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1 PUBLIC MEETING BEFORE THE CITIZENS CLEAN 2 ELECTIONS COMMISSION convened at 9:34 on June 25, 2020, 3 at the State of Arizona, Clean Elections Commission, 4 1616 West Adams, Conference Room, Phoenix, Arizona, in 5 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 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 (telephonic) 17 Alec Shaffer, Web Content Manager 18 Kara Karlson, Assistant Attorney General 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	1 Is there any discussion? 2 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, I move 3 that we -- I move that we adopt the minutes as written. 4 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. We have a motion by 5 Commissioner Chan. 6 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: This is Commissioner 7 Kimble. I second. 8 CHAIRMAN PATON: And there's a second. And 9 we will call the roll. 10 Commissioner Chan? 11 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Aye. 12 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Kimble? 13 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Aye. 14 CHAIRMAN PATON: And Commissioner Paton, 15 that is I, and by I vote aye, as well. 16 Item III, discussion and possible action on 17 Executive Director's report. 18 Mr. Collins? 19 MR. COLLINS: Yes. Thank you, 20 Mr. Chairman, Members. 21 As you can see, notwithstanding the various 22 circumstances and, particularly, the COVID situation, 23 we've got a very full voter education outreach agenda. 24 I think that the things I'd like to highlight and, 25 then, I would -- and, then, I would defer to Gina on	

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1 PROCEEDING 2 3 CHAIRMAN PATON: This is the call to order 4 for the June 25th, 2020 Citizens Clean Elections 5 Commission. I call it to order. It's -- by my clock, 6 it's 9:34. And so, we will take attendance. 7 Each Commissioner, please state your 8 presence for the record. 9 COMMISSIONER CHAN: This is Amy Chan. I'm 10 here by phone. 11 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mark Kimble. I'm 12 here in the Commission office. 13 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. And this is 14 Commissioner Galen Paton, and I'm here by phone. And I 15 believe that's all we have right now. 16 Is that correct, Tom? 17 MR. COLLINS: Yes, yes. That's correct. 18 MS. THOMAS: Let him know we have Mike and 19 Gina on the line, too. 20 MR. COLLINS: And -- yeah, we, also, 21 have -- Mr. Chairman, we, also, have -- Mike Becker and 22 Gina Roberts are on the line. 23 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. All right. So, 24 let's go to Item II, discussion and possible action on 25 minutes for the April 30th meeting.	1 anything else she wants to particularly highlight, if I 2 might, but a couple of -- a couple of things. 3 Avery has been working with ASU on the 4 Voter Mobilization Planning Committee, as well as with 5 the -- presenting to the Maricopa County Recorder's 6 Office. And -- and Alec and Gina have met with the 7 Arizona Center for Disability Law and Outreach, and 8 then I -- and then, I think, that probably the biggest 9 thing and the thing that we're most excited about is 10 the partnership that Gina has spearheaded with the -- 11 with the Arizona Commission on the Deaf and Hard of 12 Hearing to allow for the Voter Education Guide to be 13 produced in American Sign Language. 14 This is a first for us, and we think this 15 is maybe the first time something like this has been 16 done by a -- by a State partnership certainly in 17 Arizona at this scale. So, that's -- we're incredibly 18 excited about that opportunity to continue to broaden 19 the accessibility of voter education information to 20 every voter in the state. 21 We do have coming up a panel discussion 22 that Gina will be presenting along with -- and the 23 Commission will be sponsoring and that Gina will be 24 presenting along with the Coconino County Recorder and 25 the Maricopa County Elections Director on elections on		

<p>09:38:17-09:39:19 Page 6</p> <p>1 June 30th about the primary elections which will -- our 2 goal there is to be able to give folks who log into 3 that event an opportunity to hear the nuts and bolts of 4 what goes on in preparing for an election and in 5 getting into -- and in getting into just how elections 6 work. So, we're really excited about that opportunity. 7 And, then, the Voter Education Guide itself 8 will be hitting homes between now and July 8, and we'll 9 be wrapping up our primary debates which, again, I have 10 to credit Paula and Gina for -- 11 THE OPERATOR: Joining the meeting -- 12 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Damien Meyer. 13 MR. COLLINS: -- for their efforts to 14 transition us into this online version of the debate, 15 which I think has been productive and seems to be 16 working very well for both candidates and the public, 17 as measured by -- 18 THE OPERATOR: Leaving the meeting. 