Transcript of Proceedings - January 28, 2021 Public Meeting

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1	PUBLIC VIRTUAL MEETING BEFORE THE CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION convened at 9:31 a.m. on	1	Commissioner Kimble who would be senior or Commissioner
2	January 28, 2021, at the State of Arizona, Clean		Meyer now? I can't remember.
3	Elections Commission, 1616 West Adams, Conference Room, Phoenix, Arizona, in the presence of the following Board	3	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
4	members:	-	
5	Ms. Amy B. Chan, Chairperson Mr. Galen D. Paton		Commissioner Meyer is here.
6	Mr. Damien R. Meyer Mr. Mark S. Kimble	5	
7	OTHERS PRESENT:	-	is here.
		7	COMMISSIONER PATON: Commissioner Paton is
8	Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director Paula Thomas, Executive Officer	8	here.
9	Gina Roberts, Voter Education Director Mike Becker, Policy Director	9	CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Thank you.
10	Alec Shaffer, Web Content Manager Avery Oliver, Voter Education Specialist	10	And, of course, for the record, I'm
11	Julian Arndt, Executive Support Specialist Rivko Knox, AZ League of Women Voters	11	Commissioner Chan, and I'm here, as well.
12	Kara Karlson, Assistant Attorney General	12	And so, with that, we can move on to Agenda
13	Jeanne Galvin, Assistant Attorney General Kyle Cummings, Assistant Attorney General Daniel Arellano, Ballard Spahr, LLP	13	Item II: Discussion and possible action on Commission
14	Daniel Arellano, Ballard Spahr, LLP Christina Borrego, Riester		minutes for December 17th, 2020.
15	Bailey Mills Tim Sifert	15	Is there any discussion on the minutes for
16	Chad Campbell Cathy Herring, Tech Backup	-	December, the December meeting, or do I have a motion
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		18	COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Madam Chairman, this
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19		_	is Commissioner Kimble.
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22		22	approve the minutes for the Commission meeting of
23		23	December 17th, 2020.
24		24	CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Thank you.
25		25	Do I have a second?
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1	Discussion and possible action on Executive Director's	1	The House Rules Committee well, it went
	report and legislative update, including election and		through house government and and elections ago, and
	administrative bills, such as House Bill 2014 and House		this week it went through the Rules Committee. It's
	Bill 2110.		worth noting that the Rules Committee attorney agreed
5			with our position with respect to that we've had
6			with respect to whether or not this was an amendment
7	Chair, and welcome. Thank you, Commissioners, for		under the Voter Protection Act. They said it did.
8	being here. And I will try to keep this part of the	8	Nevertheless, as with last year, the majority is
9	meeting brief. I know we've got other folks here who	9	unlikely to accept such a clause.
10	have other things to do soon so including you all.	10	The Rules attorney, also, I should note,
11	I do, obviously, want to note the	11	said that he, in his view, based on Prop 306, if this
12	legislature is in session, and I'll circle back to that	12	had a three-quarter vote, it would further the purpose
13	in a second.	13	of Prop 306, which, you know, raises some pretty
14	5	14	interesting legal questions about how far the
	have been working on a variety of new opportunities and		legislature thinks it can go in furthering the purpose
	efforts to continue to work with community groups,		of Prop 306, as opposed to and I don't think it was
	especially, that are interested in civic engagement,		intended to be opposed to the Commission's overall
	civic education, and it's which is I mean, which	18	status as a state Commission.
	is great. And it's great to have that consistent	19	And the other the other bill is 2110,
	presence now over the course of the last two years,		which was up last year, and so this is the third year
	three years, I mean six years, you know.		for 2014, second year for 2110. And 2110 says it's
22	We are we wanted we wanted to we		portrayed by its sponsor as a bill to give folks who
	will have we have one of the enforcement or		can't afford to pay traffic fines a break, which is
	complaints that we have on this agenda for one one		fine. That's not a policy issue that I personally you know, on behalf of the Commission we have a
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13	It doesn't say it doesn't say it		heretofore weighed in on any of those bills, but	
	doesn't say we're going to preempt the collection. It		nevertheless, those are there, too.	
	says we are literally going to ignore the existing law,	15		
	and that's that's why I've had a hard time following		everyone had, you know, sort of there will be other	
	the Rules attorney analysis in how this is not a direct		decisions down the road to make about these bills,	
18	violation of the Voter Protection Act. Nevertheless,	18	potentially, but but, you know, I don't want to	
	those two bills are clear to be voted on by the full		sugarcoat the reality that if we don't have the entire	
	House and could be voted on as soon as today, depending		Democratic caucus, we don't have a chance to get one	or
	upon how many calendars they decide to put out today		two Republicans to vote otherwise. So, that's that.	
	for the committee of the whole and/or third reading.		Without a VPA clause, the legislature will treat that	
23	Now, that's a lot of background just to say the reality is that the second bill well, the	23	as enacted if it's signed by the Governor. It's just where we are, and we'll have to	
	first the first bill is what it is. We've made		jump off those bridges as we come to them, if we choo	se
	42:46-09:44:14 Page 11 our we've made our points there. I'm not sure how		45:57-09:47:02 Pag	je 13
	we'll pursue that, making those points in the Senate,		direct and as-frank-as-I-can-be assessment of where we	е
	other than by a letter, potentially. We did appear	3	are on those bills.	
4	I appeared in the House committees on the House bills	4	So, really, that's all I had to had to	
	in the House origin. I'm not sure that's necessary		say about those things. I'm happy to answer any	
	again. I, also, don't know that there's anything we		questions and, obviously, the rest of the staff is here	
	might be able to do to change the vote count on an		if you have any other if anyone has any questions.	
	issue like this; it being sort of a tertiary issue to, at best, everybody else, but a primary issue to us.	8		d
9 10	With respect to the funding issue, again,	9 10	raised.	u
	similar problem. In terms of, you know, that bill,	11		
	also, got you know, has bipartisan support. So	12	•	
	Republicans and Democrats are willing to look past		that background. So just so I'm understanding you, as	
14	the or agree with the Rules attorney that you can,	14	things currently sit on these two bills, the position	
	essentially, preempt the Clean Elections Act funding	15		
	without violating or even implicating the Voter		supermajority to pass them?	
