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Arizona Citizens
Clean Elections Commission

Dear Voter:

2020 is going to be an important year for our state and country. We have the chance to lend our voice to democracy. Voters will be selecting their next president of the United States, considering ballot measures, and electing officials for federal, state and local offices. These officials will represent voters in our democratic process.

This is why it's so important you've joined us for the **We the Voters** conference. This is your chance to prepare for the elections next year. Because at the end of the day, despite all of the money in politics and the ads and mailers, elections come down to one thing, you, the voter.

You are the most important part of the system. It's about you, the voter. It's about We the Voters, and our impact on 2020.

Arizona's Citizens Clean Elections Commission is your voter education resource, all to help you participate in the political process.

Respectfully,

Mark Kimble, Chair Galen D. Paton Amy B. Chan Damien R. Meyer Steve M. Titla

Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission

What is Clean Elections?

Clean Elections is a non-partisan commission founded in 1998 after Arizona voters passed the Citizens Clean Citizen Elections Act (A.R.S. Title 16, Chapter 6, Article 2) to root out corruption and promote confidence and participation in our political process.

<u>Voter Education</u>: We provide voters with non-partisan election information, tools and resources so they can vote informed. This includes sending a Voter Education Guide to every household with a registered voter and sponsoring candidate debates.

<u>Clean Campaign Funding</u>: We provide campaign funding to candidates who run for state offices in Arizona, who agree not to accept special interest money.

<u>Enforcement:</u> We conduct audits and investigate complaints to ensure clean funding and other political spending is in compliance with the Clean Elections Act and Rules.



ALL DAY EVENTS

Registration (Opens at 7:15 a.m.), Main Hall Entrance
Exhibitor Hall & Family Zone, Room 121ABC

Device Charging Stations & Post Session Speakers Q&A, Room 123

8:00 a.m. Opening Remarks, Honorable Kate Gallego, Room 122ABC

8:15 a.m.

Main Session: Presidential Preference Election, Amy B. Chan: Learn what a PPE is, how it works, relevant legal opinions, why it's important and most importantly, who gets to vote. **Room 122ABC**

<u>Breakout Session A:</u> How Your Vote is Secured, Ken Matta: Learn what steps Arizona is taking to secure our elections and helpful tips for voters. **Room 125AB**

<u>Breakout Session B:</u> Voting 101, Rey Valenzuela: Are you a first time voter in Arizona? Or maybe it's just been a while? Get an introduction or refresher into the voting experience. **Room 126AB**

<u>Breakout Session C:</u> Clean Elections, Tom Collins: Learn about the history of the Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission (the host of this conference), and how they help voters participate in the political process. **Room 126C**

9:15 a.m.

<u>Main Session:</u> General Election, Bo Dul & Thad Hall: Learn about this momentous election, a breakdown of the electoral college, and how your voice can be heard. **Room 122ABC**

<u>Breakout Session A:</u> <u>Elections Projections</u>, Garrett Archer: Hear Arizona's Data Guru discuss our current political landscape and why Arizona is a battleground state. **Room 125AB**

<u>Breakout Session B:</u> The Voter to do List, Christine Dyster: Do you like checking things off of your list? Us too! Christine will walk voters through the things they can do now to prepare for the 2020 elections. **Room 126AB**

<u>Breakout Session C:</u> GenZ & GOTV, Galen Paton: Learn about our next generation of voters, their rising numbers and get our the vote efforts. **Room 126C**

10:15 a.m.

<u>Main Session:</u> *Primary Election*, Honorable Adrian Fontes: Learn all about the upcoming primary, what it means for independent voters and how the results shape the general election ballot. *Room 122ABC*

<u>Breakout Session A:</u> Civics 101, William Robb: Let's go back to the basics and learn why we even have elections, what elected officials are responsible for, and how the issues you care about connect to the ballot. Room 125AB

<u>Breakout Session B:</u> Working Across Perspectives, Dr. Paul Carrese: In this hands on workshop, Dr. Carrese will supply voters with tips for fostering civil discourse as we head into 2020. **Room 126AB**

<u>Breakout Session C:</u> *Life of a Ballot*, Allen Tempert: Ever wonder where your ballot comes from, who decides what is printed on it and how it is counted? Allen will talk about how this precious piece of paper is created, securely handled and accurately counted. *Room 126C*

11:15 a.m.

