



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

Virtual Meeting: Citizens Clean Elections Commission

Zoom Meeting: [https:// us02web.zoom.us/j/89592364396](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89592364396)

Meeting ID: 895 9236 4396

One tap mobile: +1-346-248-7799,,89592364396#

Commission Address: 1110 W. Washington, Suite 250, Phoenix,
Arizona 85007

Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Time: 3:00 p. 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 August 4, 2026. **This meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. This meeting will be held virtually. The Zoom meeting room will be open by 2:45 p.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@azcleanelections.gov.

The meeting may be available for live streaming online at <https://www.youtube.com/c/AZCCEC>. You can also visit <https://www.azcleanelections.gov/clean-elections-commission-meetings>. Members of the Citizens Clean Elections Commission may attend in person, by telephone, video, or internet conferencing.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89592364396>

Meeting ID: 895 9236 4396

One tap mobile

+1-346-248-7799,,89592364396# US

Please note that members of the public that choose to use the Zoom video link must keep their microphone muted for the duration of the meeting. If a member of the public wishes to speak, they may use the Zoom raise hand feature and once called on, unmute themselves on Zoom once the meeting is open for public comment.

Members of the public may participate via Zoom by computer, tablet or telephone. A dial-in option is also available but you will not be able to use the Zoom raise hand feature, so the meeting administrator will assist phone attendees. Please keep yourself muted unless you are prompted to speak.

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.

Any person with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the Commission at (602) 364-3477. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange accommodations.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Review, Consideration, Discussion, Analysis and Possible Action on Dr. Ralph Heap's July 31, 2026 request to withdraw as a participating candidate under the Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Act.

The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, for discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney or attorneys of the public body. A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).
- III. 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.

IV. 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 3rd day of August, 2026
Citizens Clean Elections Commission
Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director

Timothy A. La Sota, PLC
2198 E. Camelback Rd., Suite 305
Phoenix, Arizona 85016
P 602-515-2649
tim@timlasota.com

July 31, 2026

Via hand delivery to:

Mr. Thomas Collins
Executive Director
Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission
1110 W. Washington Street, Suite 250
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Mr. Collins:

This firm represents Dr. Ralph Heap.

Pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code Rule R2-20-108(A), Dr. Heap elects to withdraw as a participating candidate under the Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Act, Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-941 *et seq.*

The reason for the withdrawal is that to date Dr. Heap has not qualified for or received any funding from the Clean Elections Commission. You have indicated in writing to me that in your view it is questionable whether he will receive funding this election cycle. Dr. Heap cannot wait for the Commission's process as we are just over two months away from mail in ballots being sent to voters.

I know you have sent me correspondence related to the review of Dr. Heap's \$5 contribution forms indicating he has sufficient forms to meet the statutory requirements for Clean Elections funding. However, given your statement to me that you question whether funding will in fact be available to Dr. Heap this election and the fact that he has not received any funding indicates clearly that he may still withdraw under Rule R2-20-108(A).

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY A. LA SOTA, PLC

Timothy La Sota
Timothy A. La Sota



RALPH HEAP

Approved this 31st day of July, 2026:

Katie Hobbs
Governor

Thomas M. Collins
Executive Director



Mark S. Kimble
Chair

Steve M. Titla
Galen D. Paton
Christina Werther
Sam Crump
Commissioners

State of Arizona
Citizens Clean Elections Commission

1110 W. Washington St. - Suite 250 - Phoenix, Arizona 85007 - Tel (602) 364-3477
Fax (602) 364-3487 - www.azcleanelections.gov

MEMORANDUM

To: Commissioners

From: Thomas Collins

Date: 7/31/2026

Subject: Dr. Ralph Heap, participating candidate, request to withdraw from clean funding program

On July 31, I received a request for withdrawal from the clean funding program from Dr. Ralph Heap. Ariz. Admin. Code R2-20-108. Exhibit 1.

Dr. Ralph Heap is a participating candidate for the Arizona Corporation Commission. During the first week of July 2026, he submitted his \$5 qualifying contribution slips to the Arizona Secretary of State's for review by that office and Arizona county recorders. A.R.S. § 16-950, <https://www.azleg.gov/ars/16/00950.htm>.

