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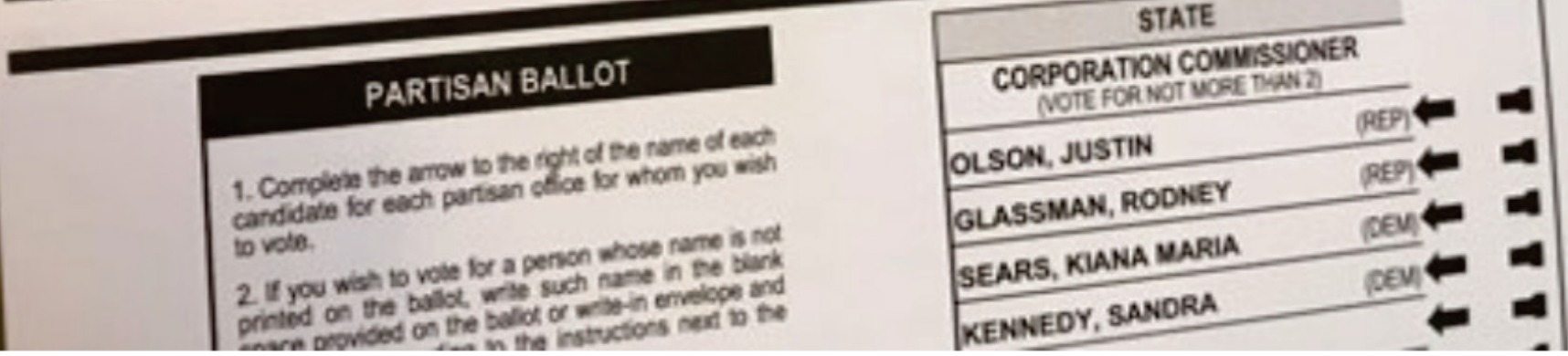
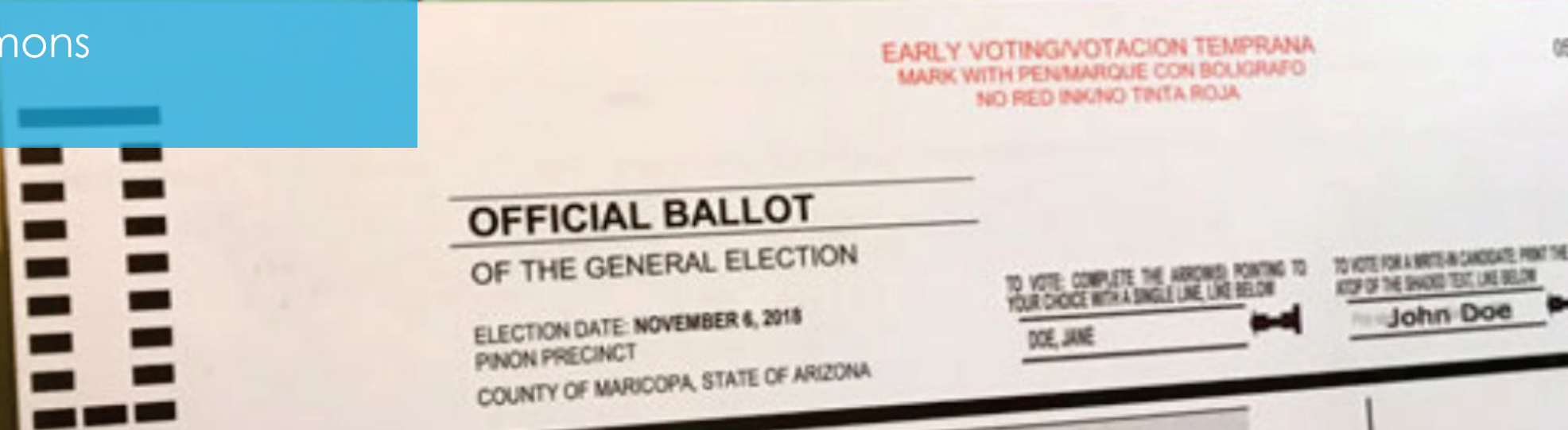
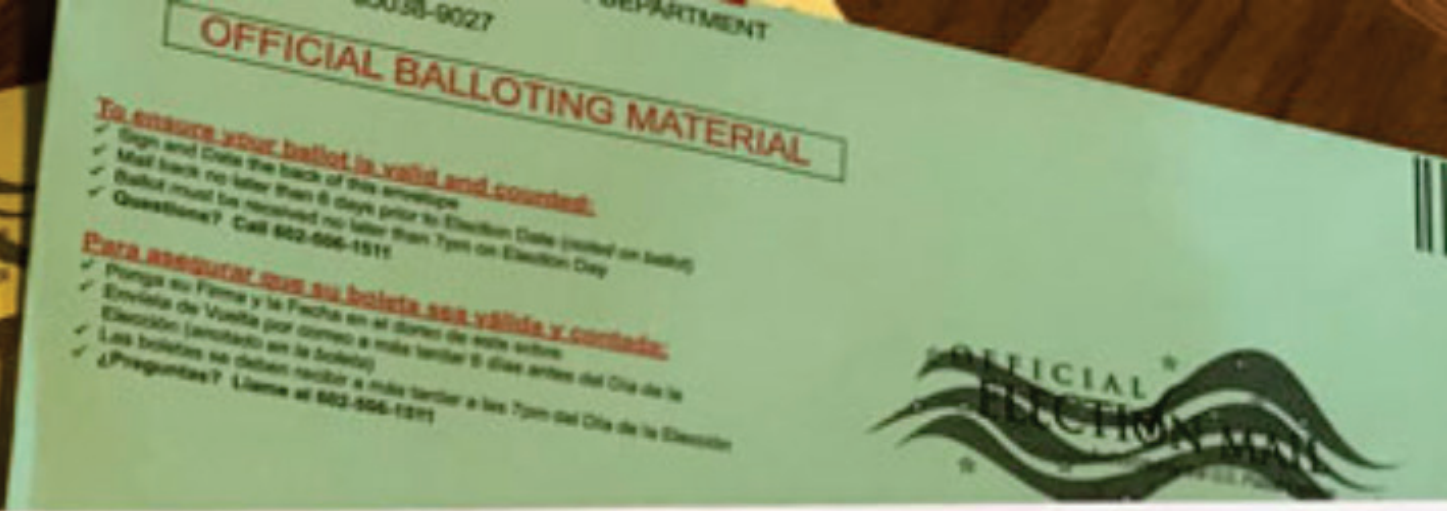
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Voting Down the Ballot –