<u>Keynote Address:</u> The Media Perspective, Mi-Ai Parrish: The media plays an important role in covering elections and communicating information to the public. From campaign coverage, to editorial board endorsements, to calling elections, the fourth estate is a direct line of election information to voters. Mi-Ai Parrish, our distinguished keynote speaker, will showcase how voters are impacted by the media in the political process. **Room 122ABC**

12:00 p.m. -1:00 p.m.

<u>Break:</u> Coffee and pizza are available for purchase at Flat Out Pizza and City Central Coffee, located in the *metroMarché*.

1:00 p.m.

<u>Panel:</u> Political Party Perspective: Moderated by Lauren Gilger. Panelists: Howard Blitz, Felecia Rotellini and Dr. Kelli Ward. Hear from the state party chairs about their platforms and priorities for the 2020 election. Learn what each party stands for and how they plan to connect with voters and encourage participation in this momentous election year. **Room 122ABC**

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2:00 p.m.

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<u>Breakout Session A:</u> Money in Politics, Jeremy Duda: Ever wonder who pays for all those campaign ads on TV? What about those glossy mailers that arrive in your mailbox? Jeremy will share simple tips with voters on how to learn who's paying the bills in campaigns and what to expect in 2020. **Room 125AB**

<u>Breakout Session B:</u> *Voting Trivia*, Honorable Leslie Hoffman: Do you love trivia? So do we! Join us while we make learning fun and test your voting knowledge. *Room 126AB*

<u>Breakout Session C:</u> Voters with Disabilities, Rights & Resources, Renaldo Fowler: Did you know that 1 in 5 people eligible to vote has a disability? It's important for voters to know what their voting rights are and the resources available to them so they can vote independently. **Room 126C**

3:00 p.m.

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<u>Breakout Session B:</u> Voting Down the Ballot, Alec Shaffer, Christina Estes-Werther, Tara Hampton, Eric Hammons: Presidential electors may be at the top of your ballot, but what's on the bottom can be equally important. Learn about all of the items that will appear on your ballot, from top to bottom! **Room 126AB**

Breakout Session C: No session scheduled.

4:00 p.m.

<u>Main Session:</u> General Election, Bo Dul & Thad Hall: Learn about this momentous election, a breakdown of the electoral college, and how your voice can be heard. **Room 122ABC**

<u>Breakout Session A:</u> <u>Independent Voters</u>, Tom Collins: Did you know independent voters make up the second largest voting bloc in the state? Hear from Tom Collins, fellow independent voter, on the steps independents need to take to participate in the 2020 elections. *Room* 125AB

<u>Breakout Session B:</u> Social Media & Politics, Hayley Shanks: Millions of voters will find their social media feeds flooded with political posts. Whether it's a targeted ad, a friend's post or a news outlet, it can be overwhelming. Our social media guru will provide voters tips on navigating social media during an election. **Room 126AB**

<u>Breakout Session C:</u> <u>Elections Q&A/Conference Wrap Up</u>, Gina Roberts: Still have questions about elections, or want to know about something that wasn't covered in the program? Now's your chance to ask away. Open session available for questions and to provide feedback to the Citizens Clean Elections Commission on the We the Voters conference. **Room 126C**

4:45 p.m. Conference closes

Get to Know your Commission

MARK KIMBLE, Chairman

Independent | Pima County

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

AMY B. CHAN, Commissioner

Republican | Maricopa County

Senate Democratic Leader Katie Hobbs appointed Amy B. Chan, a Republican, to the Citizens Clean Elections Commission for a 5-year term expiring January 31, 2022. Amy B. Chan was admitted to the State Bar in 1999. Initially, she worked as an immigration attorney. In 2001 she began work as a legislative research analyst for the House Judiciary Committee. She was an Administrative Law Judge for the Corporation Commission from 2005-2006 and then returned to the legislature as Policy Advisor and Counsel to the Majority for the State Senate. In 2009 Secretary of State Ken Bennett appointed her State Election Director. She served in that capacity until 2013, when she left to spend more time with her growing family. She and her husband Keith have two sons and live in Phoenix.

