

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

**Location:** Citizens Clean Elections Commission

1110 W Washington St., Suite 250

Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Date: Thursday, July 28, 2022

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 July 28, 2022. This meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., at the Citizens Clean Elections Commission, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 250, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. The meeting may be available for live streaming online at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/AZCCEC/live">https://www.azcleanelections.gov/clean-elections-commission-meetings</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:cee@azcleanelections.gov">cee@azcleanelections.gov</a>.

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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 May 19, 2022.
- III. Discussion and Possible Action on Executive Director's Report, Enforcement and Regulatory Updates and Legislative Update.
- IV. Discussion and Possible Action on Article 3 of Citizens Clean Elections Commission Rules, Standards of Conduct for Commissioners and Employees, and Title 38, Arizona Revised Statutes, related to public officers.
- V. Discussion and Possible Action on Election Night Reporting, Ballot Tabulation and Canvass
- 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 26th day of July, 2022 Citizens Clean Elections Commission Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director

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Page 2 Page 4 1 VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING BEFORE THE CITIZENS ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you. I will 2 CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION convened at 9:29 a.m. on May call the roll on approval of the minutes. 19, 2022, at the State of Arizona, Clean Elections 3 Commissioner Chan. Commission, 1616 West Adams, Conference Room, Phoenix, 4 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I vote aye. 5 Arizona, in the presence of the following Board ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton. 5 6 Members: 6 COMMISSIONER PATON: Ave. 7 Mr. Mark Kimble, Acting Chairperson 7 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: And I'm Mark Kimble Ms. Amy Chan Mr. Galen Paton 8 8 and I vote aye too. 9 OTHERS PRESENT: 9 Item III, discussion and possible action on Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director Paula Thomas, Executive Officer Mike Becker, Policy Director Gina Roberts, Voter Education Director Avery Xola, Voter Education Specialist Julian Arndt, Executive Support Specialist Kara Karlson, Assistant Attorney General Ken Matta, Former SOS Chief Election Security Officer Cathy Herring. Staff 10 the Executive Director's Report. 11 11 Tom. 12 12 MR. COLLINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, 13 Commissioners. You can see it's been a little while 13 14 since we met, so there's -- there was quite a bit of 15 Cathy Herring, Staff Rivko Knox, Member of the Public activity we had that we wanted to report on. 16 16 I first want to -- you know, as we did in the 17 report, I want to highlight the fact that Avery Xola, (unintelligible) now our voter education manager, was 18 19 accepted into the Flinn-Brown Fellows program. And as the report details, that's a highly selective 20 fellowship program that -- where Avery will be able to 21 meet with and -- and be engaged in professional 22 development with a bunch of -- with a lot of different 23 aspects of state government and experts in that area, 24 25 which we think -- and we have been lucky and -- well, 25 Page 3 Page 5 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Chairman Meyer is 1 no -- I've been lucky and I think that we've 2 unable to make the meeting today, so I've been asked to benefited -- obviously, the Commission and State have 3 chair this meeting. 3 benefited from the fact that we've had a number of employees who have been selected for this program over Agenda Item I is the call to order. It is 5 9:30 a.m. on May 19th, 2022. I call this meeting of the -- over the past several years, including Gina. the Citizens Clean Elections Commission to order. Anyway, so I think that's a real benefit I would like to ask audience members to to -- to the Commission and -- and to making sure that please keep their microphones on mute. our voter education program continues to be tied And with that, we will take attendance. together with, you know, information and expertise on the variety of issues with which we deal. So it's a 10 Commissioners, please identify yourselves for the 11 record. great thing for Avery, but also really a great thing 12 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I'm Amy Chan. for the entire Clean Elections family, and so we're COMMISSIONER PATON: Galen Paton. 13 super, super happy about that. 14 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: And I am Mark You know, as you can see and -- you know, Kimble. We do have a quorum present. everyone, particularly Gina and Avery and Alec and 16 Item II, discussion and possible action on Julian, Mike, and Paula, have been working on the Voter minutes for the March 24th, '22 meeting. We all got 17 Education Guide. It will be arriving in mailboxes those -- those minutes with our material. Is there any starting June 24th. Our goal -- you know, our discussion about the minutes? statutory obligation is to get it out the door before 19 20 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I move that we adopt the early voting starts. And we're, you know, pleased with minutes as written. the participation; we have 35 statewide candidates, 197 21 22 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you. And that 22 legislative candidates. And, you know, and it's motion was made by Commissioner Chan. 23 important to note that this year is redistricting. So, 23 24 Is there a second? 24 you know, for many folks this will be their

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COMMISSIONER PATON: Second, Galen Paton.

