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1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 2	PUBLIC MEETING BEFORE THE CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION convened at 9:30 a.m. on December 14, 2017, at the State of Arizona, Clean Elections Commission, 1616 West Adams, Conference Room, Phoenix, Arizona, in the presence of the following Board members: Mr. Steve M. Titla, Chairperson Mr. Mark S. Kimble Mr. Damien Meyer Ms. Amy B. Chan Mr. Galen D. Paton OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director Paula Thomas, Executive Officer Gina Roberts, Voter Education Director Mike Becker, Policy Director Alec Shaffer, Web Content Manager Stephanie Cooper, Executive Support Specialist Kara Karlson, Assistant Attorney General Rivko Knox, LWV/AZ Morgan Dick, AZ Advocacy Network Christina Borrego, Riester Barry McCain, AFSME Nate Arrowsmith, Osborn Maledon	1 (No response.) 2 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Abstain? 3 (No response.) 4 CHAIRMAN TITLA: The minutes are approved. 5 The third item is discussion and possible 6 action on executive director's report. 7 MR. COLLINS: Yes. Mr. Chairman, 8 Commissioners, I just want to briefly mention first 9 that Stephanie graduated cum laude from ASU with a 10 bachelor's degree in organizational leadership, and so 11 we're very pleased about that. And she is going to go 12 ahead with her pursuing a master's degree starting 13 next year. So I just wanted to congratulate Stephanie 14 on that. 15 The couple other real quick things I 16 don't want to I don't want to belabor this, but we 17 do have now a special election coming up in District 8 18 of Congressional District 8 which is entirely 19 encompassed in Maricopa County. The primary election 20 is going to be February 27th. The voter registration 21 date is January 29th. The special general election is 22 the 24th of April. The voter registration deadline is
2	23 4	23 March 26th. We'll be and I think we have this on 24 our website now so voters can start getting that
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- 3 CHAIRMAN TITLA: The Citizens Clean
- 4 Elections Committee meeting -- Commission meeting is
- 5 called to order at 9:33 a.m.
- 6 MR. COLLINS: Depends whose clock you're

7 on.

- CHAIRMAN TITLA: We're going to go to the 8
- 9 first item on the agenda: Discussion and possible
- action on Commission minutes for the November 16, 2017
- 11 meeting.
- 12 Commissioners?
- COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman? 13
- 14 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Kimble.
- 15 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I move we approve the
- 16 meeting for the Commission -- the minutes for the
- 17 Commission meeting of November 16, 2017.
- 18 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. There's a --
- 19 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I second the motion.
- 20 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. There's a motion by
- 21 Commissioner Kimble to approve the minutes of
- 22 November 16, 2017, and a second by Commissioner Chan.
- 23 All in favor say aye.
- 24 (Chorus of ayes.)
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Opposed? 25

- In January we'll do the voter education
- 2 plan. Gina and Alec have been meeting with the Arizona
- 3 Developmental Disabilities Planning Council staff to
- 4 try to enhance our outreach efforts there to make sure
- that our materials continue to be accessible to as many
- voters as possible. And Gina and Stephanie have been
- working with the County Recorders from the state on
- participation, and the Electronic Registered
- Information Center which is a -- which is ERIC is what
- it's short for -- but not that Eric -- and it --
- there's some requirements there to participate.
- Basically, what that is is an attempt to --
- what? Yeah, it's a mailer and then it's to non-voters
- 14 that the County Recorders are working on how to do to
- participate in that program which is sponsored by the
- Pew Charitable Trust, I think. Correct? Am I wrong
- about that? There's a grant from Pew.
- The other thing I wanted to note -- and 18
- 19 this is really more of an FYI miscellaneous. There's a
- committee that calls itself Outlaw Dirty Money that has
- introduced a constitutional amendment that they would
- put on the ballot via initiative. You see their story
- 23 from the Republic and a link to it, also a summary
- 24 provided by the group, as well as the text to the
- 25 group. The full amendment identifies the Commission as

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- 1 the enforcing body and the initiative must receive more
- 2 than 225,000 signatures by July 5th, 2018.
- The reason to flag this for you is really
- 4 threefold. First, it's to make clear to folks that
- 5 might otherwise -- might say otherwise that this is not
- 6 a Clean Elections initiative, the Clean Elections
- 7 Commission does not endorse this initiative. I can't
- 8 imagine the Commission as a body will endorse the
- 9 initiative. Your individual rights are different, and
- 10 if you have questions about that, please feel free to
- 11 see me.
- 12 Secondly -- but I don't want you to get
- 13 confronted or -- by folks who are upset about this and
- 14 not know that it exists because that's happened before.
- 15 Second, I want to flag this because as we
- 16 go into the legislative session, these kinds of
- 17 initiatives, whether they get off the ground in a real
- 18 way or not, tend to give folks who don't like Clean
- 19 Elections a reason or a framing for which they will
- 20 sponsor their usually misleading repeal efforts. So
- 21 that's important to be aware of.
- And then the third thing -- and this is way 22
- 23 down the road, but just to put it in your mind now so
- 24 that I can point to the minutes later and tell you I
- 25 said this that, you know, if this were to get litigated

- 1 the northwest all the way up to the four corners,
- 2 Window Rock in the northeast, down to Douglas, Arizona
- 3 in the southeast, the southwest to Yuma, Arizona. And
- 4 you guys have done a good job, and I wanted to commend
- you for that, for your leadership. In the Apache way
- we have a thing called servant leadership. The leaders
- in Apache are supposed to serve the people and not to
- accumulate the wealth for themselves but to give and
- get things but for the good of the people is what they
- do in the Apache way.
- So I'd like to ask you to continue that 11
- 12 good work in the future years so that we can begin to
- 13 remember and focus and implement the will of the
- 15 The people passed the Clean Elections
- 16 system because they wanted to improve the integrity of
- the Arizona state government by diminishing the
- influence of special interest money that will encourage
- citizen participation in the political process and also
- to promote freedom of speech. I didn't memorize that.
- I'm reading it from the back there. So -- under the
- U.S. and Arizona Constitution. So, Commissioners, my
- fellow commissioners, I'd like to ask you to remember
- 24 that as you go forward, that we need to remember the
- 25 people's will and try to implement it.

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- 1 there's always a remote possibility that it will
- 2 involve people saying things about the Commission or
- 3 the Clean Elections Act that may or may not require
- 4 some type of amicus or clarification by the Commission
- 5 in that case. That's never happened before, but we've
- 6 had to consider that possibility with past initiatives.
- 7 So it's just those are the three things I want you to
- 8 be aware of.
- 9 Unless you have any questions about that,
- 10 that completes my report.
- 11 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Any questions by the
- **12** Commission?
- 13 (No response.)
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: If not, Mr. Collins, I 14
- just want to commend you for the good work you have
- 16 been doing for the Citizens Clean Elections Commission.
- 17 You have been a -- you are an expert in this area of
- 18 the law and also the attorneys and the staff that have
- 19 been working for us these past few years. And I really
- 20 appreciate all the updates that you have given. I
- 21 think that you and the staff have implemented a focus
- 22 on reaching out to the four corners of the state so
- 23 that we can reach all -- all people of all
- 24 nationalities and all cultures.
- 25 We have reached out to areas of Kingman in

- Thank you.
- Is there anything else, Mr. Collins?
- 3 MR. COLLINS: No, no, other than we do hope
- 4 you were here next month because we will do our -- for
- 5 your nominally last meeting, we will -- we will be
- celebrating you at that time. So we hope you can make
- 7 it.
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. If not, let's go to
- 9 the next item, Item IV: Discussion and possible action
- 10 on selection of Chairman 2018.
- MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, members, this
- is really an opportunity for you to discuss and make a
- nomination and vote for a chairman to handle the
- chairman duties for Calendar Year 2018. It's really
- not my role and any of our role as staff to get
- involved in that. So I would just kick it over to,
- Mr. Chairman, however you want to handle that
- discussion, or if there is anyone who has ideas on how
- that would proceed. I'm happy to answer questions
- about history, but other than that, it's not -- it's
- not really my role to participate.
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: What has been the protocol
- 23 in this area, Mr. Collins?
- MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, commissioners,
- 25 in the past -- for the past, I would say, five years,

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- 1 at least -- and that's as far back as I go -- Mike
- 2 would go back farther into maybe some variance in the
- 3 past, but for the past four or five years, we've -- the
- 4 most senior member of the Commission after the exiting
- 5 chairman has been nominated and been approved as
- 6 chairman for the next calendar year.
- 7 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. Who is the most
- 8 senior member on our Commission?
- 9 MR. COLLINS: After you, it's Commissioner
- 10 Meyer.
- 11 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. Commissioner Meyer.
- 12 I would recommend that Commissioner Meyer
- 13 become the chairman for the next Commission. This is
- 14 my last meeting -- official meeting as chairman, as a
- 15 member of the Commission.
- So do we need a motion on that?
- 17 MR. COLLINS: Yes, sir.
- 18 CHAIRMAN TITLA: I motion that Commissioner
- 19 Meyer become the next chairman of the Clean Elections
- 20 Commission.
- 21 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I second that.
- 22 CHAIRMAN TITLA: A second by Commissioner
- 23 Kimble.
- 24 Any comments?
- 25 (No response.)

