



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

Location: Citizens Clean Elections Commission

1616 West Adams, Suite 110

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Date: Thursday, November 19, 2020

Time: 9:30 a. m.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the Commissioners of the Citizens Clean Elections Commission and the general public that the Citizens Clean Elections Commission will hold a regular meeting, which is open to the public on November 19, 2020. This meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Citizens Clean Elections Commission, 1616 West Adams, Suite 110, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. The meeting may be available for live streaming online at <https://www.youtube.com/c/AZCCEC/live>. You can also visit <https://www.azcanelections.gov/clean-elections-commission-meetings>. Members of the Citizens Clean Elections Commission will attend either in person or by telephone, video, or internet conferencing. **This meeting will be held virtually.** Instructions on how the public may participate in this meeting are below. For additional information, please call (602) 364-3477 or contact Commission staff at ccec@azcanelections.gov.

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taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing Council staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

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The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Discussion and Possible Action on Commission Minutes for August 27, 2020 and October 7, 2020.
- III. Discussion and Possible Action on Executive Director's Report.
- IV. Discussion and Possible Action on 2020 General Election Overview
- V. Discussion and Possible Action on Selection of Chairperson for 2021.
- VI. Public Comment
This is the time for consideration of comments and suggestions from the public. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or rescheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date or responding to criticism
- VII. Adjournment.
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Dated this 17th day of November, 2020.

Citizens Clean Elections Commission
Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director

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<p>Page 2</p> <p>1 PUBLIC MEETING BEFORE THE CITIZENS CLEAN 2 ELECTIONS COMMISSION convened at 9:30 a.m. on August 27, 3 2020, at the State of Arizona, Clean Elections 4 Commission, 1616 West Adams, Conference Room, Phoenix, 5 Arizona, in the presence of the following Board members: 6 Mr. Galen D. Paton, Chairperson (telephonic) 7 Mr. Damien R. Meyer (telephonic) 8 Ms. Amy B. Chan (telephonic) 9 Mr. Mark S. Kimble (telephonic) 10 11 OTHERS PRESENT: 12 Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director 13 Paula Thomas, Executive Officer 14 Gina Roberts, Voter Education Director, 15 (telephonic) 16 Mike Becker, Policy Director 17 Alec Shaffer, Web Content Manager 18 Julian Arndt, Executive Support Specialist, 19 (telephonic) 20 Avery Oliver, Voter Education Specialist, 21 (telephonic) 22 Dustin Romney, Assistant Attorney General 23 24 25</p>	<p>09:31:50-09:32:40</p> <p>Page 4</p> <p>1 Is there any discussion? 2 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, this is 3 Commissioner Chan. 4 CHAIRMAN PATON: Yeah. 5 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I move to approve the 6 minutes as written. 7 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. And do we have a 8 second? 9 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Commissioner 10 Kimble -- 11 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Second, Commissioner 12 Meyer. 13 CHAIRMAN PATON: A second by Commissioner 14 Meyer. And we need to do a roll call. 15 Commissioner Chan? 16 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I vote aye. 17 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Meyer? 18 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Aye. 19 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Kimble? 20 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Aye. 21 CHAIRMAN PATON: And Commissioner Galen 22 Paton, I vote aye, as well. And we are accepting the 23 minutes. 24 And Item III: Discussion and possible 25 action on Executive Director's report.</p>
<p>09:30:41-09:31:48</p> <p>Page 3</p> <p>1 PROCEEDING 2 3 CHAIRMAN PATON: All right. This is 4 Chairman Galen Paton with the Clean Elections 5 Commission, and I am going to call our meeting to 6 order. 7 Agenda Item I to call to order is -- 9:30 8 in the morning, August 27, 2020, and I call this 9 meeting of the Citizens Clean Elections Commission to 10 order. 11 And we'll now take attendance. Each 12 Commissioner, please, state your presence for the 13 record. 14 Commissioner Chan? 15 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Thank you. This is 16 Commissioner Chan. I'm here. 17 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Meyer? 18 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Here. 19 CHAIRMAN PATON: And Commissioner Kimble? 20 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I'm here. 21 CHAIRMAN PATON: And this is Commissioner 22 Galen Paton, and I'm here, as well. 23 And we're going to go to Item II: 24 Discussion and possible action on minutes of the 25 June 25th meeting.</p>	<p>09:32:43-09:34:33</p> <p>Page 5</p> <p>1 Mr. Collins? 2 MR. COLLINS: Thank you, Chairman, Members. 3 Thank you all for -- for being here today. 4 I just wanted to -- you've got the 5 Executive Director's report. I think you can see we've 6 had quite a lot of activity with -- in voter education. 7 We've had -- we've had -- Avery has been doing a 8 tremendous amount of outreach. He was featured on a 9 PBS Horizon -- the news show on Phoenix PBS station on 10 July 22nd. That was -- that was really a great 11 opportunity for us. 12 And -- and so, we're -- despite the 13 technologic -- or the various circumstances that, you 14 know, we've -- we've really been able to -- Avery and 15 Gina have really been able to still be out in the -- in 16 the community, talking to voters and other folks who 17 are involved in elections. 18 We did -- you know, we have a note about 19 the turnout in the Primary. Obviously, we're bearing 20 down on the General Election. We will be -- we're 21 working right now on the Voter Education Guide, which 22 is -- which will be coming out on October 7th. 23 And we are, also -- and this is one of the 24 ideas that, Mr. Chairman, you brought forth earlier in 25 the year was being involved in the U.S. Senate debate,</p>

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<p>1 and we are going to be sponsoring -- cosponsoring that</p> <p>2 with "The Republic" and KAET, which is the Phoenix PBS</p> <p>3 station, ASU and KJZZ, as well as the Southern Arizona</p> <p>4 affiliates. So, that's very exciting, and we -- that</p> <p>5 will be a first time for us. And that's -- and we're</p> <p>6 really pleased that that's coming together.</p> <p>7 Alec has been working around the clock, as</p> <p>8 far as I can tell from my emails, on continuing to keep</p> <p>9 our website updated with respect to all of the</p> <p>10 information that we can generate from counties and</p> <p>11 local jurisdictions for our website, including</p> <p>12 information about the voting process for each county.</p> <p>13 And I think that, you know, it's a lot of work. Alec</p> <p>14 has really been doing a lot of work on that, but we're</p> <p>15 really, also, pleased that we're able to coordinate</p> <p>16 with the counties the way we have.</p> <p>17 And so, we're still doing the social</p> <p>18 distancing in the office, and we've had -- I would say</p> <p>19 one thing I just want to highlight real quick is, you</p> <p>20 know, that we did have some issues with check delivery</p> <p>21 to candidates. Those situations are resolved. Those</p> <p>22 were partially due to COVID-19 issues, partially due to</p> <p>23 candidate issues, but we are going to be -- you know,</p> <p>24 we -- you know, by two years from now, we don't think</p> <p>25 that that will be an issue. We have had -- I mean,</p>	<p>1 report, obviously, please -- I think, you know, Avery</p> <p>2 and Gina are here but on the phone, and Mike is here.</p> <p>3 And Paula is here, as well. So -- Alec is taping us,</p> <p>4 as you know.</p> <p>5 So, anyways, if you have any questions for</p> <p>6 anyone, please shoot, and I -- otherwise, that</p> <p>7 concludes my report, Mr. Chairman.</p> <p>8 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman?</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN PATON: Yes, Commissioner Chan.</p> <p>10 COMMISSIONER CHAN: This is Commissioner</p> <p>11 Chan. I actually don't have any questions about the</p> <p>12 report specifically. I just, kind of, wondered about</p> <p>13 the well being of the staff, how everybody is doing.</p> <p>14 MR. COLLINS: Well, I think that's -- I</p> <p>15 think that's related to the report, and we do have a</p> <p>16 section in there on our administrative staff we're</p> <p>17 taking around.</p> <p>18 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I guess, I shouldn't</p> <p>19 say it's not related. It is related. Obviously, it's</p> <p>20 related.</p> <p>21 MR. COLLINS: Well, it is. It is. We have</p> <p>22 a line in there that -- for this purpose.</p> <p>23 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Okay.</p> <p>24 MR. COLLINS: I would say this. I mean, we</p> <p>25 have, I think, through the beginning of this --</p>		
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<p>1 these are things that come up occasionally,</p> <p>2 notwithstanding COVID, but we just wanted to highlight</p> <p>3 those.</p> <p>4 And, then, I think that, you know, the rest</p> <p>5 of the issues here, I just wanted to really quickly get</p> <p>6 the -- there's a couple of cases out there that we are</p> <p>7 either involved in or have been monitoring that we</p> <p>8 don't -- we don't -- we're not expecting a resolution</p> <p>9 anytime soon, necessarily, but could be. The one</p> <p>10 update there on the Legacy Action Fund case is that</p> <p>11 Legacy Action Fund did file their answering brief. So,</p> <p>12 that case is -- you know, we're waiting for the</p> <p>13 decision on that case now.</p> <p>14 And, then, finally, the GRRC -- the</p> <p>15 Governor's Regulatory Review Council, staff has</p> <p>16 recommended approval of the 5-Year-Review Report we</p> <p>17 submitted in late June, and we had a study session on</p> <p>18 Tuesday, which went -- I think, which went well. They</p> <p>19 have their business meeting on Tuesday -- this Tuesday.</p> <p>20 And, you know, we're hopeful that that will move</p> <p>21 forward.</p> <p>22 So, those are the things I wanted to</p> <p>23 highlight. I don't want to go on too long. I'm,</p> <p>24 obviously, happy to take questions or, if you have any</p> <p>25 questions for anyone else on staff related to the</p>	<p>1 Mr. Chairman, if I may, Commissioner Chan.</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN PATON: Sure.</p> <p>3 MR. COLLINS: You know, at the beginning of</p> <p>4 the summer, as we worked on accommodating and working</p> <p>5 through some of the COVID issues, you know, we had --</p> <p>6 you know, I think that was very -- we worked very hard</p> <p>7 to get us, as an agency, to a place where we can</p> <p>8 continue where we would -- where no one would be able</p> <p>9 to see any changes in our operations, other than the</p> <p>10 changes we made, for example, in terms of debates in</p> <p>11 order to actually facilitate them happening.</p> <p>12 I think that over the course of the last</p> <p>13 few months, we've been able to find, you know, places</p> <p>14 where we can -- where we can make sure that we are</p> <p>15 providing all the services we need to without putting</p> <p>16 any unnecessary strain on anyone on staff. We do</p> <p>17 try -- I mean, obviously, anyone is, I guess, free to</p> <p>18 interject here or disagree with me if you're a staff</p> <p>19 member, but we've tried -- we've tried to make sure</p> <p>20 that we are in a position where we can optimize the,</p> <p>21 you know, folks' -- staff members' ability to balance</p> <p>22 all of the different issues that are being triggered</p> <p>23 by -- by COVID.</p> <p>24 And I think that the culture of the</p> <p>25 Commission over time -- and certainly even dating</p>		