On July 20, 2026, the Secretary of State notified both Dr. Heap and Commission staff that he had submitted a sufficient number of valid qualifying contributions to qualify for public funding. Exhibit 2.

That same day, I sent a letter to Dr. Heap's counsel, Tim La Sota, advising that although Dr. Heap had qualified for funding, the Commission could not authorize the disbursement of Clean Elections funds because he had not satisfied the requirements of Arizona Administrative Code R2-20-106(A).¹ Exhibit 3.

¹ Mr. La Sota represents Dr. Heap in MUR 26-06.

Arizona Administrative Code R2-20-106(a) provides:

The Commission staff shall not authorize any disbursements to a participating candidate's campaign account until that candidate submits a sworn, notarized statement stating that under penalty of perjury:

1. All campaign finance reports have been filed.
2. All campaign finance reports are complete and accurate including all reporting requirements related to vendors and subcontractors.
3. All conditions related to the use consultants have been met.
4. Stipulating that, once funding is authorized, the Commission may make a rebuttable presumption pursuant to R2-20-706 that a candidate has not used funds for direct campaign expenses within five days after the failure [to] file a campaign finance report.

https://apps.azsos.gov/public_services/Title_02/2-20.pdf.

Commission staff had not received the sworn statement required by R2-20-106(A), and therefore could not authorize the release of funding.

This memo does not include all of the written correspondence from me that Mr. La Sota discusses.

Mr. La Sota delivered the request to withdraw Friday July 31.

R2-20-108(a) states:

A candidate may voluntarily request termination of his or her participating candidate status at any time prior to notification by the Commission that such candidate has qualified for Clean Elections funding. To withdraw from participating candidate status, a candidate shall send a letter to the Commission stating the candidate's intent to withdraw and the reason for the withdrawal. The candidate shall not accept any private monies until the withdrawal is approved by the Commission. The Commission shall act on the withdrawal request within seven days. If the Commission takes no action within the seven-day time period, the withdrawal is automatic.

https://apps.azsos.gov/public_services/Title_02/2-20.pdf.

Cc: Tim La Sota, counsel to Dr. Ralph Heap
Craig Morgan, independent legal advisor to the Commission.

Exhibit 1

Timothy A. La Sota, PLC
2198 E. Camelback Rd., Suite 305
Phoenix, Arizona 85016
P 602-515-2649
tim@timlasota.com

July 31, 2026

Via hand delivery to:

Mr. Thomas Collins
Executive Director
Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission
1110 W. Washington Street, Suite 250
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Mr. Collins:

This firm represents Dr. Ralph Heap.

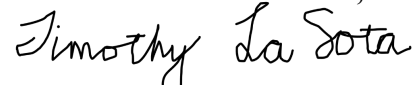
Pursuant to Arizona Administrative Code Rule R2-20-108(A), Dr. Heap elects to withdraw as a participating candidate under the Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Act, Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-941 *et seq.*

The reason for the withdrawal is that to date Dr. Heap has not qualified for or received any funding from the Clean Elections Commission. You have indicated in writing to me that in your view it is questionable whether he will receive funding this election cycle. Dr. Heap cannot wait for the Commission's process as we are just over two months away from mail in ballots being sent to voters.

I know you have sent me correspondence related to the review of Dr. Heap's \$5 contribution forms indicating he has sufficient forms to meet the statutory requirements for Clean Elections funding. However, given your statement to me that you question whether funding will in fact be available to Dr. Heap this election and the fact that he has not received any funding indicates clearly that he may still withdraw under Rule R2-20-108(A).

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY A. LA SOTA, PLC



Timothy A. La Sota



RALPH HEAP

Approved this 31st day of July, 2026:

Exhibit 2

Subject: Fw: Qualified for Funding - Ralph Heap



candidate <candidate@azsos.gov>

to Mike Becker [REDACTED], Arizona Clean Elections Commission

Good morning,

Please see the notice regarding Mr. Heap qualifying for funding.

Sincerely,



Candidate Desk

Email: candidate@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.



From: Campaign Finance <campaignfinance@azsos.gov>

Sent: Monday, July 20, 2026 8:13 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Campaign Finance <campaignfinance@azsos.gov>; candidate <candidate@azsos.gov>

Subject: Qualified for Funding - Ralph Heap

Dear Ralph Heap,

The Secretary of State's Office received notification from the County Recorders' Office regarding the s
This message will serve as your official notification. Should you have further questions related to you



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.