- 1 is discussion and possible action on the 2018
- 2 expenditure CAP.
- 3 MR. COLLINS: So, Mr. Chairman, we have --
- 4 Sara Larsen, who is our financial affairs and
- 5 compliance officer has a presentation for you, and then
- 6 you'll see in the packet of proposed motions that I've
- 7 provided this morning provided -- you know, after
- 8 you've reviewed Sara's materials, there's a motion
- 9 related to that. And then there's an Item V-D which
- 10 I'm happy to talk about which is budget related but
- 11 separate from Sara's presentation.
- 12 So with -- Mr. Chairman, with your
- 13 permission, I'd just hand it over to Sara to present.
- 14 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Proceed, Sara.
- 15 MS. LARSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 16 Good morning, Chairman, commissioners. So
- 17 I am presenting our 2018 proposed budget this morning.
- 18 So I believe that you all received the memo which
- 19 pretty much details everything that was in the
- 20 spreadsheets, and I have a brief PowerPoint to go over
- 21 at this time. And I'm happy to take any questions as
- 22 we go through this.
- So, first, we'll talk a little bit about
- 24 our revenues into the Fund, so actually what gets
- 25 deposited into our Clean Elections Fund. That is the

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- 1 CHAIRMAN TITLA: If not, is there -- all in
- 2 favor say aye.
- **3** (Chorus of ayes.)
- 4 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Opposed?
- 5 (No response.)
- 6 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Abstain?
- 7 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Aye.
- 8 CHAIRMAN TITLA: The motion is passed. So
- 9 Chairman Meyer will be the next chairman.
- Does he start right now or --
- 11 MR. COLLINS: No, no, no.
- 12 COMMISSIONER PATON: Tag, you're in?
- MR. COLLINS: The next meeting.
- 14 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Next meeting. Okay.
- 15 Okay. Commissioner Meyer, at our next
- 16 meeting, you'll be the chairman.
- 17 COMMISSIONER MEYER: You're passing the
- 18 gavel?
- 19 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Yeah.
- 20 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Thank you very much to
- 21 all my fellow commissioners. I'd be honored to chair
- 22 the Commission next year. So thank you.
- 23 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. Thank you.
- 24 Item V: Discussion and possible action on
- 25 Calendar Year 2017-18 budget and related matters. "A"

- 1 10 percent surcharge on all civil and criminal
- 2 penalties and fines in the state. So those are
- 3 transferred from the state treasurer's office and
- 4 processed by them into our Clean Elections Fund. And
- 5 we also have our Commission assessments. So anything
- 6 from enforcement matters is also deposited into the
- 7 Clean Elections Fund.
- 8 All \$5 qualifying contributions that our
- 9 participating candidates collect, so we only receive
- 10 those in election years. So for 2017, we did not
- 11 receive any \$5 qualifying contributions, but next year
- 12 we will. And then we do have some miscellaneous items
- 13 that are deposited into the Fund. These would be rare
- 14 contributions that we receive. We occasionally do
- 15 receive some of those. Candidates who pay for the use
- 16 of prior assets, those are deposited into the Fund.
- 17 Return of Clean Elections funding, all of that stuff is
- **18** considered miscellaneous.
- 19 Things that we used to receive but we no
- 20 longer do receive are the \$5 tax donations from the
- 21 income -- state income tax filings. There was a \$5
- 22 checkoff box. Last year we received \$135 worth of
- 23 those. So I still have it up here because we do
- 24 receive tax filings from 2012 and prior that -- that

25 are coming in, but they are dwindling every year. And

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- 1 we no longer receive the dollar-for-dollar tax credit
- 2 into the Fund.
- 3 So a little historical history here on what
- 4 our revenues into the Fund look like, and we do pay
- 5 close attention to this. Tom and I talk about this
- 6 internally in the office. You can see back in 2010, we
- 7 were receiving about \$20 million into the Clean
- 8 Elections Fund annually. We are now receiving \$7
- 9 million. So that's a big change. In 2010 photo radar
- 10 went away so that -- we lost about \$6 million a year
- 11 when photo radar went away. And then again in 2012, we
- 12 had a large drop, and that was when the \$5 tax checkoff
- 13 box and our dollar-for-dollar tax donations went away.
- **14** We lost about another 5- to \$6 million a year.
- The decline that we see now between 2013
- 16 and today is roughly about a million dollars. So in
- 17 2014, we received about \$8.4 million. This year, as
- 18 soon as we receive December's revenues, I would
- 19 anticipate that we're probably just barely going to
- 20 receive over \$7 million into the Fund. So we don't
- 21 know why there's about a million dollar decrease in
- _____
- 22 civil and criminal penalties annually, but there is.
- 23 So it is something that is of concern with our revenues
- 24 dropping so drastically, and these are the only funds
- 25 that we receive. We are not appropriated. We receive

- 1 as well. We'd like to kind of look at this in light of
- 2 that and then look at other -- other places where there
- 3 are revenue issues based on some other discussions.
- 4 You know, there's also -- always been the
- 5 open question of whether or not the repeal of the \$5
- 6 and the dollar-for-dollar tax credit was Voter
- 7 Protection Act-compliant given the fact that it, you
- 8 know, reduced our revenues, and how that advances the
- 9 purpose of the Clean Elections Act is really mysterious
- 10 to me. But -- so we are going to -- I think we're
- 11 going to keep track of that over the next year and try
- 12 to see what other places we need to look to to see
- 13 what -- well, I don't mean to interrupt you, but I just
- 14 want to say that it's something that's on -- when Sara
- 15 and I are talking about it, this is something that's on
- **16** our agenda to try to get as good a picture of what's
- 17 going on as we can over the next year.
- 18 MS. LARSEN: Chairman, commissioners, so
- 19 after this very bleak opening, I should reassure you
- 20 that at this time, we are going into 2018 with about
- 21 \$28 million in our fund. So, you know, it's not \$7
- 22 million is all we have, but that's all that's going to
- 23 be deposited into the Fund for this year.
- So by statute the Commission does need to
- 25 project the amount of revenues that the Fund is going

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- 1 no money from the general fund. So we do have to pay
- 2 close attention to these as we anticipate our
- 3 expenditures in election years and non-election years.
- 4 This is a chart to kind of show you what
- 5 our monthly revenues look like over the years. There
- 6 is no rhyme or reason to what we receive into the Fund
- 7 in any given month. For some reason, in April and May
- 8 we receive a little bit more, but I don't know why that
- **9** is. We don't have any data on that, but our monthly
- 10 revenues are pretty much -- they're not entirely
- 11 consistent, but on average, we receive about 600 and --
- **12** \$626,000 into the Fund, on average. So --
- 13 COMMISSIONER CHAN: That's when all the
- 14 drunk drivers are paying off their fines from the
- 15 holidays in previous years.
- 16 MS. LARSEN: Chairman, Commissioner Chan, I
- 17 don't know, but possibly. You know, I mean, it's after
- 18 the Open and Barrett Jackson. So we don't know.
- MR. COLLINS: Can I -- if I could, Sara,
- 20 Mr. Chairman, one other thing, I think we -- you know,
- 21 we talked about this in some other context, and I think
- 22 over the next year or so we're going to have to take a
- 23 hard look at, A, for example, you know, the Auditor
- **24** General audits both our revenues -- or our ex-flows, as
- 25 we saw last month. They, we believe, audit the inflows

- 1 to collect for the next four years. So I have made
- 2 those projections based on historical data, and I
- 3 would -- I'm not changing my projections from 2018,
- 4 except for the 5 -- or from 2017, except for the \$5
- 5 qualifying contributions.
- 6 I think that we'll actually have a little
- 7 bit less than I had anticipated when I did the budget
- 8 presentation last year, but I'm anticipating that we --
- 9 you know, given what we received this year and what we
- 10 received in 2016, I'm fairly confident that we will
- 11 receive at least \$7 million in civil and criminal
- 12 penalties, at least in 2018 and hopefully going
- 13 forward, but that number will not continue to drop
- 14 about a million dollars a year like we've previously
- 15 seen.
- 16 COMMISSIONER PATON: Question,
- 17 Mr. Chairman.
- 18 So you're not taking into consideration the
- 19 fact that the court -- the court people that we were in
- 20 discussions with are going to try to eliminate the
- 21 waiving of the penalties -- whatever they -- whatever
- 22 those penalties were?
- MS. LARSEN: Chairman, Commissioner Paton,
- 24 we are not because we actually don't have any hard data
- 25 on what those would amount to. We actually don't know