# Judicial Retention Elections

Commissioner Hammons



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*Having worn a judicial robe for almost thirty years and won five times in partisan elections, I am sincerely concerned about the obscene amount of money that floods into judicial campaigns and the damage it has done to our beloved judicial system.*

- Sue Bell Cobb, Former Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court

*There is a strong statistical relationship between contributions to judicial election campaigns and judicial decisions, but there is no statistically significant relationship between money and voting in retention elections.*

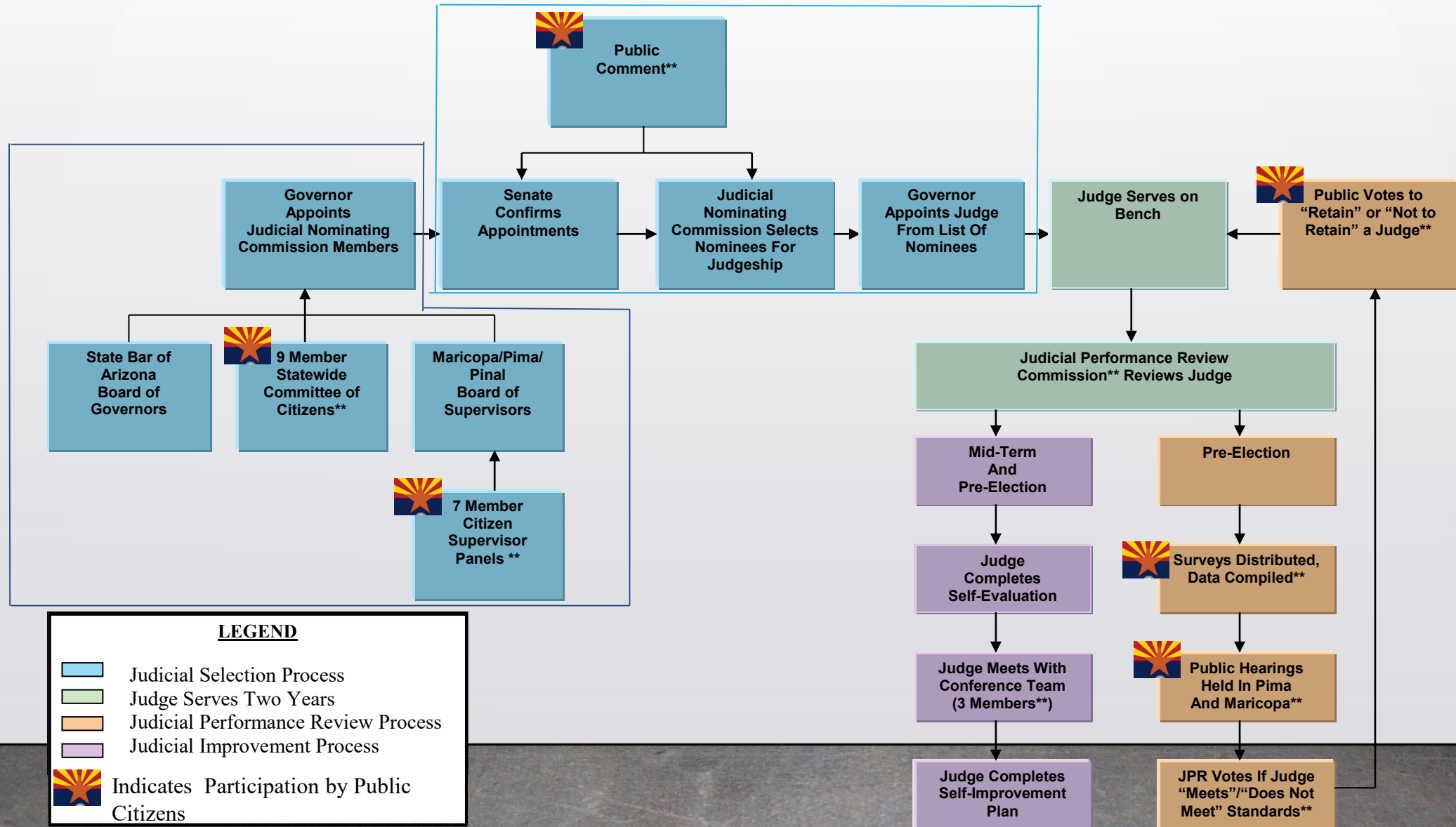
- Study by The American Constitution Society

