if you'd like.</p> <p>15 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Any -- any questions or 16 comments on the 2025 -- what you did last year?</p> <p>17 Gina, it's a very impressive package of ways 18 that you are looking to inform and educate voters and 19 get them involved. It's just astounding all that you 20 have accomplished with Alec and Avery and Captain 21 Activate and everyone else on the staff. Very 22 impressive.</p> <p>23 Anyone else on the Commission want to make 24 any comments before we look at what we're going to do 25 this year?</p> |

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| <p>1 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Mr. Chairman.</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Werther.</p> <p>3 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Just also very</p> <p>4 impressive and thank you so much. I know how much work</p> <p>5 goes into all of this.</p> <p>6 And also, I just wanted to give a shout out</p> <p>7 to the billboards, because I do actually drive around</p> <p>8 the state for work and I've seen them on the very rural</p> <p>9 highways out there and it's really always great to see.</p> <p>10 So I think that is a great way to engage voters who</p> <p>11 maybe aren't looking at the digital method of delivery.</p> <p>12 Thank you.</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you,</p> <p>14 Commissioner Werther.</p> <p>15 Any other Commissioners wish to make any</p> <p>16 comments?</p> <p>17 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Yeah, Chairman. This is</p> <p>18 Steve Titla.</p> <p>19 Good morning, Gina.</p> <p>20 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Yes. Good morning,</p> <p>21 Commissioner Titla.</p> <p>22 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Yeah, thank you.</p> <p>23 Yeah. I'm impressed with all the work that</p> <p>24 has been done by Gina and the rest of the team there</p> <p>25 for Clean Elections implementation in the state. As</p> | <p>1 could devote some time to them so that they can know</p> <p>2 about Clean Elections and all the good work that's</p> <p>3 being done here. What we have done in the past, Tom</p> <p>4 and I were on the radio over there at San Carlos</p> <p>5 Apache. And they call it KYAY 91.1 FM. Tom was a good</p> <p>6 radio person. He has a good voice for radio. So we</p> <p>7 were able to appear on radio. And I think those kind</p> <p>8 of things to reach the tribes also is very important.</p> <p>9 Thank you, Gina, Chairman.</p> <p>10 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, Commissioner.</p> <p>11 Thank you, Commissioner Titla.</p> <p>12 Any other Commissioners wish to make comments</p> <p>13 on the 2025 report?</p> <p>14 (No response.)</p> <p>15 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Gina, the floor is</p> <p>16 yours.</p> <p>17 MS. ROBERTS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.</p> <p>18 And if I -- if I may, Commissioner Titla,</p> <p>19 thank you so much for the direction that you always</p> <p>20 provide and the leadership for the outreach to our 22</p> <p>21 tribes. That is absolutely something that we dedicate</p> <p>22 our efforts and resources to. And I apologize that I</p> <p>23 didn't have much on that in this presentation for our</p> <p>24 recap.</p> <p>25 Just to briefly touch on that, of what we did</p> |
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| <p>1 you know, we have a mandate from the Clean Elections,</p> <p>2 which is citizen initiated. And so as I keep saying,</p> <p>3 we need to reach out into the four corners of the</p> <p>4 state, which includes 22 tribes in the state. And I</p> <p>5 think that it would be a good idea to reach out to</p> <p>6 tribes, specifically to all 22 tribes, because they are</p> <p>7 a significant part of the population as far as voting</p> <p>8 is concerned.</p> <p>9 So I know that the tribes have annual --</p> <p>10 annual celebrations. And San Carlos -- that's where</p> <p>11 I'm from, San Carlos Apache -- they have an annual</p> <p>12 Veteran's Day event, activities. They have parades,</p> <p>13 they have rodeos, they have concerts, they have games,</p> <p>14 they have powwows. And I think thousands of people</p> <p>15 congregate over there from all areas of the state and</p> <p>16 from out of state also, so I think that would be a good</p> <p>17 site to have information available to those voters.</p> <p>18 And then I know that Navajos have a big</p> <p>19 Navajo fair up there. I don't know the dates of it.</p> <p>20 And then down in the south, the Tohono O'odham, they</p> <p>21 have a big celebration coming up here, I think the</p> <p>22 first weekend in February, down in Sells, where they</p> <p>23 have big festivities, rodeos and powwows and everything</p> <p>24 else.</p> <p>25 So I think it would be a good idea if we</p> | <p>1 do in 2025, many of the events that you had noted,</p> <p>2 those were events that we did have participation in.</p> <p>3 Avery is very good about traveling around the state.</p> <p>4 And you'll see in the 2026 plan we do have some of</p> <p>5 those on our calendar already.</p> <p>6 A few things I wanted to highlight. There</p> <p>7 was a conference put together by the Intertribal</p> <p>8 Council of Arizona where they brought together election</p> <p>9 officials across the state and talked about voter</p> <p>10 education and outreach for tribal members. And we had</p> <p>11 the opportunity to attend that and to present on it,</p> <p>12 and it was very great because we hear from ITCA about</p> <p>13 how they look to us as leaders for voter education for</p> <p>14 the tribes and how they are constantly using our</p> <p>15 content that we put out there. So that -- one, that</p> <p>16 was really great to hear.</p> <p>17 The other opportunity that we have, for the</p> <p>18 past several years now when the Secretary of State's</p> <p>19 Office does their election officer certification</p> <p>20 training, we are invited to train the new election</p> <p>21 officials on outreach efforts specifically for our</p> <p>22 Native American communities. And so it's really great</p> <p>23 that we are looked at as leaders for that as well and</p> <p>24 that we place such a high importance on it.</p> <p>25 There are also several events that, again,</p> |


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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 46</p> <p>1 that we attend, and I'm very happy to showcase to you. 2 In our 2026 plans you'll see some of those as well. 3 I also completely agree that Tom has a great 4 radio voice, which is why we have him on the podcast. 5 So for 2026, this is, just to give you an 6 idea, the landscape that we're looking at with our 7 voter registration numbers. We've got about 4.3 8 million registered voters. And again, it's -- you can 9 take a look at the "other" line. Those are going to be 10 our unaffiliated independent voters, which make up a 11 very big portion of our electorate. So we have to be 12 mindful of that because, again, when you are 13 unaffiliated, when you're an independent, the rules can 14 change for you on how to participate in the elections. 15 So we are very mindful of our voter registration 16 makeup. 17 And what we were looking forward to in 2026 18 are four elections. We do have a March 10th local 19 election coming up. That's going to be the City of 20 Tempe and Pima County. Then we look to May. Right now 21 what we're aware of is Coconino County and the Town of 22 Mammoth and possibly more elections that will be 23 happening. We're still doing our outreach. 24 We do have our primary election, which as of 25 right now it is scheduled for August 4th; however,</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 48</p> <p>1 to announce who their running mates are and they will 2 appear on a joint ticket together, so very similar to 3 how our President and Vice President run, but this is a 4 new office for Arizona voters and what they'll see. So 5 we will be including that office in our debate process, 6 but also just providing some information on what that 7 office is responsible for doing. 8 And then, of course, we have our judicial 9 retention elections, judges and justices, the ballot 10 measures, and then of course local offices and races. 11 So it's going to be a very busy year for voters. 12 So how do we prepare and how do we create our 13 2026 voter education plans? As hopefully it was 14 demonstrated in the recap, we relied very much on 15 talking to voters directly and research. We want to 16 make informed decisions, that way we know we can be the 17 most effective with our dollars and our time and energy 18 and how we are communicating with voters. 19 So a few highlights from the research that we 20 have done. So after the 2024 election, so in Q4 -- 21 Quarter 4 of 2024, we put out a survey to talk to 22 voters; then, in 2025 we held focus groups. So these 23 are some highlights from that research. 24 I do have a slide here on election security, 25 because that's just been top of mind for the past</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 47</p> <p>1 there is a strong likelihood that that date will change 2 and be bumped up a week. This is -- we had the same 3 thing occur in 2024 where the primary election date was 4 changed; however, then it was only done temporarily by 5 a session law. There is a bill in the Legislature now 6 to make this change permanent, and it just really has 7 to do with calendaring and making sure that election 8 officials have enough time that they need to perform 9 their tasks in between a primary and general election. 10 So once we get confirmation on what that -- 11 it will likely be July 28th is the date that it will 12 be. But what we're looking at on the ballot are, of 13 course, our Congressional seats, our -- all of our 14 statewide executive offices, our legislative offices 15 and local offices. And as Tom mentioned earlier in the 16 ED Report, this is going to be the first time in over 17 10 years where we do not have a U.S. Senate seat on 18 the ballot. And that's going to be important for a 19 number of reasons, as you'll see when we go through 20 these slides. 21 And then we jump into our general election. 22 So, again, we'll have all of those candidate races back 23 on the ballot. In addition, we will also have 24 Lieutenant Governor, which is a brand new seat. So the 25 Gubernatorial candidates, the nominees, they will need</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 49</p> <p>1 several years. So we just wanted to talk to voters and 2 say, hey, how confident are you -- or, were you in the 3 accuracy of the results of the 2024 election? 4 So it's really great to see that some folks 5 were extremely confident, you can see 61 percent there, 6 and we have it broken down by party. And so that's 7 good news for us. It shows that people are having 8 trust in the system. 9 Then one of the things we talked to voters 10 about, how much time do you spend researching the 11 candidates and the issues? And this is important too 12 because, you know, obviously we put out our Voter 13 Education Guide. Are people taking the time to read 14 that entire Guide? When the Secretary of State's 15 Office puts out their very thick publicity pamphlet, 16 are people reading that? How much time are they 17 spending online? We just want to know how long are we 18 having the attention span of voters, what's the 19 priority that people are placing on it, so we know how 20 to best provide and deliver content to them. 21 So you can see here, you know, how many hours 22 did you spend researching it? It looks like the top is 23 a range between one to five hours. And so you can see 24 the difference throughout the years as well, and that 25 seems about average for most voters.</p> |

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| <p>1 And then we asked them, okay, well, you're 2 spending time researching, but where are you getting 3 your information? And so the two different colors 4 here, we have it broken down between our general 5 population and then specifically our youth, so 16- to 6 24-year-olds, but, you know, we know it's 18 that are 7 voting. So very happy to see that the Voter Education 8 Guide and debates are ranked very highly that people 9 are looking to for their information when they're 10 voting.</p> <p>11 And then we also asked them, well, when 12 you're researching and you're looking for your sources, 13 what do you consider an unbiased source? Again, very 14 happy to see that the Voter Education Guide is ranked 15 one of the highest sources for unbiased information. 16 And this has been something that is consistent year 17 over year when we are having our focus groups and our 18 surveys that we put out there. The Voter Education 19 Guide is -- people are looking forward to.</p> <p>20 And then we asked them about our website. 21 Okay. If you visited azcleelections.gov, you know, 22 what was your experience? Did you find what you were 23 looking for? And 92 percent of folks said yes, which 24 is great news.</p> <p>25 And then we asked them, how could we do</p> | <p>1 about user experience with our Voter Guide. And so we 2 put them through a practice where we said, if you were 3 going to build your own Voter Guide, what would it be 4 like? And so this is some of the feedback that voters 5 gave us. The great news is that we already do most of 6 this. And then the things that we aren't doing, we are 7 looking at implementing, and hopefully it should be 8 fairly easy to implement.</p> <p>9 So, for example, on the candidate information 10 side, folks were very interested in the voting history 11 of incumbents. So that's something that we think we 12 can update and link to in our -- in our dashboard. But 13 again, very, very great to hear -- to see that what 14 people are reporting of what they want in a Voter Guide 15 we are, for the most part, doing.</p> <p>16 And then finally, I wanted to give you some 17 information on just who are the voters right now, what 18 are some general descriptions of voters, a snapshot. 19 So when we think about voters as a whole from our 20 population across the state, participants expressed 21 worry about the economy and changes to the political 22 system, but they're hopeful. So that's really great 23 that they have that hope. And then those bullets are 24 just some action points of what they've done. So, as 25 you can see, you know, tightened their budget or stayed</p> |
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| <p>1 better? And it's really great that 45 percent, which 2 is the top result, said nothing, you know, there's 3 nothing you could do to be better, but we always know 4 we can improve. And so 28 percent did reflect on the 5 design and navigation, which prompted us to invest 6 further in a UX design study research, which we 7 completed at the end of 2025, and I'll talk about that 8 momentarily. But it was really great to see that we 9 had great feedback from voters when they were visiting 10 our site.</p> <p>11 And then one other thing that I wanted to 12 share too on our research was about democracy. We just 13 wanted to, again, learn about the sentiment, how voters 14 are feeling. And so we asked them, what's the first 15 word or phrase that comes to your mind when you hear 16 the word democracy? This is just a small snapshot of 17 the list, but it was -- you can see here that one of 18 the top responses had 37 percent where folks said, what 19 comes to mind, freedom, free, liberty, independence, 20 sovereignty, and sovereign. And so most of the 21 responses overall were positive when people, you know, 22 think of the word democracy. About 13 percent came in 23 neutral and about 5 percent had a negative reaction to 24 that term.</p> <p>25 So during our research we also wanted to know</p> | <p>1 away from overly political situations and 2 conversations.</p> <p>3 On independent voters, they showcased that 4 they have some worry about the future, what the 5 government looks like, and that they are happy to see 6 changes of any kind. And so as a result, their 7 activities, they've adjusted their spending habits, 8 they are spending more time indoors in their home, and 9 they focused on politically educating their kids.</p> <p>10 Our youth, they have pretty high feelings of 11 anxiety and little hope about the current state of 12 affairs. And so what that results in their action is, 13 they're trying to save more money, they're increasing 14 their political research. They're kind of sort of, I 15 guess, censoring themselves in a way, concealing part 16 of their identity and monitoring what they say.</p> <p>17 So this is, again, based off of the research 18 that we've done. We also have some secondary research. 19 But this just gives us an idea of who the voters are, 20 and that helps us understand how to communicate with 21 them.</p> <p>22 So in 2026, the expected media landscape 23 across the country -- I wanted to share this with you. 24 AdImpact puts out this report for every election cycle 25 and they put out estimates of how much money they think</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 54</p> <p>1 will be spent across each state for political 2 advertising. And Arizona, the expectation is that 3 \$332 million will be spent.</p> <p>4 So why do I share that? That's important 5 because, when we are going to be out there in market 6 and paid media, so are a lot of other people. There's 7 going to be candidates with their campaign messaging, 8 political, you know, committees out there pushing 9 messaging. And so, again, it just gives us awareness 10 about the environment that voters are in. They have 11 lots of political messaging coming at them.</p> <p>12 And so how can we kind of filter through 13 that? How do we essentially compete with all of the 14 other candidate messaging that has a very political 15 tone to it and is saying, you know, vote for me or vote 16 yes or no? How does Clean Elections, as a 17 non-partisan, unbiased entity, break through that to 18 voters and say, hey, we just want to give you the facts 19 so you can vote informed and we want you to 20 participate.</p> <p>21 So something that we keep in mind is what is 22 the media landscape looking at. 332 million, it is 23 lower than 2024, but again, as Tom noted, there's not a 24 U.S. Senate race on the ballot, which typically brings 25 in a lot of paid media activity. So with that sort of</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 56</p> <p>1 them, whether it's curbside voting or resources that 2 they have on how to use the assessable voting 3 equipment.</p> <p>4 And then, of course, we'll do our civic 5 education and media literacy for our future voters and, 6 again, to really help create that healthy civic life.</p> <p>7 All of that ends up with us developing our 8 campaign for 2026, which is vote with intention. So 9 what this means is, there are some things in life that 10 everybody chooses with great care, your partner in 11 life, your job, your friends, but even the smaller 12 things, such as, you know, what phone case you're going 13 to get, your coffee order, how you're curating your 14 playlist. People spend time and effort on that, so 15 voting should be one of those things to make your vote 16 yours.</p> <p>17 So as I talked about what that estimated paid 18 media spend is going to be in Arizona and how do we cut 19 through all of that political advertising, we wanted to 20 be relatable and do that with a touch of humor and 21 really showcase that you need to be intentional with 22 your choices, and we can provide you that factual 23 information so that you can be an informed voter.</p> <p>24 So with that, I'd like to show you two of our 25 TV spots that we've created for 2026.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 55</p> <p>1 foundation and that information, what are we planning 2 to do?</p> <p>3 We know that our messaging is going to be 4 pretty straightforward. We will always speak to the 5 logistics of voting. So we're always going to educate 6 about how to get registered to vote, how the early 7 voting process works, how to cast your ballot. We will 8 continue to educate on election security. Here is how 9 you can track your ballot to ensure it was counted. If 10 you want to participate in a logic and accuracy 11 testing, this is how you can do it. This is how you 12 can have confidence in the accuracy of the vote count.</p> <p>13 We will, of course, educate independent 14 voters. As I mentioned, they're a high part of our 15 electorate, and the rules can change if -- from primary 16 to general election. They need to understand how to -- 17 one, that they can vote in a primary, and how that 18 process works. Again, procedurally, what happens when 19 you register to vote and your options for your 20 selecting. If you get a notice in the mail from the 21 County, you know, and you're on the early voting list, 22 what actions do you have to take to get your 23 primary ballot, things like that.</p> <p>24 We will also do messaging to our voters with 25 disabilities and explain what options are available to</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 57</p> <p>1 (Video plays.)</p> <p>2 MS. ROBERTS: So why did we go that route 3 with those -- with those commercials, those TV spots? 4 Again, we have to be mindful of our resources. And 5 paid media is expensive, so how can we be most 6 effective with our spots? How can we cut through that 7 standard political advertising that voters are being 8 inundated with? How can we be relatable to them, a 9 touch of humor? And then ultimately, how can they have 10 that brand recognition? So if they see our spot on TV, 11 then later on when they're at their computers or on 12 their phone and, oh, it's time to vote, oh, yeah, I 13 remembered I saw that. I'm going to go to 14 azcleaselections.gov.</p> <p>15 So we know that we -- when we have our 16 commercials in market like this, there's a direct 17 increase into our website traffic. Again, we're 18 tracking every metric that we can. And so it's 19 important that we are out there, and these spots are 20 running -- what you just saw was 30 seconds. So when 21 we are placing our media buys, again, being financially 22 responsible with the resources that we have, we're 23 placing spots -- we have these in 15-second spots and 24 30-second spots. So it's -- 25 To educate, 15 and 30 seconds, there's really</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 58</p> <p>1 not a lot of opportunity there. And again, we're 2 trying to cut through all of the messaging that voters 3 may even be getting tired of hearing from during the 4 election cycle. So we have found success that when our 5 spots are more on the humorous side and relatable, that 6 we really get to see, one, a brand recognition from 7 voters, and two, we see those higher metrics in the 8 performance of our -- of our website, so we know that 9 they're working.</p> <p>10 So, again, going along with the theme that we 11 developed based off of our research, vote with 12 intention, those are going to be our two primary video 13 spots, and we'll have other creative media that follows 14 along with that theme.</p> <p>15 So where are voters at? Where are they 16 consuming their media? We've got a chart here that 17 breaks it down between our young adults and even rural 18 communities, our Spanish speaking voters, our Native 19 American communities, and how are they accessing 20 information. And so this gives us where the voters are 21 at, so this is where we're going to be at.</p> <p>22 Where are our media placements going to be 23 for Clean Elections? We're going to be on TV. We're 24 going to be on streaming. So, you know, if you're -- 25 if you don't have cable or TV, your streaming channels</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 60</p> <p>1 refreshing our content so that we are making sure that 2 we are meeting the needs of voters. As I mentioned, we 3 went through a user experience, a user design testing 4 to see, okay, how are people engaging with our site and 5 where are they looking to for information, what pages 6 are they researching on, and the timing that it takes 7 as well, and we're going to be optimizing the site that 8 way.</p> <p>9 We're also going to be expanding our Voter 10 Dashboard capabilities. We have more data available to 11 us from the Secretary of State's Office, where we are 12 now going to be able to provide voter registration 13 lookup, full -- full district mapping capabilities. So 14 if somebody comes to our site, we're going to be able 15 to tell them every single district that they live in. 16 And if we can do that, we can then tell them every 17 single candidate that's running in their district. And 18 of course, making updates to our candidate profiles, 19 and then we have a lot of updates that we need to make 20 to our back-end system as well.</p> <p>21 We will continue with content development, so 22 we will -- we're planning to have more Inside the 23 Issues events throughout the year. Those will, again, 24 be anywhere from 60- to 120-minute panel discussions 25 with those subject matter experts. We will continue to</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 59</p> <p>1 that you use. We'll have radio reads, prints. Again, 2 out-of-homes, so those billboards. We'll be on social 3 media, we'll have our ads that we push out. And again, 4 search is very important for us. So we will use these 5 different platforms to reach voters.</p> <p>6 This is just a quick pie chart to show you 7 the breakdown. Again, we try to have a variety of 8 tactics that we use, never just focusing on one. And 9 again, that has proven to give us the success that we 10 want to see in our performance measures.</p> <p>11 So our messaging channels that we have. In 12 addition to paid media, we've got our newsletter, we 13 have our text messages system, we've got our podcast, 14 The People's Ledger. Of course, we have our own social 15 media and the paid media that we're going to be 16 utilizing.</p> <p>17 And then we also are working very strongly 18 with PR, public relations and community outreach, 19 working with our news members and our journalists 20 across the state to get coverage on elections and the 21 efforts that Clean Elections is doing. And then, of 22 course, our website.</p> <p>23 So with our website, our plans to improve 24 that and make a better experience for voters in 2026 25 are we're going to be providing new content and</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 61</p> <p>1 partner with the Arizona Media Association. We'll have 2 our Spanish town halls. And we will continue to 3 produce podcast episodes for Beyond the Ballot AZ.</p> <p>4 Now, our debates. 2026 debates, we have been 5 working on these throughout all of 2025 in preparation 6 of this year. Based off of the election schedule, the 7 majority of our debates will be held in June and 8 September.</p> <p>9 We are continuing our partnership with AMA, 10 which is fantastic, because we know that it helps us 11 really produce this white label content and get it out 12 to voters across the state.</p> <p>13 In addition to our partnership with the 14 Arizona Media Association, we are also partnering with 15 Arizona Agenda for our non-broadcast debates. We had a 16 lot of great success with our televised debates in 17 2024; we really want to bring that same success to our 18 legislative and local debates that we're doing. So we 19 have this partnership with Arizona Agenda to really 20 kind of mimic what we're doing with the AMA and create 21 this white label content for these debates to push out 22 to our partners.</p> <p>23 We're going to be revising how we're engaging 24 and inviting candidates to participate and really 25 showcasing, this is the debate that you want to</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 62</p> <p>1 participate in, why it's important for candidates to 2 show up and communicate with voters. We're going to be 3 refreshing our format and our run of show, and Arizona 4 Agenda will be moderating the majority of our debates 5 as well, and then we'll be utilizing their existing 6 network to reach voters across the state. 7 And then we are going to be putting out 8 surveys prior to each election so we can ask voters, 9 again, what are the issues that you care about? This 10 will help shape our discussion and, you know, what 11 questions the moderators come up with for the 12 candidates. 13 And so you can see, we've got a full debate 14 lineup, everything -- our Congressional races and, 15 again, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, all the way down 16 to local races. 17 Our Voter Education Guide, we will be putting 18 that out again this year, and we'll have all of those 19 statewide offices in there. And what will be new is we 20 will now be including county candidates, so countywide 21 candidates. So that's going to be the county executive 22 offices, such as, you know, County Recorder, County 23 Sheriff, you know, County Attorney, those countywide 24 offices, as well as board of supervisor candidates, so 25 by district.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 64</p> <p>1 course, we'll be at Fan Fusion as well. 2 And one of the things we're excited about in 3 the initiative that we're undertaking is the Arizona's 4 Native Vote Collection. What we'd like to do is 5 partner with our tribes and do this original outreach 6 activation to celebrate civic engagement and the Native 7 American culture and inspire and encourage people to 8 vote in these midterm elections. And the idea is to 9 essentially create original vote art from our tribes, 10 from our 22 tribes, and feature it on one-of-a-kind 11 Clean Elections materials. So whether that's, you 12 know, some of the swag that we take with us, putting it 13 on our website, on our social media. Really at the end 14 of the day is we want to honor and celebrate and 15 inspire our tribal communities to participate in state 16 elections. 17 (Video plays.) 18 MS. ROBERTS: We plan to unveil Issue 3 at 19 Phoenix Fan Fusion this summer. Avery is hard at work 20 and has almost finalized the draft of Issue 3. Again, 21 our comic corresponds to the civic curriculum that we 22 have developed for 4th through 6th, 7th through 8th, 23 and 9th through 12th. Issue 3 will really focus on our 24 9th through 12th graders. And again, we're very 25 excited to continue to develop the comic, because it</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 63</p> <p>1 So what that means for what's on the ballot 2 and the schedule of these races, in 2026 when our Voter 3 Guides go out they will have all of these statewide 4 executive offices, they're going to have -- there's a 5 few countywide offices, like County Recorder, and then 6 there's a very small amount of board of supervisor 7 district candidates that will be on in 2026. In 2028 8 is their election schedule, what their terms were. We 9 will see a lot of county candidates on the ballot, 10 which means they'll be in our Voter Guide. 11 So this is a new legislative mandate. We've 12 been working on updating our system to be able to 13 accommodate this change, we've been working with our 14 vendors. And we will, again, continue to make sure 15 that our Voter Guide is looked at and is meaningful to 16 voters, so it has the information they need and 17 continues to be a trusted source for them. 18 For our outreach, this is a very small 19 snapshot of some things that we have coming up. Some 20 of the events that Commissioner Titla had mentioned, 21 such as the O'oodham Rodeo that's coming up in 22 February, that will be on there. We are also going to 23 be partnering with the Navajo Voters Coalition for a 24 conference in June, and a multitude of events. But 25 again, this is certainly not all encompassing. And of</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 65</p> <p>1 promotes that -- literacy skills and it really 2 encourages not only our future voters, but we're seeing 3 great feedback from adults as well. And our civic 4 partners absolutely love the comics, so we're very 5 excited to continue with this in our voter education 6 efforts. 7 With that, I will apologize for taking so 8 much time. I tried to go quickly, but we do have a lot 9 of content here. And so I can stop sharing my screen 10 and I'm happy to answer any questions. 11 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Any comments or questions 12 from the Commission? 13 COMMISSIONER PATON: I have a comment. 14 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton. 15 COMMISSIONER PATON: I think that one of the 16 Governor candidates should get you to be the 17 Lieutenant Governor on their ticket. I mean, you 18 should be running the State. That's all. That's all. 19 MS. ROBERTS: Mr. Chairman, 20 Commissioner Paton, that is very, very kind. Thank 21 you. And of course, I very much love working for Clean 22 Elections. Thank you. 23 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Any other comments or 24 questions from Members of the Commission? 25 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Mr. Chairman.</p> |