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<p>1 before I got here -- has been focused on getting the</p> <p>2 work done. And I think that that's just part of -- I</p> <p>3 mean, we're -- I'm lucky, in terms of being an</p> <p>4 executive director, to be able work with folks who, I</p> <p>5 think, are, you know, supremely competent and</p> <p>6 dedicated.</p> <p>7 And then -- but -- and, also, I hope we</p> <p>8 have a culture that allows folks to be able to talk to</p> <p>9 either their direct supervisor or to me about making</p> <p>10 sure things are going okay. So, if things aren't -- if</p> <p>11 things aren't, I don't know.</p> <p>12 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Well -- and,</p> <p>13 Mr. Chairman, Tom, I ask -- I mean, I guess, you know,</p> <p>14 theoretically, I think, if people weren't okay, I</p> <p>15 guess, an open meeting might not be the place they want</p> <p>16 to say it, but I just -- you know, I think -- I</p> <p>17 assume -- I won't presume to speak for the other</p> <p>18 commissioners, but you know, you all are very much on</p> <p>19 my mind. I think about you guys all the time.</p> <p>20 I mean, Clean Elections -- I follow our</p> <p>21 accounts on Twitter and on Facebook and, you know, you</p> <p>22 guys have been helpful in -- you know, Avery and</p> <p>23 Gina -- I know Avery created the toolkit with Gina.</p> <p>24 They worked hard to put together a toolkit for this</p> <p>25 high school civics club that I have come into contact</p>		<p>1 the -- on the report that Avery and Gina and Alec and</p> <p>2 the whole staff are out there, you know, promoting</p> <p>3 voter education, promoting awareness. And it's really,</p> <p>4 really appreciated during this -- during this time.</p> <p>5 So, thank you.</p> <p>6 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman, this is</p> <p>7 Commissioner Kimble.</p> <p>8 CHAIRMAN PATON: Yes.</p> <p>9 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: First of all, let me</p> <p>10 echo what both of my colleagues said.</p> <p>11 Second of all, Tom, under GRRC, were there</p> <p>12 any questions, or anything, at the study session?</p> <p>13 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner</p> <p>14 Kimble, I don't want to jinx anything, but we got</p> <p>15 asked -- there were two questions -- well, one question</p> <p>16 but related to two items.</p> <p>17 I will say this, that the chairperson of</p> <p>18 GRRC, who is, also, the council for the Department of</p> <p>19 Administration, has a, I think -- I think, you know,</p> <p>20 has asked -- she asked one question, which she asked of</p> <p>21 everyone who's got a 5-Year Report, which is an</p> <p>22 appropriate question to ask, which is, you know, to get</p> <p>23 more detail on the steps we proposed in the -- our</p> <p>24 5-Year Report -- prior 5-Year Report to deal with some</p> <p>25 of the issues that we then had -- were then -- as</p>	
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<p>1 with and, you know -- so, I know there's still so much</p> <p>2 work going on.</p> <p>3 And I felt bad even asking, but I've had so</p> <p>4 many people approach me just to help with voter</p> <p>5 registration questions because we've got so many people</p> <p>6 interested. And I know our work goes on, but I worry</p> <p>7 about -- I guess, I'm not worried. I'm just concerned</p> <p>8 and I care about our staff's well being as human</p> <p>9 beings, and I want you all to know that. And I know</p> <p>10 the other commissioners must feel the same way. So, I</p> <p>11 just wanted to put that out there and let you guys know</p> <p>12 that that's how I'm feeling and just say thank you.</p> <p>13 Hopefully, you guys know that already.</p> <p>14 MR. COLLINS: Well, I think -- I mean, I</p> <p>15 think I speak for everyone when I say I think we all --</p> <p>16 I think we all appreciate that and we know that, but</p> <p>17 it's always -- it's always good to hear.</p> <p>18 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Chairman,</p> <p>19 Commissioner Meyer.</p> <p>20 CHAIRMAN PATON: Yes, Commissioner Meyer.</p> <p>21 Go ahead.</p> <p>22 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Just a couple of</p> <p>23 comments in the similar vein as to what Commissioner</p> <p>24 Chan just said. I do want to thank and commend Avery</p> <p>25 for all of the work he's done, and it's evident here on</p>		<p>1 part -- that were an issue with the prior Secretary of</p> <p>2 State administration.</p> <p>3 You know, and it's sort of -- so, we went</p> <p>4 into some depth about that, not -- not the -- not the</p> <p>5 part of it that has to do with -- with GRRC, but the --</p> <p>6 but just the -- some of the legal issues that we've</p> <p>7 gone through and that are currently subject to the</p> <p>8 Arizona Advocacy Network case that is pending at the</p> <p>9 Arizona Court of Appeals.</p> <p>10 I thought that was a very appropriate and</p> <p>11 reasonable question. I think -- I mean, anybody who</p> <p>12 goes into a 5-Year-Review Report ought to be able to</p> <p>13 explain why they, you know, didn't do a thing that they</p> <p>14 had indicated they were going to do. And on that one,</p> <p>15 we had, I thought, an appropriate answer. And so, that</p> <p>16 was the only question that we got.</p> <p>17 You know, we'll see -- you know, obviously,</p> <p>18 this is a process that all five of you and all seven of</p> <p>19 them have been through now for a couple of times. And</p> <p>20 so, you know, I mean, you know, we'll see what the --</p> <p>21 what the next meeting brings, but I thought that -- you</p> <p>22 know, I think that the question we got was -- was more</p> <p>23 than reasonable and one we should have an explanation</p> <p>24 for and we do. So, you know, I felt comfortable</p> <p>25 about -- about that whole -- the whole exchange.</p>	

<p>09:46:17-09:47:30</p> <p>Page 14</p> <p>1 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Okay. Thank you. 2 CHAIRMAN PATON: This is Commissioner 3 Paton, and I do have a question about the Primary 4 Election. 5 How does that compare to Primary Elections 6 in the past, the turnout, and so on, and any issues 7 with voting? I didn't really hear anything about any 8 bad items. 9 Tom? 10 MR. COLLINS: Yes, Mr. Chairman. And I 11 will -- I will -- I will give you an answer and, then, 12 obviously, there may be answers that Gina or Alec or -- 13 may know better than I do. 14 I think -- my understanding is that the 15 turnout was -- was at a record high for a Primary. I 16 think the highest prior turnout in the recent past was 17 somewhere around 32 percent, and I think that might 18 have been in 20- -- maybe 2008, maybe 2010. 19 MS. ROBERTS: Chairman -- Chairman Paton? 20 Tom? 21 MR. COLLINS: Yes. 22 MS. ROBERTS: I can -- I can help out with 23 that. 24 MR. COLLINS: Sure. 25 MS. ROBERTS: So, we did -- as Tom stated,</p>	<p>09:49:01-09:50:39</p> <p>Page 16</p> <p>1 coverage, yes, on both television and in the newspaper 2 about the -- about the turnout, yes. I, also, think 3 there was -- "The Republic" had a column by -- 4 editorial column that's named Abe Kwok the other -- 5 last week about, you know, specifically focusing in 6 Maricopa County and the fact that there were not 7 significant issues with respect to the process of 8 voting. 9 As you might recall, the counties now have 10 more time to process early ballots, mail -- mailed 11 ballots, than they -- than they used to in prior 12 election cycles, and it looks -- I think that the 13 consensus is that that, also, helped with the results. 14 I think there was one Maricopa County race that was -- 15 that went into -- that, you know -- where it was close. 16 And so, the press was -- you know, didn't 17 make a call on that one until later, but overall, I 18 think that it was -- I think the consensus is that the 19 counties -- that all 15 counties continue to do -- to 20 improve the voting experience for voters and that so 21 far, you know, other than the fact there's been an 22 increase in overall voting via mail, none of the -- we 23 didn't have any of the -- none of the, potentially -- 24 you know, potential pitfalls that relate to the COVID 25 have occurred in the Primary.</p>
<p>09:47:34-09:48:59</p> <p>Page 15</p> <p>1 it was a record turnout, and the highest turnout that 2 we had to date prior to this election was in 2018 where 3 we had a 33.2 percent -- or .26 percent turnout in the 4 Primary. So, yes, this was -- so, the Primary 5 Election, we did -- we did have a higher turnout than 6 we have in a very long time. So, that was some good 7 news. 8 MR. COLLINS: Okay. And as far as -- 9 MS. ROBERTS: And as far as -- 10 CHAIRMAN PATON: Were there any issues? I 11 mean, too long lines, or whatever? 12 MS. ROBERTS: Sure. Chairman -- Chairman 13 Paton, Commissioners, from my understanding, there were 14 not any issues that came to light. We did -- our 15 office did receive a lot of inquiries with regard to 16 finding their voting location. So, I think those were 17 the most busy of the inquiries that we filled in, but 18 as far as long lines or difficulties at the polls, we 19 really did not hear of any issues. 20 CHAIRMAN PATON: That's great. And did 21 they trumpet that in the media in Phoenix or the fact 22 that we had high Primary Election counts or people 23 voting? 24 MR. COLLINS: There was -- I mean, 25 Chairman, there was -- there was -- there was some</p>	<p>09:50:42-09:52:05</p> <p>Page 17</p> <p>1 And, Gina, I don't know if you want to add 2 to that. 3 MS. ROBERTS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, 4 the only thing that I would add to it is that, I think, 5 what's helpful -- or I don't know if "helpful" is the 6 right word, but Maricopa County went to a vote center 7 model for this election, as opposed to assigned polling 8 places. And so, I think that probably contributed to 9 the fact that voters could go anywhere and, you know, 10 perhaps didn't experience many difficulties, such as, 11 oh, they went to the wrong polling place or, you know, 12 had to get turned away, or something like that. So, I 13 think Maricopa County switching to a vote center model 14 was a positive impact. 15 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. And, then -- this 16 is Commissioner Paton. And I would say that our -- 17 this Clean Elections Commission and our voter outreach 18 has a lot to do with streamlining things, as well, 19 because we're educating people on the process. So, I 20 think everybody's efforts helps and who knows how much 21 it helps. 22 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, 23 Commissioners, I -- Mr. Chairman, if I may, I would 24 absolutely agree with that. 25 CHAIRMAN PATON: Any other questions for</p>