19 MR. COLLINS: -- the questions we're 20 getting. 21 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Damien Meyer. 22 MR. COLLINS: So, that's -- that's where we 23 are. 24 Gina, I don't know if there's anything else 25 that you want to highlight from voter education that I</p>	<p>09:40:29-09:41:44 Page 8</p> <p>1 MR. COLLINS: Sorry. 2 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Chan, did you 3 have a question? 4 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Well, more of a 5 statement. I just was looking at this and realizing 6 the bubble I was in for the past -- you know, I think 7 it's been four months now. And I just want to say 8 thank you to the staff for the work they're still doing 9 because while I've kind of been put down here and I'm 10 very fortunate, I feel like, to be able to do that. 11 And I'm just really grateful to the staff that's still 12 doing this really important work. And I'm happy they 13 can do it, I think, as safely as possible. 14 I know, you know, Avery and Gina gave this 15 amazing presentation to this high school group that I 16 came in contact with through -- in St. Peter, and they 17 did such an amazing job. I was so impressed. I, 18 frankly -- I was not expecting such an amazing 19 presentation. I don't know why. I just thought it 20 would be a little more informal, and this is so 21 amazing. And I think the high schoolers were really 22 impressed. 23 And when I see the volume of work that 24 Avery is doing and Gina is doing and Alec, I'm just 25 tinselled over. And I always am, but especially under</p>
<p>09:39:22-09:40:29 Page 7</p> <p>1 have missed. 2 MS. ROBERTS: Sure, Tom. 3 Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, this is Gina 4 Roberts. And I think what I would just like to note is 5 that staff, and particularly Alec, is working really 6 hard right now on our website to accumulate all of 7 the -- all of the information that voters need to vote. 8 So, what we're really seeing is that based off of the 9 relationship that Alec has built with the counties, 10 we're getting a lot of great high in responses. And 11 so, that's really helpful to us to be able to, 12 basically, take all of this election information -- 13 THE OPERATOR: Joining the meeting. 14 MS. ROBERTS: -- across the entire state -- 15 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Damien Meyer. 16 MS. ROBERTS: -- and get that available to 17 voters in a single place on our website, but I just 18 wanted to highlight that our website is really a key 19 tool for voters this year. And the voter education 20 unit is putting a lot of work into that. And so, 21 that's just one thing that I would highlight, as well, 22 in addition to everything else that Tom has mentioned. 23 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, that's -- and Gina is 24 absolutely right about that. 25 CHAIRMAN PATON: Yes?</p>	<p>09:41:47-09:42:52 Page 9</p> <p>1 the circumstances of this pandemic that we're facing. 2 And, you know, I -- I just wanted to mention that. I 3 always want you guys to know, the staff -- the whole 4 staff, really, but that I appreciate everything you 5 guys do and especially knowing how, you know, kind of, 6 uncertain everything is right now. So, thank you very 7 much. 8 MS. ROBERTS: Mr. Chairman, this is Gina, 9 if I could. Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, and 10 Commissioner Chan, thank you for -- 11 THE OPERATOR: Leaving the meeting. 12 MS. ROBERTS: -- for highlighting, you 13 know, the ability to -- 14 CHAIRMAN PATON: Galen Paton. 15 MS. ROBERTS: Did we lose Chairman Paton? 16 MS. KARLSON: We need to call the roll 17 again, Tom. 18 MS. THOMAS: I think Meyer is on the line. 19 MS. ROBERTS: Sure. 20 MS. KARLSON: I don't know if we have a 21 quorum. 22 MR. COLLINS: Okay. So, can we -- if 23 you're a Commissioner, if you could announce yourself 24 for the record, please. 25 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I'm here. This is</p>

<p>09:42:54-09:43:38 Page 10</p> <p>1 Commissioner Chan. 2 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Commissioner Kimble 3 is here. 4 COMMISSIONER MEYER: This is Commissioner 5 Meyer. I popped on. I apologize. I was having some 6 phone issues, but Commissioner Meyer is here now. 7 MS. THOMAS: Maybe Paton fell off? 8 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, I think so. 9 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Yeah. 10 MS. THOMAS: I think we have a quorum. 11 MR. COLLINS: Should we -- should we -- I'm 12 trying to figure out if he -- 13 MS. KARLSON: Yeah, we have a quorum. 14 MR. COLLINS: I know. I mean, do you want 15 to -- do you want me to -- 16 THE OPERATOR: Joining the meeting. 17 MR. COLLINS: There we go. 18 MS. KARLSON: There he is. 19 CHAIRMAN PATON: Galen Paton. 