25 introduction to what district they're in.

Page 6 Page 8 So I think that this is a -- you know, it's 1 wanted to highlight and would urge you, if you have 2 an important tool for voters both in terms of the 2 time, to take a look at our survey and tools related to 3 information contained about how to access their ability 3 the survey. I hope -- my plan is to next month have 4 to vote and the statements from the candidates, which 4 our -- Mike Noble, who is our surveyor -- or, pollster, 5 are unintermediated, you know, there's not a -- not a for lack of a better way to word it -- I hate to use 6 -- it's not an ad. I mean, it's whatever the candidate that word -- talk to us a little about -- more about 7 wants to say, but it has their name on it, it's what where voters are and what they want to hear about. But 8 they submitted, and I think that's important. that data is online, and we have -- Alec developed a --But I think also important, the fact that we and Gina developed a hub where voters can go, go 10 continue to mail it, in addition to the other ways it's through the data about what voters are saying. 11 delivered. It ensures that, you know, there's a --11 We also have recorded and put on our website 12 there's essentially a baseline amount of information 12 interviews with subject matter experts -- so, you know, Sarah Porter from the Kyl Center for Water; Beth that every voter in the state receives about their **14** ability to participate in elections. 14 Falone, who some of you may know, who's a well 15 Our primary election debates, likewise, are respected expert on state budget; Tom Betlach, who many of you may know was the long-time head of the State 16 under way. That's been, you know, occupying a lot of peoples' -- a lot of everyone's time. We have -- our Medicaid program under Governor -- Governor Brewer and legislative debates are being live streamed on YouTube. Governor Hull and then he worked for the first -- for Last night -- I was talking before the Governor Ducey's first term -- all on their subject 19 20 meeting to Cathy, who -- Cathy Herring, who is our -area, you know, water, budget, you know, healthcare. 21 who's coordinating this meeting, but she also 21 So, you know, we've gotten some good press exposure on 22 coordinates -- helps, you know, do the technical end of **22** that. 23 our debates. And she and Mike were at our LD 12 debate 23 And I think the goal here is to try to take, 24 you know, the survey, which tells us a lot about where 24 online last night, and the questions were coming in 25 very quickly. We got -- I mean, we were getting --25 voters -- what voters want to hear from candidates --

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2 throughout the exercise. It's a competitive primary
3 because there are something like five Democratic
4 candidates vying for two slots on the -- two
5 nominations for the House. So it's a -- I got to tune
6 in to a little bit of it. It's just an example of the
7 fact that the efforts we're trying to undertake to
8 engage voters into the dialogue with candidates, you
9 know, are -- you know, we can see that happening in
10 available yet
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12 PBS on the -- on the statewide and -- statewide. And
13 we have been working a little bit -- you know, we're
14 certainly branded into their congressional debates,
15 which was a new thing this year, which we're pleased
16 about.
17 We are -- I also want to highlight, we are -18 we will be in Flagstaff next month working with, as
19 part of our ongoing -- over the course of the last, I

We're also working with, you know, Arizona

1 Cathy told me we were getting two questions a minute

21 we've done ongoing work with voters in the Navajo22 Nation and in the -- that -- the northeast part of the23 state, so we're pleased to continue that partnership.

20 don't know, I would say at least the last eight years

You can see, again, that we have a lot of voter education and outreach activities going on. I

1 the idea here was, how do we use data to make sure that2 our voter education program, you know, continues to

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3 inform voters on the issues and bring voters into the

4 process, you know, because there's a -- you know, and

5 so we think that that's been a successful campaign.

5 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Tom. Mr. Chairman, Tom.