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- 1 from the courts how much is being waived from the Clean
- 2 Elections Fund, so we can't actually say how much we
- 3 would receive if that went -- if that went away.
- COMMISSIONER PATON: So you are being
- 5 conservative is basically what I'm asking.
- 6 MS. LARSEN: Yes, yes. Correct.
- And then Commission assessments always
- 8 increase during our election years. So in 2018, I
- 9 would anticipate that we'll probably have \$15,000 in
- 10 assessments, and this is what we had in 2016.
- \$5 qualifying contributions -- well, let me 11
- 12 back up.
- The \$5 tax donations, I would be shocked if 13
- 14 we received any this year. I always make a zero dollar
- 15 projection on that and, again, we've received \$135 this
- 16 year. So I would really be shocked if anybody is
- 17 filing back tax returns from six years ago.
- The \$5 qualifying contributions, because it
- 19 is a gubernatorial election year, we have more
- 20 candidates running. So we anticipate collecting more
- 21 \$5 qualifying contributions in 2018 than we do in 2020.
- 22 And then miscellaneous, again, rare contributions that
- 23 people actually do give to the Fund, prior assets, just
- 24 miscellaneous donations that we receive, and about
- 25 \$15,000 we anticipate receiving.

- 1 have -- in 2016 -- or 2017 -- excuse me -- 2,952,610
- 2 individual income tax filers. And there's a multiplier
- 3 in the statute that we multiply that by and it's 7, and
- 4 that gives us our overall spending cap for the year.
- So we have a little bit over \$20.6 million
- 6 that by statute we can spend this year, and so you can
- see this chart is to show that we have had income tax
- filers increasing pretty much every year in the state.
- 9 So our expenditure cap grows while our revenues are
- decreasing. So -- but this is the money we can spend.
- 11 This doesn't mean that we're necessarily going to spend
- that amount of money.
- So our -- we have additional caps that we
- 14 have to calculate by the statutes, and the
- administration and enforcement cap is one of those. We
- are not able to spend any more than 10 percent of the
- overall cap on administration and enforcement
- procedures. So our cap for that is about \$1.9 million.
- And so we multiply the overall cap by 10 percent, and
- that's how we get that. I'm sorry. The cap is \$2
- million. We anticipate our administration and
- enforcement expenditures in 2018 to be \$1.9 million.
- So it's about 93 percent of the cap is what we
- anticipate in spending.
- The public education cap, this is also 25

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- So these are the revenue projections. We
- 2 do have that laid out in the memo as well.
- COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, Sara, on
- 4 the memo -- in the memo that you provided -- and I know
- 5 you're kind of going over more detailed projections
- 6 here, but I was just concerned, if I'm understanding it
- 7 correctly, that we'd be operating at a \$13 million
- 8 deficit every year for the next four years or over a
- **9** \$13 million deficit?
- MS. LARSEN: No, and I'll -- that will be 10
- 11 on some later --
- COMMISSIONER CHAN: Okay. Thank you. 12
- MS. LARSEN: Chairman, Commissioner Chan, 13
- 14 that will be on some later slides when I talk about
- 15 excess revenue projections or excess amounts into the
- 16 Clean Elections Fund.
- 17 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Okay. Thank you.
- 18 MS. LARSEN: So -- yes.
- 19 So we also -- every year we calculate our
- 20 expenditure cap, and we do this by -- we contact the
- 21 Department of Revenue and we see how many people have
- 22 filed individual income tax returns in the state. So
- 23 we're up about 50,000 filers this year. So we're
- 24 almost -- we're getting close. So hopefully next year
- 25 we'll see about three million filers, but -- so we

- 1 our -- we talk about it interchangeably as our paid
- 2 media cap that we pay on for our advertisements, things
- 3 of that nature. So that is also capped at 10 percent.
- We -- this does not include reasonable and necessary
- 5 voter education expenditures. So this is merely just
- 6 the paid media cap, and we do project that we will
- spend the entire amount of the cap in 2018.
- Reasonable and necessary voter education
- 9 expenditures, in addition to that, are about 4.5
- million. These -- this would be things such as our
- debates, our candidate statement pamphlet. So pretty
- much anything that Gina does for the voter outreach outside of the paid media, this is included in this
- amount. It's pretty large in our election years,
- mostly because we have to pay a substantial amount in
- printing and postage, and I believe page 3 of the
- spreadsheets does break out line items on the voter
- education expenditures.
- So we also need to project funding amounts
- 20 every year. So for candidates of 2017, we did not have
- any participating candidates, so we did not distribute
- 22 any funds. Based on the participating candidates that
- we have right now for 2018, we have come up with
- 24 funding projections. So we anticipate that we will be
- 25 distributing about \$8.9 million in funding to

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- 1 candidates, and that's broken out for the primary
- 2 election and the general election as -- based on our
- 3 historical data of how many candidates actually qualify
- 4 for funding.
- So a little bit of an overview of our
- 6 projected expenditures for 2018, they will come to a
- 7 total of \$17,557,340. This is about 85 percent of our
- 8 spending cap. I don't believe that, you know, we will
- 9 spend all of that, but this is for everything that we
- 10 have projected and have quoted for 2018 for an election
- 11 year.
- Okay. So now I have a few slides, and
- 13 sometimes these can be a little confusing. So please
- **14** stop me if you need clarification on anything.
- 15 This is a review of what our actual
- 16 expenditures have been as compared to what our
- 17 expenditure cap was, so our overall cap that we are
- 18 allowed to spend and the amount that we actually spent
- 19 in those years. As you can see, in 2014 and 2016, we
- 20 spent more money than we did in 2015 and 2017. That's
- 21 also because those are election years, and we have
- 22 larger expenses such as candidate funding and our Voter
- 23 Education Guide. We still have not spent at the cap in
- 24 those years, but -- but that was our capacity to spend
- 25 and then that's how much we actually spent.

- 1 expenditures versus what our cap expenditures are, and
- 2 this is for the next four years because these also need
- 3 to be projected.
- 4 So in 2018, we do project that we will
- 5 spend about \$17.5 million. Our cap is a little over 20
- 6 million. In 2019, it's a non-election year, so we will
- 7 spend a fraction of what we do in an election year.
- 8 2020 is an election year, but we do not have all
- 9 statewide offices up. So we will not spend nearly the
- 10 amount that we do in a gubernatorial election year.
- 11 And then 2021, again, is a non-election year. So we
- 12 will not spend at the capacity of the cap.
- 13 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Chairman?
- 14 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Meyer.
- 15 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Sara, how does the
- 16 2018 projection and expenses compare to the 2014 -- the
- 17 last gubernatorial, if you know?
- 18 MS. LARSEN: I do, Chairman, Commissioner
- 19 Meyer. So on the first page of your spreadsheet on the
- 20 right-hand side -- or I'm sorry -- on the left-hand
- 21 side, you will see the 2014 figures. And so we --
- 22 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Just under 12 million?
- MS. LARSEN: Yeah, yeah, just under 12
- 24 million, so -- but I can tell you in that year we
- 25 probably projected that we would spend about \$19

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- 1 So our revenue projections versus our
- 2 expenditure cap. So this is just to show you that \$13
- 3 million difference in our spending capacity which is at
- 4 \$20 million and then our revenues that we actually
- 5 bring in that are at about \$7 million. So this is why
- 6 we can't spend at our -- at our capacity, even though
- ${\bf 7}\;$ we can per the statute spend that much, but because of
- 8 our revenues we do need to be more conservative.
- 9 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, commissioners,
- 10 again, this goes to the whole point of my -- the sort
- 11 of open question about the Voter Protection Act in the
- 12 sense that, you know, we have capacity that's been set
- 13 forth in the statute by the voters and then the
- 14 legislature, by virtue of eliminating funding sources,
- 15 has -- has essentially decimated our ability to spend
- 16 money up to the amount of money that voters intended us
- 17 to have available to do their -- the work that voters
- 18 intended us to do.
- 19 So, you know, if you look at these two
- 20 things together, the decimation of our funding sources
- 21 and the authorization -- the expenditure limitations,
- 22 you begin -- you begin to sort of wonder, well, how is
- 23 that possible?
- 24 MS. LARSEN: Okay. So, Chairman,
- 25 commissioners, again, we have our projected