DAMIEN R. MEYER, Commissioner

Democrat | Maricopa County

Governor Jan Brewer appointed Damien R. Meyer to the Citizens Clean Elections Commission to serve a term ending January 31, 2019. Damien R. Meyer is an experienced commercial litigation attorney. Damien has extensive experience in representing both individuals and businesses and negotiation of pre-litigation disputes to avoid formal litigation. He also has extensive experience in representing clients in formal litigation in Arizona State and Federal courts, the Arizona Court of Appeals, in private arbitrations and before several state administrative agencies.

Get to Know your Commission

GALEN D. PATON, Commissioner

Republican | Pima County

Governor Doug Ducey appointed Galen D. Paton, a Republican, to the Citizens Clean Elections Commission for a 5-year term expiring January 31, 2021. Commissioner Paton obtained his Master of Arts in Physical Education from the Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. He has had a long and rewarding career coaching high school and college softball, volleyball and basketball teams in the southwest. In 2005, he led Sabino High School to the Arizona 4A State Championship and a No. 4 ranking in the country. The Arizona Coaches Association and the National Fastpitch Coaches Association crowned Mr. Paton coach of the year. Mr. Paton is currently a member of the Realty Executives Tucson Elite group.

STEVE M. TITLA, Commissioner

Democrat | Gila County

Senate Democratic Leader Leah Landrum Taylor appointed Steve M. Titla in July 2013. Mr. Titla is a partner in the Titla & Parsi law firm and is admitted to practice law both in Arizona and on the San Carlos Apache Reservation. The firm represents the San Carlos Apache Tribe as special counsel and has also served as legal counsel for the election boards of the San Carlos Apache and San Juan Southern Paiute Tribes. Previously, Mr. Titla was an attorney with the Navajo Nation Department of Justice and has served as president of the National Native American Bar Association From 1974-76 Mr. Titla served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He also served in the Arizona National Guard until his honorable discharge in 1980.



Biographies—Special Guests

HONORABLE KATE GALLEGO

Mayor, City of Phoenix

Mayor Kate Gallego has spent her career working to find solutions to complex problems. Prior to being elected as Mayor, she served for five years as the City Councilwoman for District 8, a large district covering much of South Phoenix. Her record of proven results includes leading the campaign to pass Phoenix's citywide transportation plan through 2050 and working to ensure equal pay for equal work.

While on the council, Mayor Gallego helped make Phoenix a leader in job creation and worked with police and firefighters to improve public safety and make neighborhoods more secure.

In March 2019, Mayor Gallego became the second elected female Mayor in Phoenix history and the youngest big-city Mayor in the United States. Mayor Gallego is passionate about building a Phoenix that works for everyone, including her two-year-old son, Michael, and she led the effort to partner with AARP to make Phoenix a city where seniors can thrive. She believes everyone should have access to cutting edge medical care and has led on expanding Phoenix's biomedical campus. Mayor Gallego is working to grow the city's economy, create jobs, and stand up for the city's core values.

Prior to being elected Mayor to the city that she loves, Mayor Gallego worked on Strategic Planning and Economic Development for the utility company, Salt River Project. She worked to attract new companies and jobs to Phoenix. Mayor Gallego graduated from Harvard University and earned an MBA from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

Biographies—Special Guests

MI-AI PARRISH

Sue Clark-Johnson Professor in Media Innovation and Leadership & CEO and President of MAP Strategies Group

Mi-Ai Parrish is the Sue Clark-Johnson Professor in Media Innovation and Leadership. She also is the CEO and President of MAP Strategies Group, based in Phoenix.

Previously, she was president and publisher of USA TODAY NET-WORK Arizona, The Arizona Republic and azcentral.com. She served as president and publisher of the Kansas City Star and kansascity.com for four years and president and publisher of Idaho's largest media company for five years prior to that. She was a journalist for 15 years, ranging from the Chicago Sun-Times, San Francisco Chronicle, The Arizona Republic, (Minneapolis) Star-Tribune and Virginian-Pilot.

Parrish is the recipient of the 2017 Athena Businesswoman of the Year, 2017 Asian Corporate and Entrepreneur Leader Champion, 2016 PSA Behavioral Health Champion and winner of Best Opinion Writing for USA TODAY NETWORK.