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| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 66</p> <p>1 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Yes, Commissioner Titla. 2 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Yeah. Gina, thank you 3 for all that information. That's very impressive. I'm 4 excited about the election now. Thank you. 5 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 6 Commissioner Titla. 7 Anything else? 8 (No response.) 9 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: If there's no further 10 discussion, I would entertain a motion on the 2026 11 voter education plan. 12 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Mr. Chairman, I move 13 to approve the 2026 voter education plan. 14 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 15 Commissioner Werther. 16 Is there a second? 17 COMMISSIONER PATON: I'll second it. 18 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 19 Commissioner Paton. 20 It's been moved and seconded that we approve 21 the 2026 voter education plan. I will call the roll. 22 Commissioner Werther. 23 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Aye. 24 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton. 25 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 68</p> <p>1 Is there a second? 2 COMMISSIONER PATON: I'll second it. 3 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 4 Commissioner Paton. 5 It's been moved and seconded that we would 6 adjourn. I will call the roll. 7 Commissioner Werther. 8 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Aye. 9 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton. 10 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye. 11 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Crump. 12 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Aye. 13 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla. 14 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye. 15 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Chair votes aye. We are 16 adjourned. Thank you. 17 (The meeting concluded at 12:01 p.m.) 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> |
| <p style="text-align: right;">Page 67</p> <p>1 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Crump. 2 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Aye. 3 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla. 4 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye. 5 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Chair votes aye. The plan 6 is approved 5-to-nothing. 7 Item VII is public comment. This is the time 8 for comments and suggestions from the public. Action 9 taken as a result of public comment is limited by 10 statute to directing staff to study the matter, 11 responding to criticism, or scheduling the matter for 12 further consideration. 13 Do we have anyone in person or on Zoom who 14 wishes to make a comment? 15 (No response.) 16 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Hearing new one -- hearing 17 no one, excuse me, the public may also submit comments 18 by e-mail at ccec@azcanelections.gov. 19 Item VIII, adjournment. If there's no 20 further business, I would entertain a motion to 21 adjourn. 22 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Mr. Chairman, I move 23 to adjourn. 24 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 25 Commissioner Werther.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 69</p> <p>1 STATE OF ARIZONA)) ss. 2 COUNTY OF MARICOPA) 3 4 BE IT KNOWN that the foregoing proceedings 5 were taken by me; that I was then and there a Certified 6 Reporter of the State of Arizona; that the proceedings 7 were taken down by me in shorthand and thereafter 8 transcribed into typewriting under my direction; that 9 the foregoing pages are a full, true, and accurate 10 transcript of all proceedings had and adduced upon the 11 taking of said proceedings, all to the best of my skill 12 and ability. 13 14 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am in no way related 15 to nor employed by any of the parties hereto nor am I 16 in any way interested in the outcome hereof. 17 18 DATED at Tempe, Arizona, this 2nd day of 19 February, 2026. 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <div data-bbox="1153 1701 1445 1848"><p>Kathryn A. Blackwelder, RPR Certified Reporter #50666</p></div> |

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**CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
February 19, 2026**

Announcements:

- The Primary Election will be July 21, 2026.
 - Qualifying Period for Clean Elections Participating Candidates moves to July 14, 2026.
 - Deadline for candidates to file candidate petitions moves to March 23, 2016.
- Local elections will occur on March 10, 2026.
 - The City of Tempe has three council seats up with 7 candidates running in the primary.
 - Pima County voters face Propositions 418 and 419.
 - Both are ballot by mail elections.

Voter Education and Outreach:

- **Events:**
 - Clean Elections sponsored a commemoration of Statehood Day hosted by Arizona Talks, a nonprofit focused on enhancing civil discourse, February 12 at the Western Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the West.
 - In partnership with the Pinal County Recorder's Office and the Pima County Recorder's Office, Avery was at the 87th Annual Tohono O'odham Nation Rodeo & Fair to provide voter education and nonpartisan election information.
 - *Captain Activate!* appeared at Youth Day at the Capitol in collaboration with the Governor's Office of African-American Affairs, engaging youth in civic participation.
 - *Captain Activate!* is scheduled to appear at Lost Dutchman Days in Apache Junction, partnering with Pinal County and its Voter Van for outreach.
- **Debates and Voter Education Guide:**
 - Staff is executing the production of debates and the Voter Education Guide. Debates are scheduled to kick off in May and staff anticipates approximately 60 unique voter guides as a result of the inclusion of countywide and board of supervisor offices. Voter guides will begin arriving in households on June 12th.
 - Staff is implementing website updates in response to user testing for an improved user experience. Notably, during the user testing research, users immediately highlighted their trust in the Clean Elections website.
 - Gina gave a radio interview highlighting the Clean Elections voter education tools and upcoming elections.

ITEM III

Administration:

- Twelve participating candidate workshops have been completed, with twenty-nine candidates having attended. The schedule for the 2026 workshops is available on the Commission's website.

Legal:

- Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission v. Fontes, No. CV2025-064149 in Superior Court for Maricopa County.
 - Parties filed Motions for Summary Judgment on Friday February 13th.
 - Oral argument on those motions will be March 18th.
- Center for Arizona Policy v. Arizona Secretary of State, Arizona Supreme Court No. CV-24-0295-PR.
 - Awaiting decision. Oral argument was held September 11. This is a state constitutional challenge to Proposition 211.
- Americans for Prosperity v. Meyer, No. 24-2933 (9th Cir.).
 - Awaiting decision following May Oral Argument.
- Montenegro v. Fontes, Arizona Supreme Court No. CV-24-0166-PR.
 - Awaiting ruling on legislative leaders' motion for a preliminary injunction on remand to Superior Court.
- The Power of Fives, LLC v. Clean Elections, CV2021-015826, Superior Court for Maricopa County & Clean Elections v. The Power of Fives, LLC et al. CV2022-053917, Superior Court for Arizona. Briefing on the Defense Motion for Summary Judgment in CV2021-015826 is complete.
- Branch et al. v. Collins, et al., CV2024-004136 in Superior Court for Maricopa County. Ongoing.

Appointments:

- Staff continues to monitor appointments, and direct interested applicants to the appropriate officials.

Complaints:

- MUR 25-03, Timberlake, this agenda.
- MUR 25-04, Turning Point
- MUR 25-05, Turning Point
- MUR 25-06, Timberlake
- MUR 26-01, Marshall

2026 Regulatory Agenda:

The Commission may conduct a rulemaking even if the rulemaking is not included here. The Commission will consider revisions to Ariz. Admin. Code § R2-20-702 related to use of funds on this agenda. The following information is provided under A.R.S. § 41-1021.02:

- Notices of Docket Opening:
 - 32 A.A.R. 266 (use of funds),
apps.azsos.gov/public_services/register/2026/4/contents.pdf.
 - 31 A.A.R. 2255 (revision and addition of funding rules),
https://apps.azsos.gov/public_services/register/2025/27/contents.pdf.
- Notices of Proposed Rulemaking:
 - 32 A.A.R. 245 (use of funds),
apps.azsos.gov/public_services/register/2026/4/contents.pdf.
 - 31 A.A.R. 2141 (revision and addition of funding rules),
https://apps.azsos.gov/public_services/register/2025/27/contents.pdf.
- Supplemental Notices: Pending. 31 A.A.R.3917 (setting our next meeting to consider rules related to campaign finance report and monitoring of clean candidate funds). https://apps.azsos.gov/public_services/register/2025/40/contents.pdf.
- Federal funds for proposed rulemaking: **None**
- Review of existing rules: **Five Year Report Approved 9/2/2025**
- Notice of Final Rulemaking: **None.**
- Rulemakings terminated: **None.**
- Privatization option or nontraditional regulatory approach considered: **None Applicable.**

2026 Legislative Update

HB 2001 - Elections; early voting; tabulation

Sponsor

Selina Bliss (R)

Summary

Makes broad updates to election procedures, focusing on early voting, polling locations, and ballot handling. It tightens identification and chain-of-custody requirements, adds new deadlines and penalties for mishandling early ballots, and updates rules for mailing, returning, and processing ballots. The bill also authorizes counties to use voting centers and implement on-site tabulation of early ballots with strict verification, staffing, and security protocols.

Action Taken

HB 2006 - Sample ballots; mailing date

Sponsor

Nick Kupper (R)

Summary

Requirements are imposed to mail sample ballots at least fourteen days before primary and general elections to each household with registered voters, excluding those on active early voting lists. Sample ballots must include a disclaimer that they cannot be used as official ballots, and the state or local seal with "official voting materials" must be displayed on the mailing. Provisions clarify the preparation, review, and distribution process of sample ballots for primary, general, city, town, and special district elections, including cost reimbursement to the secretary of state.

Action Taken

Passed House Federalism, Military Affairs, & Elections 5-1

HB 2009 - Constitutional amendments; foreign contributions prohibited

Sponsor

Nick Kupper (R)

Summary

Contributions from foreign nationals are prohibited for committees primarily organized to influence Arizona constitutional amendment ballot propositions, including signature collection and campaign support. Committees must verify contributors' status, disclose funding sources, return prohibited contributions, and include disclaimers if over 20% of funding is from nonresidents, with violations classified as class 1 misdemeanors subject to civil penalties. Definitions clarify foreign nationals, residents, and nonresidents, and exceptions apply to federal political committees, independent expenditures, and volunteer services.

Action Taken

Passed House Federalism, Military Affairs& Elections 4-3

HB 2022 - Elections; July primary; curing; observers

Sponsor

Alexander Kolodin (R)

Summary

Primary elections are rescheduled from the first Tuesday in August to the last Tuesday in July starting in 2026, with related adjustments to election dates for political subdivisions. Signature cure periods for early ballots are extended, and daily updates of voters with signature issues are required to be provided to qualified political parties. Provisions for ballot replacement centers, party observers, and challenger appointments at polling places are clarified, and nomination and initiative petitions with the former primary date are validated for the 2026 election.

Action Taken

Passed House Federalism, Military Affairs & Elections 5-2
Passed the House 56-0 and was sent to the Senate
Passed the Senate 27-1 and was sent to the Governor
Signed by the Governor

SB 1003 - Elections; canvass; certification; acknowledgment

Sponsor

John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

Sections 16-642 and 16-646 of the Arizona Revised Statutes are amended to specify deadlines and procedures for canvassing and acknowledging election results by county, state, and local governing bodies. Requirements are imposed for the content, certification, and mailing of official canvass statements, including the use of a uniform electronic format for transmitting election results to the secretary of state to facilitate statewide canvassing. Provisions clarify postponement rules for canvass acknowledgments and designate permanent public record maintenance responsibilities for official canvass documents.

Action Taken

Passed Senate Judiciary and Elections 4-3

SB 1006 - Campaign finance; aggregate report; amount

Sponsor

John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

Campaign finance reporting requirements are amended to increase the threshold for itemizing in-state individual contributions from \$100 to \$200 per election cycle and to allow non-disclosure of residential addresses for protected individuals. Aggregate reporting of contributions under \$200 is required unless contributors consent to identification, and detailed itemization of receipts and disbursements is maintained with expanded categories. Independent expenditure and ballot measure expenditure reporting thresholds and content requirements are also specified.

Action Taken

Passed Senate Judiciary and Elections 4-3

[SB 1027](#) - Public notices; government website posting

Sponsor

John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

Requirements are imposed for government entities in Arizona to post public notices electronically on their official websites, including maintaining the full text in a designated public notices section with a prominent homepage link and retaining the notice for the entire required publication period. A reference advertisement must also be published in a newspaper, meeting specific size, content, and contact information criteria, to direct the public to the online notice. Compliance with these provisions is deemed legally equivalent to traditional newspaper publication, and government entities must keep a permanent electronic record of the posting.

Action Taken

[SB 1029](#) - Candidate committees; posthumous closure

Sponsor

John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

Posthumous closure procedures for candidate committees are established, allowing designated individuals to act as treasurer and manage surplus funds after a candidate's death. Campaign finance reporting penalties are modified to permit waiver of fines for reports due after a candidate's death. Surplus committee funds are regulated for transfer, donation, or repayment, with specific conditions for contributions to other candidate committees and officeholder expense accounts.

Action Taken

Passed Senate Judiciary and Elections 7-0
Passed the Senate 29-0 and was sent to the House

[SB 1037](#) - Voting; equipment; internet; custody; violation

Sponsor

Mark Finchem (R)

Summary

SB 1037 imposes strict security requirements on voting equipment, mandating that all vote recording and tabulating machines lack internet connectivity, prohibit remote access, and maintain detailed user logs and tamper-proof custody records. It requires the secretary of state to certify voting systems based on federal standards and cybersecurity best practices, with penalties for unauthorized use or modifications. Additionally, continuous video recording of counting center activities must be posted online, and chain-of-custody protocols must ensure bipartisan oversight of all election equipment and data storage devices.

Action Taken

Passed Senate Judiciary and Elections 4-2

SB 1038 - Cast vote record; public record

Sponsor

Mark Finchem (R)

Summary

Requirements are imposed on county recorders in Arizona to make voter information and cast vote records publicly available within one hour after polls close for each election. The public record must include the name, voter identification number, political party registration, and a sortable cast vote record without any randomization or alteration of the original files. These records are explicitly designated as public under the new section 16-407.04 added to Title 16, Chapter 4, Article 1 of the Arizona Revised Statutes.

Action Taken

Passed Senate Judiciary and Elections 4-2

SB 1040 - Voter registration rolls; internet access

Sponsor

Mark Finchem (R)

Summary

Access to voter registration rolls is required to be provided through a public internet portal without fees, and county recorders are mandated to supply school district precinct registers upon request. Provisions for the preparation, contents, and distribution of precinct registers are updated, including electronic transmission and detailed voter information sharing with political parties. Restrictions on the use and dissemination of voter registration data are reinforced, with penalties for unauthorized use, and a statewide voter registration database is maintained under uniform standards.

Action Taken

Passed Senate Judiciary and Elections 4-2

SB 1057 - Watermark; paper ballots

Sponsor

Mark Finchem (R)

Summary

Section 16-504 of the Arizona Revised Statutes is repealed and replaced to require vendors providing ballot paper with antifraud measures to hold ISO 27001, ISO 17025, or ISO 9001:2015 certification. Ballot fraud countermeasures must include at least three specified security features such as unique watermarked security paper, secure holographic foils, branded holograms, complex security backgrounds, variable digital infill, specialized inks, stealth numbering, micro-numismatic ultraviolet designs, forensic fraud detection technology, or unique bar/QR codes accessible only to voters for ballot tracking. These provisions aim to enhance the security and integrity of paper ballots used in elections.

Action Taken

Passed Senate Judiciary and Elections 4-2

[SB 1060](#) - Voter registration; temporary absence**Sponsor**

Wendy Rogers (R)

Summary

Sections 16-103 and 16-593 of the Arizona Revised Statutes are amended to allow qualified persons temporarily absent from Arizona to register to vote via affidavit or federal postcard application, with registration permitted up to 7:00 p.m. on election day for those covered under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. Eligibility to vote using a federal write-in early ballot is extended to U.S. citizens who have never resided in the U.S. but have a parent registered to vote in Arizona. Rules clarifying voter residence determination are updated to reflect these provisions and specify conditions under which residence is maintained or lost.

Action Taken

Passed Senate Judiciary and Elections 3-2

[HCR 2002](#) - Legislature; lifetime term limits; salary**Sponsor**

Stacey Travers (D)

Summary

Lifetime term limits are imposed on Arizona state legislators beginning in 2027, restricting senators and representatives to a maximum of four terms each in their respective chambers during their lifetime, regardless of consecutive service. Legislative salaries are set at \$35,000 per year starting with the 2027 legislature and are adjusted biennially based on changes in the consumer price index. A commission on salaries for elective state officers is authorized to recommend pay rates for elected officials, with legislative salary recommendations subject to voter approval at the next general election.

Action Taken

[HCR 2004](#) - Photo enforcement systems; prohibition**Sponsor**

Teresa Martinez (R)

Summary

HCR 2004 prohibits the use of photo enforcement systems by local authorities and state agencies to identify traffic violations related to excessive speed or failure to obey traffic control devices. It repeals

existing statutes authorizing such systems and emphasizes that law enforcement must remain with trained officers, preventing outsourcing to private entities. The measure is submitted to voters for approval to become law.

Action Taken

Passed House Transportation and Infrastructure 6-1

[HCR 2005](#) - Legislative session; adjournment**Sponsor**

Justin Wilmeth (R)

Summary

An amendment to the Arizona Constitution is proposed to require the legislature to hold annual sessions beginning the second Monday of January and adjourning no later than April 30 each year. The governor is authorized to call special sessions limited to specified subjects outlined in the call. The amendment is submitted for voter approval at the next general election.

Action Taken

Passed House Government 4-3

[SCR 1004](#) - Photo enforcement systems; prohibition**Sponsor**

Wendy Rogers (R)

Summary

Photo enforcement systems are prohibited from use by local authorities or state agencies to identify violations of speed limits or traffic control devices. Sections of Arizona Revised Statutes related to photo enforcement are repealed or amended to remove authorization for such systems. Enforcement authority is reserved exclusively for trained law enforcement officers, preventing outsourcing to private entities and aiming to prioritize public safety over revenue generation.

Action Taken

Passed Senate Appropriations, Transportation, and Technology 6-4

[SCR 1005](#) - Elections; foreign contributions; prohibition**Sponsor**

Mark Finchem (R)

Summary

Foreign contributions from corporations, persons, or nongovernmental sources are prohibited from being given, accepted, or used to influence the outcome of elections on ballot measures in Arizona. Entities required to file campaign finance reports must certify under penalty of perjury that they have

not accepted or used such foreign contributions. Federally recognized sovereign tribal nations are exempt from these restrictions.

Action Taken

Passed Senate Judiciary and Elections 4-3

HB 2431 - Appropriation; consolidated elections facility

Sponsor

Selina Bliss (R)

Summary

\$15 million is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the Arizona state treasurer for distribution to Yavapai County to support a consolidated elections facility. Distribution of funds requires Yavapai County to provide at least 50% matching capital costs in writing. The appropriation is exempt from lapsing until June 30, 2029.

Action Taken

HB 2221 - Elections; tribal consultation; voting locations

Sponsor

Brian Garcia (D)

Summary

Section 16-411 of the Arizona Revised Statutes is amended to require county boards of supervisors to consult with tribal representatives when designating polling places, combining or splitting precincts, and authorizing voting centers or emergency voting centers in counties with tribal lands. Provisions are added to ensure tribal consultation in election precinct boundary adjustments, polling place designations, and the use of voting centers, while maintaining requirements for public notification, emergency designations, and voter wait time management. Coordination with state agencies to provide state-owned facilities as voting locations is also mandated beginning in 2026.

Action Taken

HB 2318 - School districts; elections; term limits

Sponsor

Matt Gress (R)

Summary

Term limits are imposed on school district governing board members in Arizona for districts with at least 250 students, prohibiting candidacy after eight consecutive years of service unless four years have passed since the last term. Election procedures are amended to require rotation of candidate

name positions on ballots and clarify term lengths for newly formed or restructured boards. Current board members may complete their terms, but all future candidates are subject to the new term limits under HB 2318.

Action Taken

Passed House Education 6-5

HB 2506 - Voting centers; board of supervisors

Sponsor

Stephanie Stahl Hamilton (D)

Summary

Voting centers and early voting drop-off centers are authorized for use in Arizona elections, allowing any county voter to cast ballots at designated locations regardless of precinct. Election boards for voting centers must include representatives from the two largest political parties and may include minors under specific conditions. Provisions are established for early ballot requests, replacement ballots, emergency voting centers, and notification of provisional ballot status, with updated procedures for polling place designation, electioneering restrictions, and voter registration updates.

Action Taken

HB 2512 - Municipal; county measures; filings; actions

Sponsor

Stephanie Stahl Hamilton (D)

Summary

Section 19-141 of the Arizona Revised Statutes is amended to clarify that city or town clerks, county election officers, and recorders cannot reject initiative or referendum filings based on constitutionality and must follow specified procedures for distribution, filing deadlines, and challenges. Actions contesting the validity of initiatives or referenda must be filed within five calendar days, with expedited court hearings and appeals to ensure timely resolution before elections. Penalties are imposed on contractors for late mailing of pamphlets, and courts are required to expedite litigation to allow for proper ballot preparation and distribution.

Action Taken

HB 2510 - Early voting; hours; emergency voting

Sponsor

Stephanie Stahl Hamilton (D)

Summary

Early voting locations are required to remain open until 7:00 p.m. on the weekend preceding election day and at least until 3:00 p.m. on the Monday before the election, with possible extension to 7:00 p.m. County boards of supervisors are authorized to establish emergency voting centers with specified locations and hours, allowing voter registration updates on-site. Polling place designations and consolidations are regulated to ensure adequate access, with provisions for emergency designations restricting electioneering within facility property, and methods to reduce voter wait times are mandated.

Action Taken

HB 2505 - Early voting; hours; weekends; emergencies

Sponsor

Stephanie Stahl Hamilton (D)

Summary

Early voting locations are required to remain open until 7:00 p.m. on the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding election day, with extended hours on the Monday before the election as determined by the county recorder. Emergency balloting procedures are expanded to allow qualified electors experiencing unforeseen circumstances after 7:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election to request special voting accommodations, including updating voter registration information. Early ballot request and distribution processes are clarified, including penalties for improper handling of request forms by candidates or organizations.