MR. COLLINS: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I just wanted to ask a

**9** quick question about the survey. Are the results

LO available yet and where can we find them?

MR. COLLINS: Oh, yes. Yes, they're on our

12 website. They are on the website. I can send you the

13 link --

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14 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Okay.

MR. COLLINS: -- to the -- to the -- it's

16 basically our survey hub has our data and then we also

17 were able to partner, through Gina and Alec, with the

**18** Center for the Future of Arizona, which --

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19 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Great.

MR. COLLINS: -- is a nonpartisan kind of

21 think tank. I think they're affiliated with ASU. I'm

22 always never -- I can never remember quite if they're

23 -- I think that's right.

Obviously, if I'm missing anything,

25 Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Chan -- Gina, if there's

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1 have a unique, ongoing, institutional aspect to your

- 2 roles as Commissioners specifically that is outside of
- 3 the election cycle, right. So I think it's really
- 4 important that -- that we continue to keep our eye on
- those things.
- 6 You can see there, one quick note, there's
- the case Arizona Republican Party v. Hobbs. That was a
- special action we discussed -- that we did discuss in
- 9 March that essentially seeks to bar vote by mail in the
- state. Since I wrote the Executive Director's Report,
- the Republican party has now sued -- taken that suit,
- which was denied by the State Supreme Court, they have
- now filed essentially that same suit in Mohave County
- 14 and brought in, instead of the State of Arizona, which
- is who they -- who they sued in addition to the
- Secretary of State's Office, they've brought -- they've
- tried -- they've sued all 15 County Recorders and the
- Secretary of State's Office.
- Why Mohave County? You know, if you're 19
- 20 interested, I mean, the idea here is pretty obvious,
- that the plaintiffs in the case think that there is
- somehow a better judicial opportunity for them there.
- It's a little weird, quite honestly. I practice
- election law in the state, as have -- you know, and
- 25 worked in those areas, as have most of the staff and

- ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Well, let me just
- 2 obviously, I would defer to you.
- 4 say, Tom, in relation to Commissioner Chan's question,
- 5 I looked at that survey. It's very impressive. It's

1 other things you want to highlight there, I'm --

- 6 broken down by political party. It's broken down by
- 7 geographic areas of the state. It's very interesting
- 8 to see the different issues that people in different 9 areas of the state are focused on. Obviously,
- 10 different political parties, we know that they're
- 11 focused on different -- different spots, but it's a
- **12** very impressive survey.
- MR. COLLINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yeah, 13
- 14 we're -- we're happy about that.
- 15 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Tom, I'm sorry. Did
- you -- were you done? 16
- 17 MR. COLLINS: No. Oh, I just wanted --
- unless anyone has anything else on that topic, I was
- just going to really quick hit some of the legal
- 20 things. So I want to make sure that -- more for
- 21 awareness.
- Obviously, you know, we have a couple of 22
- 23 cases out there that we're involved in. But then, you
- 24 know, in the last, you know, sort of 45, 50 days since

1 election-related lawsuits that have come along or been

3 litigation over the Senate ballot review. There's been

5 litigation, but, you know, the Attorney General issued

7 then -- and the County, you know, Maricopa County

10 worth perusing. I think that from a participation and

12 Act -- Clean Elections Act talks about, you know, this

I can -- I was -- I mean, I think those are

11 confidence in government perspective, which is what the

4 -- and then there's -- there's sort of maybe not quite

6 this interim report based on the ballot review and

25 we met, there's a lot -- a number of different

2 filed. You know, first, there continues to be

8 specifically, issued a response to that.