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<p>1 Tom?</p> <p>2 (No response.)</p> <p>3 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. Then, we will go to</p> <p>4 Item IV: Discussion and possible action on voter</p> <p>5 education for the General Election.</p> <p>6 Tom?</p> <p>7 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, Mr. Chairman,</p> <p>8 Commissioners. So, the purpose of this agenda item is</p> <p>9 twofold. First, to talk to you a little bit to give</p> <p>10 you some background on what we're doing for the General</p> <p>11 Election and how that fits into the broader world and</p> <p>12 then -- and, then, to talk a little bit about what we</p> <p>13 have -- you know, what -- you know, what we see as the</p> <p>14 role we play here and, then, get, you know -- and take</p> <p>15 any input that you have -- that you may have.</p> <p>16 We don't have, like, a formal presentation</p> <p>17 of this. You know, it's more of a discussion. If you</p> <p>18 don't mind, I'd like to, sort of, kick that off by</p> <p>19 talking about, you know, the two issues that make this</p> <p>20 election itself different -- I mean, obviously, there</p> <p>21 are a lot of issues going on, in general, but the two</p> <p>22 issues that specifically come up with -- you know, are</p> <p>23 part of the -- are specifically part of the voting</p> <p>24 process and, therefore, voter education process are the</p> <p>25 ongoing COVID-19 and, then, obviously, the issue of the</p>		<p>1 if they are using mail to return their ballots. That</p> <p>2 will go from six days to seven days.</p> <p>3 To put that in some context, over the past</p> <p>4 several election cycles, we've gone from five days to</p> <p>5 six or seven days. Then, we had a consensus that six</p> <p>6 days and, then, we ultimately went to seven days. So,</p> <p>7 that particular change is consistent with what we've</p> <p>8 experienced over the past several cycles as a state.</p> <p>9 And then -- and, then, I think the other</p> <p>10 issue -- and this is one, Mr. Chairman, that you've</p> <p>11 highlighted in the past -- is that folks do -- when</p> <p>12 they've decided their vote, you know, we would</p> <p>13 encourage folks to get their ballot back to the -- to</p> <p>14 the counties they live in through whatever mechanism</p> <p>15 they want to, but obviously, conscious of the</p> <p>16 recommendation that if you were mailing back a ballot</p> <p>17 via mail, you're going to want to do that a week before</p> <p>18 the -- before election day because, at least as of</p> <p>19 now -- and I think there may have been another lawsuit</p> <p>20 filed about this yesterday, I think.</p> <p>21 Did you guys -- was it Navajo? I don't</p> <p>22 mean to put you on the spot.</p> <p>23 MR. ROMNEY: We have heard of that lawsuit.</p> <p>24 We have not received anything officially yet.</p> <p>25 MR. COLLINS: So, Dustin Romney from the</p>	
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<p>1 Postal Service.</p> <p>2 So, you know, just to, sort of, look at</p> <p>3 this on a -- on a macrolevel, you know, as you all</p> <p>4 probably know, the -- I mean, and this has all unfolded</p> <p>5 over the course of the last few weeks. There were a</p> <p>6 number of reports about changes in the Postal Service</p> <p>7 delivery process and, then, that seemed to culminate</p> <p>8 with a letter to most states, you know, basically,</p> <p>9 putting those states on notice or imploring those</p> <p>10 states to understand how the Post Office deliveries and</p> <p>11 the vote-by-mail issues might -- you know, how the</p> <p>12 Postal Service issues or Postal Service changes might</p> <p>13 impact the mail balloting process.</p> <p>14 This week the Postmaster General was in --</p> <p>15 testified in the House and the Senate. The -- you</p> <p>16 know, the -- you know, the testimony, I think -- if</p> <p>17 nothing else, what the testimony, I think, you know,</p> <p>18 sort of, helped to do, I hope, is to -- is to at least</p> <p>19 put the postal changes in some context more broadly.</p> <p>20 We -- in Arizona, the big change, which I think we even</p> <p>21 talked about -- I think we actually even talked about</p> <p>22 it in June, maybe, but maybe not. I can't remember,</p> <p>23 but the big change is when the counties and the</p> <p>24 Commission and the Secretary of State's Office are</p> <p>25 recommending that voters return their mail ballots by</p>		<p>1 AG's office is here. I was just -- I put him on the</p> <p>2 spot a little bit.</p> <p>3 There's been some litigation over the</p> <p>4 course of the last year over the question of what</p> <p>5 ballots will be -- when ballots that are returned</p> <p>6 count. As of now and, you know, until this will</p> <p>7 change -- and I'm not sure I see how it will -- ballots</p> <p>8 must be received by 7:00 p.m. on election day, period.</p> <p>9 We don't have any other standard. There's not a --</p> <p>10 there's not a -- there's not a grace period. And so,</p> <p>11 because of that, you know -- and if anyone has any</p> <p>12 concerns about return of ballots, you know, we are --</p> <p>13 we are working to address that specifically.</p> <p>14 So, that's, sort of, the overview. I did</p> <p>15 want to kick it over to Gina to talk a little bit -- to</p> <p>16 talk about some of the specific tactics that we're</p> <p>17 using and her over -- and her sense of what the -- what</p> <p>18 the counties are doing with respect to preparing voters</p> <p>19 for this eventuality as we work with them.</p> <p>20 So, if you don't mind, Mr. Chairman, I'd</p> <p>21 like to, sort of -- I'd like to invite Gina to --</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN PATON: Sure.</p> <p>23 MR. COLLINS: -- provide another level of</p> <p>24 detail there.</p> <p>25 MS. ROBERTS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners,</p>	

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<p>1 Tom, thank you.</p> <p>2 Yeah, I think I'd like to just, kind of,</p> <p>3 start by providing some background information about</p> <p>4 the election process, in general, and how -- how the</p> <p>5 Postal Service interacts with that.</p> <p>6 So, in Arizona, our counties -- we send out</p> <p>7 ballots 27 days before the election. And in Arizona,</p> <p>8 about 80 percent of our voters already vote by mail.</p> <p>9 So, this is a system that is well established. We have</p> <p>10 the infrastructure in place, the security measures in</p> <p>11 place, and we have great partnership between the</p> <p>12 election officials and between the Post Office. And</p> <p>13 we've had ballot by mail for over two decades in</p> <p>14 Arizona.</p> <p>15 So, I understand a lot of the concerns that</p> <p>16 are happening or the discussion that has been occurring</p> <p>17 with the Post Office and their funding and their</p> <p>18 operations -- central operation changes. You know, all</p> <p>19 that could have more of a significant impact on other</p> <p>20 states. In regards to Arizona, you know, election</p> <p>21 officials and our partners at the Post Office, we,</p> <p>22 also -- we're at a very good place.</p> <p>23 So, I wanted to start by talking about,</p> <p>24 again, those ballots go out 27 days before the</p> <p>25 election, and they are mailed first-class to voters and</p>		<p>1 now we -- in the Primary Election and the General</p> <p>2 Election, our voter education plan included campaigns</p> <p>3 about how the ballot-by-mail process works, so how to</p> <p>4 request your ballot, how to sign up for the early</p> <p>5 voting list and, again, how to return that ballot, but</p> <p>6 it, also, included a campaign about the security of</p> <p>7 ballot-by-mail because that's been much of the</p> <p>8 discussion, as well, this year, our -- is voting by</p> <p>9 mail secure.</p> <p>10 And we have a campaign explaining to voters</p> <p>11 all of the security measures that are in place by the</p> <p>12 states with their ballot-by-mail.</p> <p>13 With respect to this new issue to the</p> <p>14 General Election, we are adding another layer to this</p> <p>15 campaign where we're now focusing about the urgency of</p> <p>16 returning that ballot by mail as soon as possible if</p> <p>17 you're going to be using the mail system. So, USPS is</p> <p>18 recommending 15 days for a roundtrip of a ballot. So,</p> <p>19 no later than 15 days before the election should the</p> <p>20 voter make the request for the ballot and return it.</p> <p>21 So, with that said, there's a little bit of</p> <p>22 a discrepancy in Arizona because our law allows 11 days</p> <p>23 before the election for a voter to make their request</p> <p>24 for their ballot, but if you were to take that time</p> <p>25 frame into amount and the time it takes to mail the</p>	
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<p>1 they are non-forwardable. So, they're going directly</p> <p>2 to the voter. And in that ballot packet comes a</p> <p>3 postage-paid return envelope. The voters can vote</p> <p>4 their ballot, and if they want to mail it back, they</p> <p>5 can do that and they do not have to put a stamp on it.</p> <p>6 It does not require postage from them.</p> <p>7 And we have always had, in our education</p> <p>8 plans, voter education about those two dates and</p> <p>9 deadlines, so informing voters when early voting</p> <p>10 starts, when the ballots go out, but also, educating</p> <p>11 them on how to return that ballot and, if you want to</p> <p>12 do it by mail, what the recommended date is to mail it</p> <p>13 back or, if you don't want to return it by mail, here</p> <p>14 are the other options on how to return that ballot.</p> <p>15 So, that's something we've always included</p> <p>16 in our voter education and -- especially with that note</p> <p>17 that Tom made about regardless of how you return it,</p> <p>18 the hard deadline is it must be received by the county</p> <p>19 by 7:00 p.m. election day. Postmarks do not count in</p> <p>20 Arizona. It must be in hand by the counties by 7:00</p> <p>21 p.m. on election day. So, then, our voter education</p> <p>22 plan has always covered that.</p> <p>23 And, then, with regards to what the -- the</p> <p>24 lay of the land right now, as Tom mentioned and gave</p> <p>25 you an overview of what's happening with USPS, right</p>		<p>1 ballot to the voter and, then, that voter voting and</p> <p>2 turn it around, it doesn't meet that 15-day mark.</p> <p>3 So, we are educating voters about, you</p> <p>4 know, the timeliness and urgency of if they're going to</p> <p>5 be using the postal system, then don't delay. If</p> <p>6 you're not already set to get a ballot by mail, make</p> <p>7 your request now, vote it as soon as you can, return it</p> <p>8 as soon as you can. And, importantly, voters do have</p> <p>9 options. You do not have to use the postal system to</p> <p>10 return your ballot. In Arizona, a voter can return</p> <p>11 their ballot by dropping it off at any voting location</p> <p>12 in their county.</p> <p>13 So, that's a really important part to</p> <p>14 remember because we have early voting locations that</p> <p>15 begin 27 days before the election and, then, of course,</p> <p>16 there's all of the voting locations on election day, as</p> <p>17 well. And, then, in addition to that, our counties</p> <p>18 have invested in secure ballot drop-off bins that are</p> <p>19 located throughout the county, as well. And so, voters</p> <p>20 can, also, return their ballot in those drop boxes.</p> <p>21 So, we educate voters about all of the</p> <p>22 different ways that they can return their ballot if</p> <p>23 they're not comfortable or they don't have the time to</p> <p>24 utilize the postal system.</p> <p>25 With that, you know, we have our paid media</p>	

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<p>1 campaign where we use a number of packets to reach</p> <p>2 voters and we have content on our website that</p> <p>3 describes all of these processes. We have created a</p> <p>4 Google map of all of the different ballot drop-off</p> <p>5 locations that people can access so they can see the</p> <p>6 one that's nearest to them. Of course, our Dashboard</p> <p>7 has all of those voting locations included in it.</p> <p>8 So, we're seeing a lot of engagement, in</p> <p>9 fact, on our website where voters -- our ballot-by-mail</p> <p>10 page was the second most popular page on our website in</p> <p>11 the Primary Election. The first was, of course, our</p> <p>12 Primary Election page with the specific election</p> <p>13 details. And, of course, right now, too, people are</p> <p>14 engaging with that ballot-by-mail content that we have</p> <p>15 posted on our website.</p> <p>16 And I think, as far as what our counties</p> <p>17 are doing, you know, Yavapai County is a great example</p> <p>18 because they have the highest percentage of voters who</p> <p>19 are on the permanent early voting list in their county.</p> <p>20 They're, I believe, 83 percent, and they've been using</p> <p>21 ballot drop boxes for years. And so, they have the</p> <p>22 system well established, well in place, as do all our</p> <p>23 counties.</p> <p>24 And I would, actually, like to call out</p> <p>25 specifically the Pima County Recorder, F. Ann</p>	<p>1 Commissioner Chan.</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN PATON: Yes, Commissioner Chan.</p> <p>3 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Thank you.</p> <p>4 Gina, I just had a quick question. Thank</p> <p>5 you. That was a lot of great information, and I think</p> <p>6 I already talked with you and Tom off-line about the</p> <p>7 fact that the election officials are going to recommend</p> <p>8 returning mail ballots seven days, rather than six</p> <p>9 days, before election day.</p> <p>10 When you mentioned the recommendation --</p> <p>11 I'm sorry -- was, also, going to be to request the</p> <p>12 ballot no later than 15 days before the election, I</p> <p>13 don't know if I misunderstood, but maybe that's going</p> <p>14 to be the new advice -- is that no later than the 19th</p> <p>15 of October? I was trying to, kind of, do that math --</p> <p>16 well, it's not math. I counted on the calendar, but do</p> <p>17 you know what that date would be if people -- if we</p> <p>18 were going to recommend that people request the ballot</p> <p>19 by mail no later than 15 days before the election, or</p> <p>20 do you have that information?</p> <p>21 MS. ROBERTS: Sure, chairman, Commissioner</p> <p>22 Paton -- Chairman Paton, Commissioner Chan,</p> <p>23 Commissioners. So, we are still using -- we're</p> <p>24 still -- we're still using the statutory deadline</p> <p>25 because voters still have that statutory deadline of 11</p>		
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<p>1 Rodriguez. She has been doing a lot of public</p> <p>2 relations efforts. She's been doing interviews with</p> <p>3 the media explaining to voters, you know, Arizona</p> <p>4 doesn't have -- we've got this process well established</p> <p>5 and so, even if there is an increase in requests for</p> <p>6 early ballots, our system that we have in place can</p> <p>7 handle that increased capacity because again, 80</p> <p>8 percent of our voters are already doing it.</p> <p>9 We saw 88 percent of the voting in the</p> <p>10 Primary Election was done by early ballot. So, the</p> <p>11 communication that is occurring right now from election</p> <p>12 officials to voters at the county level is we've been</p> <p>13 doing this for over two decades. The system is well in</p> <p>14 place. We have a great relationship with the Post</p> <p>15 Office and we have the ability and the capacity to</p> <p>16 handle the early ballots and your early ballot request.</p> <p>17 And, then, also, comes to that later the</p> <p>18 safety and security of it, the transparency of it, how</p> <p>19 voters can track their early ballot. All of that is</p> <p>20 communicated in our voter education efforts.</p> <p>21 So, that's, kind of, you know, a bit of</p> <p>22 information about where we're at. And if there's</p> <p>23 specific questions or concerns, I'm happy to address</p> <p>24 those.</p> <p>25 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, this is</p>	<p>1 days before the election to request their early ballot.</p> <p>2 What we're -- what we're actually doing is we're saying</p> <p>3 don't delay; make it as soon as possible. That's, kind</p> <p>4 of, the terminology that we're using.</p> <p>5 So, we're not so much using -- you know,</p> <p>6 adding the additional four days and looking at</p> <p>7 October 19th instead of October 23rd. So, if we're --</p> <p>8 if we're communicating a specific date, we are</p> <p>9 communicating the statutory date of October 23rd, just</p> <p>10 because that is -- that is, in fact, the law, but in</p> <p>11 our messaging to encourage people to do it as soon as</p> <p>12 possible, that -- we're not using a hard date. We're</p> <p>13 just saying make your request now, you know, don't</p> <p>14 delay.</p> <p>15 What we do say is if we do get past the</p> <p>16 seven-day mail back recommended date, we do say don't</p> <p>17 mail it back. We do, in fact, say, please drop it off</p> <p>18 in person because you would ensure it's received by the</p> <p>19 general election day.</p> <p>20 So, hopefully, that answers your question.</p> <p>21 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Yes. Thank you.</p> <p>22 And, Mr. Chairman, I did have one other</p> <p>23 question for Gina.</p> <p>24 CHAIRMAN PATON: Yes.</p> <p>25 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Regarding, you know,</p>		