Action Taken

HB 2366 - Voting centers ban; precinct size

Sponsor

Rachel Keshel (R)

Summary

Precinct boundaries are limited to a maximum of 2,500 registered voters, and the use of voting centers is prohibited except for emergency voting centers authorized by a specific board resolution. Election boards must be appointed for each precinct or voting location with specified party representation, and minors aged 16 or older may serve as election clerks under supervision. Early ballot procedures are expanded to allow on-site tabulation at designated polling places or voting centers, with strict identification and affidavit requirements, while electioneering restrictions are reinforced within 75 feet of polling places and early voting locations.

Action Taken

HB 2656 - Election worker harassment task force

Sponsor

Seth Blattman (D)

Summary

An election worker harassment task force is established within the Arizona Secretary of State's office, composed of appointed members from the Attorney General's office, law enforcement, election workers, and election officers representing multiple political parties. The task force is charged with coordinating, investigating, prosecuting, or referring election worker harassment violations and must submit annual reports on its activities to state leadership and post them online. Administrative support, meeting space, and record retention are provided by the Secretary of State.

Action Taken

HB 2511 - Early ballot collection; limitations; repeal

Sponsor

Stephanie Stahl Hamilton (D)

Summary

Limitations on early ballot collection are repealed, allowing only voters, their family members, household members, or caregivers to handle or return ballots. Penalties for ballot abuse, including unauthorized collection or handling of ballots, are clarified and maintained, with specific felony classifications for violations. Instructions for voters and election officers are updated to reflect these changes, emphasizing lawful ballot handling and signature requirements for mail-in ballots.

Action Taken

SB 1168 - Ballots; categories; count

Sponsor

Shawwna Bolick (R)

Summary

Requirements are imposed on Arizona election officials to maintain and publicly post detailed counts of physical and electronic ballots by category, including early, regular, provisional, and federal-only ballots. Hand counts are mandated for selected precincts and races with specific procedures for random selection, party involvement, and thresholds for expanding recounts, including full

jurisdictional hand counts if discrepancies exceed designated margins. A vote count verification committee is established to set and review these margins, oversee hand count accuracy, and ensure transparency through public reporting and source code review when necessary.

Action Taken

Passed Senate Judiciary and Elections 4-3

SB 1229 - Early voting; identification; emergency voting

Sponsor

Brian Fernandez (D)

Summary

Early voting procedures are expanded to include extended hours for on-site voting locations and emergency balloting provisions for voters experiencing emergencies shortly before elections. Identification requirements are clarified, allowing voters to verify identity when returning early ballots at voting locations, which are then processed without additional signature verification. Signature cure processes are enhanced with daily updates to political parties, and strict chain of custody protocols are imposed for early ballots returned at polling places on election day.

Action Taken

HB 2220 - Polling places; accessible equipment

Sponsor

Brian Garcia (D)

Summary

Requirements are imposed for accessible voting devices at polling places in Arizona, mandating that each device be programmed to offer all ballot styles for the entire jurisdiction regardless of location. Election officials must notify political party chairmen of device inspection times before elections, ensure sufficient voting booths and devices are provided, and designate independent observers for election software installation and modifications. These provisions amend Arizona Revised Statutes section 16-447 to enhance accessibility and transparency in election administration.

Action Taken

HB 2628 - Ballot delivery; collection

Sponsor

Lorena Austin (D)

Summary

Requirements are imposed on ballot handling and delivery in Arizona, including prohibitions on collecting early ballots from non-family members except under specific conditions, and mandates for voter instructions emphasizing lawful ballot return. Penalties for ballot abuse, including unauthorized collection, solicitation, or possession of ballots, are clarified and classified as felonies, with enhanced penalties for patterns of ballot fraud. Mail ballot affidavit procedures and voter assistance disclosures are updated to include new delivery options and signature requirements effective 2026 under HB 2628.

Action Taken

HB 2902 - Electoral college; support**Sponsor**

Steve Montenegro (R)

Summary

Section 16-410.01 is added to Arizona Revised Statutes affirming the importance of the Electoral College in presidential elections, emphasizing its constitutional foundation, role in ensuring nationwide participation, and its function in guaranteeing election outcome certainty.

Action Taken

Passed House Federalism, Military Affairs, & Elections 4-2

HB 2901 - Voting equipment; requirements; origin**Sponsor**

Steve Montenegro (R)

Summary

Requirements are imposed on vote recording and tabulating machines used in Arizona elections, mandating that beginning January 1, 2029, all parts and components must be sourced and assembled entirely within the United States. Certification and use of voting equipment must comply with the Help America Vote Act and be approved by a designated committee, with provisions for emergency use and revocation of certification for noncompliance. Exemptions are provided for machines acquired before January 1, 2028.

Action Taken

Passed House Federalism, Military Affairs, & Elections 4-2

HB 2508 - Ballot measures; descriptive title; summary

Sponsor

Stephanie Stahl Hamilton (D)

Summary

Requirements are imposed on the form and content of ballot measures in Arizona, including numbering conventions, official and descriptive titles, and the inclusion of an impartial summary of principal provisions not exceeding fifty words. The secretary of state and attorney general must approve and prominently post the impartial summary online at least thirty days before ballots and publicity pamphlets are printed, and provide the summary to the filing committee. Notices regarding the amendment restrictions under Proposition 105 (1998) must be printed on ballots for state statutory measures, and alternative concise ballot formats with specific content elements are authorized.

Action Taken

HB 2805 - Electronic signatures; nomination petitions

Sponsor

John Gillette (R)

Summary

A secure online signature collection system is established by the Secretary of State for nomination petitions for candidates in specified local districts, including school, community college, hospital, and multi-county water conservation districts. Equal access to the system is mandated for all candidates in certain elections regardless of political party affiliation or nomination method, with uniform application of rules and prohibitions on discriminatory restrictions. The system must verify elector identity and transmit filings to election officials, allowing candidates to collect all petition signatures electronically.

Action Taken

Passed House Federalism, Military Affairs, & Elections 5-2

HB 2504 - Ballot measure amendments

Sponsor

Stephanie Stahl Hamilton (D)

Summary

Sections 19-102.01 and 19-111.01 of Arizona Revised Statutes are repealed, and a new section 19-111.01 is added to allow political committees to submit proposed ballot measure descriptions to the

attorney general for pre-approval and legal sufficiency review. Requirements are imposed on registration and regulation of paid and non-resident circulators for statewide initiative and referendum petitions, including application details, disqualification criteria, and enforcement mechanisms. Ballot measure numbering, official and descriptive title formatting, and impartial summary posting procedures are revised to enhance transparency and restore the people's right to legislate by initiative and referendum under the Arizona Constitution.

Action Taken

HB 2509 - Campaign finance; corporate contributions; registration

Sponsor

Stephanie Stahl Hamilton (D)

Summary

Requirements are imposed on corporations, limited liability companies, and labor organizations to register and report contributions exceeding specified thresholds to political action committees or similar entities in Arizona. Contribution disclosures must include detailed information about the contributor, recipient, candidate supported or opposed, and contribution date, with notarized verification required within five days. Civil penalties up to three times the contribution amount and misdemeanor charges are established for noncompliance or false filings under HB 2509.

Action Taken

HB 2655 - Election committee; security standards; practices

Sponsor

Seth Blattman (D)

Summary

An election security standards and practices committee is established by the Secretary of State in consultation with local election officials and technical experts to develop and disseminate required and recommended election security controls and a self-assessment questionnaire for jurisdictions. A process and schedule are imposed for regular review and updates of security standards, including public comment opportunities, with biennial submission of updated standards and compliance questionnaires by jurisdictions. Compliance with the standards is confirmed through self-assessments submitted to the Secretary of State every even-numbered year.

Action Taken

HB 2372 - School board candidates; electronic signatures

Sponsor

Stacey Travers (D)

Summary

Section 16-317 of the Arizona Revised Statutes is amended to require the Secretary of State to provide a secure online system for qualified electors to sign nomination petitions for city, county, school board, justice of the peace, constable, and precinct committeeman candidates. Candidates may collect up to 110% of the minimum required nomination petition signatures through this online system starting in 2025, expanding from the previous allowance through 2024. The system must verify elector identity and transmit filings to the appropriate election officer.

Action Taken

HB 2630 - Election officers; privacy protections

Sponsor

Lorena Austin (D)

Summary

HB 2630 expands privacy protections for election officers and other eligible persons by prohibiting public access to their personal identifying information in county recorder, assessor, treasurer, and Department of Transportation records upon court order. It establishes procedures for eligible persons to file affidavits requesting redaction or sealing of such information to reduce threats to their safety, and criminalizes the unauthorized dissemination of election officers' personal information when it poses an imminent threat. The measure also clarifies definitions and extends confidentiality provisions to include family and household members of election officers.

Action Taken

HB 2507 - Early ballot return; voter intimidation

Sponsor

Stephanie Stahl Hamilton (D)

Summary

Section 16-1018 of the Arizona Revised Statutes is amended to classify as a class 2 misdemeanor the act of knowingly interfering with or harassing individuals delivering or attempting to deliver voted ballots to lawful recipients or receptacles. Additional unlawful acts related to voting, such as electioneering near polling places, removing ballots, and soliciting voters to show ballots, are

reaffirmed and detailed. These provisions regulate conduct to protect the integrity and security of early ballot return and voting processes in Arizona.

Action Taken

HB 2789 - Nominating petitions; in lieu fee

Sponsor

Lupe Diaz (R)

Summary

An in-lieu filing fee option is established for candidates seeking ballot access in Arizona elections beginning in 2028, allowing payment of a fee instead of submitting nomination petition signatures. The Secretary of State is required to set and publish the fee and provide a notarized form for candidates to declare payment in lieu of petitions. This option excludes candidates for U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress, and President or Vice President.

Action Taken

HB 2219 - Ballot receptacles; electioneering limits

Sponsor

Brian Garcia (D)

Summary

Seventy-five-foot limits are extended to include designated ballot receptacles, prohibiting electioneering and unauthorized presence within these areas while accessible to the public. Election officials, party representatives, and challengers are restricted from displaying political materials or electioneering within these limits, and photography is prohibited. Violations of these provisions and other specified unlawful acts related to voting conduct are classified as class 2 misdemeanors under HB 2219.

Action Taken

HB 2557 - Candidate petitions; felony disclosure

Sponsor

Quang Nguyen (R)

Summary

Sections 13-911, 16-314, and 16-341 of the Arizona Revised Statutes are amended to require candidates submitting nomination petitions to disclose any felony sexual offense convictions involving a minor, including those sealed or expunged. Procedures for sealing criminal records are clarified,

specifying exceptions for certain offenses and mandating disclosure of relevant convictions on nomination petitions. Nomination petitions must include a candidate-completed statement regarding such felony convictions, enhancing transparency in candidate qualifications.

Action Taken

SB 1609 - New political parties; party name

Sponsor

Thomas "TJ" Shope (R)

Summary

Requirements are imposed on new political parties in Arizona to ensure their names are distinguishable and exclude terms like "unaffiliated" or "independent." Procedures for petition signatures and ballot representation for new parties at primary, general, county, and municipal elections are clarified and standardized. Election officials are mandated to recognize political parties by their petitioned names, and the act applies retroactively from December 31, 2024, with immediate effect.

Action Taken

SB 1568 - Early ballots; registration signatures; curing

Sponsor

Jake Hoffman (R)

Summary

Requirements are imposed on early ballot requests in Arizona, including mandating that voter registration records contain a handwritten signature obtained within the past five years before mailing ballots and before comparing signatures on returned ballots. Signature cure processes are expanded with daily updated lists of voters needing to cure signatures provided to political parties, candidates, and third-party organizations upon request. Early voting procedures are regulated to ensure timely ballot distribution, signature verification, and secure ballot processing, with penalties established for improper handling of early ballot request forms and unauthorized ballot mailings.

Action Taken

SB 1569 - Special election boards; voter registration

Sponsor

Jake Hoffman (R)

Summary

Section 16-549 of the Arizona Revised Statutes is amended to regulate the appointment and duties of special election boards for ill or disabled voters, including procedures for personal ballot delivery and voting. Special election board members are prohibited from collecting, processing, or facilitating voter registrations while acting on behalf of the county recorder or election officer. Compensation and travel reimbursements for board members are prescribed, and emergency provisions for ballot delivery to hospitalized voters are established.

Action Taken

SB 1237 - Election procedures manual; consultation

Sponsor

John Kavanagh (R)

Summary

Rules governing election procedures, including early voting, ballot handling, and electronic voting system security, are revised to require consultation with county recorders and legislative election committee leaders before the Secretary of State prescribes them. An official instructions and procedures manual must be issued biennially before general elections, approved by the governor and attorney general, and include rules for fax and internet transmission of ballots and requests for absent uniformed and overseas voters. Violations of these rules are classified as class 2 misdemeanors, and expert personnel must be provided to review electronic voting systems and recommend statutory or procedural changes.

Action Taken

Passed Senate Judiciary and Elections 4-3

SCR 1031 - Legislative districts; population; census; citizenship

Sponsor

Jake Hoffman (R)

Description

SCR 1031 proposes a constitutional amendment to require legislative districts to be drawn based on citizen population rather than total population, mandating a state-run census of United States citizens and establishing a State Census Fund. It directs the transfer of \$5,000,000 annually from the Citizens Clean Election Fund to the State Census Fund to finance the required census. The bill also outlines the structure and procedures of the independent redistricting commission, emphasizing the use of citizen population data for legislative district mapping and referencing the principle that only United States citizens may participate in state elections.

Action Taken

Passed Senate Government 4-3

SB 1687 – Strike Everything Amendment – May Primary Date

Sponsor

Jake Hoffman (R)

Description

The bill amends election laws to move primary elections beginning in 2027 to the Tuesday before the last Monday in May and consolidates election dates to increase voter participation and reduce costs.

Action Taken

Passed Senate Judiciary and Elections 4-3



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Brief of the Executive Director
PROBABLE CAUSE RECOMMENDATION
AND NOTICE OF POSSIBLE PENALTIES

To: Commissioners
From: Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director
Date: February 11, 2026
Subject: MUR 25-03 (Monica Timberlake)

I. Factual and Procedural Background

Monica Timberlake (“Respondent”) applied for certification as a participating candidate on February 28, 2024. Exhibit 1(Executive Director’s Reason to Believe Recommendation). She qualified for Clean Elections funding on August 5, 2024. *Id.* The Clean Elections Fund provided Respondent \$31,760 for the 2024 election cycle. *Id.* Respondent did not receive Clean Elections funding for the primary election, only for the general.

Respondent filed a pre-primary campaign finance report on July 27, 2024. *Id.* She ceased filing periodic campaign finance reports until June 13, 2025.

Later in 2025, an additional complaint was filed with the Commission regarding Respondent's failure to abide by the repayment order. Exhibit 4. That complaint was sent to Respondent in December 2025. No response was received. Commission staff continued efforts to contact Respondent before issuing a compliance order on January 21, 2026, with a response date of February 4, 2026. Exhibit 5. On February 4, Timberlake sent an email indicating that she had experienced additional personal matters. Exhibit 6. She also stated that she retained \$5,000 in her Clean Elections Account. Id.

II. Questions Presented and Brief Answers

A. Question: Is there probable cause to believe Respondent violated the reporting requirements of the Act by failing to timely file campaign finance reports?

Answer: Yes. Respondent failed to file required campaign finance reports for months, failed to respond to Commission communications, in violation of A.A.C. R2-20-110(A) and A.R.S. § 16-942(B).

B. Is there probable cause to believe Respondent failed to maintain required books and records and failed to return unspent or unaccounted Clean Elections funds?

Answer: Yes. Respondent failed to produce required documentation during audit, failed to demonstrate that funds were used for direct campaign purposes, in violation of A.A.C. R2-20-115 and A.R.S. § 16-953.

C. Question: Is there probable cause to believe Respondent failed to return unused funds?

Answer: Yes. Even assuming, for the sake of argument, that Respondent can still dispute the repayment order, she admitted that she has \$5,000 in clean elections money remaining in her account.

D. Question: Is there probable cause to believe Respondent failed to provide books and records pm request as required by the Act and Rules?

Answer: Yes. Respondent failed to produce records to staff and auditors until after the repayment hearing, in violation of A.A.C. R2-20-115, R2-20-104, and R2-20-403.

Analysis

A. Late filing.

Participating candidates are required to file campaign finance reports “that include all receipts and disbursements for their current campaign account.” A.A.C. R2-20-110(A). Reports must be filed on the dates established in A.R.S. § 16-927 and Commission rules. Failure to file is subject to penalties under A.R.S. § 16-942(B).

The reason to believe recommendation focused on reports beginning with the Primary Recap report that was due August 12, 2024 and only filed on June 13, 2025. *See* Table 1. In total, there are five reports regarding which I recommend the Commission find probable cause to believe a

violation occurred. *Id.* The reports due August 12, 2024, October 15, 2024, October 26, 2024, November 12, 2024, and January 1, 2025 are the most important reports regarding Respondent's acceptance and use of the Clean Elections Funding.

Because Respondent failed to file required reports for extended periods and only took limited corrective action after the Commission initiated enforcement, there is probable cause to believe she violated A.R.S. § 16-942(B) and A.A.C. R2-20-110(A).

Possible Penalty

Penalties under § 16-942(B) for reporting violations are \$210 per day (legislative candidates), up to twice the amount unreported. Table 1. Those fines are doubled if the amount not reported is in excess of an amount set by statute (greater than 10 percent of the general spending limit). That threshold is met here. Fines are also limited to two times the amount not reported. Here the amount not reported is \$31,760. Consequently, the total fine for each instance is capped at \$63,520.

Calculations:

August 12, 2024: 305 days x \$420 = \$128,100 Reduced to \$63,520

October 15, 2024: 241 days x \$420 = \$101,220 Reduced to \$63,520

October 26, 2024: 236 days x \$420 = \$99,120 reduced to \$63,520

November 12, 2024: 360 days x \$420 = \$151,200 reduced to \$63,520

January 15, 2025: 296 days x \$420 = \$124,320 reduced to \$63,520.

\$317,600.

Table 1

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| 01/15/2026 | | 2025 - Cumulative Report | | 27 Day(s) Late Fines Due \$450.00 |
| 01/15/2025 | 11/07/2025 | 2024 - Post-General Election (Q4) | PDF | 296 Day(s) Late Fines Due \$7175.00 |
| 11/12/2024 | 11/07/2025 | 2024 - General Recap Report | PDF | 360 Day(s) Late |
| 10/26/2024 | 06/19/2025 | 2024 - Pre-General Election | PDF | 236 Day(s) Late Fines Due \$5675.00 |
| 10/15/2024 | 06/13/2025 | 2024 - Post-Primary Election | PDF | 241 Day(s) Late Fines Due \$5800.00 |
| 08/12/2024 | 06/13/2025 | 2024 - Primary Recap Report | PDF | 305 Day(s) Late |
| 08/05/2024 | 08/06/2024 | 2024 - Qualifying Period Recap Report | PDF | 1 Day(s) Late |
| 07/20/2024 | 07/27/2024 | 2024 - Pre-Primary Election | PDF | 7 Day(s) Late Fines Due \$70.00 |
| 07/15/2024 | 07/16/2024 | 2024 - Quarter 2 | PDF | 1 Day(s) Late Fines Due \$10.00 |
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B. Books and record maintenance.

Participating candidates must maintain and preserve books and records of campaign transactions and are subject to audit. A.A.C. R2-20-115(A)–(B).

Respondent has acknowledged that she was not able to file reports because of issues with the records that she kept. There is probable cause to believe she violated A.A.C. R2-20-115.

Possible Penalty

If the Commission has reason to believe by a preponderance of the evidence that a participating candidate is not in compliance with the Act or Commission rules, then in addition to other penalties under law, the Commission may decertify a candidate, deny or suspend funding, order repayment of funds, or impose a penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for a participating candidate for the legislature. A.A.C. R2-20-222(A).

C. Repayment of unused monies.

Participating candidates are required to return unused monies to the Commission. A.R.S. § 16-953. Here, apart from the repayment order, Respondent states she has \$5,000 in remaining money in her account. There is probable cause to believe Respondent violated A.R.S. § 16-953.

Possible Penalty

If the Commission has reason to believe by a preponderance of the evidence that a participating candidate is not in compliance with the Act or Commission rules, then in addition to other penalties under law, the Commission may decertify a candidate, deny or suspend funding, order repayment of funds, or impose a penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for a participating candidate for the legislature. A.A.C. R2-20-222(A).

D. Providing records.

Analysis

Participating candidates must maintain and preserve books and records of campaign transactions. A.A.C. R2-20-115(A)–(B). Candidates must produce such records to the Commission and auditors upon request. A.A.C. R2-20-104(C); R2-20-403.

Respondent agreed to these requirements when submitting her 2024 Candidate Statement of Organization and Clean Elections Agreement. Despite requests from staff and auditors, Respondent did not provide required documentation.

Respondent's failure to provide records impaired the Commission's ability to confirm proper use of Clean Elections funds, including whether monies were used for direct campaign purposes or returned as required by A.R.S. § 16-953.

Based on Respondent's failure to cooperate with the audit and failure to produce required books and records, there is probable cause to believe he violated A.A.C. R2-20-104(C), R2-20-115, and R2-20-403.

Possible Penalty

If the Commission has reason to believe by a preponderance of the evidence that a participating candidate is not in compliance with the Act or Commission rules, then in addition to other penalties under law, the Commission may decertify a candidate, deny or suspend funding, order repayment of funds, or impose a penalty not to exceed \$1,000 for a participating candidate for the legislature. A.A.C. R2-20-222(A).

III. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, I recommend that the Commission find probable cause that Respondent violated the Act on Items II(A)–(D).

IV. Procedure

If the Commission determines by an affirmative vote of at least three members that there is probable cause to believe Respondent violated the Act and Rules, the Commission shall authorize the Executive Director to notify Respondent by order stating the nature of the violation. A.A.C. R2-20-215(A).

The Executive Director then may recommend to the Commission that the Commission authorize the issuance of an order and assessment of civil penalties pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-957(B). A.A.C. R2-20-217(A).

The Commission may, by an affirmative vote of at least three of its members, authorize the Executive Director to issue an order and assess civil penalties pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-957(B). A.A.C. R2-20-217(B).

Dated this 11th day of February, 2026

By: _____
Thomas M. Collins
Executive Director

**STATE OF ARIZONA
CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

MUR 25-03

Monica Timberlake

**STATEMENT OF REASONS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND
RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF REPAYMENT ORDER**

The Executive Director submits the following Statement of Reasons why there is reason to believe that a violation of the Citizens Clean Elections Act and Commission rules (collectively, the “Act”) may have occurred. The Executive Director also recommends the Commission approve a Repayment Order against Respondent.

Summary of Recommendation

Monica Timberlake (“Respondent”) became a participating candidate for the 2024 election cycle and the Clean Elections Fund provided \$31,760 for her campaign. She failed to file timely campaign finance reports as and she has not responded to multiple efforts by Commission staff and auditors to obtain documentation of her use of funds or to return funds that are either unspent or expended without justification. As a result, there is reason to believe she may be in violation of multiple provisions of the Clean Elections Act and Rules. Additionally, because she has not accounted for any expenditures of clean elections funding or that funds were used for direct campaign expenses, a Repayment Order is appropriate here.

ITEM IV

I. Factual Background

Respondent applied for certification as a participating candidate on February 28, 2024. Exhibit 1. She qualified for funding on August 5, 2024. Exhibit 2. Respondent received \$31,760 in clean elections funding. Exhibit 3. Respondent did not receive clean elections funding for the primary election. Respondent ceased filing periodic campaign finance reports after her pre-primary report on July 27, 2024. Exhibit 4. As a result, there is no filing regarding any expenditure of the funds.