	Protection Act. So that's a harder bill. We're a	17	,	
	bipartisan commission. They're bipartisan they've got bipartisan sponsors. So it's so it's a it's	18		
	a so that is happening.	20	yes. COMMISSIONER MEYER: Thank you.	
	So the bottom line is here to sort of try	20		
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21 22		22	COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Thank you, Madam	
22	to frame expectations around this. You know, we will do our best to make legal cases we always have made.	22	COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Thank you, Madam Chair.	
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whether it's intended or not, I'm not going to speculate of making it more difficult to vote or of suppressing turnout, which would seem to be a major concern to us, seeing as how voter education is a central part of our mission. And I think a main part of voter education is getting people to vote, but there are bills like the notarized signatures on early ballots. There's a number of bills relating to the PEVL, either doing away with it or knocking people off it if they don't vote in one election. There's things on the cure time for for unsigned ballots, unsigned early ballots, the bill that purports to address the Sharpie-gate whatever that was. The County Recorder may conduct voter registration drives over only in a government building. That seems to really make it more difficult for people to register, and it seems like bills that make it more difficult to vote, more difficult to register, more difficult to vote early, if that is your choice, as it is for more than 80 percent of Arizonans, are something that we need to be heard on. CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Tom?	 other, it puts a strain on someone on an entity that's trying to be, by virtue of its mandate, bipartisan, right? I mean, that's just so the farther this way or that way you go, the more that weighs on us. And there is a so why that big, long preface is because one of the ways we've tried to carve out the way the voter education functions within the within the Act is to focus on the law as it is. We spend we go to and participate with folks who have lots of issues with the way the laws are, maybe, and how they will be, but you know, our focus has been on trying to get people over the hump to have that information. Ironically, obviously, the funding bill damages our ability to do that, potentially, more than any of these other things, as far as our role. So the cost benefit analysis is we get, you know, blowback from the legislature, but on other hand, we get that inherently. Two, we haven't been invited by and let me put it this way. And this, again, goes to Clean Elections' unique status as a state agency, and I say
MR. COLLINS: Madam Chair, Commissioner Kimble, I think that, I mean, at the end of the day,	24 We have not been invited by anyone to25 participate in this discussion and the absence of an
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there's a couple of different ways to approach that. One, obviously, you all and to the extent you wanted, although I think most of you haven't, probably, you know, you're all, obviously, free to weigh in on these bills yourselves. One of the reasons why we as staff have not taken the initiative on those issues and one of the reasons that we but we, you know, obviously, are open to direction is because, A and let me caveat this by saying, look, I'm the tensions that have been put on the electoral system are very difficult to negotiate if you truly want to take a, quote/unquote,	 invitation, for a bureaucrat like myself, without direction from you all is a is all I, in bureaucratese, need to know. COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Well, Madam Chair CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Now, if you want me to do something else, that's a different COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Well, let me just push back against one thing you said, Tom. MR. COLLINS: Yeah. COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: You sent us this grid MR. COLLINS: Yeah.
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		forward before even thinking about addressing the
		issues?
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COMMISSIONER MEYER: Yes.	16	political and yet here we are. It is, and it has been
CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Go ahead.	17	for years. I mean, look at, you know, the voter I.D.,
COMMISSIONER MEYER: Yes, it is. I think		et cetera, et cetera. So, I mean, having said all
		that, can I can I ask Tom and kind of go back to
		that question about the funding bill, if I can call it
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2	notwithstanding clauses in the VPA. I mean, that's	2	That's a that's a very significant
	that's what that legal issue is. As far as pushing	3	difference from last year. Last year, this was and
4	back, I mean, obviously, you know, if this bill were to	4	not to say that this is the funding source is
5	pass, you know, we get we will be asked, as we as	5	entirely partisan. I understand that. There are
	we are and we will be as we have been, we'll be		Democrats who hate the funding source, Republicans who
7	asked to get I'm sure we'll be asked to get involved		don't care, but the point is that, you know the fact
	in some kind of litigation. I'm not sure, but I'm		is that Mr. Biasiucci has more he's the House whip.
9	CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Well, I prefer it not to	9	He has more power than we have. We don't have
10	get to litigation. I'm just wondering if there's I		political capital. We could generate now and
11	prefer to have some way of carving us out or if		here's the alternative.
12	that's possible. I don't know if it's possible.	12	If we chose to go in this direction and
13	MR. COLLINS: Well, in prior reform this	13	this might I don't I'm not sure how to resolve
14	is criminal justice reform, I guess, they called		this without another discussion, but you know, were we
15	this they have. They, in fact, have cut made an	15	to change direction on that, could we generate some
16	exception a specific exception for the Clean		political capital? Maybe, because, you know,
17	Elections Act. The courts have recognized that in		obviously, by not speaking out, you know, we are not
18	their own guidance on certain issues, as well.	18	adding we're not adding anything to the discussion
19	You know, where the courts are in terms of	19	and we're not using your you know, none of the
20	how they're administering surcharges and stuff is	20	the Commission is not using its, if you will, legal
21	again, I'm still at a point where I don't quite have	21	and, arguably, moral authority to you know, to
22	the information I need to assess that, but you know, I	22	CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Well, and that takes me
23	guess, what I'm trying to say is that, yes, we would	23	back to, I guess
24	like to pursue that. I will say that based on just	24	MR. COLLINS: to deal with the thing.
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2	CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Or not.		Commission is to be their advocate.