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- 1 obviously Commissioner Chan. This is not -- this sort
- 2 of idea that you can shop around to different counties
- 3 for Superior Court judges is not something that's
- 4 real -- you just don't see that here.
- 5 This is, again, a -- this is a -- sort of a
  - 6 different approach, for lack of a better way of putting
  - it, that -- you know, again, it tends to say that
  - there's some kind of a different approach to the law in
  - different counties. And in my experience, I've been an
  - attorney for going on 20 years now, and that's just not
  - -- that's not been the tradition in Arizona, so --
- 13 is -- we're in some territory where it's -- it's not
- 14 clear that -- it's just not clear that this is going to
- 15 wind up. And I think that -- and I think that that's
- 16 -- you know, that's been a point of concern over the
- 17 course of the last couple of years.
- And I just -- I think it's just important to 18
- 19 keep our eye on that as we continue to try to, you
- 20 know, fulfill our role in being conscious of voter
- 21 concerns and respectful of voters, but also clear that,
- 22 you know, we have confidence in the election 23 administration -- election administration in this
- 24 state. You know, I think that that's a really
- 25 important role for us to play going forward, because we

13 Federal Court actions with both Democratic and

- 12 Meanwhile, you know, you've got a number of
- 14 Republican groups. There's a Republican case to try to
- stop the use of electronic counting machines. There's
- a Democratic case, 2492, which was the -- which is the
- renewed effort to sort of restore, by some people's
- (unintelligible), the proof of citizenship requirements
- of Prop 200 and some other aspects to voter
- registration regarding, you know, residency and those
- 21 kinds of things. And those suits are pending.
- And then finally, I did want to -- I did want
- to mention, because I think it's important, although
- 24 it's not really an issue in Arizona, that the Supreme
- 25 Court in a 6- -- U.S. Supreme Court in a 6-3 decision

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- 1 rejected this -- a law, part of the McCain-Feingold
- 2 Act, that says that people could not sort of loan
- 3 themselves campaign money as a candidate, and if they
- 4 wanted to recover that money they had a limited amount
- 5 and a limited time frame in which to do it. That is
- 6 now unconstitutional.
- As a practical matter, you know, I don't
- 8 believe that in Arizona there's a similar restriction.
- 9 And, in fact, you've seen in the past we have had
- 10 candidates who've made personal loans, have been able
- 11 to go back and obtain, you know, under the contribution
- 12 limit, obviously, contributions, but -- so -- but, it's
- sort of a sign of the overall deregulatory aspect of
- 14 that.
- 15 Finally -- well, just real quick, Gina was a
- 16 facilitator, which we're thrilled about, with the
- Secretary of State's tabletop exercise on election
- security. We'll hear a little bit more, obviously,
- 19 about election security in a few minutes, but I
- 20 think -- I think it's an important -- important to
- 21 highlight that -- that work that she's doing and the 22 fact that, you know, she continues to be recognized
- 23 by -- you know, by the election community for her --
- 24 you know, for her knowledge and skills.
- 25 You know, we have two complaints that we're

- 1 it's been a very busy -- certainly we did cancel last
- 2 month's meeting, but not for lack of work on the part
- 3 of the staff, who continued to be busy and, I think,
- effective on a day-to-day basis.
  - So I apologize if I've gone on too long, but
- that concludes the ED report, Mr. Chairman, if you have
- 7 any questions.
- 8 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, Tom.
- Very busy period.
- I wanted to just take a minute to join you in 10
- congratulating Avery. That's quite an accomplishment.
- To be a Flinn Foundation Fellow reflects obviously very
- well on Avery and also on -- on the Commission.
- Are there any other discussion or questions 14
- 15 from Commission Members on Tom's report?
- COMMISSIONER PATON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. 16
- 17 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton.
- COMMISSIONER PATON: Couple of things. First 18
- of all, I saw an advertisement for Clean Elections on
- my Facebook and it was -- it was very, very good. It
- talked about this guy being in a maze and trying to
- find his way through the election conundrum, and he
- found Clean Elections and it brightened his day. And I
- thought that was a really good advertisement,
- 25 especially with all the -- everything going on about
- 1 elections.
  - And then secondly, Tom, can you explain
- 3 basically what's going on about this move? Is it
- permanent and is it around the corner or what?
- MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner
- 6 Paton, yes. So it is -- it is -- it is basically
- around the corner. One of the -- one of the priorities
- of Governor Ducey over the course of his administration
- has been to work to bring state agencies back to the
- State -- State mall, you know, so the area down around
- the Capitol, and then to, you know, deal with
- essentially some of the deferred maintenance and other
- aspects of the plant of the Capitol.
- So, for example, our building, I want to say,
- was built in the '50s, maybe the '60s. It has a
- dumbwaiter in it, just to give you a sense of like, you
- know, this era. There are ashtrays in the bathroom,
- you know, which -- so, you know, so -- and it floods,
- 19 right. I mean, we've literally had -- you know, our
- 20 server, especially when our server was much more
- 21 integral, before the Cloud, you know, would get knocked
- 22 out by rainstorms. The public records area of the Land
- Department which is there, which is really the big
- 24 tenant in our building, you know, would get flooded.
- 25 You know, it's just --