Respondent communicated with Commission auditors, acknowledged the late reports and provided limited information regarding her book-keeping policies. Exhibit 5. No additional information was received and the auditors were “unable to review any of the expenses, contributions, or perform any other procedure as required for our testing of the [Respondent’s] Clean Elections funding.” *Id.*

The Executive Director issued a Complaint and shared the audit report with respondent. Exhibit 6. Respondent did not respond or acknowledge the Complaint. On April 18, a Clean Elections staff member contacted Respondent by email to request that she repay the unaccounted-for funds. No response has been recieved.

II. Alleged Violations

A. Failure to File Campaign Finance Reports.

Candidates must file campaign finance reports detailing “all receipts and disbursements for their current campaign account.” Ariz. Admin. Code R2-20-110(A). “In addition to any other penalties imposed by law, the civil penalty for a

violation by . . . any candidate of any reporting requirement imposed by [Chapter 6 of Title 16] shall be [\$210] per day for candidates for the legislature” up to a statutory maximum. A.R.S. § 16-942(B). As Table 1 shows, Respondent has not filed a report since August 6, 2024.

Table 1 (May 8, 2025)

| Reports Previously Filed | | | | |
|---|------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|--|
| <input type="text"/> (Indicates Amended Reports Exist) | | Show 50 entries | | |
| CSV | Print | Column visibility | | |
| Report Due Date | Date Filed | Report Name | Report Filings | Status |
| 01/16/2024 | 01/16/2024 | 2023 - Cumulative Report | PDF | On Time |
| 02/28/2024 | 02/28/2024 | 2024 - Interim Report | PDF | On Time |
| 02/28/2024 | 02/28/2024 | 2024 - Interim Report | PDF | On Time |
| 04/15/2024 | 04/15/2024 | 2024 - Quarter 1 | PDF | On Time |
| 07/15/2024 | 07/16/2024 | 2024 - Quarter 2 | PDF | 1 Day(s) Late Fines Due \$10.00 |
| 07/20/2024 | 07/27/2024 | 2024 - Pre-Primary Election | PDF | 7 Day(s) Late Fines Due \$70.00 |
| 08/05/2024 | 08/06/2024 | 2024 - Qualifying Period Recap Report | PDF | 1 Day(s) Late |
| 08/12/2024 | | 2024 - Primary Recap Report | | 269 Day(s) Late |
| 10/15/2024 | | 2024 - Post-Primary Election (Q3) | | 205 Day(s) Late Fines Due \$4900.00 |
| 10/26/2024 | | 2024 - Pre-General Election | | 194 Day(s) Late Fines Due \$4625.00 |
| 11/12/2024 | | 2024 - General Recap Report | | 177 Day(s) Late |
| 01/15/2025 | | 2024 - Post-General Election (Q4) | | 113 Day(s) Late Fines Due \$2600.00 |

B. Failure to Maintain Records and Return Monies.

Candidates must maintain books and records and are subject to audit. Ariz. Admin. Code R2-20-115(A)-(B). Records also ensure compliance with requirements for returning unspent funds. A.R.S. § 16-953.

Respondent acknowledged her reports were incomplete and failed to respond to follow-up inquiries. This supports a finding that she violated Ariz. Admin. Code § R2-20-115 and A.R.S. § 16-953.

III. Repayment Order

The facts above support approval of a Repayment Order. Respondent failed to:

- File required reports;
- Respond to the staff complaint;
- Cooperate with the audit;
- Repay unaccounted funds.

Because she did not meet the burden she accepted as a participating candidate, the Commission should order repayment of the full \$31,760 on two independent grounds:

a. Non-campaign use of funds:

Respondent did not prove expenditures were for direct campaign purposes. As such, the Commission finds the funds were not properly used and orders full repayment. Ariz. Admin. Code § R2-20-704(B)(2).

b. Inadequate documentation:

Respondent did not document expenditures in accordance with campaign finance reporting requirements. Ariz. Admin. Code § R2-20-704(B)(3).

Recommendation

If the Commission determines there is a reason to believe that a violation of a statute or rule over which the Commission has jurisdiction may have occurred, an investigation shall be conducted. Ariz. Admin. Code R2-20-209(A). If the Commission determines there is reason to believe, the Executive Director shall, in the Executive Director's discretion, subpoena Respondent's records documenting disbursements, debts, or obligations to the present, and may authorize an audit.

Upon expiration of fourteen (14) days, if the Commission finds that the alleged violator remains out of compliance, the Commission shall make a public finding to that effect and issue an order assessing a civil penalty in accordance with A.R.S. § 16-942, unless the Commission publishes findings of fact and conclusions of law expressing good cause for reducing or excusing the penalty. A.R.S. § 16-957(B).

After fourteen (14) days and upon completion of the investigation, the Executive Director will recommend whether the Commission should find probable cause to believe that a violation of a statute or rule over which the Commission has jurisdiction has occurred. Ariz. Admin. Code R2-20-214(A). Upon a finding of probable cause that the alleged violator remains out of compliance, by an affirmative vote of at least three (3) of its members, the Commission may issue an order and assess civil penalties pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-957(B). Ariz. Admin. Code R2-20-217.

The Executive Director also recommends the Commission approve the Repayment Order.

Dated this 14th day of May 2025

S/Thomas M. Collins
Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director

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**STATE OF ARIZONA
PARTICIPATING CANDIDATE'S
APPLICATION TO RECEIVE FUNDS
AND QUALIFYING CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §16-950

COMMITTEE ID NUMBER
101489

| | | | | | |
|--|--|-------------------|--------------------|--|--------------|
| NAME OF CANDIDATE MONICA TIMBERLAKE | | | | DATE 07/12/2024 | |
| OFFICE SOUGHT STATE REPRESENTATIVE - DISTRICT 30 | | PARTY AFFILIATION | | ELECTION CYCLE 2024 | |
| CANDIDATE'S ADDRESS 910 W MOUNTAIN VIEW LN BOX 1131 | | | CITY QUARTZSITE | STATE AZ | ZIP 85346 |
| CANDIDATE'S TELEPHONE # (928) [REDACTED] | | CANDIDATE'S FAX # | | CANDIDATE'S EMAIL ADDRESS TIMBERLAKE4LD30@GMAIL.COM | |
| NAME OF POLITICAL COMMITTEE TIMBERLAKE4LD30 | | | | | |
| COMMITTEE ADDRESS 910 W MOUNTAIN VIEW LN BOX 1131 | | | CITY QUARTZSITE | STATE AZ | ZIP 85346 |
| COMMITTEE MAILING ADDRESS (if different from above) PO BOX 1131 | | | CITY QUARTZSITE | STATE AZ | ZIP 85346 |
| COMMITTEE TELEPHONE # (928) 916-4110 | | COMMITTEE FAX # | | COMMITTEE EMAIL ADDRESS MTIMBERLAKE73@GMAIL.COM | |

REALLOCATION OPTION: A participating candidate for legislature in a one-party dominant legislative district who is qualified for the party primary election of the dominant party may elect to reallocate a portion of funds from the general election period to the primary election period (A.R.S. §16-952(D)). If you believe that you are eligible and you wish to choose this option, please check the box to the right.

Yes, I wish to reallocate:

☐

Select the box that applies:

- ☐ A. The Candidate is proceeding as an independent.
- ☒ B. The Candidate is applying to qualify for funding for a party primary of a political organization entitled to continued representation on the official ballot as prescribed in A.R.S. §16-804.
- ☒ C. The Candidate is applying to qualify for funding for a general election as a party's nominee of a political organization entitled to continued representation on the official ballot as prescribed in A.R.S. §16-804.

| PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: | Entry |
|--|-------------------|
| Number of non-duplicative qualifying contributions received (attached list sorted by county) (A.R.S. §16-950(B)): | 215 |
| Number of original qualifying contribution reporting slips attached A.R.S. §§16-950(B) and 16-946(C)): | |
| Sum of qualifying contributions collected (Candidate' or Committee's check or money order for an amount equal to the sum of qualifying contributions is attached) (A.R.S. §16-950(B)): | \$1,075.00 |

I hereby certify that this Application to Receive Funds and Qualifying Report, and accompanying materials to this statement, are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date

Contributions of \$5 - From Individuals *

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January 01, 2023 to December 31, 2024

| Contributor Name | County Name | Transaction Date | Amount |
|------------------|-------------|------------------|--------|
| | | | |

Contributions of \$5 - From Individuals ***101489**

January 01, 2023 to December 31, 2024

| Contributor Name | County Name | Transaction Date | Amount |
|---|-------------|------------------|--------|
| Individual \$5 Qualifying Contributions | | | |
| ALLARD, LINDA SUZANNE | La Paz | 03/20/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Amon, Karey | La Paz | 01/24/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Barber, Crystal | La Paz | 01/19/2024 | \$5.00 |
| BARBER, JACK ALLEN | La Paz | 07/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Bearcat, Starr | La Paz | 01/17/2024 | \$5.00 |
| BENSON, CHRISTINA MAUREEN | La Paz | 03/28/2024 | \$5.00 |
| BIGLEY, PAUL T | La Paz | 07/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| BURKS, BILLY RAY | La Paz | 07/11/2024 | \$5.00 |
| BURKS, BRENDA SUE | La Paz | 07/11/2024 | \$5.00 |
| CARNEVALE, PAUL ANTHONY | La Paz | 07/10/2024 | \$5.00 |
| CARNEVALE, TAMMY WYNETTE | La Paz | 07/09/2024 | \$5.00 |
| CASANOVA, CHELSEA | La Paz | 02/17/2024 | \$5.00 |
| COOPER, RENE LADENE | La Paz | 02/17/2024 | \$5.00 |
| DAMES, IDA ELAINE | La Paz | 07/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| DUPRE, LOIS MAUREEN | La Paz | 07/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Fowler, Billie | La Paz | 03/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| FREEDMAN, MORIAH ROSE | La Paz | 07/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Garlow, Sherrie | La Paz | 03/22/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Goldberg, Lynda | La Paz | 02/02/2024 | \$5.00 |
| GOLDEN-BEAR, SHANANA | La Paz | 03/11/2024 | \$5.00 |
| HAROLD, MARCELA BONILLA | La Paz | 07/10/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Henry, Ellen | La Paz | 02/25/2024 | \$5.00 |
| HOGG, JOHN REILLY | La Paz | 07/08/2024 | \$5.00 |
| HUNTLEY, MARY IDRIS | La Paz | 07/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| KELLAR, DAPHNE ARIELLA | La Paz | 01/17/2024 | \$5.00 |
| KIMBERLIN, MELANIE S | La Paz | 07/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| KING, KIANIE | La Paz | 07/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| LUCAS FREEDMAN, CAROLYN JEAN | La Paz | 07/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Lumbert, Archie | La Paz | 03/16/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Lurvey, Michelle | La Paz | 02/19/2024 | \$5.00 |
| MARYN, MICHAEL J JR | La Paz | 07/07/2024 | \$5.00 |
| McFate, Marilyn | La Paz | 01/24/2024 | \$5.00 |

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| Contributor Name | County Name | Transaction Date | Amount |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------|
| MONTGOMERY, JILL RENEE | La Paz | 07/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Moore, Edward | La Paz | 02/19/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Morrisette, Debra | La Paz | 03/16/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Muckleroy, Mark W | La Paz | 02/25/2024 | \$5.00 |
| NEWLON, TERRI SUE | La Paz | 03/22/2024 | \$5.00 |
| NICHOLS, LARRY | La Paz | 07/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Nichols, Nancy | La Paz | 03/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| NUNES, ANDREW JOHN KAHEKILI | La Paz | 07/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| OSWALD, CYNTHIA LYNN | La Paz | 01/23/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Pecina, Tomacita | La Paz | 03/16/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Penn, Nancy | La Paz | 02/17/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Ponce, William | La Paz | 03/16/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Ray, Norma J | La Paz | 02/17/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Sameniego, Roxana | La Paz | 02/17/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Sanders, Stephanie | La Paz | 03/22/2024 | \$5.00 |
| SCHUE, STEVE WESLEY | La Paz | 07/09/2024 | \$5.00 |
| SCOTT, MARY ANN | La Paz | 07/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| SIMPSON, KELLY LORAIN | La Paz | 03/10/2024 | \$5.00 |
| SIMPSON-BARRON, MICKAYLA GRACE | La Paz | 07/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| STIMSON, CAROL LYNN | La Paz | 02/27/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Stoltz, Jo | La Paz | 02/19/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Swanner, Jimmy | La Paz | 02/19/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Swanner, Lucilee | La Paz | 02/19/2024 | \$5.00 |
| TAFT, ALEXANDRA ANN | La Paz | 07/07/2024 | \$5.00 |
| THOMASSY, ROBERT EDWIN | La Paz | 02/27/2024 | \$5.00 |
| TIMBERLAKE, CLARENCE NATHAN | La Paz | 01/04/2024 | \$5.00 |
| TIMBERLAKE, CONSTANCE RENE | La Paz | 07/11/2024 | \$5.00 |
| TIMBERLAKE, MONICA JO | La Paz | 11/08/2023 | \$5.00 |
| TIMBERLAKE, RHIYANNA NICOLE | La Paz | 11/12/2023 | \$5.00 |
| TIMBERLAKE, SYLVIA JEAN | La Paz | 01/04/2024 | \$5.00 |
| TIMBERLAKE, TONYA LYNN | La Paz | 11/10/2023 | \$5.00 |
| TRUSTY, RICHARD MILES | La Paz | 07/12/2024 | \$5.00 |

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|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------|
| TUCCERI, SANDRA FANSLAU | La Paz | 07/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| VILLAFANA, MARIBEL | La Paz | 02/07/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Vondracek, Sharon | La Paz | 02/19/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Wallace, Katherine | La Paz | 03/16/2024 | \$5.00 |
| WARNER, LORETTA | La Paz | 07/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Wilson, Donald | La Paz | 03/22/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Wilson, Terry P | La Paz | 03/22/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Bircher, William J | Maricopa | 01/14/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Craig, Jeanne | Maricopa | 01/14/2024 | \$5.00 |
| DRAKE, DONNA DIANE | Maricopa | 01/23/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Drexel, Donna J | Maricopa | 01/14/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Filbert, Mary | Maricopa | 01/14/2024 | \$5.00 |
| FILBERT, STEVEN R | Maricopa | 01/14/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Husemann, Leona | Maricopa | 01/14/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Johnson, Bobby E | Maricopa | 01/14/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Lernan, Kathleen S | Maricopa | 01/14/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Lernan, Stuart | Maricopa | 01/24/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Raver, Mary | Maricopa | 01/14/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Uhles, Barbara | Maricopa | 03/10/2024 | \$5.00 |
| ARMOUD, MAUREEN CECILE | Mohave | 02/02/2024 | \$5.00 |
| ARMSTRONG, KEITH | Mohave | 07/09/2024 | \$5.00 |
| ARMSTRONG, SUSAN MARIE | Mohave | 07/09/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Arroz, David | Mohave | 02/02/2024 | \$5.00 |
| AUSTIN, CHRISTIE | Mohave | 06/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Baker, Daniel J | Mohave | 02/05/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Baker, Terri | Mohave | 03/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| BARTH, KENNETH PAUL | Mohave | 02/17/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Bevis, Todd Brandon | Mohave | 07/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Blackmore, Carolyn | Mohave | 02/23/2024 | \$5.00 |
| BOUDMAN, MARIE ELAINE | Mohave | 02/21/2024 | \$5.00 |
| BUETOW, PATRICIA SUE | Mohave | 03/11/2024 | \$5.00 |
| BYRD, SUZANNE MARIE | Mohave | 02/25/2024 | \$5.00 |
| CAMPBELL, CAROL E | Mohave | 02/04/2024 | \$5.00 |

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| Carpio, Manuel | Mohave | 03/24/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Chalfant, Laurie | Mohave | 03/03/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Clark, Michele | Mohave | 03/23/2024 | \$5.00 |
| COFFMAN, MURRAY SUE | Mohave | 02/26/2024 | \$5.00 |
| COFFMAN, SCOTT CLARK | Mohave | 02/26/2024 | \$5.00 |
| COLE, KUBA ANN | Mohave | 02/24/2024 | \$5.00 |
| COLE, RONALD LEE | Mohave | 02/24/2024 | \$5.00 |
| COLLINS, SUSAN LYNNE | Mohave | 02/18/2024 | \$5.00 |
| COSAND, JANICE ANN MARY | Mohave | 04/03/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Cosand, Mike | Mohave | 05/11/2024 | \$5.00 |
| COX, RUSSELL Y | Mohave | 02/17/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Grayson, Donald D | Mohave | 02/27/2024 | \$5.00 |
| DEDEO, MERI BJORKLUND | Mohave | 02/25/2024 | \$5.00 |
| DEVAULT, GIGI | Mohave | 07/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| DIAZ, ROBERT MICHAEL | Mohave | 02/22/2024 | \$5.00 |
| DIETRICH, SHARON LEE | Mohave | 03/06/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Dove, Patricia Holly | Mohave | 01/28/2024 | \$5.00 |
| DOWNING, ELAINE LOUISE | Mohave | 02/28/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Duncan, Sharon | Mohave | 03/23/2024 | \$5.00 |
| DURBIN, PAMELA LYNN | Mohave | 02/14/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Duvall, Carol | Mohave | 02/28/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Ecole, Dominique | Mohave | 02/21/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Ellis, George William | Mohave | 02/28/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Esponosa, Dena | Mohave | 02/02/2024 | \$5.00 |
| EXLEY, DOROTHY MAE | Mohave | 02/25/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Ferry, Elizabeth | Mohave | 02/25/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Ferry, Kevin | Mohave | 02/25/2024 | \$5.00 |
| FRANCIS, CARMEN | Mohave | 03/06/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Frandsen, Kevin | Mohave | 02/25/2024 | \$5.00 |
| FREYMOND, DAVID JAN | Mohave | 02/28/2024 | \$5.00 |
| FREYMOND, PEGGY JEAN | Mohave | 02/28/2024 | \$5.00 |
| GALOVICH, PAMELA JO | Mohave | 02/24/2024 | \$5.00 |

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| Garcia, Bea | Mohave | 02/02/2024 | \$5.00 |
| GARRITY, MARY DARLENE | Mohave | 03/04/2024 | \$5.00 |
| GREIMEL, ANACSTASIA MARRI | Mohave | 07/11/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Haddell, Frank | Mohave | 03/23/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Hammond, Kaihryn | Mohave | 02/03/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Hansen, Tom | Mohave | 05/11/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Hernandez, Frank | Mohave | 02/25/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Hongisto, Carol | Mohave | 05/11/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Hronek, Colette | Mohave | 02/27/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Ingraham, Elizabeth | Mohave | 02/23/2024 | \$5.00 |
| JOHNSON, MICHAEL JAMES | Mohave | 07/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Johnson, Sarah | Mohave | 02/25/2024 | \$5.00 |
| KENDALL, SHEILA ANN | Mohave | 02/25/2024 | \$5.00 |
| KIFFER-BOULIER, MICHELLE R | Mohave | 02/03/2024 | \$5.00 |
| LEWISON, BRIDGET KATHLEEN | Mohave | 02/03/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Lopez, Anthony Thomas | Mohave | 07/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| LOPEZ, TINA MARIE | Mohave | 02/29/2024 | \$5.00 |
| LOWE, LINDA DIANE | Mohave | 02/26/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Maddox, Fred | Mohave | 02/23/2024 | \$5.00 |
| MALOUE, PAMELA BONNIE | Mohave | 03/18/2024 | \$5.00 |
| MCCORD ROBINSON, MARY KATHERINE | Mohave | 02/04/2024 | \$5.00 |
| MCDERMOTT, JOAN BEVERLY | Mohave | 01/13/2024 | \$5.00 |
| MCMAHAN, BRIAN SCOTT | Mohave | 12/17/2023 | \$5.00 |
| MCMAHAN, DIANE ALENE | Mohave | 12/18/2023 | \$5.00 |
| Meyers, Lacy | Mohave | 05/11/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Meyers, Richard | Mohave | 05/11/2024 | \$5.00 |
| MOORE, DONALD WAYNE | Mohave | 06/11/2024 | \$5.00 |
| MORGANE, J'AIME LOUP | Mohave | 10/31/2023 | \$5.00 |
| MORPETH, LESLIE ANNE | Mohave | 03/20/2024 | \$5.00 |
| MOSCATO, KAREN ANN | Mohave | 07/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| NEWMAN, KIM MARIE | Mohave | 02/18/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Nickell, Andrea A | Mohave | 02/28/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Nickell, Jon | Mohave | 02/28/2024 | \$5.00 |

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| Noble, Donell | Mohave | 02/25/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Orosco, Gary | Mohave | 02/24/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Orosco, Susan | Mohave | 02/24/2024 | \$5.00 |
| ORR, PHILIP ANTHONY | Mohave | 02/10/2024 | \$5.00 |
| PALOMINO, DEBORAH JEAN | Mohave | 02/27/2024 | \$5.00 |
| PATENAUDE, HEATHER STACY | Mohave | 02/03/2024 | \$5.00 |
| PICKARD, LISA MICHEL | Mohave | 02/04/2024 | \$5.00 |
| PRESTON, CLIFFORD LYNN | Mohave | 03/17/2024 | \$5.00 |
| PRESTON, SHARON IRENE | Mohave | 03/17/2024 | \$5.00 |
| PRICE, BARBARA SUSAN | Mohave | 06/11/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Proudfoot, Lewis | Mohave | 02/25/2024 | \$5.00 |
| REMINGTON, RHONDA KAYE | Mohave | 02/06/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Rodriguez, Jennifer | Mohave | 03/27/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Roman, Lisa | Mohave | 05/11/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Roper, Erin | Mohave | 05/11/2024 | \$5.00 |
| ROSENBERG, ROSANNE DELPHA | Mohave | 02/18/2024 | \$5.00 |
| SALMON, GAIL OGLESBY | Mohave | 04/01/2024 | \$5.00 |
| SINGER, DIANE MARIA | Mohave | 03/04/2024 | \$5.00 |
| SMITH, BEATRICE MARIE | Mohave | 11/01/2023 | \$5.00 |
| Smith, Nathan | Mohave | 03/24/2024 | \$5.00 |
| SMITH, PAUL LARUE | Mohave | 11/01/2023 | \$5.00 |
| Soth, Joseph | Mohave | 02/24/2024 | \$5.00 |
| STACEY, CRAIG JOSEPH | Mohave | 07/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Summey, Betty | Mohave | 02/28/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Taylor, Jacklyn L | Mohave | 05/11/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Taylor, Sharron | Mohave | 02/23/2024 | \$5.00 |
| TAYLOR, SHARRON LEE | Mohave | 12/17/2023 | \$5.00 |
| THOMAS, KAREN L | Mohave | 02/21/2024 | \$5.00 |
| TRUMBULL, MICHELE RUYACK | Mohave | 02/21/2024 | \$5.00 |
| TUNNELL, DAVID LEON | Mohave | 02/15/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Tunnell, Rosemary | Mohave | 02/23/2024 | \$5.00 |
| VELASCO, RICHARD DANIEL | Mohave | 04/10/2024 | \$5.00 |

Contributions of \$5 - From Individuals *

101489

January 01, 2023 to December 31, 2024

| Contributor Name | County Name | Transaction Date | Amount |
|---|-------------|------------------|------------|
| WADE, PAULA R | Mohave | 02/27/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Ward, Marie E | Mohave | 05/11/2024 | \$5.00 |
| WEBER, ARLETTE MAE | Mohave | 02/03/2024 | \$5.00 |
| WEBER, PETER ANTHONY | Mohave | 03/05/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Weber Sharon M | Mohave | 04/14/2024 | \$5.00 |
| WEBER, SHARON MARILYN | Mohave | 06/12/2024 | \$5.00 |
| WEINER, DARCY ANN | Mohave | 03/04/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Weissman, Dawn | Mohave | 02/24/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Weissman, Glen | Mohave | 02/24/2024 | \$5.00 |
| White, Alan | Mohave | 05/11/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Wilkins, Jan | Mohave | 02/24/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Wilkins, Steven J | Mohave | 02/24/2024 | \$5.00 |
| WILLCOX, VERONICA ANN | Mohave | 03/05/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Wilson, Glenn | Mohave | 02/02/2024 | \$5.00 |
| WRIGHT, KIRBY ROSS II | Mohave | 02/22/2024 | \$5.00 |
| WRIGHT, MORNA | Mohave | 02/22/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Cichy, Kim | Yavapai | 01/14/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Cichy, Valarie | Yavapai | 01/14/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Davidson, Courtney | Yavapai | 01/14/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Mueller, Nancy | Yavapai | 03/10/2024 | \$5.00 |
| Nelson, Sidney | Yavapai | 03/10/2024 | \$5.00 |
| | | | |
| Total Number of \$5 Qualifying Contributions: | 215 | Total Amount: | \$1,075.00 |



Qualified for Funding - Monica Timberlake - State Rep. District 30

1 message

Campaign Finance

Mon, Aug 5, 2024 at 3:44 PM

To: Monica Timberlake

Cc: "ccec@azcleaselections.gov" <[REDACTED]>, candidate <[REDACTED]>

Dear Ms. Timberlake,

The Secretary of State's Office received notification from the County Records' Office regarding the sample results for the Qualifying Contributions you submitted to qualify for funding under the Citizens Clean Elections Act.