20 MR. COLLINS: So -- 21 CHAIRMAN PATON: I guess I'm back. 22 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Well, we had paused. 23 So, the last thing we had -- 24 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. 25 MR. COLLINS: We had -- I guess, where we</p>	<p>09:45:33-09:46:56 Page 12</p> <p>1 to -- if you haven't had a chance to review it. I 2 think it, at least, gives you the gist of our argument 3 at the -- at the -- at the Court of Appeals. And 4 they'll rule when they -- when they rule. I 5 wouldn't -- I wouldn't predict, you know, an outcome 6 one way or the other. 7 From our perspective, it's not a very 8 complicated case, but -- but, you know, there are -- 9 but that's because we have a lot of confidence that 10 we're right. So, I'll leave it at that. 11 I think -- 12 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Excuse me. 13 MR. COLLINS: Sure. 14 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman? 15 CHAIRMAN PATON: Yes, Commissioner Kimble. 16 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Tom, so, in the 17 interim, what is the status? 18 MR. COLLINS: So, the Superior Court 19 enjoined the enforcement of a couple of different 20 definitions that were changed and the definition that 21 was created by the bill in 2016 related to an entity 22 called a Political Action Committee, the definitions of 23 contribution being rewritten to exclude, essentially, 24 all legal services and to exclude coordination between 25 the party and the nominee of the party being not a</p>
<p>09:43:38-09:45:29 Page 11</p> <p>1 are is I just had a couple -- if I'm not wrong, I think 2 I just had -- I just wanted to just mention a couple of 3 quick items on the -- on administration and then legal 4 stuff and legislative stuff real quick. 5 And we are -- we are still -- you know, we 6 are still open. We've been open throughout the COVID 7 situation. We are still dealing with monitoring our 8 staffing and making sure that we're within the 9 guidelines that are out there, and we do have cleaning 10 and protective equipment available and masks, for 11 example, for everyone in the event they don't -- they 12 want to use -- they want -- in the event that they 13 don't have their own or a more stylish option. 14 A couple of quick things, you know, we had 15 this oral argument in June on the -- with the Arizona 16 Advocacy versus State case. That case has to do with 17 the interaction of the Clean Elections Act and the 18 Voter Protection Act and a 2016 law passed -- well, 19 arguably, passed by the legislature that we -- in -- 20 gosh, all the way back in December of 2018, the 21 Commission and the Advocacy Network Plaintiffs were 22 granted judgment in favor of the -- in favor of us. 23 The State then appealed, and so we just had 24 the oral argument just this last -- a couple of days 25 ago. There's a newspaper story attached, if you want</p>	<p>09:47:02-09:48:48 Page 13</p> <p>1 contribution. And, then, also, the Court made it clear 2 that our enforcement authority was not encroached upon 3 by the 2016 legislation. 4 The status quo is that, you know, the 5 Secretary has published its annual guidance on campaign 6 finance issues. The exceptions that were created, I'll 7 be honest with you, they haven't come up in a -- in 8 a -- in any kind of discrete format for us. So, as far 9 as -- as far as -- as far as we are able to tell, the 10 people have been able to act in accordance with the 11 statute without raising significant issues. 12 The one issue that will become more 13 critical between now and the end of the election is the 14 party nominee coordination, and that's because, you 15 know, when the legislature -- what the legislature did 16 was they broadened the way in which political parties 17 can interact with their nominees financially 18 significantly. Now, as a policy matter, we adopted 19 that particular thing into our rules because in the 20 view of the staff, putting aside the VPA issues, there 21 were some administrative reasons to do that and because 22 that -- that 2016 bill was not subject to any kind of 23 negotiation. I mean, had we had the opportunity to 24 negotiate, that's the kind of thing that we actually 25 think, you know, had some benefit and -- you know, at</p>