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1 still -- that are still pending. I really don't have

- 2 an update that I can provide at this point on those. I
- 3 couldn't -- I can't provide a detailed update because
- 4 of some of the ex parte and due process issues that are
- 5 involved in the case law, but suffice it to say, I
- 6 think we can say we are working on them and making progress.
- You know, I also want to highlight, and
- 9 you'll see in the Executive Director's Report,
- 10 obviously, Mike put together and has implemented with
- 11 Paula our single-party-dominant districts. Those are
- 12 if you're -- for candidates who are running for the
- 13 legislature who are running clean. They can allocate a
- 14 portion, basically the difference between their primary
- and general allocation, to the primary in a
- one-party-dominant district. 16
- 17 So -- and then we'll talk a little bit more
- about legislation in the next item, just to be clear.
- 19 But obviously, you know, Mike and Julian have continued 20 to track legislation.
- And Paula has -- I know we took it off this, 21
- 22 but we are moving forward with the move, and so Paula
- 23 has had a -- her plate full with the combination of 24 voter education, logistics, and -- and making sure that
- 25 we're getting candidates funded. So it's been a --

**Citizens Clean Elections Commission** Page 18 Page 20 So I think I'm going to -- it's one of these 1 building with better security. I think the space is 2 things where I can't remember if it's DEQ or DOA. I going to work great. 3 think it's DOA, right, Mike, that we're moving to We are condensing down space substantially. 3 4 building-wise? DOA or DEQ? I can't remember. 4 Having shared, you know, our public meeting rooms with ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Mike. both -- with both agencies is going to be a plus for us 6 MR. COLLINS: Anyway, we're moving -- oh, I'm too. We'll have more technology. As technology 7 sorry. continues to evolve, we'll be a little bit better with MR. BECKER: I'll have Paula give you more what we can do. But overall, there's a lot of pluses 8 9 information on that. She's got all the details on the 9 for the agency being able to relocate. Especially the 10 exact location. But, yeah, Tom, is right, our building security is a plus for us, as we're just kind of an 11 currently is in bad shape and we need to leave. 11 open fish right there, right across from where 12 MR. COLLINS: So anyway, so long story short, everything kind of happens. So that's it. ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, Paula. 13 Commissioner -- Chairman Kimble, Commissioner Paton, it 13 14 is a permanent move. We'll be in a smaller space, 14 Any other discussion or questions from the 15 combined with the Pharmacy Board. We'll still have a **15** Commissioners? 16 hearing room that we share. I think that the State --(No response.) 16 and Paula, if you want to jump in here, obviously, I 17 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Thanks, Tom. think that's -- or, Commissioner Paton, if you want 18 19 more detail. MR. COLLINS: Thank you. 19 20 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: -- discussion and The goal ultimately is to end up with, you 20 possible --21 know, a smaller footprint for State employees and 21 22 allow, you know, the redevelopment of the mall area. I'm sorry. Was someone wanting to say 22 23 And so, for example, the Governor's Office has made 23 something? 24 clear, through the Department of Administration, that MR. COLLINS: No. I just said thank you. 24 25 work from home and that kind of flexibility is 25 I'm sorry. I apologize. Page 19 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: No, that's okay. 1 something that's here to stay. There's some cost 1 2 savings there. And again -- and so we'll have a little Item IV, discussion and possible action on 2 legislative bills on the topics of elections, voting, 3 different format, a little different layout, a little 4 bit more modernized in terms of, you know, whether or