Exhibit 3

Thomas M. Collins
Executive Director



State of Arizona
Citizens Clean Elections Commission

1110 W. Washington - Suite 250 - Phoenix, Arizona 85007 - Tel (602) 364-3477 - Fax (602) 364-3487 - www.azcleanelections.gov

**NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION FOR CLEAN ELECTIONS FUNDING
AND WITHHOLDING OF CLEAN ELECTIONS FUNDING**

Via E-Mail

July 20, 2026

Tim La Sota
Counsel for Dr. Ralph Heap
2198 E. Camelback Road, Suite 305
Phoenix, AZ 85016

RE: Qualification for Funding & Intent to Withhold Funds Dr. Ralph Heap

Dear Mr. La Sota:

This letter serves as notice that participating candidate Dr. Ralph Heap has qualified for clean elections funding. This letter is also notice that I am withholding Clean Elections Funding from participating candidate Dr. Ralph Heap pursuant to A.A.C. R2-20-106(A).

Under that section:

The Commission staff shall not authorize any disbursements to a participating candidate's campaign account until that candidate submits a sworn, notarized statement stating that under penalty of perjury:

1. All campaign finance reports have been filed.
2. All campaign finance reports are complete and accurate including all reporting requirements related to vendors and subcontractors.
3. All conditions related to the use [of] consultants have been met.
4. Stipulating that, once funding is authorized, the Commission may make a rebuttable presumption pursuant to R2-20-706 that a candidate has not used funds for direct campaign expenses within five days after the failure [to] file a campaign finance report.

Dr. Heap has not submitted such a statement therefore no funds may lawfully be released.

Additionally, under Commission rules, "[a] candidate may voluntarily request termination of his or her participating candidate status at any time *prior* to notification by the Commission that such candidate has qualified for Clean Elections funding." A.A.C. R2-20-108(A)(emphasis added). Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
s/Thomas Collins
Executive Director

Subject: My statement for the Heap hearing on Tuesday, August 4th



Lisa Everett <lisaeverettaz@gmail.com>
to ccec, tom@azcleelections.gov

Aug 1, 2026, 7:56 AM (2 days)

Hello Tom and Commission,

I am unable to be at the hearing on Tuesday. I am the person who filed the complaint. Is it possible to have my comment read during public comment? If not I would at least like each of you to have it.

Good afternoon, Chair and Commissioners.

My name is Lisa Everett, and I am the individual who filed the original complaint regarding Dr. Ralph Heap's camp

I first became concerned after seeing hundreds of large campaign signs throughout the West Valley and stretching north across Arizona. They were impossible to miss—solid blue signs with the words, "Dr. Ralph Heap for Arizona Corporation Commission." These signs were paid for by the Heap campaign. That was why I checked his campaign finance report because other Clean Elections candidates did not have the funding so early and for so many signs.

Because Dr. Heap chose to participate in Arizona's Clean Elections program, I questioned how his campaign could afford such a massive sign campaign while operating under the spending limits and requirements established by the Clean Elections system. Those rules exist for one reason: to ensure every participating candidate competes on a level playing field.

After I filed my complaint, I began noticing that many of those signs were quietly removed. Unfortunately, they were removed only after the primary election had already taken place. By then, they had already served their purpose. The damage had been done, and the advantage had already been gained.

This is about more than campaign signs. It is about accountability. Candidates who voluntarily choose to participate in Clean Elections agree to follow the rules. Those rules protect the integrity of our elections and the confidence voters place in the process.

When a candidate disregards those rules, it sends the message that compliance is optional and that violating the rules is simply part of the cost of campaigning. That undermines public trust, disadvantages candidates who followed the law, and diminishes the purpose of the Clean Elections program itself.

For those reasons, I respectfully ask the Commission to impose the strongest sanctions available under your authority. I also ask that you consider severing all current and future participation by Dr. Heap in the Arizona Clean Elections program.

If this Commission has the legal authority to remove Dr. Heap from the ballot, I ask that you exercise that authority. If you do not, then I respectfully urge this Commission to publicly encourage Dr. Heap to withdraw from the race.