- 1 million.
- 2 COMMISSIONER MEYER: So historically, we've
- 3 come under those projections, right?
- 4 MS. LARSEN: Correct. Correct. And a lot
- 5 of that has to do with the number of candidates that
- 6 qualify for funding. They receive a substantially
- 7 larger amount of funding than the legislative races do
- 8 for the statewide races. So if not all of our
- 9 anticipated candidates actually qualify for funding,
- 10 then that significantly reduces the amount of our
- 11 expenditures.
- 12 COMMISSIONER MEYER: And then one
- 13 follow-up. On the projections, we have 2.2 million for
- 14 other professional outside services.
- What does that entail? Because legal
- 16 counsel is separate, correct?
- MS. LARSEN: Chairman, Commissioner Meyer,
- 18 yes. Correct. So legal counsel is separate. So the
- 19 other professional outside services includes about
- 20 \$700,000 for our debates alone.
- 21 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Okay.
- MS. LARSEN: That also includes assistance
- 23 for Gina on our voter education pamphlet and debates
- 24 with an outside vendor. That's our audits that we're
- 25 projecting to be -- since we're going to be auditing

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- 1 all candidates, it will probably be about \$400,000.
- 2 Translation services, our court reporter, things of
- 3 that nature, those are all professional outside
- 4 services.
- COMMISSIONER MEYER: Thank you.
- 6 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman?
- 7 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Kimble.
- 8 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Following up on
- 9 Commissioner Meyer's question on the other professional
- 10 services, so this is substantially higher than any of
- 11 the previous years here, 2014 or forward. And so is
- 12 most of this because we're going to be auditing
- 13 everyone?
- MS. LARSEN: Chairman, Commissioner Kimble, 14
- 15 no, it's actually not. Gina in the voter education
- 16 capacity actually will have more assistance in crafting
- 17 the Voter Education Guide with an outside vendor, and
- 18 about \$1.5 million is coming from that. And they're
- going to assist with voter education debates and the
- 20 Voter Education Guide, and I know that she'll have her
- 21 presentation in January as to what is going to her
- 22 voter education plan.
- COMMISSIONER CHAN: To that point -- I'm
- 24 sorry, Commissioner Kimble, but is part of that --
- 25 didn't we lose kind of the package deal that we used to

- 1 details of that, I can have Gina speak to that because
- 2 that is a quote that she received, but yeah. This is
- 3 for -- it's not necessarily something that was done
- 4 internally before, but I can let Gina speak to that.
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Gina.
- 6 MS. ROBERTS: Mr. Chairman, commissioners,
- so what we have done beginning in 2016 -- so, you know,
- prior to 2014 we didn't do this, but in 2016 for the
- 9 first time we did a request for additional funding
- outside of the paid media cap which has usually been
- what the amount was reserved for our public and voter
- 12 education plan.
- In 2016, we made the additional request of 13
- 14 a similar dollar amount, between 1 and 1.5 million, and
- this was pertaining to educating the public regarding
- the Voter Education Guide and the debates, not the
- actual production of it. So Sara referenced numbers,
- the professional and outside services for the actual
- production of those, but now we're adding additional
- funding to educate the public about the existence of
- those, how to use these, when the debates will occur,
- how to attend, that type of thing.
- And so because it's pertaining to the Voter
- 24 Education Guide and the debates, it falls outside of
- 25 that paid media cap. So that is additional funding.

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- 1 have with the Secretary of State that saved us a little
- MS. LARSEN: Chairman Titla, Commissioner
- 4 Chan, I think you're actually referring to the printing
- 5 of the candidate statement pamphlet.
- COMMISSIONER CHAN: Yes.
- 7 MS. LARSEN: I don't know the technical
- 8 contractual aspects of that.
- 9 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Okay. Okay.
- MS. LARSEN: So our quote for our candidate 10
- 11 statement pamphlet is essentially the same. We're
- 12 anticipating it will probably be the same, maybe a
- 13 little bit higher, but over the years we've actually
- 14 reduced the cost by internally going to district
- 15 pamphlets. We've actually saved about a million
- 16 dollars by going to district-specific pamphlets.
- COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman, going 17
- 18 back to what I was -- what I was asking about, so I
- 19 don't want to get too much into this, but are you
- 20 saying that we're getting outside assistance for
- 21 something that was done in house or -- because I'm
- **22** looking at this 2.62 million versus, in 2014, 655,000.
- 23 So it's four times that.
- MS. LARSEN: Correct. So -- yeah. So this
- 25 is an outside vendor, and if you would like to know the

- 1 We -- we first made the request in 2016, and the reason
- 2 why we did that was based off of our research. When we
- 3 held our focus groups, when we did pre and post
- 4 election research with our voters, we saw a very
- 5 important need to educate the state about the existence
- 6 of these tools for them because our debate attendance
- 7 is low.
- The amount of viewer -- you know, viewers
- 9 that we get from the recorded sessions, we wanted to
- see those increase so people can actually make use of
- these tools, more of that information that these exist.
- And with the Voter Education Guide, the production cost
- of it, we were able to implement some cost savings on
- that side when we went district specific, but again, it
- was more of we don't want these guides to make it into
- the mailbox and then folks get them and then, in turn,
- put them into the recycle bin. We want them to
- actually use it.
- So it was more of an education plan to show
- our voters this guide is coming to you. Expect it
- before you get your ballot, and this is how you use it.
- This is the information that's important in there. So
- we did that in 2016. We continue to do our voter
- 24 research to understand do folks realize what these
- 25 tools are? How to use them? And we're still seeing a

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- 1 need for that.
- 2 So we made the additional request in
- 3 this -- in this budget plan. So it's additional
- 4 funding to help us educate the state specifically about
- 5 the debates and the Voter Education Guide that these
- 6 tools are available to voters and how to use them, not
- 7 so much the production of those items.
- 8 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner
- 9 Kimble, if I may just to amplify what Gina said, I
- 10 think the comparison number is 2016, first of all, and
- 11 I think -- and I think -- I think I'm not wrong.
- 12 And then, second of all, I think that the
- 13 important thing to bear in mind is that when 16-949 was
- 14 amended, it expressly stated that if the Commission
- 15 determined that there was reasonable and necessary
- 16 expenditures necessary under 16-956, which is where the
- 17 debates and the -- and the candidate statement pamphlet
- 18 are authorized, that those would be not subject to any
- 19 cap. It's expressly in the language of the statute.
- 20 And so given that we have done the research
- 21 over the course of two election cycles now -- Gina has
- 22 managed that -- we don't think that this request is
- 23 unnecessary. In fact, we think it's reasonable and
- 24 necessary because the fact of the matter is, for
- 25 example -- and you'll see this next month in our over

- 1 Clean Elections just myself as a user of different
- 2 things. So I would say that it's probably money well
- 3 spent in spite of the fact that it does look like, you
- 4 know, a bigger expense.
- MS. LARSEN: And, Chairman, Commissioner
- 6 Chan, it definitely looks like a large expenditure, but
- 7 again, this is just like our projected amount. It
- 8 doesn't necessarily mean that we are going to spend
- 9 that amount. So this is -- this is our quote on that
- 10 for what we think we might utilize in 2018, but it
- 11 doesn't necessarily mean that it will come in that
- 12 large.
- 13 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman, Sara,
- 14 you asked if there's any other questions on the -- on
- 15 the line items. I have two others, but I don't know if
- 16 this is the appropriate time to get into it or should I
- 17 wait until you get to it on the slide?
- MS. LARSEN: Chairman, Commissioner Kimble,
- 19 I'm happy to answer your question.
- 20 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Okay. Could you
- 21 talk -- or Tom -- a little bit about the increase in
- 22 personnel services which went from projected 520,000 to
- 23 700,000 between '17 and '18?
- MS. LARSEN: Chairman, Commissioner Kimble,
- 25 actually, those are actually -- that's a decrease

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- 1 preview, but we're working to revamp the Voter
- 2 Education Guide so that it is a better tool than it's
- 3 been in the past as a printed -- as a printed matter.
- 4 I mean, all of those things cost dollars.
- 5 The legislature in amending 16-949 expressly authorized
- 6 the Commission to make that determination if it's
- 7 reasonable and necessary, and staff believes it is
- 8 reasonable and necessary.
- 9 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Okay. Thank you,
- 10 Mr. Chairman.
- 11 MS. LARSEN: Chairman, commissioners, any
- 12 additional questions on any line items?
- 13 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Commissioner -- or
- 14 Mr. Chairman -- I'm sorry -- just a comment on what you
- 15 and Gina just presented. I think in spite of the
- 16 increase in the, you know, projected expense for that,
- 17 I personally have -- I really appreciate, I think, the
- 18 more robust approach that the Commission has been
- **19** taking. And I -- it sounds like this has all been part
- 20 of that.
- 21 And I think -- I don't know if I personally
- 22 experienced it, but on my Facebook feed I always get
- 23 Clean Elections, you know -- even though I follow Clean
- 24 Elections, it will say, you know, promoted or something
- 25 like that. So I know I'm getting more information from