The results met the threshold under A.R.S. § 16-950(D), which means you have met the statutory requirements to receive Clean Elections funding.

This message will serve as your official notification. Should you have further questions related to your participating status, please contact the Citizens Clean Elections Commission by email at ccec@azcleaselections.gov, or by phone at [REDACTED]

Thanks,



Campaign Finance

Email: campaignfinance@azsos.gov

Arizona Secretary of State | <https://azsos.gov>

1700 W. Washington St., 7th Fl. | Phoenix, AZ 85007

This message and any messages in response to the sender of this message may be subject to a public records request.

TP

We are not able to provide legal or financial advice specific to any situation. We will do our best to provide appropriate assistance, but if you have specific questions about how you should proceed, you may need to seek legal counsel.

Katie Hobbs
Governor

Thomas M. Collins
Executive Director



Mark S. Kimble
Chair

Steve M. Titla
Galen D. Paton
Amy B. Chan
Christina Werther
Commissioners

State of Arizona
Citizens Clean Elections Commission

1110 W. Washington - Suite 250 - Phoenix, Arizona 85007 - Tel [REDACTED] - Fax [REDACTED] - www.azcleanelections.gov

MEMORANDUM

To: Paula Thomas, Executive Officer
Thru: Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director
From: Mike Becker, Policy Director
Date: August 5, 2024
Subject: Disbursement of 2024 General Election Funds

In accordance with A.A.C. R2-20-106, the Commission has determined that the candidate referenced below is not contested in the primary election and is advancing to the general election. Therefore, the candidate is qualified to receive general election funding in the amount of **\$31,760**.

Candidate Name: Monica Timberlake
Office Sought: State House of Representatives, District 30
Vendor Number: VC#81250

X_____

Funding Received By

Date

Timberlake4Ld30

Transactions

| |
|---|
|  Demographic Information |
| Filer Name: Timberlake4LD30 Status: Active |
| Filer ID: 101489 Filer Type: Candidate (participating in Clean Elections) |
| Registration Date: 10/27/2023 Last Amended Date: 10/27/2023 |
| County: Last Reported: |
| Mailing Address: PO Box 1131 Quartzsite AZ 85346 Email: mtimberlake73@gmail.com Phone: (928) [REDACTED] Filer Address: 910 W Mountain View Ln Box 1131 Quartzsite AZ 85346 |
| Chairman: Timberlake, Monica J Treasurer: Timberlake, Monica |
| Candidate: Timberlake, Monica Email: Timberlake4LD30@gmail.com Phone: (928) [REDACTED] Designee: |
| Office Sought: State Representative - District 30 Party Affiliation: |

Reports Previously Filed

| 📅 Report Due Date | | 📅 Date Filed | | 📎 Report Name | |
|-------------------|------------|-----------------------------|---|---|--|
| 01/16/2024 | 01/16/2024 | 2023 - Cumulative Report | PDF (https://seethemoney.az.gov/PublicReports/2024/DB9942D9-9090-4C8B-9CB9-FD3E11716C04.pdf) 📎 (https://Seethemoney.az.gov/Reporting/AmendedReports/?CommitteeReportId=292024) | On Time | |
| 02/28/2024 | 02/28/2024 | 2024 - Interim Report | PDF (https://seethemoney.az.gov/PublicReports/2024/1F7516F5-EAC2-4B73-9C7E-A513E3A98045.pdf) 📎 (https://Seethemoney.az.gov/Reporting/AmendedReports/?CommitteeReportId=292035) | On Time | |
| 02/28/2024 | 02/28/2024 | 2024 - Interim Report | PDF (https://seethemoney.az.gov/PublicReports/2024/BA69D03B-2CB2-4275-A95C-FD7A25934EEB.pdf) 📎 (https://Seethemoney.az.gov/Reporting/AmendedReports/?CommitteeReportId=292034) | On Time | |
| 04/15/2024 | 04/15/2024 | 2024 - Quarter 1 | PDF (https://seethemoney.az.gov/PublicReports/2024/3F9D9CA3-B07A-4E1E-86E0-E984A323F625.pdf) 📎 (https://Seethemoney.az.gov/Reporting/AmendedReports/?CommitteeReportId=292031) | On Time | |
| 07/15/2024 | 07/16/2024 | 2024 - Quarter 2 | PDF (https://seethemoney.az.gov/PublicReports/2024/92078177-A4B1-4665-ABDA-8E1F23A327F8.pdf) 📎 (https://Seethemoney.az.gov/Reporting/AmendedReports/?CommitteeReportId=292032) | 1 Day(s) Late Fines Due \$10.00 | |
| 07/20/2024 | 07/27/2024 | 2024 - Pre-Primary Election | PDF (https://seethemoney.az.gov/PublicReports/2024/D690AD29-D49F-4AA7-8035-C6ADF42766E7.pdf) 📎 (https://Seethemoney.az.gov/Reporting/AmendedReports/?CommitteeReportId=292033) | 7 Day(s) Late Fines Due \$70.00 | |

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|------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| 08/05/2024 | 08/06/2024 | 2024 - Qualifying Period Recap Report | PDF (https://seethemoney.az.gov/PublicReports/2024/845F3FDA-0D70-4548-8441-F809BC245137.pdf) | 1 Day(s) Late |
| 08/12/2024 | | 2024 - Primary Recap Report | | 268 Day(s) Late |
| 10/15/2024 | | 2024 - Post-Primary Election (Q3) | | 204 Day(s) Late Fines Due \$4875.00 |
| 10/26/2024 | | 2024 - Pre-General Election | | 193 Day(s) Late Fines Due \$4600.00 |
| 11/12/2024 | | 2024 - General Recap Report | | 176 Day(s) Late |
| 01/15/2025 | | 2024 - Post-General Election (Q4) | | 112 Day(s) Late Fines Due \$2575.00 |
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ADRIAN FONTES
SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF ARIZONA



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CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION

Report on Agreed-Upon Procedures

**Monica Timberlake
Participating Candidate for
State Representative - District 30
General Election 2024**



Independent Accountants' Report on
Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

To the Chairman and Members of the
Citizens Clean Elections Commission
Phoenix, Arizona

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were specified and agreed to by the State of Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission (the Commission), solely to assist the Commission in evaluating whether Monica Timberlake's (the Candidate)'s 2024 Post-Primary Election (Q3), 2024 Pre-General Election, and 2024 General Recap Report (the Reports) which covers the period from July 14, 2024 through November 5, 2024 (the reporting period) was prepared in compliance with Title 16, Articles 1 and 2 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, Campaign Contributions and Expenses, and the Citizens Clean Elections Act, and whether the reports complied with the rules of the Citizens Clean Elections Commission. The Candidate's management is responsible for the Campaign finance reports during the reporting period. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of those parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and associated findings are presented on the subsequent pages.

We were engaged by the Commission to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the Campaign finance reports during the reporting period of Monica Timberlake. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the Commission and the Candidate and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the parties listed in the first paragraph, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

Fester & Chapman, PLLC

February 28, 2025

Summary of Procedures and Findings

1. Preliminary Procedures

- a) Contractor will obtain a copy of the candidate's campaign finance reports for the reporting period.

Finding

We reached out to Monica Timberlake (the Candidate) via email on November 25, 2024, and again on December 4, 2024; and received an email response on December 27th with her bookkeeping policies and an acknowledgement that her Beacon reports were not finished. FC emailed again on January 31, 2025, but never received any further communication. It should also be noted that as of February 24, 2025, the Candidate has not filed their 2024 Primary Recap Report, 2024 Pre-General Election, or 2024 General Recap Report with the Arizona Secretary of State, and as such, does not show up on the See The Money website (<https://seethemoney.az.gov/>). Therefore, we are unable to review any of the expenses, contributions, or perform any other procedure as required for our testing of the Candidate's Clean Elections funding.

- b). Perform a desk review of the disbursements reported in the candidate's campaign finance reports to identify any unusual items requiring follow-up during fieldwork.

Finding

We were unable to establish communication with the Candidate; and as such, did not receive any items from the Candidate. As a result, we were unable to perform the test described above.

- d). Contact the candidate or the campaign treasurer, as appropriate, to schedule a date to perform fieldwork. Discuss the nature of the documentation, which will be needed to perform the engagement and ascertain the location of the necessary documentation.

Finding

We attempted to contact the Candidate to discuss the agreed-upon procedures, the timing of our procedures, and the documentation needed as described in step 1.a)., but we were unable to communicate with the Candidate.

2. Fieldwork Procedures

- a) Contractor will contact the candidate to request the records for an agreed-upon procedures attest engagement. Candidates receiving audits after the Primary Election shall provide records from the election cycle through the 2024 Qualifying Period Recap Report. Candidates receiving audits after the General Election shall provide records from the election cycle through the 2024 General Recap Report.

Finding

Commission staff sent an initial notice to the Candidate and informed the Candidate that we would be contacting them. We then communicated to the Candidate in a written request, the purpose of the request, agreed-upon procedures to be performed, documentation needed, and potential future requirements of the Candidate.

- b) The contractor shall contact the candidate and/or his or her representative(s) to discuss the purpose of the engagement, the general procedures to be performed and potential future requirements of the candidate, such as possible repayments to the Fund.

Finding

See comment in a) above.

- c) The Contractor shall contact or conduct an interview with the candidate and/or his or her representative(s) to discuss the bookkeeping policies and procedures utilized by the campaign committee.

Finding

The Candidate provided a description of bookkeeping policies and procedures utilized by the Campaign Committee.

- (i) Review bank statements from July 2024 through November 2024 (the reporting period) and perform the following:

- Select five (5) samples of deposits and withdrawals from the bank statements and determine that the transaction is properly reflected in the candidate's records and campaign finance reports.

Finding

We were unable to establish communication with the Candidate; and as such, did not receive any items from the Candidate. As a result, we were unable to perform the test described above.

- Perform a proof of receipts and disbursements for the reporting period, which is defined as reporting the ending balances of the November 2024 bank statement and the 2024 General Recap Report.

Finding

We were unable to establish communication with the Candidate; and as such, did not receive any items from the Candidate. As a result, we were unable to perform the test described above.

- d) Using the dates and limits defined in the Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Guide, review the receipts reported in the candidate's campaign finance reports to determine the following:

- (i) The candidate accepted contributions only from individuals.

Finding

We were unable to establish communication with the Candidate; and as such, did not receive any items from the Candidate. As a result, we were unable to perform the test described above.

- (ii) None of the contributions received from individuals exceed the early contribution limit.

Finding

We were unable to establish communication with the Candidate; and as such, did not receive any items from the Candidate. As a result, we were unable to perform the test described above.

- (iii) Check compliance with the maximum early contribution limits.

Finding

We were unable to establish communication with the Candidate; and as such, did not receive any items from the Candidate. As a result, we were unable to perform the test described above.

- (iv) Check compliance with the maximum personal contribution limits.

Finding

We were unable to establish communication with the Candidate; and as such, did not receive any items from the Candidate. As a result, we were unable to perform the test described above.

- e) For both the primary election and the general election, contractor will judgmentally select a 10% sample size with a minimum of five (5) contributions reported in the candidate's campaign finance report (not including the \$5 qualifying contributions) and agree to supporting documentation, which reflects the name of the contributor (for all contributions) and for individuals who contributed greater than \$100, which reflects the contributor's address, occupation and employer.

Finding

No contributions were reported in the Candidate's Campaign finance reports during the reporting period.

- (i) For other types of cash receipts reported on the candidate's campaign finance reports, review supporting documentation and review for compliance with regulatory rules and laws and agree the receipt to inclusion in the campaign account bank statement.

Finding

We were unable to establish communication with the Candidate; and as such, did not receive any items from the Candidate. As a result, we were unable to perform the test described above.

- (ii) For in-kind contributions, review the supporting documentation and determine the methodology utilized to value the contribution and assess the reasonableness.

Finding

We were unable to establish communication with the Candidate; and as such, did not receive any items from the Candidate. As a result, we were unable to perform the test described above.

- f) For both the primary election and the general election, contractor will judgmentally select a 10% sample size with a minimum of five (5) of cash expenditures reported in the candidate's campaign finance reports and perform the following:

- (i) Review supporting invoice or other documentation and agree amount to the amount reported in the candidate's finance reports.

Finding

We were unable to establish communication with the Candidate; and as such, did not receive any items from the Candidate. As a result, we were unable to perform the test described above.

- (ii) Determine that the name, address and nature of goods or services provided agree to the information reported in the candidate's campaign finance reports.

Finding

We were unable to establish communication with the Candidate; and as such, did not receive any items from the Candidate. As a result, we were unable to perform the test described above.

- Agree the amount of the expenditure to the campaign account bank statement.

Finding

We were unable to establish communication with the Candidate; and as such, did not receive any items from the Candidate. As a result, we were unable to perform the test described above.

- (iii) Determine whether the expenditure was made for a direct campaign purpose. Direct campaign purpose includes, but is not limited to, materials, communications, transportation, supplies and expenses used toward the election of the candidate.

Finding

We were unable to establish communication with the Candidate; and as such, did not receive any items from the Candidate. As a result, we were unable to perform the test described above.

- If the expenditure is a joint expenditure made in conjunction with other candidates, determine that the amount paid represents the candidate's proportionate share of the total cost.

Finding

We were unable to establish communication with the Candidate; and as such, did not receive any items from the Candidate. As a result, we were unable to perform the test described above.

- g) Determine whether any petty cash funds have been established and, if so, determine how expenditures from these funds have been reflected in the accounting records. Determine whether aggregate petty cash funds exceed the limit of \$1,800.

Finding

We were unable to establish communication with the Candidate; and as such, did not receive any items from the Candidate. As a result, we were unable to perform the test described above.

- (i) If applicable, for both the primary election and the general election, contractor will judgmentally select a 10% sample size with a minimum of five (5) candidate's petty cash fund expenditures and obtain supporting documentation for the expenditure. Determine whether the expenditure was for a direct campaign expense and whether the expenditure was in excess of the \$210 limit on petty cash expenditures.

Finding

We were unable to establish communication with the Candidate; and as such, did not receive any items from the Candidate. As a result, we were unable to perform the test described above.

- h) Determine if the candidate/campaign incurred any debt. If so, report all debt.

Finding

We were unable to establish communication with the Candidate; and as such, did not receive any items from the Candidate. As a result, we were unable to perform the test described above.

- i) Contact the candidate and/or his or her representative(s) to discuss the preliminary engagement findings and recommendations that the Contractor anticipates presenting to the CCEC. During this conference, the Contractor will advise the candidate and/or his or her representative(s) of their right to respond to the preliminary findings and the projected timetable for the issuance of the final issuance of the report.

Finding

We reported our findings to the Candidate and the Candidate did not provide responses to our findings.

EXHIBIT 6

Thomas M. Collins
Executive Director



State of Arizona
Citizens Clean Elections Commission

1110 W. Washington St. - Suite 250 - Phoenix, Arizona 85007 - Tel [REDACTED] - Fax [REDACTED] - www.azcleanelections.gov

**NOTICE OF COMPLAINT AND PRELIMINARY AUDIT REPORT AND RESPONSE
OPPORTUNITY**

Via Overnight Delivery and E-mail

March 10, 2025

Monica Timberlake
PO Box 1131
Quartzsite AZ 85346
Email: mtimberlake73@gmail.com
Phone: (928) [REDACTED]

RE: CEC MUR 25-03

Dear Ms. Timberlake,

This letter represents notice of a complaint against you by the Executive Director of the Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission and well as to provide you a copy of a preliminary audit report. You have an opportunity to respond to both as discussed below.

According the Arizona Campaign Finance Reporting System, you stopped filing periodic reports after the late filing of your Qualifying Period Recap Reports on August 6, 2024. *See* Table 1. Additionally, you have refused to participate in required auditing under the Citizens Clean Elections Act and Rules, as reflected in the attached report. *See* Exhibit 1.

The Clean Elections Act and Rules require participating candidates to file periodic reports of their campaign financial activities, conduct all activities through a single campaign account, ensure that funds are expended in accordance with the Act and Rules, and permit an audit to confirm compliance with those requirements.

Your failure to file campaign finance reports and failure to respond to a required audit logically support the conclusion you have acted knowingly in failing to meet these obligations. Indeed, the available records indicate your campaign ceased to provide any required financial information despite legal obligations and the application for certification that you signed and filed. *See* Exhibit 2.

Campaign finance reports and audits are the primary mechanism by which Clean Elections ensures that you are abiding by the terms of the Act to which you have agreed.

The absence of proper reporting and ignoring the audit raises concerns that other important restrictions you agreed to as a participating candidate may not have been abided by.

Table 1

| Reports Previously Filed | | | | |
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| Report Due Date | Date Filed | Report Name | Report Filings | Status |
| 08/05/2024 | 08/06/2024 | 2024 - Qualifying Period Recap Report | PDF | 1 Day(s) Late |
| 07/20/2024 | 07/27/2024 | 2024 - Pre-Primary Election | PDF | 7 Day(s) Late Fines Due \$70.00 |
| 07/15/2024 | 07/16/2024 | 2024 - Quarter 2 | PDF | 1 Day(s) Late Fines Due \$10.00 |
| 04/15/2024 | 04/15/2024 | 2024 - Quarter 1 | PDF | On Time |
| 02/28/2024 | 02/28/2024 | 2024 - Interim Report | PDF | On Time |
| 02/28/2024 | 02/28/2024 | 2024 - Interim Report | PDF | On Time |
| 01/16/2024 | 01/16/2024 | 2023 - Cumulative Report | PDF | On Time |
| 08/12/2024 | | 2024 - Primary Recap Report | | 207 Day(s) Late |
| 10/15/2024 | | 2024 - Post-Primary Election (Q3) | | 143 Day(s) Late Fines Due \$3350.00 |
| 10/26/2024 | | 2024 - Pre-General Election | | 132 Day(s) Late Fines Due \$3075.00 |
| 11/12/2024 | | 2024 - General Recap Report | | 115 Day(s) Late |
| 01/15/2025 | | 2024 - Post-General Election (Q4) | | 51 Day(s) Late Fines Due \$1050.00 |

Consequently, you and your campaign may be in violation of A.R.S. §§ 16-941(A)(1) (limiting contributions), -941(A)(2) (limiting personal expenditures), -941(A)(3)(primary spending limit), -941(A)(4) (general spending limit), -941(A)(5)(campaign accounts and return of monies) and -948 (campaign accounts).

Failure to file reports can lead to penalties under A.R.S. § 16-942 (including daily penalties of \$210 per day for violations for failure to follow reporting requirements).

Additionally, reports help verify that you have properly returned monies as required by A.R.S. § 16-953 (relating to return of monies). The absence of the reports supports an inquiry into what monies ought to have been returned.

Absent reports, we also consider that you may have violated Ariz. Admin. Code R2-20-110 (participating candidates reporting requirements) and Ariz. Admin. Code R2-20-115(books and recordkeeping requirements) and have failed to establish that you have fulfilled your obligation to show compliance with Ariz. Admin. Code R2-20-702 (use of funds), Ariz. Admin. Code R2-20-702.01(use of assets), Ariz. Admin. Code R2-20-703(documentation of expenditures), Ariz. Admin. Code R2-20-703.01(consultants). Again, in each of these instances, absent reports and compliance with the audit requirements, we must consider these possible violations.

This is a serious matter. Violations of the above requirements can trigger penalties under A.R.S. §§ 16-942, -943, and -957, as well as Ariz. Admin. Code R2-20-222. Candidates can also be subjected to repayment under Ariz. Admin. Code R2-20-704. Additionally, “if the candidate fails to provide adequate office space, personnel or records, the Commission may seek judicial intervention to enforce the request or assess other penalties.” Ariz. Admin. Code R2-20-403(C).

The Commission’s rules provide that you “be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken on the basis of a complaint by submitting, *within five days from receipt of a written copy of the complaint*, a letter or memorandum setting forth reasons why the Commission should take no action.” Ariz. Admin. Code R2-20-205(A). Please respond to this notice and complaint by the close of business on March 18, 2025.

Additionally, if you have any response to the enclosed audit report you have 10 days to provide that response. Ariz. Admin. Code R2-20-404(B).

Your response must be notarized, or it will not be considered. Ariz. Admin. Code R2-20-205(C). Failure to respond to this complaint within five days may be viewed as an admission to the allegations. *Id.*

The rule states that we are to provide you with an advisement of Commission compliance procedures. Those procedures are set forth in Article 2 of the Commission’s Rules (Arizona Administrative Code Sections R2-20-201 to R2-20-228). *See* Exhibit 3.

This matter is in the initial stages of review. A finding will be made only after the Commission has fully reviewed this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions at [REDACTED] or by e-mail at thomas.collins@azcleelections.gov.

Sincerely,

S/Thomas M. Collins

Executive Director
Citizens Clean Elections Commission

Enclosures

Exhibit 2 Timberlake PC

State of Arizona
La Paz County Sheriff's Office
Civil Division
PARKER, AZ 85344

Process Number: 31143

Court Number: R025-03

I, William Ponce, Sheriff of La Paz County Sheriff's Office do hereby certify that I received the within and foregoing on 23rd day of May, 2025, and that I served the same on:

MONICA TIMBERLAKE

(Respondent)

I have made due search and inquiry and exercised due diligence, but I am returning the UNSERVED after making the following service attempts:

Service attempted on 16th day of June, 2025 at 11:51:00
NO ANSWER AT FRONT DOOR.

Service attempted on 10th day of June, 2025 at 11:57:00
NO ANSWER AT FRONT DOOR

Service attempted on 27th day of May, 2025 at 11:19:00
NO ANSWER AT FRONT DOOR.

Dated the 16th day of June, 2025

Fees:

| | |
|----------|------|
| Service: | 0.00 |
| Mileage: | 0.00 |
| Other : | 0.00 |
| Total : | 0.00 |

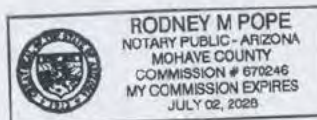
William Ponce, Sheriff
La Paz County Sheriff's Office, Arizona

BY: _____
Authorized Representative
Civil Division

My commission expires:

07-02-2028

Notary Public



FedEx, M. Timberlake residential address, was delivered on 5/23/25, trkg 881466482332

1 message

Paula Thomas <[REDACTED]>
To: Thomas Collins <[REDACTED]>, Michael Becker <[REDACTED]>

Fri, May 23, 2025 at 4:40 PM

FYI, FedEx for Timberlake residential address also delivered today. Paula

✓ Delivered
Friday, 5/23/25 at 3:11 PM
Signed for by: Signature not required

How was your delivery?