She is an award-winning writer and international speaker. Her commentaries on the First Amendment and leadership have reached millions worldwide and been covered by international media. She serves as secretary of Greater Phoenix Leadership, vice-chairwoman of Banner Health Foundation and on numerous other boards.

Parrish was the first female publisher of the Kansas City Star, the first Korean-American publisher in mainstream media and the first minority to serve as publisher of The Arizona Republic.

Biographies—Main Session Speakers

AMY B. CHAN

Clean Elections Commissioner

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SAMBO "BO" DUL

State Election Director

Sambo (Bo) Dul joined the Secretary of State's office as the State Elections Director in January 2019. Before that, she was a partner in the Political Law Group at Perkins Coie LLP, where she focused on election and voting rights litigation, international anticorruption compliance and investigations, and immigrant and refugee rights pro bono work. Bo grew up in Tempe and received bachelor's degrees in Economics, Political Science, and Spanish from Arizona State University. She received her Master's in Public Affairs from Princeton University and Juris Doctorate from New York University School of Law. After law and graduate school, she practiced law at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP in New York and clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit before moving back home to Arizona six years ago. She and her husband, Ryan, have two little girls, Kora (4) and Lilah (1).

Biographies—Main Session Speakers

HONORABLE ADRIAN FONTES

Maricopa County Recorder

Adrian Fontes is an Arizona native born and raised on the border in Nogales. His active duty service in the United States Marine Corps solidified his love of country and made him a strong advocate of the US Constitution. He took this passion back to finish his undergraduate degree with summa cum laude honors at Arizona State University, and then to the University of Denver where he received his Juris Doctorate. After law school, Mr. Fontes worked for the Denver DA's Office prior to returning to Arizona to continue his prosecuting career with the Maricopa County Attorney and then the Arizona Attorney General. With the Arizona AG, he headed the Foreign Prosecution Unit in the Fraud and Public Corruption Section of that office. Mr. Fontes left government service for private practice where he made his way from working in local Justice Courts, through Superior Courts and eventually to several cases before the US Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit.

Adrian Fontes lives in Phoenix with his wife Mona and their three daughters. He is an avid musician, college football fan and supporter of his community. Adrian Fontes is a member of the National Association of Counties Telecommunications and Technology Policy Steering Committee and graduated in 2019 having met the requirements to achieve a Certified Elections/Registration Administrator (CERA) designation. CERA is the elections profession's highest designation.

Adrian Fontes serves as the 29th Recorder and is the first Latino to serve as a countywide elected official in Maricopa County, Arizona.

THAD HALL

Coconino County Elections Director

Thad Hall is the Elections Director in Coconino County, Arizona. He has worked in elections for over 18 years, including on the professional staff of the National Commission on Federal Election Reform, as a consultant to U.S. Election Assistance Commission, the Federal Voting Assistance Program, and as Interim Director of Elections and Voter Registration in Richland County, South Carolina. Thad has written several books and numerous articles on election administration, election management, election audits, and voting technology. He has a Ph.D. from the University of Georgia.

Biographies—Panel Discussion

LAUREN GILGER

Host, Original Productions, KJZZ News

Lauren Gilger is an award-winning journalist whose work has impacted communities large and small, exposing injustices and giving a voice to the voiceless and marginalized. She is dedicated to building community through storytelling and believes everyone has a story to tell.

Gilger worked as an investigative producer and reporter for ABC15 News in Phoenix after earning her master's degree in broadcast journalism from the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication in 2011, where she was named Outstanding Graduate Student.

She was the recipient of the prestigious George Foster Peabody Award and an Edward R. Murrow Award in 2013 after her work forced one of the world's largest automakers to recall more than 700,000 SUVs.

Her work has uncovered the systemic separation of immigrant families in the detention system, put pressure on the FDA to review a controversial form of birth control that has injured women worldwide, and exposed the backlog of untested rape kits in the country's sixth-largest metro area.

In the Valley, Gilger has worked as a contributor for the Phoenix New Times and a clerk at the East Valley Tribune. Nationally, her work has appeared in the Washington Post and on ABC's Nightline. She earned her undergraduate degree from Fordham University, studying French, visual arts and American Catholic studies.

Journalism is in Gilger's blood. She grew up in newsrooms as her mother worked at newspapers across the country.