Trust in our elections is earned by enforcing the rules equally, regardless of who the candidate is. The voters of Arizona deserve candidates who respect the law, respect this Commission, and respect the integrity of our election process.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

LISA EVERETT
160-877-8611

Citizens Clean Election Commission
Attn: Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director
1110 West Washington Street, Suite 250
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
ccec@azcleelections.gov

Re: MUR 2026-06 (In re Ralph Heap, Candidate for Arizona Corporation Commission)

Dear Executive Director Collins:

As you are aware, I previously filed the complaint in the above-referenced matter, which alleged that Ralph Heap, who has qualified as a participating candidate in the 2026 election cycle, failed to disclose disbursements for, and/or used unlawful funding sources to purchase, road signs promoting his candidacy.

As a supplement to the complaint, I have enclosed an itemized list of 184 locations around the state where signs that the Heap Campaign purportedly paid for have been observed (“Exhibit A”), as well as a map that catalogues their geographic distribution (“Exhibit B”).¹

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Everett
16746 West Rowel Road
Surprise, AZ 85387
LisaEverettAZ@gmail.com
(469) 877-8644

¹ Photographs of the signs can be accessed at this link, which expires on August 7, 2026: <https://limewire.com/d/CJGsY#R8tpLJ3Xo6>.

VERIFICATION

State of Arizona)
) ss.
County of Maricopa)

I, Lisa Everett, certify that, to the best of my knowledge after making reasonable inquiries, (1) Exhibit A is a list of locations where signs bearing Heap’s campaign committee’s disclaimer either currently are, or in recent weeks have been, displayed, (2) Exhibit B is a map depicting the locations that are itemized in Exhibit A, and (3) the hyperlink provided in the letter contains photographs of some or all of the signs identified in Exhibit A.

Signed under penalty of perjury this _____ day of August, 2026.

Lisa Everett

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of August, 2026.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Exhibit A

Heap Sign Picture Locations

<u>Page</u>	<u>Cross Street 1</u>	<u>Cross Street 2</u>
1	40th	Bell
2	Jensen	Power
3	McKellips	Higley
4	McKellips	Gilbert
5	Brown	Val Vista
6	Brown	Stapley
7	79th	Butte Ave
8	Lindsay	Warner
9	90th	Raintree
10	992 E Fairway Blvd	
11	Ellsworth	Riggs
12	Riggs	McQueen
13	64th	Bell
14	56th	Bell
15	Camelback	Jokake Rd
16	Camelback	Miller
17	48th st	Carefree Hwy
18	Cave Creek	School House Rd
19	Cave Creek	Rose Garden
20	Cave Creek	Barbie Ln
21	Cave Creek	Deer Valley Rd
22	Combs	Gantzel
23	Combs	Rittenhouse
24	Combs	Warrior
25	Ray	Rural
26	Ellsworth	Ellsworth Loop
27	Ellsworth	Heritage Loop
28	Ellsworth	Ocotillo
29	Ellsworth	Riggs
30	Ellsworth	Rittenhouse
31	Ellsworth	Walnut
32	Frank Lloyd Wright	Thompson Peak
33	Ironwood	Ray
34	Gantzel	Algarve Pl
35	Gantzel	Bella Vista Rd.
36	Gary	Empire
37	Gary	Gail
38	Gary	Riggs
39	Dobson	Frye
40	Greenway	32nd
41	Greenway	32nd
42	Hayden	Camelback
43	Hayden	Chapperal
44	Hayden	Indian School
45	Hayden	Thomas