- 1 projection. For 2017, we actually had projected --
- 2 when I presented this in 2016, we actually had
- 3 projected \$750,000 in personnel services. So it's
- 4 about a \$50,000 decrease in projection. That is just
- 5 so if there are any internal staff changes, any -- you
- 6 know, it allows Tom some leeway in case we hire new
- 7 employees, anything of that nature.
- 8 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Okay. And one other
- 9 question about external legal services which is
- 10 projected to be far higher than it's been in any of the
- 11 past four years, and I know we're being sued and we're
- 12 in court a lot for various things and it looks like
- 13 we're anticipating being in court a lot more.
- MS. LARSEN: Chairman, Commissioner Kimble,
- 15 again, our projection for 2016, when I presented this
- 16 in -- or our projection for 2017, when I presented this
- 17 in 2016, was \$500,000. We projected an increase
- 18 because we are in active litigation. It does not
- 19 necessarily mean that we will spend at that amount, but
- 20 it does offer us some leeway in not having to come back
- 21 to the Commission once we have exceeded a projected
- 22 amount and to come back and ask for more funds in the
- 23 middle of an election year.
- 24 So we have previously -- I believe in 2014
- 25 we projected \$750,000 in external legal services, and

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- 1 that year we spent \$362,000. So it's not necessarily
- 2 that we are going to spend \$750,000. Those are just
- 3 projections to we don't know what's going to happen
- 4 when we're in active litigation.
- 5 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: You know, I
- 6 understand that, but why the projection?
- 7 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner
- 8 Kimble, I think -- I think two reasons. First, we
- 9 are -- we do have -- we have one piece of
- 10 active litigation where we have a lawsuit that's been
- 11 filed. We have -- additionally, we have several other
- 12 matters that require ongoing maintenance from our
- 13 attorneys, whether they be outside counsel or whether
- 14 they be Osborn Maledon or Ballard Spahr. I think that
- 15 the -- is the AG ISA in there also?
- 16 MS. THOMAS: Yes.
- 17 MS. LARSEN: No.
- 18 MR. COLLINS: No? No. It's not. Okay.
- MS. LARSEN: No. It's not in external
- 20 legal services. It's a separate line item.
- 21 MR. COLLINS: Okay. So the other thing I
- 22 would note and the reason why 2014 is an important
- 23 reference point is because we are, in fact, still
- 24 litigating 2014 enforcement matters. In fact, the case
- 25 we argued at the Supreme Court in 20 -- in September 11

- 1 right now because of the way that the state is able to
- 2 drive down the cost of legal expenses for the state
- 3 through the Attorney General's procurement process, we
- 4 get a very good deal on our -- on our legal services,
- 5 honestly, compared to buying those on the open market.
- 6 And the attorneys that we work with are all very
- 7 scrupulous in terms of their billing.
- So I don't think it's -- I don't think it's
- 9 outrageous. I just think that 20 -- or I don't think
- 10 it's even -- I think it's notable, but I think if you
- 11 factor how much we spent in 2014, the risks that 2018
- 12 raises that are the same and the fact that we have an
- 13 actual live lawsuit that we don't know exactly where it
- **14** will go -- and we'll talk about that in the next agenda
- 15 item -- it's safer to be on the upside than the
- 16 downside and then the actual will, in all likelihood,
- 17 come down quite considerably from that.
- You know, I will note that every single
- **19** expenditure that we make for legal expenses is pursuant
- 20 to an express authorization from Attorney General Mark
- 21 Brnovich and his office. So there is not a single
- 22 expenditure that we have ever made that Mark Brnovich
- 23 does not -- has not given us the authority to go ahead
- 24 and spend.
- 25 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Thank you,

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- 1 of this year is from an enforcement that was done in
- 2 2014. And so I think there's an old adage that Joe
- 3 Kanefield puts out that presidential years are crazy
- 4 from an election administration perspective and state
- 5 election, general elections are crazy from a political
- 6 litigation perspective.
- 7 And so given that we had to provide -- as
- 8 Sara noted, we ended up spending under that projection
- 9 in 2014. I certainly don't want to be in a position
- 10 where -- you know, and part of this is optics. Part of
- 11 this is reality. No person who decides they want to
- 12 buck the Commission ought to think that the Commission
- 13 does not have the resources to enforce its orders
- 14 through legal means.
- And, on the other hand, you know,
- 16 continuing to come back to you for re-upping the amount
- 17 of money we are authorized to spend on lawyers does not
- 18 do us any -- it becomes then a talking point for folks
- 19 who don't like the act itself to say, oh, you're voting
- 20 for more legal expenses.
- 21 So I think Sara has a tendency to put -- to
- 22 project conservatively in two respects. We project
- 23 conservatively in terms of lower expectations of24 revenue and we project conservatively in terms of
- 25 higher expectations of expenditures. I think that

- 1 Mr. Chairman.
- 2 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Sara?
- 3 MS. LARSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 4 Okay. Let me take a moment to gather
- **5** myself on the slide.
- 6 Okay. So this -- this slide is an overview
- 7 of what we anticipate our revenues are going to be over
- 8 the next four years as to what our actual expenditures
- 9 are going to be over the next three years. So this is
- 10 not spending at the cap. This is what we anticipate
- 11 our actual expenditures will be. So you can see in our
- 12 election years we do anticipate that we will spend more
- 13 than we actually bring into the Fund, and in our
- 14 non-election years, we will not spend nearly the amount
- 15 that we bring into the Fund. And this is important
- 16 because our non-election years help us build up the
- 17 Fund in order to support our election years, our
- **18** spending in our election years.
- 19 So just a summary of the memo and the
- 20 spreadsheets that you received and what we're asking
- 21 you to approve. We're asking you to approve the 2018
- 22 expenditure cap at \$20,668,270. The additional caps
- 23 off of that are the public education and -- or the
- 24 public education cap and the administration and
- 25 enforcement cap. Each of those are \$2,066,827. The

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- 1 projected voter education expenditures that are
- 2 reasonable and necessary are \$4,588,100. Our projected
- 3 candidate funding is \$8,973,613.
- 4 And then our four-year revenue projections,
- 5 we do project that we will receive 7 million to \$7.4
- 6 million a year into the Fund. And as to Commissioner
- 7 Chan's question earlier, if the projected expenses --
- 8 if our projected expenses reach the annual expenditure
- 9 limit, the Fund balance will run negative in Calendar
- 10 Year 2020. So this is why we cannot spend at our cap
- 11 because if we spend at our cap, we would not have any
- 12 money in the Fund by the end of two years. And our
- 13 assumed expenses would exceed revenues by
- **14** \$54,270,000 -- \$270,580 -- sorry -- by 2021, resulting
- 15 in a Fund balance of negative \$25 million.
- 16 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, Sara.
- 17 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Chan.
- 18 COMMISSIONER CHAN: You know, it's not that
- 19 I expect us, obviously, to spend up to this expenditure
- 20 cap, but even if we just spend what we've spent in the
- 21 previous few years, it seems like we are still
- 22 operating at a deficit of a few million dollars. And I
- 23 think what Tom said, I guess, that kind of brings it
- 24 into -- you know, brings up what Tom said about our
- 25 revenues and, you know, the voter intent -- the voter

- So Tom and I talk a lot about this, and we
- 2 are of the mind that we do not have excess revenue or
- 3 excess funds in our Clean Elections Fund because if we
- 4 did and we made that determination, we would not -- at
- 5 some point, we would not have enough money to operate.
- 6 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner
- 7 Chan, I think just to amplify that point, I think -- I
- 8 think two things. One, you know, down the road we have
- 9 to look at a lot of different options. We've been
- 10 talking about this in a sporadic way over the course of
- 11 the Commission's year in terms of different issues.
- 12 Sara presents to you guys -- and it's usually attached
- 13 to the executive director's report -- our actuals on a
- **14** quarterly basis. And so you can keep track of how our
- 15 spending is going vs. the caps and the -- and the
- 16 budget that you set forward. And you'll find that we
- 17 ordinarily come in under.
- So, again, this is just a -- this is --
- 19 this is just a projection that's based on the most
- 20 conservative to the upside in terms of spending and the
- 21 most conservative to the downside in terms of revenue.
- 22 I think that because we provide actuals throughout the
- 23 year, you can monitor that as we go. And if you see
- 24 anything that stands out, I think -- I think we can
- 25 talk about that then.