3	COMMISSIONER PATON: at bay, you know,	3	I don't want to belabor this because I know
	if we do anything else. A lot of this stuff is going	_	we have people here on other things, but I just wanted
	to die in committee and whatever and maybe we say		to make that point.
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	stick in the mud, but I'm afraid that if we are seen as	8	if there's nothing more, I think we can revisit this at
	to being people are going to view this as really		our next meeting. I think there's time for that still
	partisan and and whether we're not or I mean, I		in the legislative session.
	know I'm not, obviously, but I think we if we have	11	So, unless there's anything else on this
	something to say about that, I think maybe we should	12	agenda item, I will move us along to our Voter
	say that down the road once something erupts into a	13	Education Plan. I'm just looking at the time here.
14	real possible situation, I guess, if you understand	14	Gina, I believe that is you. Am I right
	what I'm saying.	15	about that? Yes. Of course, I am.
16	CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Thanks, Commissioner	16	MS. ROBERTS: Thank you, Madam Chair. Good
17	Paton.	17	morning, Commissioners.
18	I think and, Commissioner Kimble, if I	18	Today I have a presentation for you to
19	can just say one thing and then I'll get to you.	19	discuss well, a brief recap of the General Election.
20	I do agree with Commissioner Paton on one	20	We did a brief recap in November more on the current
21	thing. I value what Commissioner Paton has said. I	21	issues related to the General Election, and today I
22	agree with him that the funding thing could be a huge	22	have a brief recap for you in regards to our Voter
	issue for us, and I don't necessarily trust the courts		Education Campaign, and then I have the 2021 Voter
	saying they think it's not going to be an issue. And I	24	Education Plan for your review and approval.
25	think maybe we can wait and see what shakes out because	25	So I will go ahead and share my screen, and
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3 4	In addition to the legislative and corporation commissioner debate, we, also, sponsored the U.S. Senate debate this year, and this was phenomenal success. We were able to partner with	2 3	considering the amount of content that needed to be translated into sign language, the physical task of doing the signing and the interpreters, and so it was quite a production.
	several prominent news sources, media sources, Arizona PBS, Arizona Public Media, KJZZ and "The Arizona	5	We were very proud of it. We received positive feedback from the candidates and from members
	Republic" for this debate.		of the legislature who were running about having this
8	And this is the feedback that the the	8	accessible version available for voters. We partnered
	information that I have here is directly from Arizona		with again, through the Arizona Commission for the
	Horizon, and the U.S. Senate debate received the third		Deaf and Hard of Hearing. We were able to bring on
	highest ratings of any PBS show on any PBS station in		Linda Bove. She's the an acclaimed Sesame Street
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15	This is just an example of some of the		these political terms, election terms.
	creative that we ran to let voters know, hey, this	16	112
	debate is occurring, how you can tune in. And here's a still of the actual set with Ted Simons, as he served		our website for voters. So, again, it's opening up voter education and making it as accessible as possible
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	sponsorship for the U.S. Senate debate.		voters in our state, I believe it's over a million
20	In addition to the debates, we, of course,		voters who are deaf or hard of hearing. It was quite
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	statewide and legislative office. For the General		outreach efforts for the year. In working with Alec
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1	voter guides, and we make every effort to provide the	1	amount of outreach that the staff has undertaken, it
2	Voter Guide in an accessible format. So we have we	2	was difficult to figure out how to present that to you.
3	automatically send it out in both English and Spanish,		And so I decided on a word cloud because I felt it
4	but we, also, have different versions available for	4	really this isn't even a fraction of the amount of
5	voters, such as large print.		outreach that Avery has conducted through the year and,
6	This is an example of our Navajo version of	6	of course, during the pandemic, as well.
	the cover. We, also, provide it in plain text on our	7	So most of this was you know, all of it
	website, so it's accessible for screen readers, and we		was virtual. And being able to still keep that level
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 information that we provide to voters. It has everything the voter needs ranging from, you know, how to get their ballot, how to register to vote, to seeing the candidates in their district or learning about their upcoming debate. And so during the time period of the General Election, it was great to see that the number of page views that we had was about 1.7 million of page views, which is phenomenal because all of the content that we're providing, voters are consuming. And this is just a screenshot of some of the pages the top pages that voters were interested in, and you can see a lot of that had to do with early voting and election security. So, you know, if there's no questions in regards to the efforts that we did in the 2020 General Election, I'm happy to jump into our plans for this year. Even though it is not a statewide election year, there are elections every year. So we have our local elections that will be occurring March, May, August and November. These local elections, we've continuously tried to promote the message that local elections are just as important, if not more, because 	 perceptions are about voting and the political process, and our goal here is to make decisions based off of our learnings directly from voters. We want their feedback, and that feedback will guide the creative and our outreach efforts for the remainder of the year. So the timeline for that is through February and April. Some of the themes that and the messages that we know that or we expect that we'll be covering for this year again, this will be driven by the research, but of course, participation in the political process. That's in our preamble. It's the heart of the Clean Elections Act. And so that includes, you know, voting but, also, civics and candidate information, running for office or supporting those who do, but some of the themes that really stood out to us that are going to be important are rebuilding that trust and confidence in the electoral system. We know that there are a lot of voters right now who, perhaps, have lost trust in the system, and so we need to look at how can we educate people further on the realities of the electoral system and how your ballot is processed, the safeguards and the securities that are in place and, really, trying to focus on, you know, there is a difference between policy and politics and election administration. Yes,
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 and their daily lives. So we'll be working with the counties and our local jurisdictions to call all of that election information and host that on our website. We'll, of course, be running our outreach and our media and our creative to connect with voters to inform them of these elections and how they can participate. And, of course, we do have the start of the qualifying period towards the end of this year. So those are some key dates for us. As you can see, the March election is already well underway. Our duo cover ballots have already gone out, and the voter registration deadline is up and coming. So we are definitely engaging in letting voters know how they can participate in these local elections this year. And as we do, typically, in odd years, the Commission invests in research. So that is our goal for this year, as well. We'd like to jump into research with voters both from a qualitative and quantitative aspect, and the goal here is to really really take a pulse of where voters are right now 	 1 they do overlap, but you know, when we're talking about 2 how that ballot is handled, you know, it's handled by 3 your neighbors. It's handled by poll workers. It's 4 handled by public servants, you know, government staff, 5 government employees, not necessarily by politicians. 6 And so we want to dive back deep into the 7 weeds of election administration, and we saw that 8 voters had the interest in that from what we've seen in 9 our search histories and the progress of our website, 10 the pages that were hit. We can see that voters want 11 to know more about this, and so we want to continue to 12 provide that service to them, all while kind of 13 thinking about the overarching theme of what is our 14 responsibility to you, what is the responsibility of 15 the Clean Elections Commission to voters as it 16 entails or pertains to voter education. 17 So, again, these are just some thoughts and 18 themes of messagings that we'll be exploring, but 19 again, we will really rely heavily on our research to 20 shape our plans. 21 So, of course, we'll have a Youth Voter
 22 election year, you know, all of 2020, but specifically 23 the General Election. 24 We would like to learn more about what 	22 Outreach Campaign. As you know, we still have our23 wings, and we'll continue to utilize that and that

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	youth channel and, of course, we'll be targeting key events throughout the year, such as graduation, to		continuing to get word out to the community about upcoming elections.