<p>09:48:48-09:50:30 Page 14</p> <p>1 least as staff members, we do. 2 That having been said, the other piece is 3 the enforcement piece. There's been no -- we haven't 4 had any direct, again, conflicts raised with respect to 5 that. We have had -- to the best of my knowledge, 6 we've only had one complaint generated this cycle, and 7 that complaint is not -- has both potential Clean 8 Elections issues and potential non-Clean Elections 9 issues based on the -- based on the respondents in that 10 complaint. 11 So, again, it's not a direct conflict. 12 It's more of a parallel situation. So, the reality is 13 that for -- for -- as far as I can tell, from where I'm 14 sitting, there's -- there's not this sort of -- there's 15 not been a -- the campaign finance system overall and 16 the attorneys and our staff and, you know, Mike and 17 Julian, principally, and the Secretary staff involved 18 in campaign finance, I just don't -- we have not seen 19 any sort of a devolving or kind of a chaos related to 20 that. 21 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Okay. I guess, the 22 reason I'm asking is we're waiting for a Court 23 decision. Elections are approaching. Campaigns are 24 ongoing, but you don't foresee any substantial issues 25 of confusion coming up until this ruling comes down?</p>	<p>09:52:04-09:53:26 Page 16</p> <p>1 I think, I'll just -- the rest of these are here. 2 I want to make one quick note Kara pointed 3 out. On Miracle v. Hobbs, now that the -- given that 4 there was a denial of preliminary relief that the 5 appeal was denied and then the Plaintiffs abandoned the 6 case, and then last week -- and you'll see the attached 7 settlement and the Secretary of State's statement. The 8 case called Voto Latino v. Hobbs was -- was settled, 9 and that case involved the date of return of mailed 10 ballots, basically. And this -- and the Secretary's 11 office entered into an agreement with the Plaintiffs 12 regarding educational efforts and other related efforts 13 they will be making to make sure folks are aware of the 14 existing deadline. 15 Does that sound fair, Kara? 16 MS. KARLSON: Yeah. The one thing that I 17 would just add to make clear is that the deadline does 18 not change any ballot, mail-in or otherwise, has to be 19 in the hands of county officials by 7:00 p.m. on 20 election day. So, just so that's perfectly clear. 21 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I'm sorry. I can't 22 hear what's being said. 23 MR. COLLINS: Can you -- 24 MS. KARLSON: Oh, sorry. I wasn't pushing 25 it, Amy.</p>
<p>09:50:36-09:52:00 Page 15</p> <p>1 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner 2 Kimble, based upon our experience thus far, I don't. I 3 will -- I will simply -- the only caveat is -- and it's 4 not a confusion point, but it's a desire point. I 5 think that both parties would like to have the ability 6 to coordinate more completely with their nominees. 7 And, as I say, if we had brought this 8 lawsuit, this is not the way we would have brought 9 this, but at least the -- Mike and I certainly wouldn't 10 have recommended the lawsuit be framed -- and I'm 11 speaking for Mike here, but I assume he agrees. If you 12 don't agree, let me know -- but we think there are some 13 policy reasons why -- and administrative reasons why 14 the nominee piece is not the worst thing in the world, 15 but that's not how the -- that's neither how the bill 16 was passed nor how the lawsuit was framed. 17 And since we weren't really involved in 18 either of those things, that's -- that's the one issue 19 where surely nominees and the parties would like to be 20 able to, you know, better harness the resources of the 21 parties to coordinate with the nominees in a way that 22 is more parallel with the way that the federal campaign 23 finance law works. 24 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Thank you. 25 MR. COLLINS: I think the other main point</p>	<p>09:53:29-09:54:49 Page 17</p> <p>1 COMMISSIONER CHAN: That's okay. At first 2 I thought -- and then I thought, oh, this is supposed 3 to be part of the meeting. Thank you. 4 MS. KARLSON: So -- and excuse me, 5 Commissioner -- Mr. Chairman and Commissioners. The 6 one thing that I want to be clear about is that the 7 deadline is still 7:00 p.m. on election day. All 8 ballots must be received by county officials by 7:00 9 p.m. on election day. That has not changed. 10 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Thank you. 11 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, just -- I'll 12 just wrap up real quick. The legislature adjourned 13 sine die. We have been just -- you know, the Joint 14 Legislative Budget Committee has been putting out its 15 projections. It's not -- so far the anticipated budget 16 impact of COVID is lower now than was originally 17 anticipated. 18 And, then, the last thing, I think, I want 19 to mention is just we are -- we have 11 of our 38 20 candidates funded, and we do know that -- that, really, 21 at this point, a couple of the -- a number of statewide 22 candidates -- this is the Corporation Commission is our 23 statewide race this year, and both parties have been 24 quite active or, I should say, both -- both campaigns 25 and both sides, for lack of a better way of putting it,</p>