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce endorsed Arizona's merit selection system as a best practice model.

- Best Practices Guide to Commission-Based Judicial Selection,  
by the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform

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# AZ's Judicial Selection and Retention Process



# Purpose of the Judicial Performance Review (JPR) Commission

*JPR protects the independence of the judiciary while creating public accountability for good judicial performance.*

- Assist voters in evaluating the performance of judges standing for retention election
- Facilitate the self-improvement of all judges subject for retention election
- Promote appropriate judicial assignments
- Identify needed judicial education and training programs

# Public Resource for Informed Voting – [azjudges.info](http://azjudges.info)

## Website Contains Links to:

- Survey Results
- Detailed Reports
- Judge Bios
- Decisions of AZ Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Justices

Judge	Commission Vote	Meet Votes	Does Not Meet Votes
<b>All Arizona Voters</b>			
[REDACTED]	Meets JPR Standards	32	0
<b>Maricopa County Voters Only</b>			
[REDACTED]	Meets JPR Standards	32	0
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[REDACTED]	Meets JPR Standards	32	0
[REDACTED]	Meets JPR Standards	32	0
[REDACTED]	Does Not Meet JPR Standards	14	17
[REDACTED]	Meets JPR Standards	31	0
[REDACTED]	Meets JPR Standards	32	0
[REDACTED]	Meets JPR Standards	32	0

The screenshot shows the website's search results page. At the top, there is a 'Home' link and social media icons for Twitter and Facebook. A message states 'No matching records found.' Below this, there are links for 'Arizona Supreme Court' and 'Superior Court in Pinal County'. A dropdown menu is open, showing a list of counties: Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai, and Yuma. A red circle highlights the dropdown menu, with a red arrow pointing to it from the text 'Click Here'. Below the dropdown, there is a 'More Information?' link. The main content area shows a judge profile for a Maricopa County Superior Court judge, appointed in 2005. A yellow callout box states: '44% of the Commission Voted Judge [REDACTED] MEETS Judicial Performance Standards. 14 Commissioners Voted 'Meets', 17 Commissioners Voted 'Does Not Meet''. Below the profile, there is a table for the year 2016, showing survey results for Attorney, Juror, and Litigant Witness surveys. A checkbox for 'Show Surveys from Prior Years' is visible.

2016	Attorney Surveys	Juror Surveys	Litigant Witness Surveys
	Distributed: 129 Returned: 25 <a href="#">Detailed Report</a>	Distributed: 18 Returned: 4 <a href="#">Detailed Report</a>	Distributed: 103 Returned: 0 <a href="#">Detailed Report</a>
	Score (See Footnote)	Score (See Footnote)	Score (See Footnote)
Legal Ability	81%	n/a	n/a
Integrity	82%	85%	n/a
Communication	75%	92%	n/a
Temperament	88%	75%	n/a
Admin Performance	88%	83%	n/a
Settlement Activities	80%	n/a	n/a

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