	connect with voters.	3	
4	We do have a civics curriculum that	4	and our technology that the Commission has. These are
5	Commission staff has worked on and developed with our		very important tools and resources for voters that we
	partners, and this curriculum was built in an effort to		provide. As I mentioned, our website is the crux of
	provide teachers tools and assets that they can use in		all of that of what we do. And so we recently
	the classroom that would still count towards the		completed an audit of the website. As you'll recall, a
9	curriculum standards, but while they can continue to	9	few years ago we did a redesign, and so this is the
10	teach students about civics and voting and the	10	first presidential election since that redesign.
11	importance of voting informed.	11	And just looking at how much the website
12	And so we have this in a format where it	12	has grown and levels of content that we provide to
13	could be launched either in person or virtual,	13	voters, we want to make sure that it's user friendly
14	depending on whether or not schools are in person, and	14	still and that it's meeting the needs of voters and of
15	so we'll be looking at rolling that out towards the end	15	the information that we intend to put out there. The
16	of this year. And, of course, we plan on creating		website, you know, I'd like to look at it in two
	additional assets for teachers and students, such as		different ways. It's a resource for voters when it
	expanding our toolkits for students who, perhaps, want		comes to the logistics of voting, but it's, also,
19	to have a voter registration drive.	19	perhaps, subject matter expert content, if you will.
20	We will continue to foster our partnerships	20	It explains what a presidential preference
	that we've developed, and we hope to meet with all of		election is. It explains the security of tabulation
	hour 15 county recorders and election officials. We		machines. It explains, you know, how your ballot is
	recently met with the Maricopa County Recorder, and our		processed. And so there's a lot of great information
	goal is to have direct communications with our local		out there that we see the community is engaging with.
25	election partners to make sure we understand what their	25	When we pull our reports and we look at referrals and
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1 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Commissioner Kimble,	1 among the court reporter and Mr. Arellano, I guess, is
2 second.	2 really what
3 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Thank you, Commissioner	3 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Okay. And the court
4 Kimble.	4 reporter is fine for now.
5 All right. It's been moved and seconded.	5 MR. COLLINS: Okay.
6 With that, I will call the roll.	6 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: So and Mr. Arellano is
7 Commissioner Meyer?	7 here for the Item VI?
8 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Aye.	8 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, I think.
9 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Okay. Commissioner	9 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: So you want to do Item VI
10 Kimble?	10 first?
11 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Aye.	11 MR. COLLINS: That might that might
12 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Commissioner Paton?	12 that would probably make some sense, actually, if
13 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye.	13 there's no I mean, if nobody cares if nobody has
14 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: And I vote aye, as well.	14 any opinions otherwise.
15 That is four ayes and zero nays, and so we have adopted	15 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: All right. Why don't we
16 the Voter Education Plan as presented by Gina Roberts.	16 then go out of order. We'll do Item VI first:
17 Thank you so much.	17 Discussion and possible action on MUR 20-03, Arizona
18 Before we move on to Item V, I just wanted	18 Education Association.
19 to check in with the court reporter, if she needs a	19 And I believe Tom, are you going to
20 break. It is it's been about an hour, and I just	20 present that or is this Mike? Because I apologize.
21 wanted to do that before we jump into the next item on	21 MR. COLLINS: No, no, I screwed up the
22 the agenda.	22 order here. I apologize, Madam Chair.
23 MR. COLLINS: If I may, just to dovetail	23 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: That's okay. Okay. That
24 that question, to the court reporter, we do have	24 is Tom.