<p>09:54:51-09:56:19 Page 18</p> <p>1 have been active in getting -- in terms of getting 2 their folks to engage with the \$5 collection process 3 for the Corporation Commission. So, we anticipate that 4 numbering -- the number of funded candidates increasing 5 here in the near future. 6 So, that's -- I think that's about all I've 7 got, unless -- Mr. Chairman, unless you've got -- 8 unless you or any Commissioners have any questions or 9 if anybody else -- Gina, Mike. 10 CHAIRMAN PATON: Actually, this is 11 Commissioner Paton now. 12 MR. COLLINS: Yeah. 13 CHAIRMAN PATON: I do have a question or, I 14 guess, it's really a concern for Tom and for Gina. I 15 was, kind of -- during some of these elections when 16 the -- across the country when these -- it seems like 17 after the -- after the election day, things go on on 18 weeks and weeks and weeks mainly because people are 19 dropping off their early ballots. I was wondering if 20 we could coordinate something with the Secretary of 21 State reminding people that things would go faster if 22 they would get their early ballots in early. 23 Is there some kind of public -- some kind 24 of advertising -- advertising campaign that we could 25 coordinate with the Secretary of State? I just think</p>	<p>09:57:44-09:59:19 Page 20</p> <p>1 Relatedly, in a more -- in a more directed 2 effort, we've tried and I've tried to -- in forums 3 where we're engaging directly with the press 4 specifically, we've tried to stress that we have to -- 5 that in order to properly cover elections at this 6 point, because of the expansion of vote by mail, we 7 need to both -- there needs to be attention paid by 8 reporters to why the delay exists in the first place. 9 In other words, we can engage in public 10 education on the issue as much as we can, but unless -- 11 but if the -- if the press -- and this is -- this has 12 been -- this is something that everyone from, you know, 13 sort of nationally recognized election, you know, sort 14 of professor ivory tower types down to, obviously, the 15 election officials that we work with recognize that if 16 the -- if the education efforts on that issue do not 17 see a corresponding treatment by the press to prepare 18 the public to understand why delays are happening, they 19 won't be as effective. 20 So, we have -- you know. So, I've tried, 21 for example, in forums where I'm more likely to 22 interact with reporters, to hit that point again and 23 again. So, you know, it's, sort of, a two-prong issue. 24 One, what's the public's perception, how can we address 25 it through our -- through our paid and earned efforts;</p>
<p>09:56:23-09:57:41 Page 19</p> <p>1 that people think that there's something crooked going 2 on -- 3 MR. COLLINS: Right. 4 CHAIRMAN PATON: -- when you can't call 5 elections for two or three weeks down the road. 6 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, I think 7 there's -- I have a two-part answer to that and, then, 8 Gina or however you -- whatever else you want to add, 9 please do. 10 My answer would be twofold. First, we are 11 engaging in more -- more education efforts around vote 12 by mail. We anticipate the potential to coordinate 13 better with the Secretary, although, because of some 14 background issues with the Joint Legislative Budget 15 Committee, it's not totally clear what the Secretary is 16 or isn't going to do or be able to do. We know that 17 they have a campaign -- a public education campaign 18 devoted to issues related to election security and 19 election misinformation, particularly. 20 There's a second point, and I think that 21 it -- so, in that process, and I think that -- I think 22 that all the county officials involved, the Secretary 23 and us have all made -- tried to make clear that the 24 sooner you return your ballot, the sooner you -- the 25 sooner the counting can be done.</p>	<p>09:59:22-10:00:37 Page 21</p> <p>1 and, then, two, how do we get it -- how do we get the 2 horse race, sort of, politics of calling races and 3 determining races to be -- to be less of an emphasis so 4 that folks understand what's going on. 5 So, that's -- that's, sort of, my answer, 6 which is it's not a -- I know it's not really, like, 7 a -- the short answer is yes. The longer answer is 8 here's how. 9 And, Gina, I don't know if there's anything 10 else you'd want to add. 11 MS. ROBERTS: Yes. Mr. Chairman, 12 Commissioners, this is Gina. 13 One thing I would add is we did have a 14 legislative change that allows the counties more time 15 now to start processing those early ballots. So, we 16 have Senate Bill 1054 that passed. So, now, once the 17 counties take care of the accuracy testing, they have, 18 I believe, seven extra days than they used to in the 19 past to actually start processing and tabulating those 20 early ballots that come in ahead of election day. 21 We -- and, Mr. Chairman, you are correct. 22 We do -- we do have voters who drop their ballot off at 23 the polls, and that's -- that is something that occurs. 24 And so, we do have reminders out there in our paid 25 media about the deadline to mail back your ballot and</p>