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<p>1 getting this messaging out. And I'm sorry to ask you</p> <p>2 this because I know you guys are all on top of this,</p> <p>3 but just an idea of whether we could ask all of our</p> <p>4 elected officials -- federal, state, local -- I mean, I</p> <p>5 don't know how much work that would be, but I was</p> <p>6 thinking a lot about Kyrsten Sinema because she's been</p> <p>7 so on top of the COVID stuff. I mean, she's been about</p> <p>8 COVID, I mean, every day, multiple times a day and</p> <p>9 about testing. And that's really stuck out to me, I</p> <p>10 guess, as a constituent, as far as education goes. And</p> <p>11 I see people tweeting about voter registration, too.</p> <p>12 And I don't know how many other elected</p> <p>13 officials I might be missing, but you know, different</p> <p>14 people follow different elected officials on social</p> <p>15 media and elected officials have different social media</p> <p>16 they use. I just wondered if, once we get our</p> <p>17 messaging, we could ask, you know, the governor and</p> <p>18 different -- you know, obviously, the Secretary of</p> <p>19 State has a lot of election-related messaging she's</p> <p>20 going to be doing and all the county recorders and</p> <p>21 election directors, but even, you know, the mayor,</p> <p>22 senators, congressmen, those kinds of people that have,</p> <p>23 you know, a good following on social media might be</p> <p>24 helpful to get -- to add.</p> <p>25 And I don't know. Maybe you guys already</p>		<p>1 steps there.</p> <p>2 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Thank you.</p> <p>3 CHAIRMAN PATON: Any other discussion from</p> <p>4 any other Commissioners?</p> <p>5 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Commissioner Meyer.</p> <p>6 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Yes, Commissioner Meyer.</p> <p>7 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Chair, I have an</p> <p>8 observation more than a question, and I'd just like</p> <p>9 your comments on it. And, I guess, my observation is</p> <p>10 if we're telling people that they need to mail their</p> <p>11 ballot in seven days before the election but then</p> <p>12 we're, also -- there's, also, a messaging that says,</p> <p>13 you know, send that ballot in as soon as possible, to</p> <p>14 me, that's a little bit of a mixed message. I mean,</p> <p>15 implicit in that messaging is, hey, if you wait until</p> <p>16 that seven-day deadline, it may not get there in time.</p> <p>17 I mean, how confident are we -- or, you</p> <p>18 know, how confident is Arizona that if folks put that</p> <p>19 ballot in the mail on that last day, seven days before</p> <p>20 the election, that it's going to get there? Are we 100</p> <p>21 percent confident that that -- that it will be there on</p> <p>22 time?</p> <p>23 MS. ROBERTS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner</p> <p>24 Meyer, so, with the Post Office, their delivery time</p> <p>25 for first-class mail is two to five days. So, that's</p>	
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<p>1 do that. I just thought I would mention it because I</p> <p>2 know I, kind of, learned of it because of social media</p> <p>3 over this whole pandemic.</p> <p>4 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner</p> <p>5 Chan, I mean, yeah, I think we can -- we can</p> <p>6 certainly -- we can certainly ask. I think that -- I</p> <p>7 mean, we definitely have had -- over the course of the</p> <p>8 last several years, we've had an increase in our</p> <p>9 materials being used by city clerks, specifically, and</p> <p>10 then, obviously, in working with -- in partnership with</p> <p>11 the county recorders and election directors. So, I</p> <p>12 certainly think that we can -- we can see how best to</p> <p>13 expand that -- those relationships.</p> <p>14 I do think that, you know, putting --</p> <p>15 putting -- putting all that in context, I think that to</p> <p>16 the extent that, at the very least, we can make sure</p> <p>17 that those folks who are government officials, who are</p> <p>18 talking about voting, include -- you know, are</p> <p>19 conscious of what the counties and the Commission are</p> <p>20 telling voters about how best to make sure their ballot</p> <p>21 is back in a timely manner is important.</p> <p>22 So, we want to -- we would -- you know, we</p> <p>23 would want to see as much as we can and as much as we</p> <p>24 can help to make sure that messaging is consistent.</p> <p>25 I'm sure we can -- we can look at that and take some</p>		<p>1 what the Post Office says that's our mail time for</p> <p>2 first-class mail, and the counties use first-class mail</p> <p>3 to send out those ballots.</p> <p>4 My understanding is that the majority of</p> <p>5 counties -- for those postage prepaid return envelopes,</p> <p>6 they actually use business reply mail, and those come</p> <p>7 with an intelligent mail bar code on the envelope. And</p> <p>8 because of that, it actually is processed faster than</p> <p>9 first-class mail.</p> <p>10 So, the answer -- so, my answer to your</p> <p>11 question of are we confident that seven days is</p> <p>12 sufficient, yes, because we are -- there's a padding</p> <p>13 there. There's a buffer. And the Post Office does</p> <p>14 what they can -- I don't want to use the word</p> <p>15 "guarantee," but it's where we can safely say that. I</p> <p>16 mean, it creates -- and it depends on where you're</p> <p>17 coming from.</p> <p>18 So, if I mail something from my home</p> <p>19 location and I'm here in the metro Phoenix area and I</p> <p>20 send it to the Maricopa County Recorder, in the Primary</p> <p>21 Election, it took my ballot two days to get there</p> <p>22 through the postal system, but if I'm coming from</p> <p>23 Navajo County or Apache County or even from Yavapai</p> <p>24 County and that mail is going to go down to, maybe,</p> <p>25 New Mexico or down to -- or the Phoenix processing</p>	

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<p>1 plant and then sent back up to the county, it's</p> <p>2 different -- so, it's a different number of days,</p> <p>3 depending on where you're mailing it in the state.</p> <p>4 So, for statewide messaging as a whole, we</p> <p>5 use that seven days because that's the safest date that</p> <p>6 we can -- that we can utilize. I mean, I really -- you</p> <p>7 know, it does make its way through the system faster</p> <p>8 than that. So, it's, kind of, like -- the discussion</p> <p>9 among the election officials is, you know, just because</p> <p>10 that's the recommended deadline, don't wait, you know.</p> <p>11 We always want people to get their ballots in as soon</p> <p>12 as possible because it has other impacts, as well, too,</p> <p>13 such as the tabulation and the results.</p> <p>14 So, that's, kind of, always been the</p> <p>15 message. If you're going to vote, vote as soon as</p> <p>16 possible, but as far as that seven days go, then, yes,</p> <p>17 we are hearing from the postal system, from the Post</p> <p>18 Office, that that is the safest date to go by.</p> <p>19 And I should -- Mr. Chairman,</p> <p>20 Commissioners, I should, also, mention, too, we use the</p> <p>21 Postal -- we use USPS for the mailing of our Voter</p> <p>22 Guide. So, we're sending out over two million pieces</p> <p>23 of mail that need to be -- that have a deadline of</p> <p>24 arriving in households before the start of early</p> <p>25 voting, and we work very closely with our partners. We</p>		<p>1 what a person who is coming to the process who's not</p> <p>2 already versed in vote-by-mail issues knows and doesn't</p> <p>3 know, but we do know that we've gotten more questions</p> <p>4 over the course of the past two -- three weeks about</p> <p>5 various issues related to return of mail ballots on a</p> <p>6 variety of different subjects that, I think, are</p> <p>7 triggered by both the USPS stuff nationally and then</p> <p>8 some local state issues around that.</p> <p>9 And so, I feel like -- I think that if we</p> <p>10 don't -- if we don't talk about the beginning and the</p> <p>11 end together, we're not necessarily meeting most voters</p> <p>12 where they are, which is we have to assume, for</p> <p>13 purposes of messaging, that they -- that given that the</p> <p>14 whole context is built around that election day</p> <p>15 deadline, you know, we don't -- if we just say by this</p> <p>16 date, we don't want to -- we don't want the, sort of,</p> <p>17 opposite implication, if you will, that that date is</p> <p>18 both the beginning and the end of the period to mail a</p> <p>19 ballot back or return a mail ballot.</p> <p>20 Does that make sense?</p> <p>21 COMMISSIONER MEYER: This is Commissioner</p> <p>22 Meyer. Yes, that does make sense. I just wanted to</p> <p>23 get a gauge for -- you know, with everything that's</p> <p>24 being put on Twitter and all of our social media about</p> <p>25 possible voter fraud and then the issues with the</p>	
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<p>1 didn't have any issues with our mailing in the Primary</p> <p>2 Election.</p> <p>3 And we've been -- we've spoken with our</p> <p>4 reps, and they are very well prepared to handle our</p> <p>5 mailing, as well, for the General Election. So, we</p> <p>6 aren't -- we are not anticipating any delays with the</p> <p>7 mailing of our Voter Guide, as well. And I don't know</p> <p>8 if we're talking about that one, but I wanted to share</p> <p>9 that, too.</p> <p>10 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner</p> <p>11 Meyer, I just want to -- I would just add to that on</p> <p>12 the specific messaging point, I think that from the</p> <p>13 questions we get and from our experience overall, if</p> <p>14 you -- if you -- if you just state the deadline, you</p> <p>15 know, you get -- we will get questions about when can</p> <p>16 you start. And if you just -- if you don't state the</p> <p>17 deadline, you know, then we get questions from -- on</p> <p>18 where the -- what the last -- you know, what the</p> <p>19 last -- what is the deadline.</p> <p>20 And so, what we're trying to accomplish</p> <p>21 through the messaging portion, through the -- you know,</p> <p>22 with the dual messaging there is simply, you know, it's</p> <p>23 basically like having a -- it's like any other</p> <p>24 deadline. It's just to say you can always be early so</p> <p>25 people don't -- there's no -- I mean, we don't know</p>		<p>1 Postal Service, I just want to make sure that Arizona</p> <p>2 voters are comfortable, you know, voting by mail and</p> <p>3 understand that the process that we've been using is</p> <p>4 effective and going to allow them a vote. I appreciate</p> <p>5 that.</p> <p>6 And, then, one other question I had is</p> <p>7 because I know that the -- in the Senator race between</p> <p>8 Senator Sinema and McSally, there was a long delay --</p> <p>9 not a long delay, but at least a delay in counting</p> <p>10 ballots. And a lot of that was because of mail-in</p> <p>11 voters dropping ballots off on the day of the election.</p> <p>12 Do we know -- are we -- is part of our</p> <p>13 messaging, you know, encouraging the voting and,</p> <p>14 perhaps -- I won't say discouraging but saying that,</p> <p>15 you know, mailing it in is much preferred? And, also,</p> <p>16 do you know at what percentage -- I believe 88 percent</p> <p>17 of the Primary was mail-in voting. Do we know what</p> <p>18 percentage of that was actually mailed or what</p> <p>19 percentage was dropped off? I'm just curious what</p> <p>20 those numbers are, if you know.</p> <p>21 MS. ROBERTS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner</p> <p>22 Meyer, this is Gina. So, with regards to the U.S.</p> <p>23 Senate race and the time it took to tabulate the</p> <p>24 ballot, one of the things that we are doing this year</p> <p>25 in regards to our messaging -- and we've been doing</p>	