Biographies—Panel Discussion

HOWARD BLITZ

Chair, Arizona Libertarian Party

Howard Blitz is a dynamic and success-oriented business and educational leader with over forty years experience and a proven record of accomplishments in owning a business and teaching.

Born and raised in Oak Park, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, Howard attended the University of Arizona where he received both his Bachelor and Master degrees in Business Administration.

He has worked as an economic research assistant for the Bank of Hawaii and has taught Human Resources Management for Northern Arizona University. Howard also taught economics and political science, teaching classes in economics, American Politics, State and Local Politics, and the Arizona and United States Constitution for Arizona Western College. He currently is an adjunct professor at Arizona Western College teaching the Arizona and U.S. Constitution and a former adjunct professor for the University of Phoenix teaching classes in economics, finance, and the U.S. Constitution.

Howard is the founder and director of The Freedom Library in Yuma, Arizona. Since its creation over twenty years ago, The Freedom Library has promoted an understanding and acceptance of the Freedom Philosophy, inclusive of the concept of a free market, private property, and a limited government way of life, and the moral and intellectual principles which form the basis of a free society. Scholarships are awarded to individuals who complete The Freedom Library Education and Scholarship Program.

Howard is a retired State Farm Insurance agent of 38 years helping individuals with all of their insurance and financial needs. He and his wife, Nancy, have been married for 48 years and they have three daughters and five grandchildren.

Biographies—Panel Discussion

FELECIA ROTELLINI

Chair, Arizona Democratic Party

Felecia Rotellini is an attorney, politician, and serves as the current Chairwoman of the Arizona Democratic Party. Rotellini twice ran for attorney general in 2014 and 2010 and served as director of the Arizona Department of Banking under Governor Janet Napolitano. Felecia is devoted to turning Arizona blue in 2020.

DR. KELLI WARD

Chair, Arizona Republican Party

Dr. Kelli Ward was elected the 23rd Chairman of the Republican Party of Arizona (RPAZ) on January 26, 2019. She is a proud wife and mom, and the second woman to be elected chairman of the state party. Ward is a family physician, two-term state senator, and former candidate for the U.S. Senate. She is a strong proponent of smaller government, lower taxes, and individual liberty.

GARRETT ARCHER

Data Analyst, ABC15 Arizona

Garrett Archer brings a unique background in data analysis to ABC15. Garrett was Senior Elections Analyst for the Arizona Secretary of State. He tweeted as The AZ Data Guru (@Garrett Archer) with Sesame Street's "The Count" as his avatar. Garrett developed a large local and national following that sought his perspective on voter registration, turnout, demography, and horserace polls relevant to Arizona and the nation. He has also performed research and methodology work with Owens-Harkey Predictive Insights (OHPI); as well as tech work for both the California and Arizona Republican parties. Garrett's a native of California and earned his BA in Political Science from Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles, California.

DR. PAUL CARRESE

Director & Professor, ASU School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership

Paul Carrese is the founding Director of the School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership at Arizona State University. For nearly two decades he was a professor of political science at the United States Air Force Academy. He is author of The Cloaking of Power: Montesquieu, Blackstone, and the Rise of Judicial Activism, and co-editor of three other books – on George Washington, constitutionalism, and American grand strategy. His most recent book is Democracy in Moderation: Montesquieu, Tocqueville, and Sustainable Liberalism. He has held fellowships at Harvard University; the University of Delhi (as a Fulbright fellow); and the James Madison Program, Politics Department, Princeton University.

THOMAS M. COLLINS

Executive Director, Clean Elections

Tom Collins is Executive Director of the Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission. As executive director he is responsible for day-to-day operations for the Commission, a five-member board that administrates and enforces Arizona's Citizens Clean Elections Act, including its education and campaign finance programs. Collins was an assistant attorney general for the Arizona Attorney General's office, focused on election law, appeals, and attorney general opinions. He clerked for Justice Scott Bales (2005-06) and the late Justice Michael Ryan (2007-10) of the Arizona Supreme Court.

