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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.

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

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