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<p>1 this more so from a public relations standpoint -- is</p> <p>2 we want to help inform voters about what their</p> <p>3 expectations should be about election night, and</p> <p>4 that's the election is not over on election night.</p> <p>5 So, with regards to the early ballot, I</p> <p>6 think Tom mentioned earlier that we have a new law that</p> <p>7 allows counties even more time to start processing and</p> <p>8 tabulating those early ballots. They can start doing</p> <p>9 that earlier this year than they've been able to in</p> <p>10 past years. And so, that will help, but with regards</p> <p>11 to those early ballots that are dropped off on election</p> <p>12 day, you know, those -- those do come in. And I</p> <p>13 think -- I think I may have seen some numbers in the</p> <p>14 Maricopa County Recorder's canvas of election for how</p> <p>15 many were dropped off on election day. Counties do</p> <p>16 keep track of that.</p> <p>17 I don't have those numbers readily</p> <p>18 available, but even aside from the ones that are</p> <p>19 dropped off on election day, we still have all of those</p> <p>20 ballots that came in just a few days before, too. And</p> <p>21 so, because of the security measures that are in place</p> <p>22 for safeguarding a ballot by mail, they take time to</p> <p>23 process. And that's what we're trying to communicate</p> <p>24 to voters is, you know, it's easy to vote by mail. It</p> <p>25 is safe and secure and the reasons why means that it</p>	<p>1 followed the process, but we know that people want the</p> <p>2 results as soon as possible. And, of course, if you</p> <p>3 can submit your ballot earlier, that does help. It</p> <p>4 absolutely does help.</p> <p>5 So, you know, with regards to what voters</p> <p>6 should expect is we're trying to communicate the</p> <p>7 election is not done on election night. There will</p> <p>8 still be probably ballots that need to be processed and</p> <p>9 tabulated.</p> <p>10 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Thank you, Tom and</p> <p>11 Gina.</p> <p>12 CHAIRMAN PATON: Any other comment?</p> <p>13 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman?</p> <p>14 Mr. Chairman, this is Commissioner Kimble.</p> <p>15 CHAIRMAN PATON: Yes, Commissioner Kimble.</p> <p>16 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Gina -- Gina, one</p> <p>17 point of clarification. When you're talking seven</p> <p>18 days, you're talking calendar days, right, not business</p> <p>19 days?</p> <p>20 MS. ROBERTS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner</p> <p>21 Kimble, yes. That is correct.</p> <p>22 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Okay. So --</p> <p>23 MS. ROBERTS: It has to be seven calendar</p> <p>24 days.</p> <p>25 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Okay. So, your mail</p>		
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<p>1 takes time to process that out before being tabulated.</p> <p>2 Plus, post election day, there are, also,</p> <p>3 time periods for curing your signature now and then --</p> <p>4 as well as if you vote a conditional provisional</p> <p>5 ballot, you have so many days to return it. And then,</p> <p>6 of course, there's the provisional ballot, dropping</p> <p>7 them off on election day, as well, too.</p> <p>8 So, I guess, one of the things that</p> <p>9 election officials have always struggled with is the</p> <p>10 reporters from the media who want to call elections or,</p> <p>11 you know, from the reporters who are constantly looking</p> <p>12 for those updates and election results, which is great,</p> <p>13 you know, but the counties -- the process is the</p> <p>14 process. And, you know, they have to go through all of</p> <p>15 those processes to make sure and confirm the accuracy</p> <p>16 of that tabulation and that only a voter who is</p> <p>17 registered to vote and eligible to vote in that</p> <p>18 election did, in fact, vote in that election. And so,</p> <p>19 all of that goes in the processing of those ballots.</p> <p>20 So, you know, in regards to what happened</p> <p>21 with the U.S. Senate race in 2018, the counties -- they</p> <p>22 have so many days by statute to complete the tabulation,</p> <p>23 and they did it. They used their allotted time. And</p> <p>24 so, it wasn't -- they didn't exceed or have a delay in</p> <p>25 tabulations, I guess, I should say. It was -- they</p>	<p>1 ballot should be in no later than October 27th,</p> <p>2 according to my calendar, is that right?</p> <p>3 MS. ROBERTS: Yes, to return it. If you're</p> <p>4 returning it by mail, that's the deadline that we want.</p> <p>5 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: By mail, right.</p> <p>6 MS. ROBERTS: Yes.</p> <p>7 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>8 Thank you.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN PATON: Any other discussion?</p> <p>10 (No response.)</p> <p>11 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. Item V: Discussion</p> <p>12 and possible action on future meeting dates.</p> <p>13 Paula?</p> <p>14 MS. THOMAS: Hello, Commissioners. The</p> <p>15 list attached, as I've coordinated with each</p> <p>16 commissioner directly, this appears to be the best</p> <p>17 dates where we have at least a quorum for the remainder</p> <p>18 of the year. I just need your approval on this,</p> <p>19 please.</p> <p>20 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay.</p> <p>21 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman?</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN PATON: Do we have a motion? Yes.</p> <p>23 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I will move that we</p> <p>24 adopt the meeting dates as written.</p> <p>25 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. And do we have --</p>		

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1 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Commissioner Meyer,
2 second.
3 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Meyer
4 seconds. So, let's do a roll call.
5 Commissioner Chan?
6 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I vote aye.
7 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Meyer?
8 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Aye.
9 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Kimble?
10 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Aye.
11 CHAIRMAN PATON: And this is Commissioner
12 Paton, and I vote aye, as well. And the dates pass.
13 And our final item, Number VI: Public
14 comment.
15 Does any member of the public wish to make
16 a comment at this time? You can, also, send comments
17 to the Commission by mail or email at
18 ccec@azcleelections.gov.
19 (No response.)
20 CHAIRMAN PATON: No public comment? Then,
21 we go to Item VII: Motion to adjourn.
22 Do I have a motion to adjourn?
23 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, I move
24 that we adjourn.
25 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Chan has

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1 motioned to adjourn.
2 Do we have a second?
3 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Commissioner Kimble,
4 second.
5 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Kimble
6 seconds it, and we will have a roll call.
7 Commissioner Chan?
8 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I vote aye.
9 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Meyer?
10 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Aye.
11 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Kimble?
12 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Aye.
13 CHAIRMAN PATON: And this is Commissioner
14 Paton, and I vote aye, as well.
15 We are adjourned. Have a good rest of the
16 month.
17 (Whereupon, the proceedings concluded at
18 10:27 a.m.)
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<p style="text-align: right;">Page 2</p> <p>1 PUBLIC MEETING BEFORE THE CITIZENS CLEAN 2 ELECTIONS COMMISSION convened at 9:32 a.m. on October 7, 3 2020, at the State of Arizona, Clean Elections 4 Commission, 1616 West Adams, Conference Room, Phoenix, 5 Arizona, in the presence of the following Board members: 6 Mr. Galen D. Paton, Chairperson (Telephonic) 7 Mr. Damien R. Meyer (Telephonic) 8 Ms. Amy B. Chan (Telephonic) 9 Mr. Mark S. Kimble (Telephonic) 10 OTHERS PRESENT: 11 Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director 12 (Telephonic) 13 Paula Thomas, Executive Officer 14 Gina Roberts, Voter Education Director 15 (Telephonic) 16 Mike Becker, Policy Director (Telephonic) 17 Alec Shaffer, Web Content Manager 18 Kara Karlson, Assistant Attorney General 19 Mary O'Grady, Osborn Maledon (Telephonic) 20 21 22 23 24 25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 4</p> <p>09:33:28-09:34:46</p> <p>1 now. 2 Sorry about that, Chairman. 3 COMMISSIONER MEYER: I'm here. 4 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. And Commissioner 5 Meyer? 6 COMMISSIONER MEYER: I'm sorry. I am here. 7 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. So, the first item 8 we have here is something from Tom. So, Item II: 9 Discussion and possible action -- 10 MR. COLLINS: I'm here on the phone. 11 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. Cool. All right. 12 On the Executive Director's report, Tom, you have the 13 floor. 14 MR. COLLINS: Oh, thank you. Very quickly, 15 I apologize for my transportation situation. I'm in -- 16 well, it's a long story. I'll tell you all sometime if 17 you want to hear it. 18 The main point I want to hit on the 19 Executive Director's report, obviously, we had the U.S. 20 Senate debate last night that we sponsored and helped 21 facilitate by gathering questions from voters, and I 22 think that was a really great capstone on the debate 23 season and, obviously, something that you, Chairman 24 Paton, has championed. And we're really glad that we 25 have --</p>
<p>09:32:18-09:33:28</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 3</p> <p>1 PROCEEDING 2 3 THE OPERATOR: A roll call has been 4 requested. We have Mike Becker, Mark Kimble, Galen 5 Paton, Mary O'Grady, Amy Chan, Damien Meyer and Gina 6 Roberts. 7 It's now my pleasure to turn the conference 8 over to Ms. Paula Thomas. Please go ahead, ma'am. 9 MS. THOMAS: Good morning, Commissioners. 10 Tom is actually stuck in traffic right now. So, he's 11 going to pull over and, also, call in. He can't 12 logistically make it. There's been a delay on the 13 freeway. 14 So, Chair Paton, if you want to start the 15 meeting, Tom should be calling in shortly. 16 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. So, anyway, this is 17 Chairman Galen Paton, and I wanted to call the order. 18 It's October 7, 2020. I call this meeting 19 of the Citizens Clean Elections Commission to order. 20 And, I guess, I'm supposed to call -- 21 THE OPERATOR: Okay. Paula, we're getting 22 an echo from your line. It's because you're in that 23 room. So, you might want to mute yourself when you're 24 not talking because it's bouncing back from you. 25 MS. THOMAS: Okay. I'll turn it off right</p>	<p>09:34:47-09:36:13</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 5</p> <p>1 THE OPERATOR: Paula, I'm still getting a 2 lot of feedback from your line, and they cannot hear it 3 from where we're talking right now. It's just you and 4 I. I can mute you on my end. Just press star 6 if you 5 need to speak, okay? 6 MS. THOMAS: Okay. Sounds good. 7 MR. COLLINS: -- of success as we got more 8 debates. 9 As you can see from the list of activities, 10 our voter education group and, particularly, Avery has 11 been out or virtually out with a variety of different 12 groups from the city of Tempe to AARP to any number of 13 different places. Gina and Alec and Avery have been 14 doing a lot of great work. 15 The last two things, first thing, you'll 16 see there's a brief proposal that Paula put together on 17 Zoom meetings for the purposes of how we move forward 18 and assuming the COVID situation continues. I'd invite 19 you to take a look at that. We're interested in 20 pursuing that. There's a couple of different 21 advantages. 22 The way we have it set up now, we're 23 technically meeting in person. So, a person could, if 24 they wanted to, come to the meeting and testify, or 25 what have you, but it will be difficult -- more</p>