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- 1 protection of our Fund.
- 2 And so I'm pretty concerned about what I'm
- 3 seeing with regard to the budget because even though it
- 4 looks much worse when you're comparing the expenditure
- 5 cap with actual revenues or projected revenues even,
- 6 even the actual expenditures are exceeding our
- 7 revenues.
- 8 So what do we do as a commission about
- 9 that?
- 10 MS. LARSEN: Right. And, Chairman,
- 11 Commissioner Chan, so we are going into 2018 with a
- 12 healthy balance. We have \$28 million, but our
- 13 projected expenditures for 2018 are \$17 million. So we
- 14 have had years previously -- I believe in 2010 our Fund
- 15 balance was down to \$11 million -- or 2011. After the
- 16 2010 elections it was down to roughly a million -- \$11
- 17 million. Did the microphone go off?
- 18 Okay. Sorry.
- 19 So, you know, our Fund balance waxes and
- 20 wanes. Depending on the election year, that happens,
- 21 and that we spend conservatively in our off election
- 22 years. And that's when, you know, we bank up a lot of
- 23 the revenues that come in, but if we determine that
- 24 there are excess funds in the Fund, we will not have
- 25 those revenues for our election year.

- In fact, Sara will be wrapping up in
- 2 January or February precisely what we spent in 2017
- 3 because we haven't gotten -- we're only at November in
- 4 terms of the processing of the bills for this year. So
- 5 we've got December bills to come. Those will get paid.
- 6 We'll have -- so that won't get reconciled until her
- 7 report you'll receive in January.
- 8 So it's important to make a distinction
- 9 between what we project and what we spend. The fact is
- 10 that we've always budgeted high, but it remains the
- 11 fact that as a matter of statutory clear statute, our
- 12 capacity is far in excess of our actual dollars in the
- **13** Fund. And that incongruity is something that over time **14** we will reach a delta where that becomes a real
- 15 problem. So we are cognizant of that. We raise it.
- 16 We are -- over the course of the last year, we've
- 17 started to focus more and more on it, especially as
- **18** things like the court issue arose.
- **19** So I think we're going to continue to look
- 20 at that, but all that having been said, as far as
- 21 actual spending, you'll get the actual spending for
- 22 2017 in January or February and then Sara -- I don't
- 23 know if you know. You may not -- you may not always
- 24 see it. You may not always notice it, but there are 25 quarterly updates that Sara provides on an ongoing

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- 1 basis just so we know where our -- where we are and
- 2 keeping track of it because, from our perspective,
- 3 putting aside the budgetary issues and making sure we
- 4 don't exceed any caps that are legally imposed and then
- 5 making sure that we're compliant with the budget that
- 6 we presented to you is something that the -- that we as
- 7 staff, you know, really is top priority.
- Before -- before we make any decisions, the
- 9 first question is, is it legally compliant with the
- 10 caps and is it compliant with what we've told the
- 11 Commission? And then -- and then we do provide that
- 12 information to you on and ongoing basis, and you're
- 13 free to ask any of those questions at any time.
- MS. LARSEN: Chairman, that's -- that's the 14
- 15 end of my presentation.
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Thank you for your report. 16
- 17 That's an excellent report and information that you've
- Commissioners, we have the request that --19
- 20 for approval of the 208 -- or 2018 expenditures cap
- 21 report.
- MR. COLLINS: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, we've 22
- 23 written a proposed motion item. We think that Sara's
- 24 summary memo captures the caps and projections that are
- 25 required of us under statute, and so we would ask that

- 1 we've -- the purpose of that memo was to do Items V-A
- 2 through C. So we're now on V-D, if I may.
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. So that's all
- 4 passed then?
- MR. COLLINS: Yes, except for V-D, which I
- 6 need to discuss separately with you.
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. Now we are in V-D:
- 8 Discussion and possible action on 2017 Attorney General
- Office Interagency Service Agreement.
- MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, commissioners,
- 11 this -- what I'm seeking here is -- and you have an
- exemplar of an earlier drafted ISA before Ms. Karlson
- and Mr. Larue were transferred to the agency counsel
- section. I'm working with the head of the agency
- counsel. There's a gentleman named Mark Nolan, who
- we've -- who's -- you may not know him, but he's an
- attorney we've worked with often and he's one of my
- personal administrative law heroes.
- So, anyway, what we have done for 19
- 20 purposes of -- because of the -- because of the
- 21 transfer and other issues, we -- or the AG's office is
- 22 halfway through its fiscal year, and we're at the close
- 23 of our calendar year.
- So I'm seeking authorization to -- we've
- 25 already allocated the money in our budget from last

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- 1 that memo be approved as the -- as the -- as meeting
- 2 the requirements of the act to make those projections
- 3 and establish those caps.
- COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Chairman?
- 5 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Meyer?
- COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Chairman, I move
- 7 that we approve the caps and projections as set forth
- 8 in the memorandum from Executive Director Collins and
- 9 Financial Affairs Officer Sara Larsen meeting with the
- 10 requirements of the act.
- 11 CHAIRMAN TITLA: There's a motion.
- 12 Is there a second?
- 13 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I second that.
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Second by Commissioner 14
- 15 Kimble.
- 16 All in favor say aye.
- 17 (Chorus of ayes.)
- 18 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Opposed?
- 19 (No response.)
- 20 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Abstain?
- 21 (No response.)
- 22 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Motion is passed.
- 23 The next item is possible action on
- 24 four-year revenue projections and excess monies.
- 25 MR. COLLINS: Yeah. So, Mr. Chairman,

- 1 year to do this, but I'm seeking specific authorization
- 2 to do an ISA to backfill the Attorney General's Office
- 3 for calendar year, CY -- or Calendar Year 2017 not to
- 4 exceed \$86,600; and then talk to Mr. Nolan and Aaron
- 5 McCarthy who is also in their agency counsel section
- 6 about doing a separate Interagency Service Agreement
- for the remainder of the fiscal year which will come
- back to you.
- 9 So -- so this is not anything new to the
- 10 Commission. It's simply I just wanted to give you a
- heads up on where we are and wanted to seek your
- approval to do an agreement that's essentially
- retroactive, but I need to be able to sign a contract
- 14 with Mr. Nolan -- well, with the AG's office through
- 15 Mr. Nolan before the end of the calendar year just so
- we can put a button on that. And that's my request.
- 17 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioners, for Item
- V-D, the director has asked to reach an agreement with
- 19 the Attorney General's Office for Calendar Year 2017
- 20 not to exceed a \$86,600.
- 21 COMMISSIONER MEYER: I have a question,
- 22 Mr. Chairman.
- 23 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Meyer?
- COMMISSIONER MEYER: So, Tom, do you
- 25 negotiate this? Do you have outside counsel help you

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- 1 with this, or do you think it's necessary?
- 2 MR. COLLINS: Well, we haven't in the past.
- 3 You know, if we get to a place with the go-forward
- 4 stuff where there's an issue, we will -- we will seek
- 5 that. The past is the past, as far as I'm concerned.
- 6 I -- you know, I think that -- I think that, you know,
- 7 Joe and Kara have been available to us. They've worked
- 8 with us on matters including the Ruvalcaba matter, and
- 9 so I don't have a problem. This is -- you know, this
- 10 is really a backfill of an expectation.
- 11 If something were to come up in the future
- 12 in terms of doing the next fiscal year -- you know, the
- 13 closeout of their fiscal year and for our next calendar
- 14 year, obviously, we would raise that issue, or if we
- 15 had to do that again, we would always raise that issue.
- 16 Thus far, that has not been an issue. We have had some
- 17 negotiations in the past over notice and role. I mean,
- 18 we, for example, like to have some notice about AG
- 19 opinions and we'd like to have some notice about when
- 20 they're making changes in our assigned attorneys
- 21 because we tend to develop a pretty close working
- 22 relationship with our assigned attorneys, those kinds
- 23 of things, you know.
- 24 So we may have some other performance
- 25 issues related to that we may want to raise with the