JEREMY DUDA

Associate Editor, Arizona Mirror

Associate Editor Jeremy Duda is a Phoenix native and began his career in journalism in 2003 after graduating from the University of Arizona. Prior to joining the Arizona Mirror, he worked at the Arizona Capitol Times, where he spent eight years covering the Governor's Office and two years as editor of the Yellow Sheet Report. Before that, he wrote for the Hobbs News-Sun of Hobbs, NM, and the Daily Herald of Provo, Utah. Jeremy is also the author of the history book "If This Be Treason: the American Rogues and Rebels Who Walked the Line Between Dissent and Betrayal."

CHRISTINE DYSTER

Community Relations Team Lead, Maricopa County Recorder

Christine Dyster started working for the Maricopa County Recorder's Office in January 2017 as a member of the Community Relations Team. As Community Relations Team Lead, she has worked to make basic voter information more accessible through tools like the Election Checklist and the Voter Registration Toolkit. In 2018, she got the opportunity to be embedded in the Election Department on special assignment for the November General Election. She has a Bachelor's in Political Science from Wheaton College, MA and a Masters of Public Policy from ASU. Christine is now the Public Information Officer for the Recorder's Office.

CHRISTINA ESTES-WERTHER

General Counsel, League of Arizona Cities and Towns

Christina Estes-Werther is the General Counsel for the League of Arizona Cities and Towns. Prior to her hire in 2015, she was appointed by Secretary Bennett as the State Election Director in 2013. She has been a licensed attorney for over 10 years and has also worked as a Research Analyst at the State Senate and Deputy General Counsel for the Governor's Office. She has been a Certified Election Officer since 2007, works as an election troubleshooter for Maricopa County, and conducts trainings to local governments on election issues, open meeting law, public records, and ethics. Christina graduated from the University of Arizona with a bachelor's degree in Family Studies and Human Development and earned her J.D. from Gonzaga University School of Law in Spokane, Washington. She enjoys singing, watching and reading science fiction, and spending time with her husband of 20 years and her shih-tzu Holly.

RENALDO FOWLER

Senior Staff Advocate, Arizona Center for Disability Law

Renaldo is a Senior Staff Advocate with the Arizona Center for Disability Law (ACDL) where he has been employed since 1984. Renaldo ioined ACDL following his graduation from ASU and has worked in the disability field for the past 36 years. Presently, he is working extensively with laws affecting students with disabilities within the educational system. He has been a voice in the state regarding racial discrimination in student discipline, as well as the disproportionality and overidentification of African Americans students in special education. Renaldo has successfully developed numerous trainings related to special education and positive behavior supports relating to restraint and seclusion in schools. Renaldo is co-founder of the African American Conference on Disabilities (AACD). The AACD is the only comprehensive conference in the U.S. that addresses the intersection between race and disability. In 2014, Renaldo was promoted to Coordinator of the Help America Vote Act, Protection and Advocacy Voting Assistance program (PAVA). The purpose of PAVA, is to ensure full participation in the electoral process for individuals with disabilities, including registering to vote, casting a vote and accessing polling places.

ERIC HAMMONS

Commissioner, Judicial Performance Review

Eric is a management consultant with over 20 years of experience specialized in improving business operations and implementing large business transformation initiatives. Eric has led numerous projects that have enhanced organizational, team, and individual performance. Eric's areas of expertise include: process improvement using lean methodology, organization development, change management, business transformation, project management, organization design, stakeholder readiness and communication planning, training delivery and training development, team leadership and coaching, and team building.

TARA HAMPTON

Santa Cruz County Elections Director/Clerk of the Board

Tara Hampton was born in Ft. Huachuca, AZ and is the oldest daughter of a set of twins by Willie and Doris Hampton. Her twin brother is Damon Hampton, who also works in the election field. Tara's introduction into public service started at an early age, when she saw her parents do their work as public servants for most of her childhood. Tara's parents were positive role models and a strong influence in her life. They showed her that service to your community and the people that live there is important. With that in mind, Tara developed a foundation to honor the legacy of her parents by serving her community with passion, integrity and dedication.

Tara accepted the role of Clerk of the Board/Elections Director in Santa Cruz County in April 2019. She has worked directly with cities, towns, school districts and special taxing districts as the primary point of contact in assisting the jurisdictions participation in elections facilitated by the Elections Department. She has also spent time educating the public by providing Election Day training to over 700 poll workers. Tara has worked with the Democratic, Republican and Libertarian party chairs and precinct committee persons.