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<p>1 difficult for them to call in. And no one has been</p> <p>2 attending, at least that's -- and maybe they say they</p> <p>3 are, but no one has been attending. So, there's an</p> <p>4 advantage there. There's some control issues there,</p> <p>5 so -- that are good and some production issues.</p> <p>6 Paula, I don't know if there's anything</p> <p>7 else I should add on that point.</p> <p>8 THE OPERATOR: You are no longer muted.</p> <p>9 MS. THOMAS: Sorry, Mike -- I mean, sorry,</p> <p>10 Tom, I'm getting a little feedback from my end. So,</p> <p>11 I've been on mute, but nothing more to add. We can</p> <p>12 work individually with each Commissioner. We have a</p> <p>13 seasoned meeting planner that knows all the logistics</p> <p>14 of how to put together the Zooms, and they've done</p> <p>15 quite successfully with our current debates. They've</p> <p>16 done all of our primary and general debates virtually.</p> <p>17 So, it's a better -- it's better controlled, and they,</p> <p>18 also, have the experience of working with other boards</p> <p>19 and commissions.</p> <p>20 So, it's an option for now until we see</p> <p>21 what our new norm is going to be in the future. It's</p> <p>22 kind of a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>23 MR. COLLINS: And, then -- so, that's -- I</p> <p>24 think we will proceed with that.</p> <p>25 And, then, the last thing I wanted to</p>	<p>1 dealing with the public, and Julian and Mike have been</p> <p>2 doing a great job of that. And, obviously, Paula has</p> <p>3 been keeping us, you know, up to date with all of the</p> <p>4 technological changes and other things we need to do in</p> <p>5 order to stay functional during the -- during the --</p> <p>6 you know, fully functional during the COVID.</p> <p>7 So, that's all I have to say. Again, I</p> <p>8 apologize for being on the phone, but if you have any</p> <p>9 questions, I'm open to them, obviously.</p> <p>10 CHAIRMAN PATON: Any questions from the</p> <p>11 commissioners?</p> <p>12 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman, this is</p> <p>13 Mark Kimble.</p> <p>14 CHAIRMAN PATON: Yes, Commissioner Kimble.</p> <p>15 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Tom, there are two</p> <p>16 enforcement issues listed here, Starzyk and Parra. The</p> <p>17 first one closed; the second one pending.</p> <p>18 Can you -- can you, briefly, tell me what's</p> <p>19 involved in these two cases?</p> <p>20 MR. COLLINS: Yes, absolutely. Starzyk</p> <p>21 involves a candidate that, in the primary election, he</p> <p>22 lost in the primary. The complaint alleged that there</p> <p>23 was coordination -- an illegal coordination between a</p> <p>24 website and Starzyk's campaign. The website didn't</p> <p>25 have the appropriate disclaimer on it one way or the</p>		
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<p>1 mention, you know, we've had -- there are a couple of</p> <p>2 notes about election cases in the report. So, there</p> <p>3 are still a number of active election cases that have</p> <p>4 relevance to voters themselves, specifically, the</p> <p>5 Federal District Court in Phoenix moved the deadline to</p> <p>6 register to vote to October 23rd at 5:00 p.m. Our</p> <p>7 understanding is that the Republican National Committee</p> <p>8 has filed an appeal on that matter. The Secretary of</p> <p>9 State is not going to appeal. So, that's the big one.</p> <p>10 There's, also, been some litigation that</p> <p>11 still appears to be active on the issues related to how</p> <p>12 you cure certain types of problems with mail ballots.</p> <p>13 So, the point is, you know, we are keeping abreast of</p> <p>14 those. We are working to incorporate those changes</p> <p>15 into our website and social media as we can so that</p> <p>16 even if we can't -- because things are still in flux,</p> <p>17 we're not in a position to redesign or redo messaging</p> <p>18 around us, but at the very least, we are monitoring</p> <p>19 that on a day-by-day and, in some cases, hour-by-hour</p> <p>20 basis to make sure that those who come to our website</p> <p>21 have accurate and timely information.</p> <p>22 So, those are my main points. Again, I</p> <p>23 just wanted to thank Gina and Alec and Avery for their</p> <p>24 work. And, also, obviously, we have -- we have audits</p> <p>25 and issues with voter education just in terms of</p>	<p>1 other. We determined that the website -- well,</p> <p>2 Mr. Starzyk informed us that the website belonged to</p> <p>3 him. He took it down and the -- and agreed that he</p> <p>4 would -- if he put it back up, he would put the</p> <p>5 appropriate disclaimers.</p> <p>6 There was, also, a timing issue in that --</p> <p>7 in that matter, which is -- and, again, that was one</p> <p>8 where, within the time period of the pendency of the</p> <p>9 complaint, a signed disclaimer took place out of time.</p> <p>10 So, under -- our Rule 206 allows us, if someone comes</p> <p>11 into compliance, to close the complaint, as long as we</p> <p>12 notify the Commission. And so, that's been on the</p> <p>13 agenda the last couple of months for purposes of that,</p> <p>14 of the executive conversation. So, that's that one.</p> <p>15 Parra is a little more -- well, the Parra</p> <p>16 complaint has to do with, in effect, whether or not a</p> <p>17 candidate was coordinating with a federal act. The</p> <p>18 reason why that complaint is still pending is because</p> <p>19 there's a complaint with a different candidate but the</p> <p>20 same fact pattern pending at the Secretary of State's</p> <p>21 office.</p> <p>22 So, we are -- we are -- we know that the</p> <p>23 Secretary of State's office is down a person at</p> <p>24 campaign finance. So, we are simply -- we probably --</p> <p>25 we don't want to be completely out of step with them,</p>		

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<p>1 and we would like to see where their complaint ends up</p> <p>2 before we -- so, how the Secretary may handle the</p> <p>3 complaint as to the -- not just any candidate that</p> <p>4 would file with them, may, in fact, resolve the issue</p> <p>5 with respect to Mr. Parra.</p> <p>6 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: And these are both</p> <p>7 legislative candidates?</p> <p>8 MR. COLLINS: They are, and both of them</p> <p>9 lost in the primary, I believe. Mike, obviously, can</p> <p>10 correct me if I'm wrong, but I know Starzyk did not</p> <p>11 advance to the general and, I believe, Parra, also,</p> <p>12 lost in the primary.</p> <p>13 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Okay.</p> <p>14 MR. BECKER: That is correct.</p> <p>15 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Okay. Thank you.</p> <p>16 CHAIRMAN PATON: Any other questions?</p> <p>17 (No response.)</p> <p>18 CHAIRMAN PATON: If not, then we will go to</p> <p>19 Item II: Discussion and possible action on Executive</p> <p>20 Director's -- oh, no. I'm sorry -- Item III:</p> <p>21 Discussion and possible action on Arizona Advocacy</p> <p>22 Network versus the State.</p> <p>23 And, Mr. Collins, if you could help us with</p> <p>24 this.</p> <p>25 MR. COLLINS: Sure. I'm pleased and happy</p>	<p>1 changes were not, quote/unquote, amendments to the</p> <p>2 Clean Elections Act; however, the Court, also, said</p> <p>3 that the attempt to change the Commission's own</p> <p>4 jurisdiction was -- was violative of the Voter</p> <p>5 Protection Act because it changed the Commission's --</p> <p>6 changed the Commission's authority to enforce the law.</p> <p>7 There's, obviously, some tension between</p> <p>8 those two concepts; nevertheless, you know, the issue</p> <p>9 before the Commission and what we were looking for your</p> <p>10 decision on are two issues: First, whether or not the</p> <p>11 Commission would want to seek a petition for review in</p> <p>12 the Court of Appeals -- in the Supreme -- in the</p> <p>13 Arizona Supreme Court and, then, secondly, there have</p> <p>14 been some discussions around, you know, the way that</p> <p>15 this case has been decided, the case on which it was</p> <p>16 decided, there are -- there's a 30-day time period in</p> <p>17 which someone can to petition for review in the Supreme</p> <p>18 Court.</p> <p>19 And in that particular time period, the</p> <p>20 case, essentially, states the Court of Appeals was --</p> <p>21 the question was whether or not, you know, if the</p> <p>22 Commission were to forego a petition for review given</p> <p>23 that the election is ongoing, ought we try, in a manner</p> <p>24 consistent with, you know, the Commission's, you know,</p> <p>25 role here to get the case back in Superior Court so</p>		
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<p>1 to, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.</p> <p>2 As you all know, last week the Arizona</p> <p>3 Court of Appeals issued a ruling in the Arizona</p> <p>4 "Advocacy Network v. State." The background on that</p> <p>5 case is that -- the background on that case is that the</p> <p>6 Arizona Advocacy Network and a group of Democratic</p> <p>7 lawmakers and at least one union filed a lawsuit</p> <p>8 against the State, the Secretary of State, the</p> <p>9 Governor's Regulatory Review Council and the Clean</p> <p>10 Elections Commission related to a 2016 campaign finance</p> <p>11 bill. They filed the lawsuit, I want to say, in --</p> <p>12 sometime in 2018 because we, actually, had an election,</p> <p>13 under the 2016 bill, in 2018.</p> <p>14 You know, we -- in 2018, a -- December of</p> <p>15 2018, a -- the Superior Court had entered an injunction</p> <p>16 and an order finding that certain changes in the bill</p> <p>17 were violative of the Voter Protection Act,</p> <p>18 specifically, that there are some definitions</p> <p>19 incorporated by the Clean Elections Act that will</p> <p>20 change and found that those were VPA violations and,</p> <p>21 also, that there were attempting to interfere with the</p> <p>22 Commission's enforcement authority.</p> <p>23 The Superior -- the Court of Appeals held</p> <p>24 with a vote that the definitional changes were</p> <p>25 compliant with the Voter Protection Act because those</p>	<p>1 that it can be clear that, you know, what the law is is</p> <p>2 because, in theory, right now, although I can tell you</p> <p>3 that, definitely, I'm not -- I don't believe we</p> <p>4 would or could process a complaint, or something, that</p> <p>5 was based on the old law just because it would be</p> <p>6 contrary to the Court of Appeals; nevertheless, there</p> <p>7 is technically an injunction in place.</p> <p>8 And so, you know, for clarity's sake, you</p> <p>9 know, if we're not going to petition for review, then</p> <p>10 there's something said for trying, in some manner, to</p> <p>11 get the case remanded. So, that ought to be clarified.</p> <p>12 That's the -- that's where we are. I don't</p> <p>13 know -- I think we may have someone from Osborn Maledon</p> <p>14 on the line, to the extent that you have questions --</p> <p>15 legal advice questions. And then, obviously, you may</p> <p>16 or may not want to go into executive session, but I'm</p> <p>17 happy to take questions on my portion.</p> <p>18 CHAIRMAN PATON: Any questions?</p> <p>19 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman, this is</p> <p>20 Commissioner Kimble.</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN PATON: Yes.</p> <p>22 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I have some, I guess,</p> <p>23 questions and discussions about legal strategy, and I</p> <p>24 don't know if -- Tom, is that something you feel should</p> <p>25 be done in executive session?</p>		