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3 2020.	We got the complaint in September, although	with 3	B members of the Commission. I'm Daniel Arellano of the	e
4 the m	ail and everything, it's not it was dated	4	Law Firm of Ballard Spahr, and I'm here this morning on	n
5 Septe	mber. We got it a little later than that, and we	5	5 behalf of the Arizona Education Association. We	
	ar response from the Education Association tim		5 submitted a written response to this complaint to the	
	aid out in the in the memo about as much as I		7 Commission, and I would, also, direct the Commission's	5
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	dealt with on a regular basis. Two, it has to do		L factual dispute as to the communications at issue. You	
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	es express advocacy for the purposes of Title 16		two mailers and a series of social media advertisements	
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	d there is you know, there are a		5 turn, urge those legislators to call for a special	
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2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	context can have no reasonable meaning other than to advocate the election or defeat of the candidate. And so the inquiry is not whether candidate advocacy is one reasonable meaning of the communications, nor is it even whether the whether candidate advocacy is the most reasonable meaning of the of the communications. Rather, we look to whether there's a reasonable whether there's some reasonable meaning other than candidate advocacy, and we certainly have that here. I think, you know, as Mr. Collins correctly noted, I think there are generally three kind of legal cases, precedence, regulations, I think, that are at issue that kind of guide the inquiry. The first is the Committee for Justice and Fairness case, which is an Arizona Court of Appeals case that dealt with advertisements that went out immediately before the election and called on people to then to then call a who was then a candidate for statewide office to tell them to protect the children, a very kind of vague, you know, not specific to any particular legislative or policy issue question. In here, the thing, I think, is this these communications are distinguishable from those in Committee for Justice and Fairness in two critical	 And so so, it was part of a timely conversation, I think, in that respect. The other kind of factor at issue, too and this is discussed in the letters, as well as Mr. Collins's recommendation is some of the IRS guidance at issue as to what constitutes express advocacy for nonprofit organizations, and that looks to whether it identifies a legislative issue and, also, whether it was part of a pattern or part of a series of issue advocacy; in other words, you know, kind of looking to, you know, is this really merely a pretext for, you know, candidate advocacy that's kind of made under the guise of issue advocacy or is it part of, you know, a good faith kind of pattern of this of these kind of exhortations. And here, again, we have that pattern. We actually have you know, we have publicly reported and among "The Capitol Times" and "The Republic" that immediately after the legislature ended, there were you know, there were discussions of a special session. And, then, with respect to AEA specifically, we have at least two recorded public communications preceding the advertisements at issue here. We have one on June 24th and another one on August 12th. 		
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2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	respects. The first is the timing. Again, the communications in that case went out immediately before the election, and here we were more than two months out. Again, these were in August of 2020. By then the Primary had already finished and the General Election was more than two months away. The other is that the issue here is a much more concrete policy issue that was, actually, you know, actionable at the time it was being discussed. The communication at issue in the Court of Appeals case was simply to tell then Superintendent Tom Horne to protect children, not people who harm them. That, obviously, is a very, you know, vague, general continuent and probably on comparison at that whereas	 kind of legal doctrine to look to here is the Wisconsin Right to Life case, the standard from which is drawn almost verbatim in our statute that, no, you know, no reasonable meaning other than standard. And the Court in that case found that the ads at issue in that case to be issue advocacy because they were consistent with that of a genuine issue add. They focused on a legislative issue. We do so here, as well. Again, the legislature going into special session is, broadly speaking, a legislative issue. They take a position on that issue. We did that here. We asked voters to urge our legislators to call for a special session. We 		
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	sentiment and probably an aspersion at that; whereas, here there was a the question was to call a special session. Granted it wasn't a particular bill. It wasn't a particular piece of legislation, per se, because the legislature had formally adjourned by that point, but it was something within the power of legislators to do if enough legislators or the governor determined that there is that there's a need for a special session. They have the power to call that special session at any time of year regardless of whether the legislature is formally in session or not.	 14 exhorted the public to adopt that position. And the 15 other factor at issue in that case is the urge the 16 public to contact public officials with respect to the 17 matter. The ads do that here, too. They listed the 18 official phone numbers for these legislators so that 19 voters could contact them and advocate for this 20 particular issue. 21 And importantly here, the ads don't mention 22 an election, the legislators' candidacy, the 23 legislators' political party or any other indicia of 24 electoral politics, other than the fact that these are 25 legislators who, by definition, every two years are up 		

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1 issu 2 som 3 mea 4 and 5 spece 6 A 7 that 8 kno 9 swe 10 you 11 befor 12 beno 13 bach 14 A 15 thin 16 disin 17 that 18 oft 19 som 20 I'm 21 A 22 brin 23 it	5-10:51:12 Page 63 res are always painful because it is it is nething that I take very seriously. I mean I an, you want to be able to speak freely in elections advocate for or against candidates or make this ech without running afoul of election requirements. And, you know, the thing that you mentioned t's kind of tripping me up a little bit is, you ow, months before an election and yet it's in that eet spot right between the Primary and General. And, a know, your clients when you say it's months ore the election, your clients are kind of efitting from the fact that our Primary was moved k this year. And so I just bring that up because I ak not I don't think you are being ngenuous, but I bring that up because I think t's the only reason that, you know, you're outside hat that kind of window, which I think is nething that I'm kind of considering as far as what thinking about. And the other thing I want to, I guess, ng up and I don't know if you have a comment on is, you know, I'm looking at I think they're	1 c 2 k 3 in 4 5 d 6 I 7 c 8 a 9 n 10 v 11 p 12 I 13 c 14 17 fc 18 w 19 p 20 c 21 V 22 w 23 a	235-10:53:44 Page 6 hallenging thing to do. And I think it goes to, you now, the kind of inherent vagueness, I think, at issue in these types of in these types of cases. And with respect to the timing issue I on't want to overrepresent the importance of timing. think there is it is possible, I think, to have andidate advocacy, you know, more than 60 days before in election or more than 90 days before an election. I hean, if in January you run an ad saying, you know, ote for Candidate X in November, I mean, it would be retty hard for this not to be candidate advocacy, but think it is an important factor, I think, to onsider. And so I don't think the presence or bsence of any one factor here is determinative, and I nink that's true of the of the fact that these call or the special session. I mean, I think we would we could fairly characterize the advertisements as the rimary, kind of, message of the communication was alling for the was calling for the special session. Vere it not for that piece, would these be they yould certainly be closer to the line of candidate dvocacy, you know, because then all you would have is
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1 That being said, you know, I've	1 The AEA talked about we should have a
2 certainly you know, we've certainly nixed ads	2 special session as early as June. It doesn't seem to
3 before for other clients where they you know, it's a	3 me out of place that they then send out a mailer a
4 piece that's very clearly, you know, a hit piece on a	4 couple of months later saying urging people to call
5 candidate right before the election, as they say, but	5 for a special session. You know, if this was a regular
6 call them to tell them what you think. And they're,	6 year where the legislature met until they finished
7 like, no, that's that's not really enough by itself	7 their work and there was no discussion about we need
8 to fix these, but here I don't I don't think we have	8 we need a special session, then, I guess, I might be
9 that type of advertisement here where there's just kind	9 persuaded, but this is this is in the context of a
10 of a you know, the ancillary kind of phone number at	10 discussion about a special session.