Tara's public servant activities include; former Vice Chairperson/Commissioner for the Housing Authority of the City of Eloy, Pinal County Elections early voting, receiving and provisional boards and Library Advisory board member for the City of Eloy. She's a member of the Election Officials of Arizona and an active member of the education committee. Aside from her other talents, Tara is a certified grant writer and a certified Election Official of Arizona. In her spare time Tara enjoys reading, astronomy, watching documentaries, researching history, and growing in her faith and spirituality.

HONORABLE LESLIE HOFFMAN

Yavapai County Recorder

Leslie Hoffman was appointed to serve as the Yavapai County Recorder by the Board of Supervisors on January 1, 2012 after 23 years in the Title Industry. In November 2012, Ms. Hoffman was elected to the office by the voters of Yavapai County and was re-elected in November, 2016. The Recorder's office is responsible for recording documents and preserving them as permanent public records. The Recorder also oversees the County's Voter Registration office, which is responsible for maintaining the voter rolls, early voting and the Permanent Early Voting List.

Ms. Hoffman is a member of the Arizona Association of County Recorders and is the current President; she's a member of the Election Officials of Arizona, Election Center, serves as the 1st Vice President of the Arizona Association of Counties (AACo), is the Chairman for the Statewide Voter Registration Database Steering Committee, sits on the National Association of Counties (NACO) Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs and is on the Circle of Advisors for the National Vote at Home Institute and Coalition.

Leslie also holds a CERA certification (Certified Elections Registration Administrator) through the Election Center and Auburn University; this is a national elections administrator certification.

KEN MATTA

Information Security Officer, Secretary of State

Ken Matta serves as the Information Security Officer and election security lead for the Arizona Secretary of State's Office. He has over 16 years of election-related IT experience, ranging from logic and accuracy testing for election equipment statewide to assisting with the development of the statewide election security plan. Ken has been a state-certified election officer for 12 years. He is especially passionate about providing necessary resources and assistance to our Arizona counties relating to election security, working as a liaison between the counties and the Secretary of State.

Ken is the chairman of the Arizona Vote Count Verification Committee and a voting member of the Arizona Enterprise Security Program Advisory Council. He also works closely with our federal, military, and state partners such as the DHS, the FBI, the Arizona Counter-Terrorism Information Center and the Arizona Cybersecurity Taskforce to strengthen Arizona's election security posture. When not defending democracy, he enjoys spending time with his daughter, working on and driving muscle cars, and riding motorcycles.

GALEN D. PATON

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WILLIAM ROBB

Educator

Billy Robb has been teaching history and government in Arizona for the past five years. He also hosts the Political Notebook podcast, a bi-weekly audio show discussing state, local, and national policy issues. A Phoenix native and graduate of Arizona State University, he started his career teaching psychology and coaching basketball in Southern California. He has a master's degree in theology from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley. He currently resides in Tempe with his wife, Wendy, and their dog, Copper.

GINA ROBERTS

Voter Education Director, Clean Elections

Gina Roberts is the Voter Education Director for the Citizens Clean Elections Commission. She administers a robust public education program that strives to encourage participation in the political process from voters across the state. Gina is well versed in election policy and administration, and her experience includes administering elections for the City of Peoria and serving as the Elections Manager for the Secretary of State. Gina graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in Political Science and has been a certified election officer since 2009. Her work has been honored by the Arizona Capitol Times "Breakouts 2018" award and PRWeek "Best in Public Sector Campaigns" 2019 award. Gina is a 2019 Fellow of the Flinn-Brown Civic Leadership Academy.

ALFC SHAFFER

Web Content Manager, Clean Elections

Alec Shaffer currently serves as the Web Content Manager for the Citizens Clean Elections Commission. Alec provides consultative services, technical guidance and administrative expertise to executive staff, candidates and Arizona voters. In addition, Alec assists the administration, voter education and enforcement divisions with the design, development, implementation and evaluation of a variety of programs. Previously, Alec served as the Lead Lobbyist Specialist in the Election Services Division of the Arizona Secretary of State's Office. Prior to becoming the Lead Lobbyist Specialist, Alec interned at the Arizona State Senate for the 51st legislature. He was assigned to the Commerce, Energy & Military committee where he was able to witness firsthand the importance of Arizona's legislative process. Mr. Shaffer became a certified election officer in 2014 and graduated Magna Cum Laude from W. P. Carey School of Business, Arizona State University in May of 2013.