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<p>1 MR. COLLINS: You know, Mr. Chairman,</p> <p>2 Commissioner Kimble, as a -- as a general practice, we</p> <p>3 do that in executive session. I'm not sure it matters,</p> <p>4 quite honestly, sometimes. I'm sure -- if we have --</p> <p>5 if we have an attorney on the line, we could -- we</p> <p>6 could do that. I don't know if we do or do not.</p> <p>7 MS. O'GRADY: Tom, I'm on the line. This</p> <p>8 is Mary.</p> <p>9 MR. COLLINS: Oh, okay. So, Mary, I'd</p> <p>10 defer to you. I mean, we generally do. I don't have a</p> <p>11 strong feeling about it, but Mary, you may. And, I</p> <p>12 think, we probably should, right?</p> <p>13 MS. O'GRADY: Yeah. I think those</p> <p>14 questions on pending litigation are generally</p> <p>15 appropriate for executive session.</p> <p>16 CHAIRMAN PATON: So, do I have a motion for</p> <p>17 executive session?</p> <p>18 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Yeah. This is</p> <p>19 Commissioner Kimble. I move we go into executive</p> <p>20 session.</p> <p>21 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I second that,</p> <p>22 Mr. Chairman.</p> <p>23 CHAIRMAN PATON: And --</p> <p>24 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I'll second that,</p> <p>25 Mr. Chairman. This is Commissioner Chan.</p>	<p>1 COMMISSIONER CHAN: And my understanding is</p> <p>2 we may not need to take any additional action if we</p> <p>3 don't wish to seek review. And so, therefore, I would</p> <p>4 not make any motion at this time. I think the only</p> <p>5 motion that would be in order would be if we wished to</p> <p>6 seek review from the Arizona Supreme Court, and I hope</p> <p>7 I'm not misunderstanding that.</p> <p>8 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. Is there a motion</p> <p>9 to -- is there a motion to direct the attorneys to seek</p> <p>10 an acceleration of the mandate to the Superior Court?</p> <p>11 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I would -- I would move</p> <p>12 that we direct Tom to work with our attorneys to seek</p> <p>13 to accelerate the remand to Superior Court.</p> <p>14 Tom, is that acceptable?</p> <p>15 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, Mr. Chairman,</p> <p>16 Commissioner Chan, yes. We can -- we can -- we can</p> <p>17 work on that issue to make sure that, you know, the</p> <p>18 Commission's interests are protected but, also, that</p> <p>19 all the parties and non-parties affected by this are --</p> <p>20 have the guidance that they need. Yes. So, I think</p> <p>21 that would be acceptable.</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay.</p> <p>23 MR. COLLINS: I have no objection to your</p> <p>24 motion.</p> <p>25 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. Then, is there a</p>		
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<p>1 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. So, we have a</p> <p>2 motion and a second and, I guess, we will vote.</p> <p>3 So, Commissioner Chan, how do you vote?</p> <p>4 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Aye.</p> <p>5 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Kimble?</p> <p>6 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Aye.</p> <p>7 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Meyer?</p> <p>8 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Aye.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN PATON: And Commissioner Paton, I</p> <p>10 vote aye, as well. So, we can go into executive</p> <p>11 session.</p> <p>12 (The following section of the meeting is in</p> <p>13 executive session and bound under separate cover.)</p> <p>14 * * * * *</p> <p>15</p> <p>16 (End of executive session. Public meeting</p> <p>17 resumes at 10:21 a.m.)</p> <p>18 MS. THOMAS: Chairman, go ahead. We're</p> <p>19 back in public.</p> <p>20 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Do we have a</p> <p>21 motion to direct our attorney not to file a petition</p> <p>22 for review?</p> <p>23 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, this is</p> <p>24 Commissioner Chan.</p> <p>25 CHAIRMAN PATON: Yes.</p>	<p>1 second?</p> <p>2 COMMISSIONER MEYER: This is Commissioner</p> <p>3 Meyer. I'll second that motion.</p> <p>4 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. So, we have a</p> <p>5 motion and a second, and how do we chose to vote on</p> <p>6 this?</p> <p>7 Commissioner Chan?</p> <p>8 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I vote aye.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Kimble?</p> <p>10 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Aye.</p> <p>11 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Meyer?</p> <p>12 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Aye.</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN PATON: And Commissioner Paton, I</p> <p>14 vote aye, as well. The motion is carried.</p> <p>15 Okay. So, Tom, are we now into the public</p> <p>16 comment, or do we need any more discussion?</p> <p>17 MR. COLLINS: No. Mr. Chairman, I have</p> <p>18 certainly the guidance I need. I believe we're on</p> <p>19 public comment.</p> <p>20 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. So, does any</p> <p>21 person of the public wish to make comment at this time?</p> <p>22 You may, also, send comments to the Commission by mail</p> <p>23 or email at ccec@azcleanelections.gov.</p> <p>24 (No response.)</p> <p>25 CHAIRMAN PATON: And if there is no public</p>		


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1 comment, then, I would entertain a motion to adjourn
2 the meeting.
3 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, this is
4 Commissioner Chan. I move -- I move that we adjourn
5 the meeting.
6 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. So, we have a
7 motion.
8 Do we have a second?
9 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: This is Commissioner
10 Kimble, second.
11 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. So, we have a
12 motion and a second to adjourn the meeting.
13 Commissioner Chan, how do you vote?
14 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Aye.
15 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Kimble?
16 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Aye.
17 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Meyer?
18 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Aye.
19 CHAIRMAN PATON: And this is Commissioner
20 Paton, and I vote aye, as well.
21 And we are adjourned.
22 (Whereupon, the proceedings concluded at
23 10:25 a.m.)
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1 STATE OF ARIZONA)
2 COUNTY OF MARICOPA)
3 BE IT KNOWN the foregoing proceedings were
4 taken by me; that I was then and there a Certified
5 Reporter of the State of Arizona, and by virtue thereof
6 authorized to administer an oath; that the proceedings
7 were taken down by me in shorthand and thereafter
8 transcribed into typewriting under my direction; that
9 the foregoing pages are a full, true, and accurate
10 transcript of all proceedings and testimony had and
11 adduced upon the taking of said proceedings, all done to
12 the best of my skill and ability.
13 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am in no way
14 related to nor employed by any of the parties thereto
15 nor am I in any way interested in the outcome hereof.
16 DATED at Phoenix, Arizona, this 8th day of
17 October, 2020.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
November 19, 2020**

Announcements:

- The public can view Commission meetings live via the internet at www.livestream.com/cleanelections. A link is available on our website.

Voter Education:

- Gina and Tom gave several media interviews throughout the General Election cycle.
- Gina participated in weekly meetings with a Native American Voter Communications group.
- Avery has continued his collaboration with Opportunities for Youth's with Voter Mobilization meetings
- Avery answered questions about the voting process via a Facebook Live event hosted by Becca Bailey of The Arizona Commission for The Deaf and Hard of Hearing. 10/7/20
- Gina and Avery gave a series of Voter Ed Zoom Sessions with Ability 360
- Avery attended the Arizona Progress Meters and New Young Talent Progress meter rollout presentation by The Center for The Future of Arizona 10/22/20
- Avery presented Clean Elections Tools and resources for a Voter Event by Opportunities for Youth. 10/22/20
- Avery continues to meet with and offer support to the Mesa Community College Civic Engagement team (MCC Votes)
- Avery attended the CivEx Young Talent Progress Meter: The Voice of Young Arizonans. 10/29/20
- Avery had a Zoom meeting with Zach Yentzer and Amanda Bruno of Tucson Young Professionals to discuss collaborations in 2021. 11/4/20
- Avery had a meeting, via Zoom, with David Martinez III of Vitalyst Health to discuss possible collaborations on Civic Health in 2021. 11/12/20
- Avery was interviewed by a sociology undergraduate from ASU about Social Change and civic engagement. 11/13/20

Administration:

- In order to reduce exposure to COVID-19, staff continues to practice social distancing, wear masks and electronic changes have been implemented to reduce incoming traffic.

Miscellaneous

- **Outstanding legal matters**
 - Legacy Foundation Action Fund
 - Awaiting conference/decision
 - State Ex Rel Brnovich v. Ariz. Board of Regents.
 - Awaiting decision.
 - Election cases involving Arizona

- **Appointments**
 - No additional information at this time.
- **Candidates**
- Number of Qualified Participating Candidates – 36
- General Participating Candidates Funded – 31
- Enforcement
 - MUR 20-01, Starzyk, closed
 - MUR 20-02, Parra, pending
 - Ariz. Educ Ass'n
 - Starzyk 2
 - Sloan

November 3, 2020

General Election Highlights



General Election

Tuesday

November 3, 2020

Turnout

Registered Voters: 4,281,152

Ballots Cast: 3,420,465

Voter Turnout: 79.90%

Year	General Election	Primary Election
2020	79.90%	36.42%
2018	64.85%	33.26%
2016	74.17%	29.10%
2014	47.52%	27.02%
2012	74.36%	28.09%
2010	55.65%	30.09%
2008	77.69%	22.80%
2006	60.47%	23.07%
2004	77.10%	24.71%
2002	56.33%	25.25%
2000	71.76%	23.84%
1998	45.82%	19.66%

General Election Topics

- **COVID-19**
- **USPS**
- **Voter Registration Deadline**
- **Ballot by mail security**
- **Ballot tabulation time**
- **Sharpies**
- **How do I know if my ballot counted**
- **Recounts**

Voting During COVID-19

What the County is Doing

- ✓ PPE for poll workers/training
- ✓ Sanitizing
- ✓ Physical distancing protocols
- ✓ Single use pens/disinfecting procedures
- ✓ Larger facilities when available
- ✓ Ballot drop boxes

What the Voter Can Do

- ✓ Consider ballot by mail
- ✓ Come prepared (know who/what you are voting for)
- ✓ Wear a face covering
- ✓ Bring your own pen (except for Maricopa)
- ✓ Maintain physical distancing
- ✓ Wash your hands
- ✓ Don't touch your face



Contact your County Recorder if you would like to support your community and become a poll worker!

<https://azsos.gov/pollworker-signup>

USPS – Ballot by Mail

- **USPS advises:** Where voters will both receive and send a ballot by mail, voters should submit their ballot request early enough so that it is received by their election officials at least **15 days before Election Day at a minimum**, and preferably long before that time.
- Arizona law allows voters to request a ballot by mail 11 days before the election.
- Ballot by mail has been available in Arizona for over two decades and approximately **80%** of Arizona voters already choose this method to vote. In the August 4th Primary Election, over **1.2 million** early ballots were cast (almost **88%** of the vote). Arizona is equipped to handle increases in ballot by mail requests for the General Election.
- You can track your ballot online at: my.arizona.vote. Maricopa voters, text JOIN to 628-683 to receive text alerts.

Voter Registration

Deadline = October 5th at 11:59 p.m.

Deadline Extension = October 23rd at 5 p.m.

Deadline Grace Period = October 15th at 11:59 p.m.