Heap Sign Picture Locations

<u>Page</u>	<u>Cross Street 1</u>	<u>Cross Street 2</u>
46	Hwy 260	
47	60 Freeway	Peralta Rd
48	Hunt	Cooper Mine Rd
49	Hunt	Gary
50	Hunt	Hwy 79
51	Hunt	Johnson Ranch Blvd
52	Alma School	Chandler Heights
53	Arizona Ave	Ocotillo
54	McQueen	Chandler Heights
55	Lindsay	Guadalupe
56	Gilbert	Guadalupe
57	Cooper	Guadalupe
58	Country Club	Guadalupe
59	Arizona	Elliot
60	Greenfield	Warner
61	Higley	Warner
62	Riggs	Ellsworth
63	Victoria	Ellsworth
64	Hitching post pkwy	Ellsworth
65	Cadence	Ellsworth
66	Williams Field	Gateway
67	Queen Creek	Iron Wood
68	Combs	Gantzel
69	Meridian	Via del hardin
70	Meridian	Ocotillo
71	Ironwood	Ocotillo
72	Power	Elliot
73	24th	Indian School
74	Country Club	McKellips
75	Stapley	McKellips
76	Gilbert	McKellips
77	Brown	Lindsay
78	Baseline	Lindsay
79	Val Vista	Warner
80	Williams Field	Val Vista
81	Higley	Germany
82	Gilbert	Southern
83	Thomas	Hayden
84	Val Vista	Williams Field
85	Lindsay	Williams Field
86	Cooper	Chandler Blvd
87	Warner	Arizona Ave
88	Warner	Mcqueen
89	Elliot	Gilbert
90	Elliot	Cooper

Heap Sign Picture Locations

<u>Page</u>	<u>Cross Street 1</u>	<u>Cross Street 2</u>
91	Elliot	Mcqueen
92	Baseline	Arizona Ave
93	Guadalupe	Arizona Ave
94	Ray	Cooper
95	Higley	Ray
96	Ray	Santan Village Pkwy
97	Unknown	Unknown
98	Unknown	Unknown
99	Dobson	Ray
100	Unknown	Unknown
101	McClintock	Warner
102	Alma School	Warner
103	Dobson	Warner
104	24th	Highland
105	University	Stapley
106	University	Home
107	Mesa	University
108	Main	Mesa
109	Broadway	Mesa
110	Guadalupe	Mesa
111	32nd	Indian School
112	Country Club	McKellips
113	Gilbert	Houston
114	Main	Stapley
115	Ray	Lindsay
116	Greenway	64th
117	Greenway	56th
118	Indian School	56th
119	Indian School	64th
120	56th	Bell
121	Bell	Tatum
122	Greenway	56th
123	Greenway	Tatum
124	Scottsdale Rd	64th
125	Scottsdale Rd	Cactus Rd.
126	Scottsdale Rd	Tatum
127	Thunderbird	Tatum
128	Riggs	Alma School
129	Riggs	Arizona Ave
130	Unknown	Unknown
131	Broadway	Val Vista
132	Brown	Mesa Dr.
133	Main	Mesa Dr.
134	Main	Val Vista
135	McKellips	Recker

Heap Sign Picture Locations

<u>Page</u>	<u>Cross Street 1</u>	<u>Cross Street 2</u>
136	McKellips	Stapley
137	McQueen	Elliot
138	Southern	39th
139	University	Lindsay
140	University	Lindsay
141	McDowell	Gilbert
142	Southern	Higley
143	Southern	Power
144	University	Recker
145	Higley	Southern
146	Mesa Dr	Broadway
147	Southern	Gilbert
148	Pima	Cave Creek Rd
149	Pima	Dynamite
150	Pima	Lone Mountain
151	Power	Riggs
152	Power rd	San Tan blvd
153	Raintree	Northsight
154	Riggs	187th Pl
155	Riggs	88th St
156	Riggs	Ellsworth
157	Riggs	Hawes
158	Riggs	Hunt Hwy
159	Riggs	Hwy 87
160	Riggs	Sossaman
161	Riggs	Dobson
162	Rittenhouse	Ocotillo
163	Rittenhouse	Queen Creek
164	Rockford Rd	Rio Salado
165	Pecos	Arizona Ave
166	Brown	Gilbert
167	Brown	Lindsay
168	Higley	Southern
169	Power	Hampton
170	Southern	Gilbert
171	Stapley	Main
172	University	Greenfield
173	Shea	90th
174	Shea	Via Linda
175	Shea	Via Linda
176	McDowell	Power
177	Southern	Higley
178	University	Recker
179	Lindsay	University
180	Broadway	Val Vista

Heap Sign Picture Locations

<u>Page</u>	<u>Cross Street 1</u>	<u>Cross Street 2</u>
181	Tatum	Bell
182	McClintock	Rio Salado Pkwy
183	University	Lindsay
184	Unknown	Unknown

Exhibit B