<p>10:00:41-10:01:43 Page 22</p> <p>1 what the recommended date is to do that, to get that 2 in, but if you don't, you can still drop it off at any 3 voting location in your county. 4 So, we do educate on how to return your 5 ballot, but to go more to your point, we could actually 6 develop some more material content for our website 7 talking about, kind of, those post-election procedures 8 that happen because, in addition to the early ballots, 9 there's, also, the processing of provisional ballots. 10 There's, also -- now we have this cure period for 11 signatures that don't match. We have our post-election 12 L & A's, our post-election audits. 13 And so, we could try to develop more 14 information so the public has that for a better 15 understanding about why it takes time to complete and 16 process the election results and, as Tom mentioned, 17 too, and working with the media. For example, in the 18 Executive Director's report, Tom mentioned that we have 19 a panel discussion coming up with the Arizona Capitol 20 Times. 21 That can definitely be one of our talking 22 points to explain to the public, you know, this is 23 something that needs to be expected, anticipated, but 24 hopefully this year -- and with this legislative change 25 that now allows more time for processing, hopefully</p>	<p>10:03:28-10:04:36 Page 24</p> <p>1 people that, you know, they can really help in this 2 regard to get their early ballots in early so they can 3 be counted in a timely fashion. 4 So, I just -- I remember the last election 5 where all these things were pushed back, it was very 6 unnerving. And I would rather not see that happen 7 again. 8 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, Mr. -- 9 CHAIRMAN PATON: So, I don't know. Tom, do 10 you have anything else? 11 MR. COLLINS: No. But, Mr. Chairman, 12 that's -- that's a good idea. We can -- we can 13 definitely work on that, and I definitely -- there's 14 definitely a heightened sense of sensitivity on a -- on 15 a national level and a local level to precisely what 16 you're talking about. I mean, that's a real -- it's a 17 real -- it's a real concern. So, yeah. And that's 18 all -- 19 CHAIRMAN PATON: Right. There was just -- 20 MR. COLLINS: Yeah. 21 CHAIRMAN PATON: There was just a 22 congressional primary that happened in New York, and 23 they think it may take two or three weeks. And people 24 just think that it's maybe like a Banana Republic kind 25 of thing where you can -- something is going on behind</p>
<p>10:01:48-10:03:22 Page 23</p> <p>1 that will help speed things up. And a lot of counties 2 do have new election equipment that they purchased, as 3 well, but at the end of the day, there's still those 4 post-election procedures that exist for a reason to add 5 to the accuracy and legitimacy of the election. 6 But we can do more in terms of, sort of, 7 explaining that, if you will, and laying all of that 8 out so the public, the voters can see why all these 9 procedures are in place so they can have confidence in 10 the system with the understanding that, yes, it does 11 take time. 12 CHAIRMAN PATON: This is Commissioner 13 Paton. And I would just say that just from people that 14 I've come in contact with every day, this pushing off 15 two, three weeks down the road with post election, they 16 just voice that something is rigged and -- and we lose 17 confidence of the electorate that things are not, you 18 know, on the up and up, then hurry it up and our people 19 are gone all over the place. That can lead to even 20 more. 21 So, I would say that we could just do a 22 more concerted effort. I would suggest, maybe, Tom -- 23 and I would be willing to see if we can be interviewed 24 on the major news cast maybe a week before, or 25 something like that, really putting out to average</p>	<p>10:04:40-10:05:55 Page 25</p> <p>1 the scenes. And so, I don't know if we have any 2 recourse or any -- but I would be -- I would be willing 3 to go, you know, with Tom someplace and be interviewed 4 by these -- and the Secretary of State, or something, 5 just to promote the fact in the major TV markets that 6 you need to get your early ballots in to get confidence 7 in the actual elections. 8 So, anyway, that's my -- my worry, anyway. 9 MR. COLLINS: Understood. Well, that's 10 all -- I understand, and we'll take -- we will -- we 11 will proceed from there. 12 That's all I have on the Executive 13 Director's report. 14 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. Do any 15 commissioners have questions for Tom? 16 (No response.) 17 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. If not, then we 18 will go to Item IV, discussion and possible action on 19 the 5 Year Report. 20 Tom again. 21 MR. COLLINS: Yes. Mr. Chairman, 22 Commissioners, I'll try to make this as brief as 23 possible. 24 You know, as you may recall, every five 25 years for the last 15 years, at least, the Commission</p>