- 1 We go to the next item, Item VI:
- 2 Discussion and possible action on rule proposals. "A"
- 3 is R2-20-106, distribution of funds to certified
- 4 candidates, proposed rule change.
- 5 Director?
- 6 MR. COLLINS: Yes. Mr. Chairman, we are
- 7 asking for final approval of amendments to R2-20-106.
- 8 The amendments to R2-20-106 would require candidates to
- 9 return funds to the Clean Elections Fund with a
- 10 cashier's checks, to reconcile outstanding expenditures
- 11 with personal monies and allow the Commission staff to
- **12** determine and waive de minimis return of Fund amounts.
- .3 We've received public comment. I think you
- 14 see a late comment we just go from the Arizona Advocacy
- 15 Network and a comment from the League of Women Voters.
- 16 I think -- I don't know if it was just 109 and 111 or
- 17 106. It was all three? I haven't -- it's in your
- 18 packet. I haven't -- it's in there. Oh, it's just 109
- **19** and 111.
- 20 Okay. So -- so we have a comment from the
- 21 Arizona Advocacy Network on 106 supportive. That's the
- 22 only comment we received on 106. This is essentially
- 23 an administrative change to allow Sara and other staff
- 24 members to button up the end of the clean cycle and
- 25 place a time line on folks who fail to reconcile their

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- 1 AG's office. If those become an issue and we need
- 2 outside counsel, we would seek it, but I don't think
- 3 that has been an issue yet. We've never had to do it.
- 4 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Chairman?
- 5 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Meyer.
- 6 COMMISSIONER MEYER: I move that we7 authorize the executive director to reach an agreement
- 8 with the Attorney General's Office for Calendar Year
- **9** 2017 not to exceed 86,600.
- 10 CHAIRMAN TITLA: A motion has been made by
- 11 Commissioner Meyer.
- 12 Is there a second?
- 13 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Second.
- 14 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Kimble
- 15 seconds the motion.
- 16 Discussion?
- 17 (No response.)
- 18 CHAIRMAN TITLA: If not, all in favor say
- **19** aye.
- 20 (Chorus of ayes.)
- 21 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Opposed?
- 22 (No response.)
- 23 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Abstain?
- 24 (No response.)
- 25 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Motion is carried.

- 1 books that they're on the hook for those things.
- **2** For example, we've had folks come back
- 3 months after the fact and say, oh, I just found this
- 4 receipt and, goodness, it was -- it was supposed to be
- 5 paid for by Clean Elections money. It ought to return
- 6 my money. Will you cut us a check? We would like to
- 7 end that practice because we think it's on the
- 8 candidate to reconcile those because the statutes and
- 9 rules say they're supposed to reconcile that up front.
- 10 Likewise, having a de minimis return of
- 11 Fund amount creates an issue where we don't want to get
- 12 a three cent check because it costs the state more
- 13 money and us more money to process that check than it
- 14 does for us to actually collect it which, from a
- 15 fiduciary perspective, means we should just let that16 go.
- So that's -- that's it. It's that cut and
- 18 dry, very little comment on it. And so we would ask
- 19 that you approve the amendments to R2-20-106 as laid
- 20 out in the proposed exempt rulemaking that's attached
- 21 to your Item 6A on page 1 and 2 and 3.
- 22 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioners, a request
- 23 has made by the director.
- 24 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Chairman?
- 25 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Meyer.

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- COMMISSIONER MEYER: I move we approve the
- 2 amendments to Arizona Administrative Code R2-20-106.
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: A motion has been made by
- 4 Commissioner Meyer to approve R2-20-106.
- Is there a second?
- COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Second. 6
- 7 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Second by Commissioner
- 8 Kimble.
- 9 All in favor say aye.
- (Chorus of ayes.) 10
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Opposed? 11
- 12 (No response.)
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Abstain? 13
- (No response.) 14
- 15 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Motion is carried.
- We go to B now, R2-20-109, independent 16
- 17 expenditure reporting requirements.
- Director? 18
- 19 MR. COLLINS: Yes. Mr. Chairman, these
- 20 rules begin on Item VI, page 3, and carry over through
- 21 page -- through page -- through the end -- through the
- 22 beginning of page -- the first paragraph of page 6 of
- 23 your materials. We are asking here -- this is a
- 24 reaffirmation of R2-20-109. As you may recall, back in
- 25 the summer, the -- we ended up with this very strange

- 1 Code.
- Is there a second?
- 3 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Second.
- 4 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Second by Commissioner
- 5 Meyer.
- 6 All in favor say aye.
- 7 (Chorus of ayes.)
- 8 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Opposed?
- 9 (No response.)
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Abstain? 10
- 11 (No response.)
- 12 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Motion is carried.
- The next item is VI-C, which is R2-20-111, 13
- 14 non-participating candidate reporting requirements and
- 15 contribution limits.
- 16 Director?
- MR. COLLINS: Yes. Mr. Chairman, this, 17
- 18 again, is the same issue. You'll see the substance of
- the rules start at page 7 of this item. We're asking
- for the same motion. You know, again, it serves the
- same function and we think -- you know, I think one of
- the reasons that we did this, in addition to wanting to
- clean up the Arizona Administrative Code, footnotes and
- 24 such that the Secretary's Office has put in is to
- 25 provide an opportunity for folks to opine on this given

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- 1 situation where the Secretary's Office and the
- 2 Governor's Regulatory Review Council and us all through
- 3 the Secretary's Office published notices respecting
- 4 R2-20-109.
- Our goal here is to have a clean Arizona
- 6 Administrative Code. R2-20-109 has been and continues
- 7 to be the law in Arizona and we simply are asking for
- 8 this reaffirmation which we hope and believe, in fact,
- 9 should and would be shocked and dismayed if any
- 10 other -- anything else were to happen -- should clean
- 11 up the Arizona Administrative Code as published by 12 Secretary Reagan because this is a clean -- this is a
- 13 clean version. It has nothing to do with the invalid
- 14 notice that GRRC provided to the Secretary's Office.
- 15 So we would ask that you reapprove
- **16** R2-20-109 at this time.
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioners, a request 17
- **18** has been made by the director to approve R2-20-109.
- 19 Any discussion? Motion?
- 20 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman.
- 21 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Kimble.
- 22 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I move we reapprove
- 23 Arizona Administrative Code R2-20-109.
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: A motion has been made by
- 25 Commissioner Kimble to approve R2-20-109 Administrative

- 1 all of the stuff that the -- GRRC has done. Whether it
- 2 be valid or not, they've talked a lot.
- I think it's interesting to note that only
- 4 the Arizona Advocacy Network and the League of Women
- Voters have weighed in on this. They both support this
- 6 as 109. And so, again, we's ask that you reapprove
- 7 R2-20-111, and I'm happy to answer any questions about
- 8 that.
- 9 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioners, a request
- 10 has been made by the Director to reapprove Arizona
- 11 Administrative Code R2-20-111.
- Is there any discussion or a motion? 12
- 13 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman?
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Kimble. 14
- 15 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I move we reapprove
- 16 Arizona Administrative Code R2-20-111.
- 17 CHAIRMAN TITLA: A motion has been made by
- **18** Commissioner Kimble to approve R2-20-111.
- 19 Is there a second?
- 20 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Second.
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Second by Commissioner 21
- 22 Meyer.
- 23 All in favor say aye.
- 24 (Chorus of ayes.)
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Opposed? 25

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- 1 (No response.)
- 2 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Abstain?
- 3 (No response.)
- 4 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Motion is carried.
- 5 The next item -- the next item is VII:
- 6 Discussion and possible action on Arizona Advocacy
- 7 Network, et al., vs. State of Arizona, et al.
- 8 Director?
- 9 MR. COLLINS: Yes. Mr. -- Mr. Chairman --
- 10 and I'll try to keep this as brief as possible.
- 11 Nate Arrowsmith, who is an associate at
- 12 Osborn Maledon, who's been working us on this
- 13 throughout, is here to answer questions. I wanted to
- 14 make a few comments in public session and then I think
- 15 that Nate and I go would recommend we go into executive
- 16 session at some point, but the upshot is as, we
- 17 mentioned in the executive director's report last
- 18 month, the Arizona Advocacy Network, a union and a
- 19 number of Democratic lawmakers who were -- who -- I
- 20 think who believe their vote's validity was denied
- 21 because of the Voter Protection Act under Senate Bill
- 22 1516 filed a lawsuit.
- We were served with that lawsuit and have
- 24 agreed with counsel for AZN, et al., to extend our time
- 25 to respond to January 8th. We would file, in all

- 1 privileges certain speakers with tax status based on
- 2 their entity formation and discriminates against
- 3 others.
- 4 And that, finally, there's an argument
- 5 under Article 7, Section 16 of the Arizona Constitution
- 6 which requires the legislature to have -- or the people
- 7 to have -- not only to be political committees, but
- 8 that those political committees publish their
- 9 contributions and their expenditures before and after
- 10 the election and that publicity be paid for for those
- 11 expenses.
- So that's sort of the broad claim. My bet
- 13 is that the Commission and the Secretary and the State
- 14 and GRRC are all brought into the suit because each of
- 15 us play a role in the implementation of Senate Bill
- 16 1516 to one degree or another. So if AZN, et al.,
- 17 wants to seek some form of relief and if they have some
- 18 specific relief they're seeking, they would need any or
- 19 all of those folks to be bound by it.
- 20 So with that as public comment, I think it
- 21 might be appropriate to briefly go into executive
- 22 session so that Nate can talk to you a little bit more
- 23 about the tactical and strategic issues related to
- 24 that, if there's a motion to go into executive session.
- 25 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. Is there a motion