- 5 not everybody has an office. It will be more of a --
- 6 we'll have more work spaces and fixed offices and that
- 7 kind of thing.
- MS. THOMAS: Yeah, I'll just chime in,
- 9 Commissioners. Chairman, Commissioners, as Tom and
- 10 Mike mentioned, the State is in the process of
- 11 condensing space. There are actually several agencies
- 12 that now permanently work from home, so they don't even
- 13 have an office space. Ours will be more on the
- 14 premises of an interactive workspace.
- 15 But another thing with the buildings, I
- 16 believe they're going to get demoed. They're very old.
- 17 All agencies in our building are relocating, and I
- think -- I think all of us, Land Department, Pharmacy
- 19 Board, and Clean Elections, will be in the same
- 20 building.
- 21 The plus for us is we're going to have better
- 22 security. We've not had the best security in our
- 23 building. There's been a lot of occurrences that
- 24 happened. The building is just very, very old, so
- 25 we're excited to be in a little bit more modernized

- administration, campaign finance.
- 5 To start off this discussion, it's worth
- noting that today is the 130th day of the legislative
- session. The Senate is adjourned until Monday. The
- last time all of us got together the legislature was in
- its 74th day of session.
- Staff, I think, has a brief update on where 10
- we are, especially on election bills. And then if
- anyone -- any Commissioners have any questions, we'll
- 13 go to those.
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- 15 MR. COLLINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
- Commissioners. We -- we wanted to highlight --
- specifically Julian and Mike and I wanted to -- and
- Avery wanted to highlight the couple of bills that have
- 19 passed just as sort of like there have been
- 20 significant, you know, election bills passed. The big
- 21 one, obviously, we talked about is 2492. Another one
- 22 that's on the -- that will be on the ballot is a revamp
- 23 of the voter ID provisions of what was passed in 2004
- 24 as Prop 200. So those have -- those have already
- 25 passed.

Page 22 Page 24 There's also a bill that's passed that 1 and the presidential election. But most of those 2 passed -- or, all of them passed with pretty bipartisan 2 tweaks, I think appropriately, the amount -- the due 3 date for campaign finance reports to put it on a 3 support. 4 fixed -- on a fixed Monday instead of -- instead of 4 So if you have any questions, I can try and 5 like the 15th, where it sort of rolls inconsistently to answer them, but that's my summary. Thank you. 6 the next Monday when it falls on a weekend. 6 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Any questions from 7 You know, so there are -- you know, so that the Commissioners? 8 was the goal of the report, to try to highlight some of 8 (No response.) 9 those at the front end of the -- of the report, which 9 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, Julian. is attached to the Executive Director's Report. Anything else, Tom, on this topic? 10 11 I think -- and I was going to ask, MR. COLLINS: The one -- Mr. Chairman, yes. 11 12 Mr. Chairman, if I may. I think there's been some 12 The one other bill I wanted to highlight is there's a bill -- there's a bill called 2289 and it is the action just in the last couple of days on a couple of 14 bills that have -- that have now gone to the Governor bill -- it is the bill that -- and we talked about it at least. I'm not sure -- I don't think they've been before. This is the bill that, amongst other things, signed. So Julian, if -- Mr. Chairman, if you don't bans election tabulation equipment and requires only mind, if we could ask Julian to kind of update us on precinct voting and requires hand counts of elections what's happened just in the last couple of days. in 24 hours after the election ends. ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Sure. It is -- and we've -- and we've talked about 19 19 20 Julian. 20 this, and I've been pretty blunt with you all about it. 21 MR. ARNDT: Yeah, Chairman, Commissioners. It doesn't -- putting aside all the ideological stuff 22 So of course there hasn't been any action for a month, associated with the bill, it's impractical on a level and then two days before the meeting they like to get of -- it's just impractical. It will take -- I mean, 24 it all in, so that's nice of them. we saw in the Senate ballot review that it took them 25 25 months to count two elections. I mean, it's not -- and Anyway, there were seven bills put up. Three

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of them did not pass, but there were four that passed
 and should be going to the Governor. One was SB1170,
 which essentially prescribes that the Arizona Game and
 Fish Department can help people with voter
 registration. I think 99 percent -- don't quote me on
 it, but I think 99 percent of people register through
 the DMV, so I don't think this is going to be any sort
 of major change.
 You have SB1329, which requires, you know, if
 practicable, that the County post how many election