11 the end that's, you know, ancillary to the rest of the	11 And that's pretty much all that I see in
12 ad. I think really the message to contact them, I	12 the ads is, yes, let's have a special session; call
13 think, is really the thrust of it.	13 them up and tell them you want a special session. So,
14 So I would say that the presence of that, I	14 I guess, I'm not really persuaded at this point. I
15 think, does certainly, you know, pushes towards the	15 don't know that I'm opposed to taking this the next
16 you know, substantially closer, I think, to the	16 step and doing some more some more investigation by
17 issue or to the side of issue advocacy, and that	17 Tom, but but I guess, at this point, I would need to
18 together with the absence of other indicia of candidate	18 be persuaded more than I am now.
19 advocacy, I think, are what make this issue advocacy,	19 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Well, I think if we if
20 again, because we don't reference the election or the	20 we vote that there is reason to believe that a
21 candidates' candidacy.	21 violation occurred, I don't think it's giving Tom room
22 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Okay. Thank you.	22 for more investigation. I think there's going to be,
23 Do any of the other commissioners have	23 you know, sanctions of sort involved.
24 oh, Commissioner Kimble.	24 Am I right about that, Tom?
25 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I wanted to comment	25 MR. COLLINS: Well, Madam Chair,
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	then advance on the complaint.		analyze what "reasonable" is, and that's what the memo
6	I think as you know, again, the		tries to lay out from from my review.
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12	advocacy, and that's what we're dealing with here. And	12	don't need to be treated identically. And that's I
13	I do think that standard is met.	13	mean, that's fine.
14	CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Thank you, Mr. Arellano.	14	I mean, I would note and just to be
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16	commissioners?	16	complaint is and if we were in the context well,
17	COMMISSIONER MEYER: I have one other	17	one of the ways we tried to deal with the complaints is
18	comment. I guess it's a question for Tom and, I guess,	18	we lumped together the complaint lumps together
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	this, I feel like the Senator Brophy-McGee mailer can	20	that are in Appendix C of the complaint.
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	to Representative Weninger is more candidate advocacy.		there. Two of the formats say politicians like
23	Is that can they be separated, or how		so-and-so did this thing; call them and tell them to do
	how do we address that concern? And I don't know if		this. I think one of them says politicians did this
25	any of the other commissioners feel the same way.	25	thing. I don't think it has a call number on it.
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1	the record of an organization that he had once run that	1 I still don't think it would be quite a
	had nothing to do with his tenure there, et cetera,	2 slam dunk candidate advocacy case because you're still
	et cetera. Okay. So that's how we analyzed	3 as far out from the election as we were, but you know,
	reasonableness here.	4 it would make this a tougher case, I think, for us.
5	In my effort to and in the memo, I tried	5 But I think it's critical to look at that particular
6	to I made what I thought was the right my	6 part of the message in conjunction with what's on the
7	assessment of the special session call itself, but	7 flip side which raises so the first piece said he
8	again, you know, look, the question isn't whether or	8 failed to keep us safe. The second side of it says
9	not the question really is, you know, no alternative	9 "Arizona can't afford to keep failing our students and
10	reasonable no alder reasonable meaning.	10 educators" and then contact for a special session.
11	And so, basically, another way to put that	11 And so the failure, I think, is the
12	is we would we are saying, at least preliminarily,	12 comment about the failure to keep us safe, you know,
	if you were to vote to find reason to believe, that the	13 pairs with and is part of the message of this failure
	Education Association was unreasonable in thinking that	14 cannot continue and there's still an opportunity to
	the call to action in their mailer or online was was	15 rectify that failure by calling for the special
	a was a reasonable was reasonable, that their	16 session. And so I think that's why that message is
	putting that in there was not would not reasonably	17 read the way it is.
	change the meaning of the of the document into one	18 And legally, I think I'd venture to say
	that is not merely or exclusively for express advocacy.	19 that if this is a close question for the Commission, I
20	So, you know, I think that I would agree	20 think if it's a close question whether something is
	with everyone that this analysis is more difficult, I	21 candidate advocacy or not, that, I think, under the
	believe, than most people think because of the and	22 legal standard is dispositive, you know, against a
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23	that we have a pretty clear categorization Brophy-McGee, Weninger, Facebook and then the two types		he of them do, then I think that ends the

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2	would be helpful to isolate which ones do and which ones don't.	 looking through my handout to make sure I knew MS. KARLSON: Madam Chair? CHAIDWOMAN CHANK Yes. I'm server
3	COMMISSIONER PATON: This is Commissioner Paton.	 3 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Yes. I'm sorry. 4 MS. KARLSON: If you're having to go back
5	CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Yes, Commissioner Paton.	 5 through and look through your documents
6	COMMISSIONER PATON: I would just say I	 6 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Yes.
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10	CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: All right. So,	10 Is that all right with Mr. Arellano, as
11	Commissioner Meyer, what I think I heard I know Tom	11 well? I apologize, because I know you mentioned your
12	wants to go individually, but I think what I heard was	12 time was
13	just backing out the Brophy-McGee mailer no.	13 MR. ARELLANO: That's okay, if it would
14	COMMISSIONER MEYER: Madam Chair, can I	14 help the Commission to go through and review.
15	make a suggestion?	15 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Okay. Because I wanted
16	CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Yes.	16 to make sure I had I printed everything out and yet,
17	COMMISSIONER MEYER: We have four	17 for some reason, I'm having trouble finding
	categories here. We have Representative Weninger and	18 MR. ARELLANO: And I should note I don't
	Senator Brophy-McGee. We have the first two Facebook	19 and I've looked at my copy, as well, of the complaint.