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Phoenix, AZ US
To:
Quartzsite, AZ US
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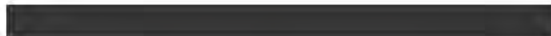
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Thomas Collins <[REDACTED]>

Fwd: Clean Elections Commission Meeting

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MIKE BECKER <[REDACTED]>
To: Thomas Collins <[REDACTED]>

Thu, May 22, 2025 at 8:52 AM

A response from Monica Timberlake

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Monica Timberlake <[REDACTED]>
Date: Thu, May 22, 2025 at 8:00 AM
Subject: Re: Clean Elections Commission Meeting
To: MIKE BECKER <[REDACTED]>

Hi Mike,



On Wed, May 21, 2025, 3:17 PM MIKE BECKER <[REDACTED]> wrote:
Monica,

Please find the May 22 meeting agenda attached. The Zoom link for virtual attendees is below.

The meeting is scheduled to start at **10:00 a.m.** If you will be attending **virtually**, please join the zoom meeting by **09:50 a.m.** for the pre live meeting audio test with our meeting planner, Cathy Herring.

If you are attending **in person**, please try to arrive at least 20 minutes early to allow time for parking and getting into the building. Once you get past security, go to the elevators and we are located on the 2nd floor, suite 250.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Exhibit 4 Timberlake PC

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NOTICE OF COMPLAINT AND RESPONSE OPPORTUNITY **Via U.S. Postal Service Delivery and E-mail**

December 1, 2025

Monica Timberlake



RE: CEC MUR 25-06

Dear Ms. Timberlake,

This letter represents notice of a complaint against you regarding your failure to repay monies under the Commission's Repayment Order. Exhibit 1. That order was delivered to you on May 23, 2025 well as to provide you a copy of a preliminary audit report. You have an opportunity to respond as discussed below. I am also including the Order itself with this letter.

The Commission's rules provide that you "be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken on the basis of a complaint by submitting, *within five days from receipt of a written copy of the complaint*, a letter or memorandum setting forth reasons why the Commission should take no action." Ariz. Admin. Code R2-20-205(A). Please respond to this notice and complaint by the close of business on December 10, 2025.

Your response must be notarized, or it will not be considered. Ariz. Admin. Code R2-20-205(C). Failure to respond to this complaint within five days may be viewed as an admission to the allegations. *Id.*

The rule states that we are to provide you with an advisement of Commission compliance procedures. Those procedures are set forth in Article 2 of the Commission's Rules (Arizona Administrative Code Sections R2-20-201 to R2-20-228). *See* Exhibit 2.

This matter is in the initial stages of review. A finding will be made only after the Commission has fully reviewed this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions at (602) 364-3477 or by e-mail at thomas.collins@azcleanelections.gov.

Sincerely,
S/Thomas M. Collins
Executive Director

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Enclosure

November 14, 2025

Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission
1110 W. Washington St., Suite 250
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: Complaint of Campaign Finance Violation by the Timberlake4LD30 Campaign

Please accept this sworn statement as my formal complaint against Monica Timberlake, the chairperson and treasurer of the Timberlake4LD30 campaign finance committee #101489 and participating clean elections candidate for the 2024 general election. In addition to the campaign finance reports that remain unfiled (with accrued fines approaching \$19,000.00), this is an additional campaign finance violation of which I have personal knowledge:

With respect to ARS §16-953 (B), Monica Timberlake failed to return monies to the Citizens Clean Elections Fund at the end of the general election period. I am aware of this fact because I had been helping Ms. Timberlake with her campaign finance reporting as unofficial assistance. The last time we worked together on her reporting, she stated that there was "somewhere between four to five thousand dollars" still in her campaign checking account. I advised her multiple times over many months across 2025 that she needed to close out her campaign checking account, get a cashier's check for whatever was still in the account, then send the cashier's check to Clean Elections. Her campaign checking account is with National Bank of Arizona.

Monica Timberlake is fully aware that those funds do not belong to her and that they need to be returned, yet she refuses to do so, even when threatened with a formal complaint and reporting her illegal behavior to the State Party Chair.

On Friday, November 14, 2025, I confirmed with Mike Becker that Monica Timberlake had still not returned the unused clean election funds. It has now been an entire year since these funds were legally required to be returned to Clean Elections.

I respectfully request the Citizens Clean Elections Commission to review and investigate this complaint. I also request that Monica Timberlake be held accountable for her willful malfeasance as chairperson and treasurer of her campaign finance committee's violations of campaign finance law.

DATE:

My legal name is J'aime MorgAine, and I acknowledge I am:

- Age: [REDACTED]
- Address: [REDACTED]
- Residency (state): [REDACTED]

Being duly sworn, hereby swear under oath that:

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare and affirm that the above-mentioned Statements in the Citizens Clean Election Commission Complaint dated November 14, 2025 re: Monica Timberlake is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

Affiant's Signature: [REDACTED]

Date: 11/14/2025

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

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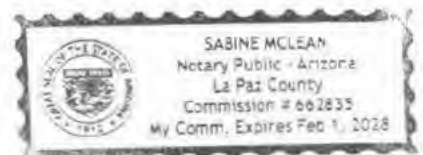
On 11/14/25 before me, Sabine McLean, personally appeared J'AIME MORGAINE who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their authorized capacity, and that by their signature on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of ARIZONA that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature [REDACTED]

(Seal





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January 21, 2025

Via E-Mail

Monica Timberlake
[REDACTED]

RE: CEC MUR 25-03

Re: Order of Compliance and Deadline to Comply

Dear Ms. Timberlake:

This letter serves to inform you that the Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission has determined that there is reason to believe you have committed violations of the Clean Elections Act and Rules.

Pursuant to the Commission's May 22, 2025 determination, which is attached to the email delivering this Order and incorporated by reference, you are ordered to comply within 14 days. Ariz. Admin Code R2-20-208. During this period, you "may provide any explanation to the Commission, comply with the order, or enter into a public administrative settlement with the Commission." *Id.* **The deadline to comply with this order is February 4, 2026.**

Attached to the email delivering this letter are a copy of the Reason to Believe Recommendation and the May Commission minutes.

Neither the Commission nor its staff may provide legal assistance to you, although you should give serious consideration to engaging an attorney.

Sincerely,

S/Thomas M. Collins
Executive Director



Thomas Collins <[REDACTED]>

Re: Clean Elections: Contact me please

1 message

Monica Timberlake [REDACTED]

Wed, Feb 4, 2026 at 11:56 PM

To: Thomas Collins <[REDACTED]>



Monica Timberlake

On Tue, Jan 20, 2026, 5:39 PM Thomas Collins [REDACTED] :

Ms. Timberlake,

We need to hear from you as soon as possible regarding the status of the Complaint against you and the repayment order.

Please contact me as soon as possible to begin to resolve this matter.

Thank you

Tom Collins

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MEMORANDUM

To: Commissioners

From: Tom Collins

Date: February 16, 2026

Subject: Report on important legislative measures

The legislature is contemplating a number of measures that could impact the Commission directly.

H.B. 2022 (elections; July primary; curing; observers): The legislature passed and the Governor signed HB 2022, which set the state primary date as the second to last Tuesday in July and made some ancillary changes to ballot curing periods and election observation.

For Clean Elections participating candidates this moves the end of the qualifying period to July 14. For candidates involved in debates or the voter education guide, this moves their deadlines up at least two weeks. Communication is ongoing.

S.B. 1687 (now voter access; elections; primary date): this measure, passed as a striker amendment out of committee last week would set the primary as the Tuesday before the last Monday in May. The Committee took testimony indicating there are a number of potential complications, including relating to the existing schedules for city and town council elections.

From a Clean Elections perspective, the bill, without conforming changes, could have a serious impact on operations.

Current law

- Candidates can collect qualifying contributions starting in August of the odd year.
- They can file for the ballot and for Clean funding starting January 1.
- They can qualify for funding up to the primary.
- They can receive funding up to ~7 months before the primary.

May primary calendar

- The QC collection window shrinks (August–May).
- Candidate filing deadline would fall before January 1, per counties' lobbyist testimony, meaning candidates must have filed for the ballot **before** they are legally allowed to apply for Clean funding.

This reverses the current structure. Clean candidates currently are eligible to file for candidates on January 2 of an even year to facilitate distribution of funds. Practically, candidates would qualify for the ballot but be unable to apply for funding until January 2 — significantly shortening the funded campaign period.

Budget + operations impacts -- More spending shifts into the odd year.

- The Commission's spending caps (A.R.S. § 16-949) are structured around election-year spending peaks.
- Pressing more candidate funding and voter education costs into the prior calendar year creates cap pressure and planning complications.
- It also compresses timelines for statutorily required voter education materials.

S.B. 1609 (new political parties, party name): This measure, currently scheduled to be heard in Committee February 20, would bar parties from using names identified in the bill that would cause voter confusion. It also reiterates current law with respect to how a party would change names.

House Engrossed

elections; July primary; curing; observers

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
Fifty-seventh Legislature
Second Regular Session
2026

CHAPTER 1

HOUSE BILL 2022

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 16-135, 16-201, 16-204, 16-206, 16-558.02 AND 16-590,
ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 16-135, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-135. ~~Change of residence from one address to another~~

5 A. An elector who is correcting the residence address shown on the
6 elector's voter registration record shall reregister with the new
7 residence address or correct the voter registration record as prescribed
8 by this section.

9 B. An elector who moves from the address at which the elector is
10 registered to another address within the same county and who fails to
11 notify the county recorder of the change of address before the date of an
12 election shall be allowed to correct the voter registration records at the
13 appropriate polling place for the voter's new address. The voter shall
14 present a form of identification that includes the voter's given name and
15 surname and the voter's complete residence address that is located within
16 the precinct for the voter's new residence address. The voter shall
17 affirm in writing the new residence address and shall be allowed to vote a
18 provisional ballot.

19 C. When an elector completes voting a provisional ballot, the
20 election official shall place the ballot in an envelope for provisional
21 ballots and shall deposit the envelope in the ballot box designated for
22 provisional ballots.

23 D. Within ~~ten~~ SEVEN calendar days after a general election that
24 includes an election for a federal office and within five ~~business~~
25 CALENDAR days after any other election, a provisional ballot shall be
26 compared to the signature roster for the precinct in which the voter was
27 listed and if the voter's signature does not appear on the signature
28 roster for that election and if there is no record of that voter having
29 voted early for that election, the provisional ballot shall be processed.
30 If the signature roster or early ballot information indicates that the
31 person did vote in that election, the provisional ballot for that person
32 shall remain unopened and shall not be counted.

33 E. An elector may also correct the residence address on the
34 elector's voter registration record by requesting the address change on a
35 written request for an early ballot that is submitted pursuant to section
36 16-542 and that contains all of the following:

- 37 1. A request to change the voter registration record.
- 38 2. The elector's new residence address.
- 39 3. An affirmation that the information is true and correct.
- 40 4. The elector's signature.

1 Sec. 2. Section 16-201, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
2 read:

3 16-201. Primary elections

4 A primary election shall be held on the ~~first~~ SECOND TO LAST Tuesday
5 in ~~August~~ JULY in any year in which a general election or special election
6 is held and at which candidates for public office are to be elected.

7 Sec. 3. Section 16-204, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
8 read:

9 16-204. Declaration of statewide concern; consolidated
10 election dates; definition

11 A. The legislature finds and determines that for the purposes of
12 increasing voter participation and for decreasing the costs to the
13 taxpayers it is a matter of statewide concern that all elections in this
14 state be conducted on a limited number of days and, therefore, the
15 legislature finds and declares that the holding of all elections on
16 certain specific consolidated days is a matter of statewide concern. This
17 section preempts all local laws, ordinances and charter provisions to the
18 contrary.

19 B. For elections held before 2014 and notwithstanding any other law
20 or any charter or ordinance of any county, city or town to the contrary,
21 an election held for or on behalf of a county, city or town, a school
22 district, a community college district or special districts organized
23 pursuant to title 48, chapters 5, 6, 8, 10, 13 through 16 and 33 may only
24 be held on the following dates:

25 1. Except for regular elections for candidates in a city or town
26 with a population of one hundred seventy-five thousand or more persons,
27 all elections, including recall elections and special elections to fill
28 vacancies, shall be held on:

29 (a) The second Tuesday in March.

30 (b) The third Tuesday in May.

31 (c) The tenth Tuesday before the first Tuesday after the first
32 Monday in November.

33 (d) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
34 Notwithstanding any other law, an election must be held on this date for
35 the approval of an obligation or other authorization requiring or
36 authorizing the assessment of secondary property taxes by a county, city,
37 town, school district, community college district or special taxing
38 district, except as provided by title 48.

39 2. For regular elections that are only for candidates in a city or
40 town with a population of one hundred seventy-five thousand or more
41 persons and not including recall elections and special elections to fill
42 vacancies in those cities or towns, elections shall be held on:

43 (a) The tenth Tuesday before the first Tuesday after the first
44 Monday in November.

45 (b) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

1 C. For elections held before 2014, for any city or town, including
2 a charter city, that holds its regularly scheduled candidate elections in
3 even-numbered years pursuant to subsection B, paragraph 2 of this section,
4 the term of office for a member of the city council or for the office of
5 mayor begins on or after the second Tuesday in January in the year
6 following the election.

7 D. Subsections B and C of this section do not apply to an election
8 regarding a county or city charter committee or county or city charter
9 proposal that is conducted pursuant to article XIII, section 2 or 3 or
10 article XII, section 5, Constitution of Arizona.

11 E. Beginning with elections held in 2014 and later and
12 notwithstanding any other law or any charter or ordinance to the contrary,
13 a candidate election held for or on behalf of any political subdivision of
14 this state other than a special election to fill a vacancy or a recall
15 election may only be held on the following dates and only in even-numbered
16 years:

17 1. ~~Through 2019, the tenth Tuesday before the first Tuesday after~~
18 ~~the first Monday in November.~~ Beginning in ~~2020~~ 2026 and later, the
19 ~~election shall be held on the first~~ SECOND TO LAST Tuesday in ~~August~~ JULY.
20 If the political subdivision holds a primary or first election and a
21 general or runoff election is either required or optional for that
22 political subdivision, the first election shall be held on this date,
23 without regard to whether the political subdivision designates the
24 election a primary election, a first election, a preliminary election or
25 any other descriptive term.

26 2. The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. If the
27 political subdivision holds a general election or a runoff election, the
28 second election held shall be held on this date. If the political
29 subdivision holds only a single election and no preliminary or primary or
30 other election is ever held for the purpose of reducing the number of
31 candidates, or receiving a partisan nomination or designation or for any
32 other purpose for that political subdivision, the single election shall be
33 held on this date.

34 F. Beginning with elections held in 2014 and later that are not
35 candidate elections, an election held for or on behalf of any political
36 subdivision of this state, and including a special election to fill a
37 vacancy or a recall election, may only be held on the following dates:

38 1. The second Tuesday in March.

39 2. The third Tuesday in May.

40 3. ~~Through 2019, the tenth Tuesday before the first Tuesday after~~
41 ~~the first Monday in November.~~ Beginning in ~~2020~~ 2026 and later, the
42 ~~election shall be held on the first~~ SECOND TO LAST Tuesday in ~~August~~ JULY.

43 4. The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
44 Notwithstanding any other law, an election must be held on this date for
45 the approval of an obligation or other authorization requiring or

1 authorizing the assessment of secondary property taxes by a county, city,
2 town, school district, community college district or special taxing
3 district, except as provided by title 48. Notwithstanding any other law,
4 an election must be held on the date specified in this paragraph and only
5 in even-numbered years for the approval of or authorizing the assessment
6 of transaction privilege taxes by a county, city or town.

7 G. Notwithstanding any other law, for an election administered by a
8 county recorder or other officer in charge of elections on behalf of a
9 city, town or school district and that is an all mail ballot election for
10 that city, town or school district, the county recorder or other officer
11 in charge of elections may use a unified ballot format that combines all
12 of the issues applicable to the voters in the city, town or school
13 district requesting the all mail ballot election.

14 H. For the purposes of this section, "political subdivision" means
15 any governmental entity operating under the authority of this state and
16 governed by an elected body, including a city, town, county, school
17 district or community college district or any other district organized
18 under state law but not including a special taxing district.

19 Sec. 4. Section 16-206, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
20 read:

21 16-206. Election day

22 A. The biennial primary election day on the ~~first~~ **SECOND TO LAST**
23 Tuesday in ~~August~~ **JULY** in the year the general election is held and the
24 biennial general election day on the first Tuesday after the first Monday
25 in November of every even-numbered year are not legal holidays.

26 B. Every public officer or employee is entitled to absence from
27 service or employment for the purpose of voting pursuant to section 16-402
28 on the biennial primary and general election days.

29 Sec. 5. Section 16-558.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
30 read:

31 16-558.02. Replacement ballots; observers

32 A. The county recorder or other officer in charge of elections
33 shall determine a central location in the district and shall provide for a
34 ballot replacement center that is as near to that location as is
35 practicable for electors to obtain a replacement ballot or for an elector
36 who is listed as inactive to confirm or revise the elector's voter
37 registration information and receive a ballot. The location shall be open
38 from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. of the day of the election. An elector may
39 obtain a replacement ballot until 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election on
40 presenting a signed, sworn statement that the ballot was lost, spoiled,
41 destroyed or not received.

42 B. The recorder or other officer in charge of elections shall keep
43 a record of each replacement ballot provided pursuant to this section.

44 C. If an elector to whom a replacement ballot is issued votes more
45 than once, only the first ballot received shall be counted.

1 D. FOR EACH BALLOT REPLACEMENT LOCATION, THE COUNTY CHAIRMAN OF
2 EACH PARTY MAY DESIGNATE BY WRITTEN APPOINTMENT ADDRESSED TO THE ELECTION
3 BOARD A PARTY REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATES TO SERVE AS OBSERVERS. A
4 PARTY REPRESENTATIVE SHALL BE A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE AND REGISTERED TO
5 VOTE IN THIS STATE.

6 Sec. 6. Section 16-590, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
7 read:

8 16-590. Appointment of challengers and party representatives

9 A. The county chairman of each party may ~~DESIGNATE~~, for each
10 precinct ~~OR LOCATION~~, by written appointment addressed to the election
11 board, ~~designate~~ a party agent or representative and alternates for a
12 polling place in the precinct ~~AND AT ANY VOTING CENTER, INCLUDING AN~~
13 ~~IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING LOCATION AND AN EMERGENCY VOTING LOCATION~~, who may
14 act as challengers for the party which appointed him.

15 B. At each voting place, one challenger for each political party
16 may be present and act, but ~~no~~ A challenger may NOT enter a voting booth
17 except to mark his ballot.

18 C. Not more than the number of party representatives for each party
19 ~~which~~ ~~THAT~~ were mutually agreed ~~upon~~ ON by each political party
20 represented on the ballot shall be in the ~~polling place~~ VOTING PLACE at
21 one time. If such agreement cannot be reached, the number of
22 representatives shall be limited to one in the ~~polling place~~ VOTING PLACE
23 at one time for each political party.

24 D. A challenger or party representative shall be a resident of this
25 state and registered to vote in this state.

26 Sec. 7. 2026 primary election; nomination petition forms;
27 local initiative petition forms; previous primary
28 election date

29 A. A person who desires to become a candidate at the 2026 primary
30 election, who collects signatures on a nomination petition or nomination
31 paper form, including an electronic petition with signatures as prescribed
32 by section 16-316, 16-317 or 16-318, Arizona Revised Statutes, before, on
33 or after the effective date of this act and who has used a petition form
34 that includes the former primary election date of August 4, 2026 may
35 lawfully submit those signatures for the 2026 primary election to be held
36 on July 21, 2026. Signatures that are collected with the August 4, 2026
37 primary election date, that are submitted as prescribed in this subsection
38 and that otherwise comply with the requirements provided by law are deemed
39 to be as valid as signatures collected on a nomination petition or
40 nomination paper form, including an electronic petition with signatures as
41 prescribed by section 16-316, 16-317 or 16-318, Arizona Revised Statutes,
42 that complies with the newly designated primary election date of July 21,
43 2026 and shall not be ruled invalid due solely to the changed date of the
44 primary election or for any clerical error by an election official in the
45 preparation of the electronic petition. The filing officer shall not

1 reject those nomination petitions, nomination papers or signatures based
2 solely on the date of the primary election. This subsection applies to
3 and includes nomination petitions, nomination papers and signatures that
4 are submitted through the secure online signature collection system
5 provided by the secretary of state.

6 B. Any city, town or county initiative petition that is circulated
7 before, on or after the effective date of this act and that is on a
8 petition form that includes the former 2026 primary election date of
9 August 4, 2026 may lawfully submit those petitions and signatures for the
10 primary election to be held on July 21, 2026. Signatures that are
11 collected with the August 4, 2026 primary election date, that are
12 submitted as prescribed in this subsection and that otherwise comply with
13 the requirements provided by law are deemed to be as valid as signatures
14 collected on an initiative petition form that complies with the newly
15 designated primary election date of July 21, 2026 and shall not be ruled
16 invalid due solely to the changed date of the primary election. The
17 filing officer shall not reject those signatures or petitions based solely
18 on the date of the primary election.

19 C. This section does not require a person to file a new or amended
20 statement of interest based solely on the change in the 2026 primary
21 election date.

22 Sec. 8. 2026 primary election date; city, town and county
23 matters

24 Any election item that was duly called by a city, town or county
25 pursuant to section 16-226, Arizona Revised Statutes, for the August 4,
26 2026 primary election date shall be placed on the ballot for the newly
27 designated primary election date of July 21, 2026.

28 Sec. 9. Legislative intent

29 The legislature intends and finds that this act does not make
30 changes to the length of time during which voter signatures are allowed to
31 be cured and conditional provisional ballot voters are allowed to provide
32 proof of identification, and that Laws 2024, chapter 1, section 22, as
33 amended by Laws 2024, chapter 2, section 4, continues to apply to all
34 primary, general or special elections that include a federal office in
35 2026.

36 Sec. 10. Emergency

37 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
38 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
39 law.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR FEBRUARY 6, 2026.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FEBRUARY 6, 2026.

PROPOSED
SENATE AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1687
(Reference to printed bill)

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

2 "Section 1. Section 16-201, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-201. Primary elections

5 THROUGH 2026, a primary election shall be held on the second to last
6 Tuesday in July in any year in which a general election or special
7 election is held and at which candidates for public office are to be
8 elected. BEGINNING IN 2027 AND LATER, A PRIMARY ELECTION SHALL BE HELD
9 ON THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE LAST MONDAY IN MAY IN ANY YEAR IN WHICH A
10 GENERAL ELECTION OR SPECIAL ELECTION IS HELD AND AT WHICH CANDIDATES FOR
11 PUBLIC OFFICE ARE TO BE ELECTED.

12 Sec. 2. Section 16-204, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
13 read:

14 16-204. Declaration of statewide concern: consolidated
15 election dates; definition

16 A. The legislature finds and determines that for the purposes of
17 increasing voter participation and for decreasing the costs to the
18 taxpayers it is a matter of statewide concern that all elections in this
19 state be conducted on a limited number of days and, therefore, the
20 legislature finds and declares that the holding of all elections on
21 certain specific consolidated days is a matter of statewide concern. This
22 section preempts all local laws, ordinances and charter provisions to the
23 contrary.

24 B. For elections held before 2014 and notwithstanding any other law
25 or any charter or ordinance of any county, city or town to the contrary,
26 an election held for or on behalf of a county, city or town, a school
27 district, a community college district or special districts organized
28 pursuant to title 48, chapters 5, 6, 8, 10, 13 through 16 and 33 may only
29 be held on the following dates:

30 1. Except for regular elections for candidates in a city or town
31 with a population of one hundred seventy-five thousand or more persons,
32 all elections, including recall elections and special elections to fill
33 vacancies, shall be held on:

34 (a) The second Tuesday in March.

35 (b) The third Tuesday in May.

1 (c) The tenth Tuesday before the first Tuesday after the first
2 Monday in November.

3 (d) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
4 Notwithstanding any other law, an election must be held on this date for
5 the approval of an obligation or other authorization requiring or
6 authorizing the assessment of secondary property taxes by a county, city,
7 town, school district, community college district or special taxing
8 district, except as provided by title 48.