<p>10:06:00-10:07:40 Page 26</p> <p>1 has submitted to the Governor's Regulatory Review 2 Council a report summarizing our -- reviewing our 3 rules, confirming that those rules are effective and -- 4 you know, and summarizing, to the extent that there 5 are -- to the extent the report's format requires any 6 developments that we need to report there. 7 So, we have completed a draft of that 8 report. We will -- I will be submitting it on 9 June 30th. And, at that point, the Governor's 10 Regulatory Review Council will schedule it at some 11 point for review. 12 I really don't have a lot to add about 13 this. I think that given that all of your -- given all 14 of your tenure, I think, has been -- this has been part 15 of it, you know, we just -- we want to meet the 16 requirements, get it submitted, and then -- and then, 17 hopefully, move forward in a positive way. So, just -- 18 you know, and I'll pause in a second here, but just to 19 be clear, we're just asking for the Commission to 20 approve the report so that -- so that I can go ahead 21 and finalize it and, you know, do some final proofing 22 and then -- and submit the report. 23 So, that's what we're asking for. And, 24 obviously, Mr. Chairman, I'm available for any 25 questions that the Commission may have.</p>	<p>10:08:35-10:09:50 Page 28</p> <p>1 This is Commissioner Meyer. I am on the phone. I vote 2 aye. 3 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. Thank you. And I 4 didn't know -- I heard you come and go, so I didn't 5 know what happened. 6 And this is Commissioner Paton. I vote -- 7 I vote aye, as well. 8 And so, we go to Item V, discussion and 9 possible action on lawsuit update. 10 Tom? 11 MR. COLLINS: Yes. And, Mr. Chairman, as I 12 just -- we covered, I think, everything that we needed 13 to cover in the Executive Director's report. So, I'm 14 not -- we can -- we don't have anything to add at this 15 point. 16 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. And Item VI, public 17 comment. 18 MR. COLLINS: Just for the record, 19 Mr. Chairman, there's no one here to make public 20 comment. And for those live streaming, obviously, the 21 Commission does take public comments via its website, 22 via its email at ccec@azcleelections.gov, as well as 23 by mail at the address that -- well, you can find it on 24 the website or call us. And I just want to make sure, 25 but there's no one in the room to make such a comment.</p>
<p>10:07:45-10:08:33 Page 27</p> <p>1 CHAIRMAN PATON: Any questions from the 2 Commissioners? 3 (No response.) 4 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. So, do I have a 5 motion to submit the 5 Year Report? 6 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman -- 7 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman, this is 8 Commissioner Kimble. 9 CHAIRMAN PATON: Yes. Commissioner Kimble, 10 go ahead. 11 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I move we approve 12 submission of the 5 Year Report. 13 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. Do I have a second? 14 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, I'll 15 second that. This is Commissioner Chan. 16 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. We have a motion 17 and a second. I will call the roll. 18 Commissioner Chan, how do you vote? 19 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Aye. 20 CHAIRMAN PATON: And, Commissioner Kimble, 21 how do you vote? 22 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Aye. 23 CHAIRMAN PATON: And is Commissioner Meyer 24 here still? 25 COMMISSIONER MEYER: I am on the phone.</p>	<p>10:09:53-10:10:36 Page 29</p> <p>1 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. All right. Then 2 really quick, I guess, we will go to Item VII and 3 motion to adjourn. 4 Do I have a motion to adjourn? 5 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman, this 6 is -- 7 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman? 8 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Go ahead. 9 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Kimble, go 10 ahead. 11 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: This is Commissioner 12 Kimble. I move we adjourn. 13 CHAIRMAN PATON: And do I have a second? 14 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I'll second. I'll 15 second the motion, Mr. Chairman. 16 CHAIRMAN PATON: All right. And so, we 17 will take a vote. 18 Commissioner Chan? 19 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Aye. 20 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Kimble? 21 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Aye. 22 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Meyer? 23 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Aye. 24 CHAIRMAN PATON: And this is Commissioner 25 Paton, and I vote aye, as well.</p>

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