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24	CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Okay.	24 Okay. Thank you.
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1	Okay. Let's take a five-minute break and	1 what the record reflects.
2		2 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Madam Chairman,
3	motion. So I'll just kind of break it all out and	3 that's I agree that that's what the record reflects.
	we'll get that done when we come back and finish up the	4 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Maybe I was the only one
	meeting, and thank you for everybody's patience on	5 confused, and thank you for clearing that up for me,
6	this. Thank you so much.	6 Tom. I really appreciate.
7	We will break five minutes. Come back at	7 I think, then, unless anybody else has any
8	11:30.	8 comments, then I can move forward and ask for a motion.
9	(Whereupon, a recess was taken in the	9 And I believe does anybody have any
10	proceedings.)	10 comments or questions before I ask for a motion? And
11	CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Okay. We are back,	11 I'll tell you what the motion is that I think we're
	hopefully. It looks like we are on YouTube, and it	12 going forward with.
	looks like the members of the public are back and	13 (No response.)
	everyone can hear me.	14 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Okay. So I think what
15	Welcome back after our break. It was a	15 we're going to be doing is what I think we're going
	little longer than planned. Thank you for your	16 to be doing is, do we have a motion here's my
	patience.	17 understanding.
18	And I was able to look at all the motions, but frankly, I thought the four categories were one	MS. KARLSON: Excuse me, Madam Chair.CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Oh, yes, Kara. Go ahead.
	thing. And now, after looking at the memo again, I'm	20 Thank you.
	thinking, perhaps, they are another thing. So I was	21 MS. KARLSON: I think it would be helpful
	thinking the four categories we were going to be making	22 if we got Mr. Arellano on the record saying whether or
	motions on were the Brophy-McGee, the Weninger, the	23 not he agrees that those are the four categories that
	Facebook and the contact your legislator, but maybe I	24 have been discussed.
	can have Tom weigh in.	25 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Thank you.
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1	And, Tom, can you help clarify for me if	1 Mr. Arellano, please let us know.
	these are the correct ones? And I just want to make	2 MR. ARELLANO: I do agree with
	sure we're all on the same page and if the	3 Mr. Collins's categorization of the communications,
	Commissioners have any thoughts, too.	4 yes.
5	Please go ahead, Tom.	5 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Thank you.
6	MR. COLLINS: Okay. Thank you, Madam	6 MR. ARELLANO: Yes. Thank you.
7	Chair, Commissioners. And, you know, I think and I	7 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: All right. So and am
8	think I'm summarizing what we've what we've said,	8 I correct in my thinking that the commissioners
9	and I, also, think this is consistent with what	9 well, I suppose we still need a motion on the
10	Mr. Arellano has said.	10 Brophy-McGee mailer, perhaps.
11	So, obviously, Madam Chair, if there are	11 Is there a motion on okay. So let me
	objections or problems with this, please, obviously, we	12 see.
	want to make sure we ask him, but I believe they are	13 COMMISSIONER MEYER: I can make a motion,
	this. There's the Senator Brophy-McGee mailer. There is the Laff Waninger mailer. There is astagory 1 of	14 Chairman.
	is the Jeff Weninger mailer. There is category 1 of Facebook ads, which is those Facebook ads that begin	15 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Okay.16 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Madam Chairman.
	with the phrase politicians like so-and-so. And then	16 COMMISSIONER METER: Madain Charman.17 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Okay. So, yes, go ahead
	there is category 2 of Facebook ads, which is those ads	18 Mr Commissioner Meyer.
	that simply say call your call the legislator and	19 COMMISSIONER MEYER: I move that as to the
T.A.		
		20 Senator Brophy-McGee mailer, that there is no reason to
20	tell them to do X. So it's	20 Senator Brophy-McGee mailer, that there is no reason to21 believe that a violation may have occurred and that the
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 your lawyer, I will I'll say yes, but COMMISSIONER MEYER: Kara, is that clear enough? MS. KARLSON: That's a beautiful motion. I should, also, add for these purposes, I'm not going to be your lawyer because of due process concerns, but I think that, to cover our basis, if Mr. Arellano has an objection, he should make it now. MR. ARELLANO: I have no objection to the motion as phrased. CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Is there a second? COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Madam Chair, I will second that. CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: All right. We have a motion and a second. Commissioner Meyer, how do you vote? COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I couldn't hear. Are you calling on me? If so, I vote aye. CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Commissioner Paton? COMMISSIONER PATON: I would vote aye. CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Okay. I'm going to vote 	 "Politician," I believe, if I've got it right, Facebook Category Number 1? COMMISSIONER MEYER: Madam Chairman, I have a motion. I move that as to the category of Facebook ads that started with the words "Politicians like" referenced in the memorandum on page 2 and 3, that there is reason to believe that a violation of the Act may have occurred and that staff move forward with an investigation as to those ads. CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Okay. Thank you. Is there a second? COMMISSIONER PATON: This is Commissioner Paton. I would second that motion. CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Thank you. All right. Commissioner Meyer, how do you tote? COMMISSIONER MEYER: Aye. CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: And you voted aye? COMMISSIONER MEYER: Aye. CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Thank you. COMMISSIONER MEYER: Aye. CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Thank you. COMMISSIONER MEYER: Aye. COMMISSIONER MEYER: Aye. CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Thank you. COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: No. COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: No. CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Commissioner Paton?
