

# WHAT IS Citizens Clean Elections Commission?



Established by voters in 1998 to restore participation and confidence in our political system, Citizens Clean Elections Commission is a non-partisan organization that provides voter education, funding for candidates and campaign finance enforcement.

## Voter Education

Clean Elections provides voters with educational tools such as a website with election information, a voter dashboard with specific district information, a Voter Education Guide mailed to households with registered voters and candidate debates throughout the state.



## Public Financing

Qualified statewide and legislative candidates can receive optional public funding if they meet certain criteria, including agreeing not to accept contributions from PACs and corporations and collecting a certain number of \$5 contributions.



## Campaign Finance Enforcement

Clean Elections has the authority to assess civil penalties on both candidates participating in the Clean Elections Fund and candidates using traditional financing.



[AZCleanElections.gov](http://AZCleanElections.gov)

# WHAT IS A Clean Candidate?



A Clean Candidate is someone running for office who does not accept contributions from special interest groups and high-dollar donors. These candidates are allowed to receive funding from the Citizens Clean Elections Fund if they raise a minimum number of qualifying contributions in their district and agree to the Act and Commission rules.

## How is Clean Elections funded?

Money for The Citizens Clean Elections Fund comes from a 10% surcharge on all civil penalties and criminal fines, civil penalties paid by candidates and \$5 qualifying contributions collected from participating candidates.