Ballot by Mail Security

- Concerns over USPS handling their ballot
- Myths about ballots going to everyone (not just voters that requested one)
- Concerns over returning voted ballot by mail (will it count, can someone switch my vote, will it arrive on time)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Citizens Clean Elections Commission. The header includes navigation links: "Am I Registered to Vote?", "Where Do I Vote?", "Find My Candidates", "Español", and a search bar. The main navigation bar lists: ELECTIONS, HOW TO VOTE, REGISTER TO VOTE, HOW GOVERNMENT WORKS, RUN FOR OFFICE, and WHAT WE DO. The "VOTE BY MAIL" section features a blue background with a white ballot and mailbox illustration. Text reads: "Voting by mail is a safe and secure process that's easy for you, the voter. Learn how to get on the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL) for all eligible elections or request a ballot by mail for a specific election." To the right, a sidebar titled "FIND WHERE TO VOTE & MORE" prompts users to "Enter Your Full Street Address To Use The Voter Dashboard!" with a search bar and button.

[Home](#) / [How to Vote](#) / [Early Voting](#) / [Vote by Mail](#)

 [Learn why voting by mail is important because of social distancing due to Covid-19.](#)

STATEMENT ON UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AND BALLOT BY MAIL

Ballot by mail has been available in Arizona for over two decades and approximately 80% of Arizona voters already choose this method to vote. As such, the infrastructure and security are well in place. Importantly, there is a long standing relationship between Arizona election officials and the United States Postal Service for the delivery of official election mail, including ballots. In the August 4th Primary Election, over 1.2 million early ballots were cast (almost 88% of the vote). Arizona is equipped to handle increases in ballot by mail requests for the General Election.

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BY ELECTION TYPE

This screenshot shows the "THE SECURITY OF VOTING BY MAIL" section of the website. It features a blue background with a white illustration of an "OFFICIAL EARLY BALLOTING MATERIAL" envelope. The text states: "When you vote by mail, your vote is counted securely, your identity is kept private, and you can confirm that your ballot was counted." The sidebar on the right is identical to the one in the previous screenshot, titled "FIND WHERE TO VOTE & MORE".

[Home](#) / [How to Vote](#) / [Voter Resources](#) / [Election Security](#) / [The Security of Voting by Mail](#)

IS VOTING BY MAIL SECURE?

The infrastructure of the voting by mail system is already well established in Arizona. Arizona law has permitted voting by mail for more than 20 years and approximately 80% of Arizona voters chose to vote by mail. The laws and procedures in place ensure the safety and security of early ballots, and also provide transparency in the process.

VERIFIED VOTER IDENTITY

It's important to note that a voter's identity is confirmed before their ballot is counted, whether it's an early ballot or a ballot cast at the polls. The Help America Vote Act requires first time voters



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Ballot Tabulation Time

- Canvass timeline per A.R.S. § § 16-642, 648
 - Counties: 6-20 days
 - SOS: 4th Monday following the General Election (November 30th)
- Counties can begin tabulation E-14 after successful completion of L&A testing
- What happens on Election Night:
 - First results can be released at 8pm on Election Night (early ballots)
 - Voting location results come in throughout the night
- What happens after Election Night:
 - Counties continue to tabulate early ballots that came in near or on Election Day.
 - Provisional ballot processing, cure period, post L&A, hand count.

The Election is not over on Election Night

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission. The header includes navigation links: "Am I Registered to Vote?", "Where Do I Vote?", "Find My Candidates", "Español", and a search bar. Below the header, there's a teal banner with the commission's logo and a list of links: "ELECTIONS", "HOW TO VOTE", "REGISTER TO VOTE", "HOW GOVERNMENT WORKS", "RUN FOR OFFICE", and "WHAT WE DO". The main content area features a large image of a hand putting a ballot into a box, with the text "WHAT HAPPENS AFTER ELECTION DAY?". To the right, there's a section titled "FIND WHERE TO VOTE & MORE" with a search bar and a "SEARCH" button. Below this, there's a section for "UPCOMING ELECTIONS" with a link to "November 3, 2020 Election". Further down, there's a section for "VOTING INFORMED" with links to "Voter Dashboard", "Propositions", "Find My Candidates", and "Candidate Debates". At the bottom, there's a section titled "SUMMARY OF HAND COUNT AUDITS - 2020 GENERAL ELECTION" with a paragraph explaining the process and a link to "Click here to see the results." Below this, there's a section titled "CANVASS" with a paragraph explaining the process and a link to "Click here to see the results."

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SUMMARY OF HAND COUNT AUDITS - 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

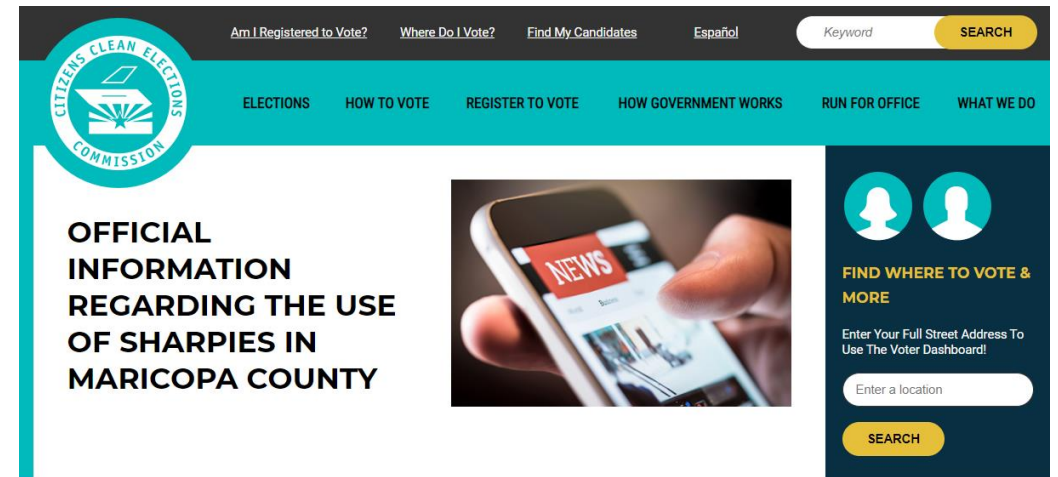
Pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-602(B), county election officers are required to conduct a hand count of a sample of ballots to test the accuracy of the vote tabulation equipment if there is participation from the county political parties. Those counties that conduct the hand count are required by law to report the results to the Secretary of State. [Click here](#) to see the results.

CANVASS

It's important for voters to know that counting ballots will continue after Election Day. This is normal and Arizona's election laws account for this. All results reported are considered unofficial until the adoption of the **canvass**. Election results fluctuate as ballots continue to be counted, and candidates leading the election can change as more results come in. Tabulation is conducted under the observation of political observers and the public can watch a live stream feed. There is no official winner until the Secretary of State adopts the official canvass of Election on November 30, 2020.

Sharpies

- Confusion and misinformation about the correct writing instrument for filling in a ballot
- Election day voters in Maricopa County were issued a Sharpie at the polls. The ink bled through some ballots, causing concerns for those voters if their ballot counted.
- Voter education on polling place procedures, writing instruments, new equipment, ballot design, overvotes, duplication boards and how to confirm ballot was counted.
- A ballot filled out with a Sharpie COUNTS!



UPDATE: MARICOPA COUNTY - HAND COUNT AUDIT REPORT

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-602(B), Maricopa County conducted the hand count/early ballot audit for the **November 3, General Election**. Click [here](#) to see the results.

WILL MY BALLOT COUNT IF I USED A SHARPIE?

Yes! Any regular ballot cast at the polling place will be counted. Sharpies are actually the recommended pen for filling out a ballot at the polling place in Maricopa County. This is different from previous years since Maricopa County purchased new election equipment. Sharpies work best as the ink dries the fastest, which is better for the tabulation machine to read when the voter places their voted ballot into the tabulator at the polls. Also, if there is any bleed through, it would not impact other races due to the ballot design. The county specifically purchased the pens supplied by poll workers, which were issued to ALL voters.

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How do I know if my ballot counted?

- Confusion and misinformation about how to know if a voter's ballot counted.

If you voted an early ballot (either in person or by mail):

You can verify the status of your ballot online [here](#).

If you voted at the polls on Election Day:

If you fed your ballot directly in the tabulator, your ballot was counted immediately.

If you deposited your ballot into a secure bin, your ballot was tabulated at the county elections office under the observation of political observers. The public can also watch online through the [live camera feeds](#).

You can verify that you voted in the election by reviewing your voting history [here](#). After you pull up your registration information, click "Continue" then click "My Voting History" on the left.

Please note, ballots are still being tabulated. It can take some time for the county to update the voter's record. If you do not see your status updated, it does not mean that your ballot was not counted yet. The counties are working to tabulate ballots first and then will update the system accordingly.

WHY DOES MY EARLY BALLOT STATUS SAY CANCELED?

If a voter was issued an early ballot, but voted at the polls on Election Day, then the early ballot status will say canceled. It is correct for that early ballot to be cancelled since the voter voted in person. It is a security measure to ensure a voter cannot vote twice.

Recounts

- Voter demands for a recount. Misinformation and distrust in voting equipment/software systems and ballots not being counted.

WILL THERE BE A RECOUNT?

Pursuant to [A.R.S. § 16-661](#) and in the presidential race between Donald Trump and Joe Biden, Arizona would only have an automatic recount if there was a margin of 200 votes or less between. Arizona law does not permit candidates or the public to request a recount.

WHEN DOES A RECOUNT OCCUR?

An automatic recount occurs after the official canvass of election is adopted and must be initiated by a court order. If the canvass shows a margin of 200 votes or less between Donald Trump and Joe Biden, the Secretary of State would file a lawsuit in Maricopa County Superior Court and obtain a court order initiating the recount process.

CAN SOMEONE CHALLENGE THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION?

Yes. Any elector of Arizona may contest the election of a person within 5 days after the adoption of the canvass. The contest **must** be brought as an action in Superior Court. See [Arizona Revised Statutes](#), Title 16, Chapter 4, Article 13 for more information.

Recounts

JOINT STATEMENT FROM ELECTIONS INFRASTRUCTURE GOVERNMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL & THE ELECTION INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR COORDINATING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

“The November 3rd election was the most secure in American history. Right now, across the country, election officials are reviewing and double checking the entire election process prior to finalizing the result.

“When states have close elections, many will recount ballots. All of the states with close results in the 2020 presidential race have paper records of each vote, allowing the ability to go back and count each ballot if necessary. This is an added benefit for security and resilience. This process allows for the identification and correction of any mistakes or errors. **There is no evidence that any voting system deleted or lost votes, changed votes, or was in any way compromised.**

“Other security measures like pre-election testing, state certification of voting equipment, and the U.S. Election Assistance Commission’s (EAC) certification of voting equipment help to build additional confidence in the voting systems used in 2020.

“While we know there are many unfounded claims and opportunities for misinformation about the process of our elections, we can assure you we have the utmost confidence in the security and integrity of our elections, and you should too. When you have questions, turn to elections officials as trusted voices as they administer elections.”

<https://www.cisa.gov/news/2020/11/12/joint-statement-elections-infrastructure-government-coordinating-council-election>

Legal Updates

- CASE DISMISSED: Laurie Aguilera v Adrian Fontes et al Case # CV2020-014083
- CASE DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE: Donald J Trump For President, Inc. et al v Katie Hobbs et al Case # CV2020-014248
- Arizona Republican Party v Adrian Fontes et al Case # CV2020-014553
- Laurie Aguilera v Adrian Fontes et al Case # CV2020-014562

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