HAYLEY SHANKS

Social Media Manager, RIESTER

Hayley Shanks is a Social Media Manager at RIESTER, a Phoenix-based advertising agency. She works on big picture social media strategy and day-to-day tactical execution for a diverse slate of clients, including the Citizens Clean Elections Commission. A Kansas City native, Hayley graduated from the University of Kansas with degrees in journalism and Spanish.

ALLEN TEMPERT

Mohave County Elections Director

Allen has held the position of Mohave County Elections Director since his arrival to Arizona in August 2002. Prior to his arrival in Kingman, Allen lived his whole life in the Pittsburgh Pennsylvania area where prior to his arrival in Mohave County he held the position of Director of Elections and Chief Registrar for Beaver County Pennsylvania for almost 5 years. Prior to administering elections in Pennsylvania, Allen worked for over 8 ½ years at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) located in the heart of Pittsburgh. While at CMU Allen worked in various department throughout the university concentrating in areas of budget administration at both the college department and central administration levels. While working full-time at CMU Allen received his Masters of Public Management degree from the same university. In addition to his Master's degree Allen also possesses a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Pittsburgh and an Advanced Certification in Accounting from Duquesne University. Both Universities are located in the greater Pittsburgh Area.

The most often asked question of Allen is what brought him all the way from Pennsylvania to the Southwest. Allen always answers that from the moment that he entered the career of elections administration, a career that he thoroughly enjoys, he knew that he had found his life's calling. He says that since he spent his entire life in Southwest Pennsylvania that it was time to take a career that he loves and perform it in completely different environment allowing him the chance to explore other parts of this great country. He enjoys both the governmental structural challenge as well as the change in the physical environment.

The second most asked question of Allen is if he feels that he made the right move. Allen always answers that he never regrets the move for one moment and next to marrying his wife Mary Pat and having his two sons Alex and Zackary that it was the smartest thing that he ever did

REYNALDO VALENZUELA JR.

Maricopa County Election Director

As the Director of Early Voting & Election Services, I support the management of several election processes and oversee the department heads to include those in candidate/campaign filing, tabulation and the political party & jurisdictional services divisions. Additionally, I direct the leads in the Early Voting department that presently service the 2.3 million registered voters; with almost 1.7 million of those voters on a Permanent Early Voting List. I love being part of the Recorder's Office that champions a process that strives to allow voters to have their voice heard through the sound of their vote. I have been in the field of elections for over 30 years and for the past 13 have served as one of the two Representatives from Arizona on the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Standards Board. This year I was elected by the 110 Standard Board members to serve as the Vice Chair on the Executive Board. On a personal level. I consider my most rewarding venture to be my family - and my wife Sally, son Xavier and I are all "born and raised" Arizonans, which is as rare as unicorns.

2020 Important Election Dates

Presidential Preference Election

Voter Registration Deadline: February 18, 2020

• Early Voting Begins: February 19, 2020

• Election Day: March 17, 2020

Primary Election

Voter Registration Deadline: July 6, 2020

• Early Voting Begins: July 8, 2020

• Election Day: August 4, 2020

General Election

Voter Registration Deadline: October 5, 2020

• Early Voting Begins: October 7, 2020

• Election Day: November 3, 2020

I Pledge to Vote Because I Care About:



Voter Tools by Clean Elections

VOTER EDUCATION GUIDE

Mailed to every household with a registered voter in the primary and general election. Digital and alternative versions are available for download on our website. We also provide these to community centers and libraries.

DFBATFS

We host debates in every legislative district and broadcast statewide debates on Arizona Horizon. You can also watch online!

MY VOTER DASHBOARD

Visit the Voter Dashboard on our website and enter your address to see all of your personalized voting information—your election date, your candidates, your elected officials and more.

CANDIDATE COMPASS

Discover where the candidates stand on issues that matter to you. Simply answer a few questions and see how your views line up with the candidates' views.

ID AT THE POLLS

Quickly see what identification you need to vote at the polls on Election Day with this short quiz.

All available on our website: azcleanelections.gov

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will encourage citizen participation in the political process,

and will promote freedom of speech under the U.S. and Arizona Constitutions.



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