9 2. For regular elections that are only for candidates in a city or
10 town with a population of one hundred seventy-five thousand or more
11 persons and not including recall elections and special elections to fill
12 vacancies in those cities or towns, elections shall be held on:

13 (a) The tenth Tuesday before the first Tuesday after the first
14 Monday in November.

15 (b) The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

16 C. For elections held before 2014, for any city or town, including
17 a charter city, that holds its regularly scheduled candidate elections in
18 even-numbered years pursuant to subsection B, paragraph 2 of this section,
19 the term of office for a member of the city council or for the office of
20 mayor begins on or after the second Tuesday in January in the year
21 following the election.

22 D. Subsections B and C of this section do not apply to an election
23 regarding a county or city charter committee or county or city charter
24 proposal that is conducted pursuant to article XIII, section 2 or 3 or
25 article XII, section 5, Constitution of Arizona.

26 E. Beginning with elections held in 2014 and later and
27 notwithstanding any other law or any charter or ordinance to the contrary,
28 a candidate election held for or on behalf of any political subdivision of
29 this state other than a special election to fill a vacancy or a recall
30 election may only be held on the following dates and only in even-numbered
31 years:

32 1. Beginning in 2026 and ~~later~~ THROUGH 2026, the second to last
33 Tuesday in July. BEGINNING IN 2027 AND LATER, THE ELECTION SHALL BE HELD
34 ON THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE LAST MONDAY IN MAY. If the political
35 subdivision holds a primary or first election and a general or runoff
36 election is either required or optional for that political subdivision,
37 the first election shall be held on this date, without regard to whether
38 the political subdivision designates the election a primary election, a
39 first election, a preliminary election or any other descriptive term.

40 2. The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. If the
41 political subdivision holds a general election or a runoff election, the
42 second election held shall be held on this date. If the political
43 subdivision holds only a single election and no preliminary or primary or

1 other election is ever held for the purpose of reducing the number of
2 candidates, or receiving a partisan nomination or designation or for any
3 other purpose for that political subdivision, the single election shall be
4 held on this date.

5 F. Beginning with elections held in 2014 and later that are not
6 candidate elections, an election held for or on behalf of any political
7 subdivision of this state, and including a special election to fill a
8 vacancy or a recall election, may only be held on the following dates:

9 1. The second Tuesday in March.

10 2. The third Tuesday in May.

11 3. Beginning in 2026 and ~~later~~ THROUGH 2026, the second to last
12 Tuesday in July. BEGINNING IN 2027 AND LATER, THE ELECTION SHALL BE HELD
13 ON THE TUESDAY BEFORE THE LAST MONDAY IN MAY.

14 4. The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.
15 Notwithstanding any other law, an election must be held on this date for
16 the approval of an obligation or other authorization requiring or
17 authorizing the assessment of secondary property taxes by a county, city,
18 town, school district, community college district or special taxing
19 district, except as provided by title 48. Notwithstanding any other law,
20 an election must be held on the date specified in this paragraph and only
21 in even-numbered years for the approval of or authorizing the assessment
22 of transaction privilege taxes by a county, city or town.

23 G. Notwithstanding any other law, for an election administered by a
24 county recorder or other officer in charge of elections on behalf of a
25 city, town or school district and that is an all mail ballot election for
26 that city, town or school district, the county recorder or other officer
27 in charge of elections may use a unified ballot format that combines all
28 of the issues applicable to the voters in the city, town or school
29 district requesting the all mail ballot election.

30 H. For the purposes of this section, "political subdivision" means
31 any governmental entity operating under the authority of this state and
32 governed by an elected body, including a city, town, county, school
33 district or community college district or any other district organized
34 under state law but not including a special taxing district.

35 Sec. 3. Section 16-206, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
36 read:

37 16-206. Election day

38 A. THROUGH 2026, the biennial primary election day on the second to
39 last Tuesday in July in the year the general election is held and the
40 biennial general election day on the first Tuesday after the first Monday
41 in November of every even-numbered year are not legal holidays. BEGINNING
42 IN 2027 AND LATER, THE BIENNIAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY ON THE TUESDAY BEFORE
43 THE LAST MONDAY IN MAY IN THE YEAR THE GENERAL ELECTION IS HELD AND THE

1 BIENNIAL GENERAL ELECTION DAY ON THE TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN
2 NOVEMBER OF EVERY EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR ARE NOT LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

3 B. Every public officer or employee is entitled to absence from
4 service or employment for the purpose of voting pursuant to section 16-402
5 on the biennial primary and general election days."

6 Amend title to conform

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PROPOSED
SENATE AMENDMENTS TO S.B. 1609
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Amendment instruction key:

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1 The bill as proposed to be amended is reprinted as follows:

2 Section 1. Section 16-462, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 16-462. Form of paper ballot

5 The ballots for a primary election shall be printed with a different
6 color designation for each political party that is included on the ballot.
7 Unless otherwise provided by law, the ballot shall be printed, "official
8 ballot of the _____ party, primary election (date), _____
9 precinct, county (or city or town) of _____, state of Arizona". THE
10 NAME USED TO IDENTIFY EACH POLITICAL PARTY ON THE PRIMARY BALLOT SHALL BE
11 PRESCRIBED BY SECTIONS 16-801 AND 16-802. Below the heading shall be
12 placed the title of each office to be voted for, and an instruction to the
13 voter as to how many are to be voted for for the particular office, thus:
14 "vote for not more than _____" (insert the number to be elected),
15 under which shall be placed alphabetically and alternated, as provided by
16 law, the names of all the party's candidates to be voted for in each
17 precinct of the county or precinct or ward of the city or town for whom
18 nomination papers have been filed for such office, leaving as many blank
19 lines as there are offices under that title to be filled, followed by a
20 place for the voter to make a mark to indicate the voter's choice either
21 to the right or the left of the candidate's name, and of the blank line.
22 Double or more columns may be arranged on the ballot. In other respects
23 the ballot shall conform as nearly as possible to the ballot prescribed
24 for general elections.

1 Sec. 2. Section 16-502, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
2 read:

3 16-502. Form and contents of ballot

4 A. Ballots shall be printed with black ink on white paper of
5 sufficient thickness to prevent the printing thereon from being
6 discernible from the back, and the same type shall be used for the names
7 of all candidates. The ballots shall be headed "official ballot" in
8 bold-faced plain letters, with a heavy rule above and below the heading.
9 Immediately below shall be placed the words "type of election, (date of
10 election)" and the name of the county and state in which the election is
11 held. The name or number of the precinct in which the election is held
12 shall be placed on the ballot in a uniform location for all ballots. No
13 other matter shall be placed or printed at the head of any ballot.
14 Instructions to the voter on marking the ballot may be printed below the
15 heading as follows:

16 1. Put a mark according to the instructions next to the
17 name of each candidate for each office for whom you wish to
18 vote.

19 2. If you wish to vote for a person whose name is not
20 printed on the ballot, write such name in the blank space
21 provided on the ballot and put a mark according to the
22 instructions next to the name so written.

23 3. Put a mark according to the instructions next to the
24 word "yes" or "for" for each proposition or question you wish
25 to be adopted. Put a mark according to the instructions next
26 to the word "no" or "against" for each proposition or question
27 you wish not to be adopted.

28 B. Immediately below the ballot instructions shall be placed the
29 following:

30 Section One
31 Partisan Ballot

32 C. Immediately below the heading for section one there shall be
33 placed in columns the names of the candidates of the several political
34 parties. Next to each candidate's name there shall be printed in
35 bold-faced letters the name of the political party, **WHICH SHALL BE**
36 **PRESCRIBED BY SECTIONS 16-801 AND 16-802.** At the head of each column
37 shall be printed the names of the offices to be filled with the name of
38 each office being of uniform type size. At the head of each column shall
39 be printed in the following order the names of candidates for:

40 1. Presidential electors, which shall be in a list and next to the
41 list shall be printed in bold type the surname of the presidential
42 candidate, and the surname of the vice presidential candidate who is
43 seeking election jointly with the presidential candidate shall be listed
44 directly below the name of the presidential candidate. The indicator for
45 the selection of the presidential and vice presidential candidates shall
46 be directly next to the surname of the presidential candidate, and one
47 mark directly next to a presidential candidate's surname shall be counted

1 as a vote for each elector in the list next to the presidential and vice
2 presidential candidates.

3 2. United States senator.

4 3. Representatives in Congress.

5 4. The several state offices.

6 5. The several county and precinct offices.

7 D. The names of candidates for the offices of state senator and
8 state representative along with the district number shall be placed within
9 the heading of each column to the right of the office name for state
10 offices and immediately below the candidates for the office of governor.
11 The number of the supervisorial district of which a candidate is a nominee
12 shall be printed within the heading of each column to the right of the
13 name of the office.

14 E. The lists of the candidates of the several parties shall be
15 arranged with the names of the parties in descending order according to
16 the votes cast for governor for that county in the most recent general
17 election for the office of governor, commencing with the left-hand column.
18 In the case of political parties that did not have candidates on the
19 ballot in the last general election, such parties shall be listed in
20 alphabetical order below the parties that did have candidates on the
21 ballot in the last general election. The names of all candidates
22 nominated under section 16-341 shall be placed in a single column below
23 that of the recognized parties. Next to the name of each candidate, in
24 parentheses, shall be printed a three-letter abbreviation that is taken
25 from the three words prescribed in the candidate's certificate of
26 nomination.

27 F. Immediately below the designation of the office to be voted for
28 shall appear the words: "Vote for not more than _____" (insert the
29 number to be elected).

30 G. In each column at the right or left of the name of each
31 candidate and on the same line there shall be a place for the voter to put
32 a mark. Below the name of the last named candidate for each office there
33 shall be as many blank lines as there are offices of the same title to be
34 filled, with a place for the voter to put a mark. On the blank line the
35 voter may write the name of any person for whom the voter desires to vote
36 whose name is not printed, and next to the name so written the voter shall
37 designate his choice by a mark as in the case of printed names.

38 H. When there are two or more candidates of the same political
39 party for the same office, or more than one candidate for a judicial
40 office, the names of all such candidates shall be so alternated on the
41 ballots used in each election district that the name of each candidate
42 shall appear substantially an equal number of times in each possible
43 location. If there are fewer or the same number of candidates seeking
44 office than the number to be elected, the rotation of names is not
45 required and the names shall be placed in alphabetical order.

1 I. Immediately below section one of the ballot shall be placed the
2 following:

3 Section Two
4 Nonpartisan Ballot

5 J. Immediately below the heading for section two shall be placed
6 the names of the candidates for justices of the supreme court, judges of
7 the court of appeals, judges of the superior court standing for retention
8 or rejection pursuant to article VI, section 38, Constitution of Arizona,
9 judges of the superior court standing for election pursuant to article VI,
10 section 12, Constitution of Arizona, school district officials and other
11 nonpartisan officials in a column or in columns without partisan or other
12 designation except the title of office in an order determined by the
13 officer in charge of the election.

14 K. Immediately below the offices listed in subsection J of this
15 section, the ballot shall contain a separate heading of any nonpartisan
16 office for a vacant unexpired term and shall include the expiration date
17 of the term of the vacated office.

18 L. All proposed constitutional amendments and other propositions or
19 questions to be submitted to the voters shall be printed immediately below
20 the names of candidates for nonpartisan positions in such order as the
21 secretary of state, or if a city or town election, the city or town clerk,
22 designates. Placement of county and local charter amendments,
23 propositions or questions shall be determined by the officer in charge of
24 the election. Except as provided by section 19-125, each proposition or
25 question shall be followed by the words "yes" and "no" or "for _____" and
26 "against _____" as the nature of the proposition or question requires,
27 and at the right or left of and next to each of such words shall be a
28 place for the voter to put a mark according to the instructions that is
29 similar in size to those places appearing opposite the names of the
30 candidates, in which the voter may indicate his vote for or against such
31 proposition or question by a mark as defined in section 16-400.

32 M. Instead of printing the official and descriptive titles or the
33 full text of each measure or question on the official ballot, the officer
34 in charge of elections may print phrases on the official ballot that
35 contain all of the following:

36 1. The number of the measure in reverse type and at least twelve
37 point type.

38 2. The designation of the measure as prescribed by section 19-125,
39 subsection C or as a question, proposition or charter amendment, followed
40 by the words "relating to..." and inserting the subject.

41 3. Either the statement prescribed by section 19-125, subsection D
42 that describes the effects of a "yes" vote and a "no" vote or, for other
43 measures, the text of the question or proposition.

44 4. The words "yes" and "no" or "for" and "against", as may be
45 appropriate and a place for the voter to put a mark.

1 N. For any ballot printed pursuant to subsection M of this section,
2 the instructions on the official ballot shall direct the voter to the full
3 text of the official and descriptive titles and the questions and
4 propositions as printed on the sample ballot and posted in the polling
5 place.

6 Sec. 3. Section 16-801, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
7 read:

8 16-801. Representation of new party on ballot at primary and
9 general elections

10 A. A new political party may become eligible for recognition and
11 shall be represented by an official party ballot at the next ensuing
12 regular primary election and accorded a column on the official ballot at
13 the succeeding general election on filing with the secretary of state a
14 petition signed by a number of qualified electors equal to not less than
15 one and one-third ~~per cent~~ PERCENT of the total votes cast for governor at
16 the last preceding general election at which a governor was elected. From
17 this number, at least five different counties shall be included as the
18 county of registration among the required total of qualified electors and
19 at least ten ~~per cent~~ PERCENT of the required total of qualified electors
20 shall be registered in counties with populations of less than five hundred
21 thousand persons. The petition shall:

22 1. Be verified by the affidavit of ten qualified electors of the
23 state, asking that the signers thereof be recognized as a new political
24 party. The status as qualified electors of the signers of the affidavit
25 shall be certified by the county recorder of the county in which they
26 reside.

27 2. Be in substantially the form prescribed by section 16-315.

28 3. Be captioned "petition for political party recognition".

29 4. INCLUDE THE PROPOSED POLITICAL PARTY NAME, WHICH SHALL BE
30 DISTINGUISHABLE FROM THE NAME OF ALL EXISTING RECOGNIZED POLITICAL PARTIES
31 IN THIS STATE AND WHICH MAY NOT CONTAIN THE WORD OR PHRASE "UNAFFILIATED",
32 "PARTY NOT DESIGNATED", "NO PARTY", "NO PREFERENCE", "INDEPENDENT" OR
33 "DECLINE TO STATE" OR ANY VARIATION OF THOSE WORDS OR PHRASES.

34 B. Notwithstanding any other law, on recognition as a political
35 party that is represented by an official party ballot at the primary
36 election and accorded a ballot column at the succeeding general election,
37 a new political party is entitled to representation as a political party
38 on the official ballot through the next two regularly scheduled general
39 elections for federal office immediately following recognition of the
40 political party. After these two regularly scheduled general elections
41 for federal office, the political party is ineligible for further
42 representation on the ballot unless it qualifies for continued
43 representation on the ballot as prescribed in section 16-804 or it files a
44 new petition for recognition as a new political party pursuant to this
45 section and section 16-803.

1 C. FOR ALL ELECTION ADMINISTRATION PURPOSES, THE SECRETARY OF STATE
2 AND ALL OTHER ELECTION OFFICIALS SHALL RECOGNIZE A POLITICAL PARTY BY THE
3 NAME LISTED ON THE PETITION FOR POLITICAL PARTY RECOGNITION UNLESS THE
4 POLITICAL PARTY SUBSEQUENTLY FILES A LEGALLY SUFFICIENT NEW PETITION FOR
5 POLITICAL PARTY RECOGNITION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION OR SECTION 16-802.

6 Sec. 4. Section 16-802, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
7 read:

8 16-802. Representation of new party on ballot for county or
9 municipal election

10 A new political party shall become eligible for recognition, shall
11 be represented by an official party ballot at the next ensuing primary
12 election of a county, city or town and shall be placed on the official
13 ballot at the succeeding regular election on filing with the officer in
14 charge of elections of the county or the city or town clerk, as the case
15 may be, a petition THAT IS signed by a number of qualified electors equal
16 to not less than two percent of the votes cast for county attorney in the
17 case of a county petition or for mayor in the case of a city or town
18 petition AND THAT OTHERWISE COMPLIES WITH SECTION 16-801. The county
19 recorder or the city or town clerk, as applicable, shall review the
20 petitions in the same manner prescribed by section 16-803, including the
21 selection of a random sample of twenty percent of the total signatures
22 eligible for verification, which shall be individually verified and
23 certified, and shall perform a calculation and projection of the total
24 number of valid signatures and make a determination whether the party
25 shall be recognized as prescribed by section 16-803, subsection I.

26 Sec. 5. Intent and purpose

27 The legislature intends by this act to reduce voter confusion,
28 prevent erroneous political party affiliation and support the orderly
29 administration of elections.

30 Sec. 6. Retroactivity; notice; compliance

31 A. This act applies retroactively to from and after December 31,
32 2024. Within five days after the effective date of this act, the
33 secretary of state shall provide notice of this act to all political
34 parties that are recognized pursuant to section 16-801 or 16-802, Arizona
35 Revised Statutes, as amended by this act.

36 B. Any political party that is not in compliance with this act
37 shall come into compliance within ten days after the effective date of
38 this act.

1 <<Sec. 7. Severability
2 [If a provision of this act or its application to any person or
3 circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other
4 provisions or applications of the act that can be given effect without the
5 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
6 act are severable.]>>

7 Sec. 8. Emergency
8 This act is an emergency measure that is necessary to preserve the
9 public peace, health or safety and is operative immediately as provided by
10 law.

11 Enroll and engross to conform
12 Amend title to conform

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MEMORANDUM

To: Commissioners

From: Tom Collins

Date: February 16, 2026

Subject: Updating R2-20-113 to reflect new statutory language

Last session, the legislature updated the voter education guide statute to include countywide and supervisorial candidates. In order to make commission rules reflect the statute, I recommend the Commission update a correlated administrative rule. The recommendation additionally updates the rule to include additional information the Commission includes in the candidate statement pamphlet.

Currently, A.A.C. R2-20-113 states:

A. The Commission shall publish a candidate statement pamphlet in both the primary and general elections as required by A.R.S. § 16-956(A)(1). Commission staff shall send invitations for submission of a 200 word statement to every statewide and legislative candidate who has qualified for the ballot. Statements submitted for the primary candidate statement pamphlet shall be used for the general candidate statement pamphlet unless otherwise stated by the candidate.

B. The following candidates will not be invited to submit a statement for the candidate statement pamphlet:

1. In the primary election: write-in candidates for the primary election, independent candidates, no party affiliation or unrecognized party candidates.
2. In the general election: write in candidates

I recommend circulating the language below for public comment:

A. The Commission shall publish a candidate statement pamphlet in both the primary and general elections as required by A.R.S. § 16-956(A)(1). Commission staff shall send invitations for submission of a 200 word statement, 100 word biography, and headshot photograph to ~~every statewide and legislative candidates identified in A.R.S. 16-956(A)(1)~~ who ~~has~~ have qualified for the ballot. Statements submitted for the primary candidate statement pamphlet shall be used for the general candidate statement pamphlet unless otherwise stated by the candidate.

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1. In the primary election: write-in candidates for the primary election, independent candidates, no party affiliation or unrecognized party candidates.
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VISION STATEMENT

Through the successful implementation of the Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Act, the Commission seeks to improve the integrity of Arizona state government and promote public confidence in the Arizona political process.

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Presented By The Citizens Clean Elections Commission

The Annual Report will be submitted to the Governor, the President of the Arizona State Senate and the Speaker of the Arizona State House of Representatives. This report will be made available online at www.azcleelections.gov.

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February 19, 2026

The Honorable Katie Hobbs
Governor of the State of Arizona
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Hobbs:

The Citizens Clean Elections Commission is pleased to submit for your information the 2025 Annual Report, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-956(A)(5). The Annual Report describes the activities performed by the Commission in the last calendar year.

In 1998, the voters of Arizona passed the Citizens Clean Elections Act. Over two decades later, the Commission continues its commitment of upholding the letter and spirit of the Act. The Commission accomplished its goals set forth and looks forward to the same success in 2026.

Respectfully,

Mark Kimble, Chairman
Citizens Clean Elections Commission

Voter Education Budget

The Commission spends 10% of the expenditure cap on voter education in accordance with its statutory requirements.

See page 11 of this report for more financial information.

Voter & Public Education

The Commission provides information to the public regarding participation in the political process and the functions and purposes of the Clean Elections Act. This is accomplished through education campaigns throughout 2025, along with grassroots and social media outreach. The Commission consistently provides election information on how, where, and when to vote.

The Commission's education and outreach efforts for 2025 included:

- **Voter Education Campaigns**
- **U.S. House of Representatives Debates**
- **Voter Issue Surveys and Subject Matter Expert**
- **Grassroots Outreach**
- **Website & Social Media**



Voter Education Campaigns

Voters continue to have questions on how to participate, how to get information on voting, and who to trust for election information. In 2025, the Commission's voter education campaigns explained to voters Clean Elections purpose to provide straight-forward information on how to participate and have their voices heard. In addition, the Commission continued its successful youth voter outreach campaign, with its second comic book *Captain Activate and the Future Voters*. The Commission also began a podcast, *Beyond the Ballot*, as well as a newsletter, *The People's Ledger*.


DAILY INDEPENDENT
COMMUNITY

**Clean Election Commission
launches new civics-related
podcast**

**"We aim to dive into civics stories in
a way that is interesting and useful."**

Gina Roberts, Clean Elections voter education director



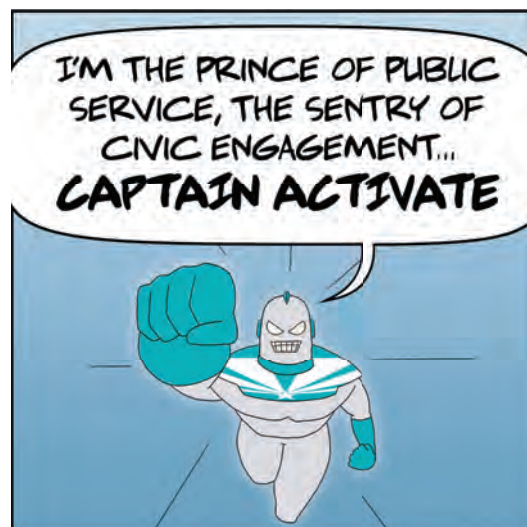
Beyond the Ballot AZ

Beyond the Ballot AZ is a twice-a-month show diving into the stories of legendary Arizonans, notable, and sometimes notorious, political events, and illustrious social movements that shape today's conversations in our state. A resource of Arizona's Citizens Clean Elections Commission, join Executive Director Tom Collins and Director of Voter Education Gina Roberts as they break down what's happening and how you can get involved in the political process. Engaging lessons you didn't learn in civics class!



The People's Ledger

The Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission is proud to present The People's Ledger! A ledger is usually a book or collection of financial records but for our purposes, it will house election related information. This ledger will contain articles that explore, summarize or explain relevant election topics and ways to become involved & engaged.



Election Information

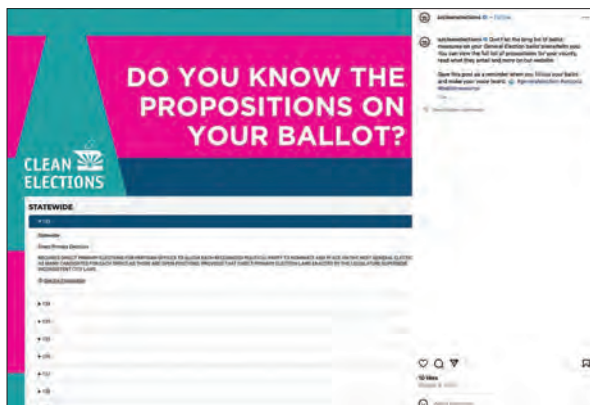
Every year, before each election, the Commission reaches out to all 15 counties within Arizona to identify what jurisdictions are having an election. The Commission updates its website with:

- Information on each election
- Highlight key deadlines
- How to get your ballot
- Voter education tools, such as videos and infographics

This information provides a quick point of reference for voters to access all necessary voting information. Voters learn how to access information through a comprehensive outreach campaign.