24 no on that motion, but the motion passes 3 to 1.25 And the next mailers we will vote on or	24 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye.25 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Okay. And I vote aye.
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 take a motion on would be the Weninger mailer, and COMMISSIONER MEYER: Madam Chairman, I can make a motion. CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: All right. Please do. COMMISSIONER MEYER: I move that as to the Representative Weninger mailer, that there is reason to believe that a violation of the Act may have occurred and that the staff move forward with their investigation. CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: All right. Thank you. Is there a second? COMMISSIONER PATON: This is Commissioner Paton. I would second that. CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Thank you. All right. Let's go ahead and take our vote. Commissioner Meyer? COMMISSIONER MEYER: Aye. CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Commissioner Kimble? COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: No. 	 The vote is 3 to 1. And I would entertain a final motion on Facebook Category Number 2. COMMISSIONER MEYER: Madam Chairman, I can make a motion. CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Thank you. COMMISSIONER MEYER: I move that as to the category of Facebook ads that say start with the words contact "blank" and tell "blank" to call for a special session, that as to those ads, there is not a reason to believe that a violation of the Act occurred and that the Commission staff do not move forward with an investigation as to those issues. CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: All right. COMMISSIONER MEYER: As to those ads. Excuse me. CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Is there a second? COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: This is Commissioner Kimble. I second.
 20 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Commissioner Paton? 21 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye. 22 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: And I vote eye. And the 23 motion is passed 3 to 1. 24 Do I have a motion regarding the Facebook 25 Category Number 1, the ads which begin with 	 20 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Okay. Thank you. 21 Commissioner Meyer, how do you vote? 22 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Aye. 23 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Commissioner Kimble? 24 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Aye. 25 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Commissioner Paton?

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 really had all the candidates and their campaigns getting the information to our auditors quickly and allowing us to go through it and find minor things and get those corrected. So, for that, I want to say thank
5 you to everybody.
6 It was a great a great team effort, and
 7 these audits turned out well. Nothing major popped up, 8 a few minor things that were correctly assessed. 9 And I'd ask the Commission to just approve these. 10 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: That was very fast.
11 Thank you. Excellent. We appreciate that.
12 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Madam Chairperson, I
13 have a motion.
14 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Excellent. I love it.
15 Thank you. Please.
16 COMMISSIONER MEYER: I move that we approve17 all five of the audits, as recommended by Mr. Becker.
18 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Excellent.
19 Do I have a second?
20 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: This is Commissioner
21 Kimble. I second.
22 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Wonderful. All right.
23 Commissioner Meyer, how do you vote?
24 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Aye.
25 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Commissioner Kimble?
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2	COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Aye.	2 Commissioner Paton is, you know, one thing that I
3	CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Commissioner Paton?	3 really appreciate about you is I feel like we all, you
4	COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye.	4 know, come at this and sometimes we all agree and we
5	CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: And I vote aye, as well.	5 don't all agree at other times. And I think you seemed
6	By a vote of 4 to 0, we have approved the dates	6 to have a unique view, at times, that I really value
7	proposed. And so we'll be seeing you on all these	7 because it's when you come from a different angle that
8	dates, Commissioners, and thank you for that, since I'm	8 it helps me see things differently, and I think that's
9	the only not termed-out Commissioner at this point. I	9 very, very valuable. And so I want to thank you for
10	really appreciate you all being here, truly.	10 that.
11	All right. Moving on to Item VIII, very	11 I'll never forget that rule that we put in
	important business. We have recognition of	12 place that kind of seemed to lead to Prop 306. I will
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	and as the chairman.	14 foresight was really I just will never forget that.
15	So, we want to thank you very much for all	15 It was really important. So when you when you say
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	a few words.	17 listen to other people either, but I think you have
18	MR. COLLINS: Well, obviously, I don't I	18 some really valuable input that that, you know, we
	mean, I think I can speak for all, I'm sure, the staff members, but also, add in, obviously, your	19 all kind of operate inside of our boxes, and I think20 it's really valuable that we have people with different
	colleagues, but I think that when we assess the last	21 viewpoints and approaches on the Commission.
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2 just said, that was one of the highlights of my times	2	COUNTY OF MARICOPA)
3 on the Commission. Thank you for that.	3	BE IT KNOWN the foregoing proceedings were
4 COMMISSIONER PATON: I didn't know I was so	4	taken by me; that I was then and there a Certified
5 hard to get along with.	5	Reporter of the State of Arizona, and by virtue thereof
6 COMMISSIONER MEYER: No, no. I'm joking.	6	authorized to administer an oath; that the proceedings
7 COMMISSIONER PATON: I know.	7	were taken down by me in shorthand and thereafter
8 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: All right. Well, with	8	transcribed into typewriting under my direction; that
9 that, I guess we can move on to Item Number IX.	9	the foregoing pages are a full, true, and accurate
10 Is there any member of the public that	10	transcript of all proceedings and testimony had and
11 would like to make comments at this time? Is there any	11	adduced upon the taking of said proceedings, all done to
12 member of the public oh, yeah, I see Rivko is still	12	the best of my skill and ability.
13 here. I'm not sure if anybody else is here.	13	I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am in no way
14 Anybody?	14	related to nor employed by any of the parties thereto
15 (No response.)	15	nor am I in any way interested in the outcome hereof.
16 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: No comments?	16	DATED at Phoenix, Arizona, this 30th day of
17 (No response.)	17	January, 2021.
18 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: All right. You can,	18	marin
19 also, send comments to the Commission by mail or email	19	
20 at ccec@azcleanelections.gov.	20	LILIA MONARREZ, RPR, CR #50699
21 And if there are no public comments at this	21	
22 time, we move on to our motion to adjourn. And at this	22	
23 time, I would entertain a motion.	23	
24 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Madam Chair?	24	
25 CHAIRWOMAN CHAN: Yes.	25	
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