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- 1 likelihood, an answer at that time. I think it's
- 2 reasonable to foresee that the state -- the Secretary
- 3 of State and the Governor's Regulatory Review Council
- 4 will file some form of motion to dismiss. Whether or
- 5 not -- that's speculation, but I think it's a safe bet.
- 6 The lawsuit in substance deals with some
- 7 specific provisions of Senate Bill 1516 and then an
- 8 overall framework set forth by both the state
- 9 constitution and the federal and state constitution. I
- 10 think the federal constitution, as far as equal
- 11 protection.
- And just to summarize the claims, the Voter
- 13 Protection Act claims pertain to, in effect -- or the
- 14 effect of the Clean Elections Act having been passed in
- 15 1998 and incorporating certain terms, those terms
- 16 having been amended without a super majority or
- 17 advancing the purpose of the Clean Elections Act by
- 18 argument of, you know, AZN's position. You know,
- 19 their -- they seek an injunction on some of those
- 20 provisions.
- 21 They seek an equal protection claim based
- 22 on the fact that the "predominant purpose" definition
- 23 that is incorporated into the political action
- 24 committee definition that is incorporated into the
- 25 political committee definition in Senate Bill 1516

- 1 to go into executive session on this issue?
- 2 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman, I move
- 3 we go into executive session.
- 4 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Kimble moves
- 5 to go into executive session on this matter.
- 6 Second?
- 7 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Second.
- 8 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Chan seconds.
- 9 All in favor say aye.
- 10 (Chorus of ayes.)
- 11 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Opposed?
- 12 (No response.)
- 13 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Abstain?
- 14 (No response.)
- 15 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Motion is carried.
- We are in executive session at 10:48 a.m.
- 17 (The following section of the meeting is in
- 18 executive session and bound under separate cover.)
- 19 *****
- 20 (End of executive session. Public meeting
- **21** resumes at 11:08 a.m.)
- 22 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. We are in public
- 23 session.
- 24 Let's go to -- is there a -- we had
- 25 discussion on Item VII, the Arizona Advocacy Network

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- 1 case.
- 2 Is there any discussion or possible action
- 3 by the Commission on this issue?
- 4 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Chairman?
- 5 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Meyer.
- 6 COMMISSIONER MEYER: I'll make a motion to
- 7 direct our counsel to file an answer to the complaint
- 8 filed by the Arizona Advocacy Network as we discussed
- 9 with counsel during executive session.
- 10 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Is there a second to the
- 11 motion by Commission Meyer?
- 12 COMMISSIONER PATON: Second.
- 13 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Paton seconds
- **14** the motion.
- 15 All in favor say aye.
- **16** (Chorus of ayes.)
- 17 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Opposed?
- 18 (No response.)
- 19 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Abstain?
- 20 (No response.)
- 21 CHAIRMAN TITLA: The motion is carried.
- We go to Item VIII: Discussion and
- 23 possible action on authorization of staff to approve
- 24 second payment of Calendar Year 2017 ISA with the
- 25 Arizona Secretary of State's Office.

- 1 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I move we approve the
- 2 executive director to evaluate compliance with the
- 3 Secretary of State's ISA and approve final payment if
- 4 project is complete to his satisfaction.
- 5 CHAIRMAN TITLA: A motion by Commissioner
- 6 Kimble has been made as stated.
- 7 Is there a second?
- 8 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Second.
- 9 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Second.
- 10 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Chan seconds.
- 11 All in favor say aye.
- **12** (Chorus of ayes.)
- 13 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Opposed?
- 14 (No response.)
- 15 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Abstain?
- 16 (No response.)
- 17 CHAIRMAN TITLA: The motion is carried.
- We go to Item IX: Discussion and possible
- 19 action on MUR 17-02 and 17-03, American Federation for
- 20 Children.
- 21 Director?
- MR. COLLINS: Yes. Mr. Chairman, we
- 23 received a complaint which is Exhibit 1 to the proposed
- **24** conciliation agreement respecting a group known as the
- 25 Arizona Federation for Children that made an

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- 1 Director?
- 2 MR. COLLINS: Yes. Commissioners, this is
- 3 a quick item. The date for the second payment which is
- 4 \$50,000, far less than our earlier payment to the
- 5 Secretary of State, is January 2nd. That means that
- 6 because we won't meet in the intervening time that I'm
- 7 just requesting your authorization to apply my judgment
- 8 to whether or not they have sufficiently complied with
- 9 the -- with the ISA to allow for me to authorize Paula
- 10 to issue that payment when the time comes.
- 11 I'll say I have a meeting with the staff
- 12 from the Secretary of State's this afternoon to go over
- 13 where they're at and make sure we're on track. I think
- 14 that we'll be able to do that. If something happens,
- 15 I'm certainly -- certainly you'll be made aware of it
- 16 before then, but I think we're on track in that
- 17 respect. And so I just ask for the authorization to
- 18 apply my judgment to their performance to issue that
- 19 final payment on the ISA, and there is a proposed
- 20 motion for that, I think, in your packet.
- 21 CHAIRMAN TITLA: A request has been made by
- 22 the director as stated.
- Any discussion or motion by the Commission?
- 24 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman?
- 25 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Kimble.

- 1 expenditure related to a candidate. We have secured
- 2 with them an agreement to -- to file a report with
- 3 respect to that amount. They also made some
- 4 expenditures in District 26 that were below our
- 5 threshold. That is what MUR 17-03 is.
- 6 So what I would ask, unless you have any
- 7 specific questions related to this -- this was on our
- 8 agenda last month, then we had to delay it. I'm
- 9 comfortable with this result. Although it does not
- 10 require a fine, it does ensure that -- it does
- 11 recognize that our reporting requirements are not the
- 12 same as those that have been proposed in 16 -- in
- 13 A.R.S. 1516 or in 8 -- it's Senate Bill 1516 and 14 codified in A.R.S. 926 and that the respondent avows
- 15 that these are accurate numbers and -- and the
- 16 candidate and the respondent agrees to file complete
- 17 expenditure reports regarding state legislative offices
- **18** going forward. And I think it's overall a good
- **19** agreement and resolves the matter.
- 20 I'm happy to answer any questions, but I'd
- 21 ask your approval to authorize me to execute this
- 22 conciliation agreement. And just as a side note, I
- will be dismissing, because they're in compliance, MUR
- 24 17-03 following this meeting and your approval of
- 25 the -- of the conciliation agreement for my execution.

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1	CHAIRMAN TITLA: Any discussion or	1	COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Second.
	questions or possible action by the Commission on the	2	CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Kimble
	request made by the director?	-	seconds.
4	COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman?	4	All in favor say aye.
5	CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Kimble.	5	(Chorus of ayes.)
6	COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I move we authorize	6	CHAIRMAN TITLA: Opposed?
	Executive Director Collins to execute the conciliation	7	(No response.)
	agreement with the American Federation for Children in	8	CHAIRMAN TITLA: Abstain?
	MUR 17-02.	9	(No response.)
10	CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Kimble makes	10	CHAIRMAN TITLA: We're adjourned at 11:19
	a motion.		a.m.
12	Is there a second?	12	Thank you, everyone. Happy holidays.
13	COMMISSIONER MEYER: Second.	13	COMMISSIONER MEYER: Be safe.
14	CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Meyer	14	CHAIRMAN TITLA: Be safe.
	makes seconds.	15 16	(Whereupon, the proceedings concluded at 11:16 a.m.)
16	All in favor say aye.	16	11.10 a.III. <i>)</i>
17	(Chorus of ayes.) CHAIRMAN TITLA: Opposed?	18	
18 19	(No response.)	19	
20	(No response.) CHAIRMAN TITLA: Abstain?	20	
21	(No response.)	21	
22	CHAIRMAN TITLA: Motion is carried.	22	
23	The next item is Item X: Public comment.	23	
24	Anyone wish to make a comment?	24	
25	MR. COLLINS: Any public comment? No. No	25	
2.5	WIR. COLLINS. 7 my public comment. 110. 110	2.5	
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		1	STATE OF ARIZONA)
	public comment. I think we just need a motion to		
2	1'	2	COUNTY OF MARICOPA)
	adjourn.	2	COUNTY OF MARICOPA) BE IT KNOWN the foregoing proceedings were
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