It's worth noting that 2025 was a busy time with several cities and towns holding elections, along with a special election in Congressional District 7.

The Commission supplements election information web pages with voter education tools, such as videos and infographics, discussing everything from bond elections to the propositions.



U.S. House of Representatives Debates

2025

The Commission hosted a debate for candidates running in Congressional District 7. The debates provided voters with more information on the candidates and allowed the candidates the ability to speak directly with the voters.



Grassroots Outreach

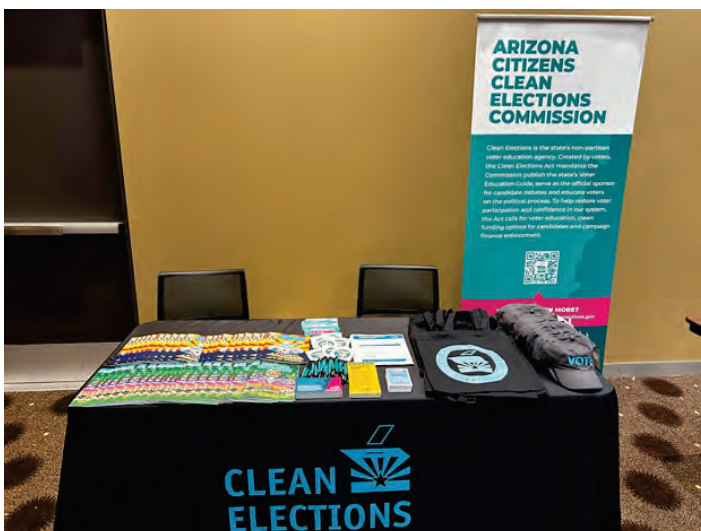
In an ongoing effort to increase outreach to Arizona Voters, the Commission participated in many events over the course of 2024. Some outings included National Voter Registration Day and Registration Drives across the county where the Commission helped register voters and provided voting fundamentals and how to stay up to date on local, state and federal elections. Below is a list of the top 2024 voter education and outreach events.

- **AzAMLE/AMLE SW Middle Grades Summit**

The 2025 Middle Grades Summit was Arizona's only statewide conference dedicated exclusively to middle grades education (grades 5 - 9), bringing together teachers, instructional coaches, school leaders, higher education faculty, and district administrators from across the state. Clean Elections participated to provide nonpartisan civic education resources and voter information, supporting educators who influence instruction, school culture, and student engagement statewide.

- **Tolleson High School District Commitment Day**

A two-day event that connected Tolleson Union High School District seniors with employment, enrollment, and enlistment opportunities, Commitment Day brought together more than 4,000 students to explore post-secondary pathways and finalize their next steps. Clean Elections participated alongside our Captain Activate! mascot to provide nonpartisan civic education resources and engage students around the importance of civic participation and future readiness.

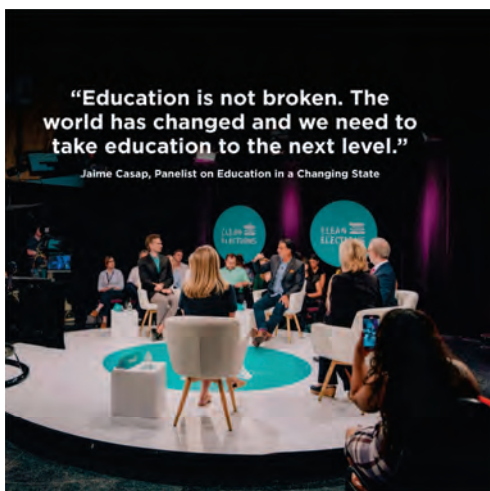


VOTER & PUBLIC EDUCATION

- Partnered with county and local election officials statewide
- Expanded grassroots engagement across communities and regions
- Reached thousands of voters and increased brand awareness
- Strengthened civic collaboration through ongoing outreach work groups
- Shipped 3,000+ copies of Captain Activate! Issue #2 to local election agencies and nonprofit partners
- Distributed 3,000+ copies to community members through outreach events and tabling
- Mascot outreach expanded youth and family engagement
- Captain Activate! appearances increased visibility and connection
- Major events: Phoenix Fan Fusion, Tucson Book Festival, Youth Day at the Capitol
- County collaboration highlight: Public Safety Day with Pinal County Recorder
- County Voter Outreach Work group leadership
- Presentations to clerks and educators statewide
- Engagement with tribal governments and election partners
- Increased outreach to diverse and under served communities



2025 saw the Commission develop "Inside the the Issues." A television show that brought experts on specific issues together for a unique and unfiltered discussion. Education and healthcare were two topics covered during this two separate 60-minute programs. The programs were available on multiple formats such as tv, radio, YouTube. Additionally, ABC 15 aired "Inside the Issues" live.



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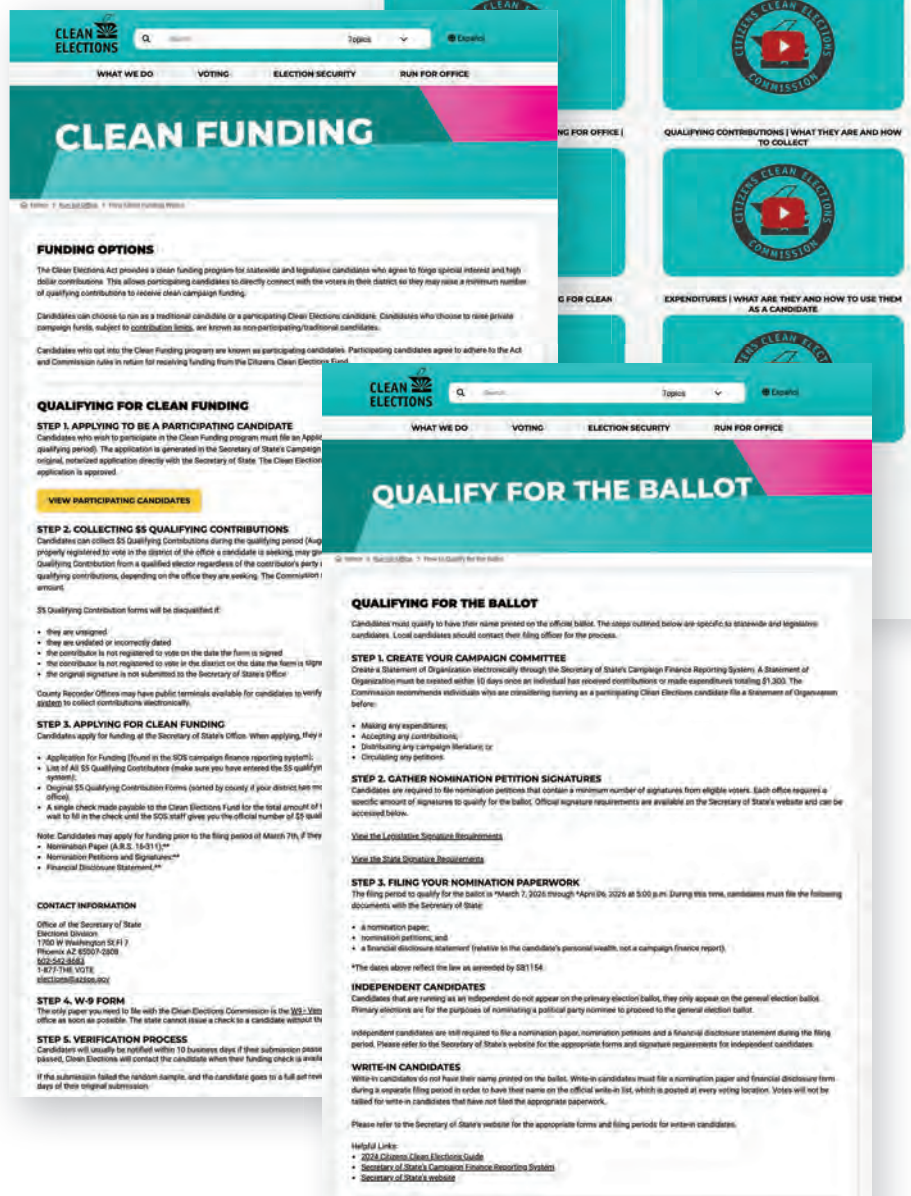
TRAINING & GUIDES

Education is a core component of the Commission. In 2025, the Commission continued to provide information to interested groups and potential candidates through speaking engagements, training workshops, as well as through publications on our enhanced agency website.

Each year the Commission develops a guide to assist participating candidates as they navigate the political campaign process and to inform non-participating candidates, and other groups involved in elections, about

the Clean Elections Act and rules. The guide covers important topics such as requirements of the Clean Elections Act and Rules, filing and reporting deadlines, how to become a Clean Elections participating candidate, and how to qualify for funding.

Participating candidates are required to attend one Clean Elections Candidate Training Workshop during the election cycle. The workshops are open to the public and designed to provide information to prospective candidates, or those who are assisting participating candidates, about the requirements of the Clean Elections Act. Workshops began in July of 2025 and will run through July of 2026 .






Website & Social Media

The Commission had an increase in its engagement with voters online. Utilizing social media channels has allowed the Commission to instantly connect with voters on timely and important election-related issues.

Voters and candidates alike can follow the Commission on social media for more information about elections and running for office.

Social media sites such as X(Twitter), YouTube, and Facebook were used. The chart below displays the amount of followers/likes throughout the recent year. Even numbered years represent statewide election years.

| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|  | 33,481 Followers | 33,185 Followers | 33,000 Followers | 32,821 Followers | 32,921 Followers |
|  | 2,197 Followers | 2,820 Followers | 2,784 Followers | 2,697 Followers | 2,649 Followers |
|  | 532,334 Views | 7,290,966 Views | 3,149,061 Views | 5,599,567 Views | 509,697 Views |




FOLLOW US ON TIK TOK!
@azcleaselections



CD7 GENERAL DEBATE

SUBMIT A QUESTION

August 26th
6 P.M.



\$80M Bond

PINAL COUNTY | J.O. COMBS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #44

The J.O. Combs Unified School District Governing Board called for a November 4, 2025 bond election at the May Governing Board meeting. The \$80 million bond plan invests in the future of our children. The funds will be used for much needed safety and security improvements, facility upgrades, transportation improvements, land and athletic facilities, along with student educational support.

VOTER & PUBLIC EDUCATION

YOUR DISTRICT INFORMATION

Showing information for: [Change](#)

Federal

Congressional District: 5

[U.S. Senators](#) ⓘ
[U.S. Representatives](#) ⓘ

State

Legislative District: 13

[State Senators](#) ⓘ
[State Representatives](#) ⓘ

County

Board of Supervisors District: Maricopa 1

[County Supervisors](#) ⓘ

City

City & City Council District: Chandler 0

[Mayor](#) ⓘ
[City/Town Council Members](#) ⓘ

Scroll down to view [ballot measures](#) and [candidate information](#).

DATES YOU NEED TO KNOW

[See All Dates](#)

OCTOBER

07

Voter Registration Deadline

OCTOBER

09

Early Voting Begins

OCTOBER

25

Last Day to Request a Ballot by Mail

OCTOBER

29

Mail Back Your Ballot By

NOVEMBER

01

Last Day to Vote Early In-Person

Additionally, the Commission revamped the website, making it more user friendly and providing even more information than in previous years. The public enjoyed the revamp, as shown in the numbers below:

Congressional District 7

135,000 new users

Local Elections (May, August)

111,000 new users

Local General Election

136,000 new users

| YEAR | SESSIONS | USERS | PAGE VIEWS |
|------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 2025 | 645,449 | 502,000 | 852,000 |
| 2024 | 1,700,000 | 1,400,000 | 2,400,000 |
| 2023 | 399,000 | 300,000 | 570,000 |
| 2022 | 1,000,000 | 796,000 | 1,700,000 |
| 2021 | 360,595 | 301,443 | 533,898 |
| | | | |

VOTER & PUBLIC EDUCATION

HISTORICAL ELECTION DETAIL PAGES

Clean Elections is proud to be able to communicate voting information about elections to the public. Below is a listing of the many different election detail pages we've created to help citizens vote informed.

2025202420232022202120202019201820172016

[March 11, 2025 Local Elections](#)

[May 20, 2025 Local Elections](#)

[July 15, 2025 - CD7 Special Primary Elections](#)

[August 5, 2025 Local Elections](#)

[September 23, 2025 - CD7 Special General Elections](#)

[November 4, 2025 Local Elections](#)

NOVEMBER 4, 2025 - PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS

| Location | Election Type | What's on the Ballot |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Cochise County | Vote Center | Excise Sales Tax, 12% Budget Override, Proposition |
| Coconino County | Hybrid | Question 490 & 491 |
| Gila County | Ballot by Mail | General Obligation ("GO") Bond Measure & Fire District Bond Measure |
| La Paz County | Vote Center | M&O Budget Extension |
| Maricopa County | Ballot by Mail | Depends on Location |
| Navajo County | Ballot by Mail | 10 Propositions |
| Pima County | Ballot by Mail | Councilmember Election in Wards 3, 5 and 6 & 4 Propositions |
| Pinal County | Ballot by Mail | Depends on Location |
| Yavapai County | Ballot by Mail | Depends on Location |
| Yuma County | Depends on Location | Prop. 434, District Additional Assistance ("DAA") Override, Recall |

Financial Information

REVENUE SOURCES

Citizens Clean Elections Commission revenue comes from the following sources:

- 10% surcharge on all civil penalties and criminal fines
- Civil penalties paid by candidates.
- \$5 qualifying contributions collected from participating candidates.

| CY 2025** REVENUES | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Court Assessments | \$6,596,069** |
| Commission Assessments | \$483,796** |
| \$5 Tax Check-off (late tax filings)* | \$0* |
| Miscellaneous | \$0** |
| \$5 Qualifying Contributions | \$0 |

*Previously, Arizona citizens could contribute voluntarily through a \$5 check-off box on Arizona state income tax return forms and through dollar for dollar tax credits. This portion of the Act was removed in 2012; however, late tax filers may still contribute.

**The Citizens Clean Elections Commission operates on a calendar year budget rather than the State's fiscal year budget.

CONTROLS ON SPENDING

The Commission's total expenditures cannot exceed eight times the number of Arizona residents personal income tax returns filed during the previous calendar year. Up to 10% of the total expenditure cap for administration and enforcement purposes may be used. The Commission may make public education paid media expenditures up to 10% of the total expenditure cap as well. (A.R.S. § 16-949)

The 2025 expenditure caps were as follows:

- Total Expenditure Cap: \$27,962,216
- Administration & Enforcement Cap: \$2,796,221
- Public Education Expenditure Cap: \$2,796,221

Clean Elections is funded by voluntary contributions and surcharges on criminal penalties and violations, such as traffic tickets.

Not a single dollar of Clean Elections funding comes from the State's General Fund.

In fact, Clean Elections has donated \$74 million to the State's General Fund since the Commission's inception.

The removal of the \$5 check-off box on Arizona state income tax return forms and dollar-for-dollar tax credits caused a decrease in revenue to the Clean Elections Fund, and as a result the Commission was unable to transfer excess monies to the General Fund in 2025.

Enforcement, Audits & Litigation

The Commission enforces the Citizens Clean Elections Act and Commission rules which are a part of the Arizona Administrative Code. The Act and Commission rules contain specific campaign finance provisions and limitations.

Commission staff monitor campaign finance reports to ensure campaign spending occurs as specified by the Act and Rules. The Commission has the authority to subpoena witnesses, take evidence, and require, by subpoena, the production of any books, papers, records or other material relevant to an enforcement matter.

Potential penalties for violations of the Act range from monetary penalties, the disqualification of a candidate or forfeiture of office. Most enforcement matters are settled amicably.

The Commission also conducts audits to ensure compliance with the Act and Commission rules. The audits are completed by an independent auditing agency. Candidate audits are conducted during election years after the Commission has disbursed funds to qualified candidates.

ENFORCEMENT

The Commission acts on both external and internally filed complaints against candidates.

In addition, the Commission enforces Prop 211 and reviews complaints filed based on that law.

Rulemaking & Legislation

COMMISSION RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

In accordance with A.R.S. §16-956(C), the Commission may adopt rules to carry out the purposes of the Citizens Clean Elections Act.

The Commission proposes and adopts rules in public meetings, with at least sixty days allowed for interested parties to comment after the rules are proposed. After consideration of the comments received in the sixty-day comment period, the Commission may adopt the rule in an open meeting.

The Commission diligently makes changes to its rules and procedures to address concerns and improve the functions of the program. Rules adopted by the Commission are not effective until January 1 in the year following the adoption of the rule. However, rules adopted by unanimous vote may be immediately effective and are enforceable.



2025 Legislation

The Commission adopted the following legislative principles and priorities in an effort to improve the Act and Commission procedures:

Oppose efforts to defund, eliminate or limit the Citizens Clean Elections Act and/or the Commission. Over several sessions, members of the legislature have proposed measures that seek to defund, limit, or eliminate the authority of the Act or the Commission itself. The Commission has historically opposed these efforts on the grounds that they are typically poorly constructed, misleading, or otherwise ill-considered. The Commission works to maintain the letter and spirit of the law and supports efforts that further the purpose of the Act. The Commission opposes the following:

- **Amending, superseding the Clean Elections Act and/or diverting funds from the Clean Elections fund without furthering the purpose of the act or the required supermajority vote.**
- **Attempts to limit the power the Commission must enforce the Act**

Additionally, the Commission monitors proposed legislation regarding current campaign and elections laws and supports election law reforms. Election issues continue to percolate through both the political and legal process. The Commission continues to support reforms including improving the public financing program; improving the campaign finance code to ensure that voters are receiving information about the identity and contributions of campaign contributors and expenditures, including independent expenditures; ensuring that changes improve the State's anti-corruption, anti-circumvention, and informational interests, the Clean Elections Act and the Commission's independence; and improving voter access to information, voter involvement and voting.

Support improvements to voter education and access. The Commission continues to support efforts to enhance voter education and participation through legislation that advances the anti-corruption and public participation values that undergird the Act.

Looking Forward to 2026

Here is a preview of what the Commission is looking forward to in 2026.

2026 EDUCATION PLAN PREVIEW

The 2026 Voter Education Plan will provide voters many opportunities to become engaged in the political process. From focus groups and surveys, to voter registration drives and partnering with nonprofits, the Commission is preparing for an eventful 2026. The following are just a few of the areas the Commission is involved with in 2026:

- CRM/Texting Campaign
- Candidate Debates
- Candidate Statement Pamphlet
- Civics Curriculum
- Civic Engagement and Voting education Comic Book
- Voter education and outreach materials
- Social Media Videos

2026 ELECTION CYCLE ~ CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Candidates may begin collecting \$5 qualifying contributions on August 1, 2025, the start of the qualifying period. Candidates must collect a minimum number of qualifying contributions, as referenced below:

Governor - 4000

Secretary of State, Attorney General - 2500

**Treasurer, Sup. of Public Instruction,
Corp. Com. - 1500**

Mine Inspector - 500

Legislator - 200

Commissioners & Staff

COMMISSION STRUCTURE & MISSION

The Citizens Clean Elections Commission was established by the enactment of the Citizens Clean Elections Act, A.R.S., Title 16, Chapter 6, Article 2. In addition to administering the provisions of Article 2, the Commission promulgates rules and enforces A.R.S. §§ 16-940 through 16-961.

The Commission's mission is to fairly, faithfully and fully implement and administer the Citizens Clean Elections Act.

The Citizens Clean Elections Commission consists of five members. All members must be registered to vote in the State of Arizona. No more than two members of the commission may be members of the same political party. No more than two members of the commission may be residents of the same county.

COMMISSIONERS*

Steve M. Titla (D)

Gila County, AZ

Mark Kimble (I)

Pima County, AZ

Christina Werther (I)

Maricopa County, AZ

Galen D. Paton (R)

Pima County, AZ

Sam Crump (R)

Maricopa County, AZ

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Avery Xola

Voter Education Manager

*Commissioners listed are for the 2025 calendar year.

Commissioner Biographies

MARK KIMBLE

Independent - Pima County

Governor Katie Hobbs appointed Mark Kimble, an Independent, to the Citizens Clean Elections Commission in July 2015, while she served as Senate Democratic Leader. Mark was a longtime journalist in Southern Arizona. After graduating from the University of Arizona with a bachelor's degree in journalism, Mark worked for the Associated Press and then for the Tucson Citizen newspaper. During a 35-year career at the Citizen, he was a reporter, city editor, assistant managing editor and associate editor – columnist in charge of the editorial page. When the Citizen closed in 2009, Mark went to work as senior press advisor and later as communications director for Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords. When she resigned in 2012, Mark became communications director for her successor, Congressman Ron Barber. Mark and his wife, Jennifer Boice, live in Tucson.

CHRISTINA WERTHER

Independent - Maricopa County

Christina Werther is a Partner at Pierce Coleman PLLC and has extensive state and local government experience, specifically in election law. A former State Elections Director for the State of Arizona and a current certified election officer, Christina has represented local governments in election lawsuits and advised state officials and local governments on policy, election administration, and campaign finance matters. Christina serves as primary legal counsel for municipalities. She is a frequent speaker on election issues and local government topics and has presented at numerous trainings and conferences for attorneys, clerks, and elected officials. She previously worked at the State Senate, Governor's Office, and Secretary of State's Office and was the General Counsel for the League of Arizona Cities and Towns. She served on the Governor's Bi-Partisan Elections Task Force and was appointed by Governor Hobbs to the Citizens Clean Election Commission.

STEVE M. TITLA

Democrat - Gila County

Former Senate Democratic Leader Leah Landrum Taylor appointed Steve M. Titla in July 2013 to the Citizens Clean Elections Commission. Mr. Titla is a partner in the Titla & Parsi law firm and is admitted to practice law both in Arizona and on the San Carlos Apache Reservation. The firm represents the San Carlos Apache Tribe as special counsel and has also served as legal counsel for the election boards of the San Carlos Apache and San Juan Southern Paiute Tribes. Previously, Mr. Titla was an attorney with the Navajo Nation Department of Justice and has served as president of the National Native American Bar Association. In addition to a B.S. and J.D. from Arizona State University, Mr. Titla earned an M.B.A. from the University of Phoenix. From 1974–76 Mr. Titla served in the U.S. Marine Corps, leaving with an honorable discharge. He also served in the Arizona National Guard until his honorable discharge in 1980. Mr. Titla's term on the Citizens Clean Elections Commission expires in January of 2018.

Commissioner Biographies

GALEN D. PATON

Republican - Pima County

Former Governor Doug Ducey appointed Galen D. Paton, a Republican, to the Citizens Clean Elections Commission in 2016. Commissioner Paton obtained his Master of Arts in Physical Education from the Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. He has had a long and rewarding career coaching high school and college softball, volleyball and basketball teams in the southwest. In 2005, he led Sabino High School to the Arizona 4A State Championship and a No. 4 ranking in the country. The Arizona Coaches Association along with the National Fastpitch Coaches Association crowned Mr. Paton 2005 coach of the year. Mr. Paton retired from coaching in 2010 and is a current member of the Realty Executives Tucson Elite group. He resides in Tucson with his wife.

SAM CRUMP

Republican - Maricopa County

State Treasurer Kimberly Yee appointed Sam Crump, a Republican, to the Citizens Clean Elections Commission in August 2025.

Sam Crump is an attorney and former Arizona State Representative. Practicing law since 1989, he opened his law practice in Anthem, Arizona in 2003. Sam attended the University of San Francisco, and earned his JD at Santa Clara University School of Law. He is an Army veteran and began his career as an Army prosecutor in Germany. He previously served as Mayor of Sebastopol, California and was elected twice to the Arizona state legislature. Sam is married to Colleen, who is a retired RN. They have four adult children, and three grandchildren.



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