13 it online so people can go on there and kind of look,
14 how many each location received and how many were
15 counted there. So it provides a little bit more
16 transparency in that respect.
17 And you have SB1477, which essentially is
18 codifying that the Superior Court transmit to the
19 Secretary of State every month the list of convicted
20 felons so they can be removed from the voter roles.
21 And then SB1008 modifies the criteria that
22 triggers a recount. So before it was basically a tenth

11 bills they receive at their voting location -- or, how

12 many ballots they receive so that -- and then they post

23 of a percent, and now it's going to be a half percent.
24 Just for example, that would have caused a recount in a
25 couple of the statewide and county races the last year

2 counties, the different cities, and all those things, 3 it's --But the reason I highlighted it is because, 5 you know, there is a view on -- particularly on those who are very active among the -- on rallying the -maybe the more, you know, extreme folks on what they now -- what people are calling election integrity, or what some people call election integrity, to try to tie that bill or perhaps other bills to the budget. And I'm not sure that that will itself, you know, have any -- any -- I'm not sure if that will, you know, work. But the reality is that the margins in the 13 14 legislature, the partisan basis, are very -- are one vote in each house. And so any bill, especially a bill like that, is impossible, right. It's a bill that there's simply no way to make it work, right. There's just -- it's not -- it's not real legislation. I mean, 19 it's just not. I mean, you know --

1 our ballot -- with the ballot styles among the

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- You know, again -- you know, we have not been
- 2 down at the legislature on this stuff. I think the
- 3 County Association and Jen Marsden have done a
- 4 remarkable job throughout this session of being able to
- 5 communicate with legislators about the key practical
- 6 problems with some of this legislation.
- I think the issue, though, however, that we
- 8 have to keep our eye on is, you know, when or if this
- 9 sort of legitimacy -- or, delegitimate --
- 10 delegitimizing rhetoric around some of these bills, you
- 11 know, how we continue to address that. Again, as I
- 12 said earlier, I mean, it's important to be respectful
- 13 of voters and to be respectful of voters' time,
- 14 respectful of voters' information, and then try to
- 15 communicate with voters about, you know, where things
- **16** are.
- So I worry less about communicating with
- 18 folks who are convinced, incorrectly, in my view,
- 19 obviously, and some in bad faith, that elections are
- 20 rigged in some kind of way. That's not the group we
- 21 need to -- we need to communicate with.
- The group we need to communicate with is the
- 23 voters who hear that from people who they trust, even
- 24 if those are not sources we might find trustworthy, and
- 25 make sure that we have -- continue, all of us -- in the

- 1 folks into the process in a way that's not, you know,
- 2 politicized. I think we have -- you know, but offers
- 3 them a reflection back of what's really going on.
- 4 That's part of the reason why the survey makes sense.
- 5 You know, it's telling us, look, this election fever is
- 6 not -- it's not widespread, but, on the other hand, you
- 7 know, it's persistent. And so I just want to make sure
- 8 that everybody sort of understands where -- you know,
- 9 where that may be, because I think over time there's a
- 10 value to having a nonpartisan institution that can, you
- know, be effective on these kind of issues over time.
- So that was my last spiel. I apologize if
- 13 that went on too long, but I wanted to make sure that
- 14 we tied those together.
- 15 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Tom, could I just
- 16 clarify that you're saying this bill that would require
- 17 hand count of ballots to be completed within 24 hours
- 18 is, at this point, dead, but could be resurrected as a
- **19** bargaining chip in the budget negotiations?
- MR. COLLINS: Well, I think there's --
- 21 Mr. Chairman, yes. I mean, I think -- here is the
- 22 issue is that there are a couple of Republican
- 23 legislators who have made clear -- and Julian noted
- 24 there are some bills that failed this week, and there
- 25 have been some bills that have failed throughout the

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- 1 Commission this is an ongoing -- I mean, obviously
- 2 many, many other people are involved in the process
- 3 here, but we have a role to make sure that there's a
- 4 place where they can find information that can -- that
- 5 can bring them along to understand that these kinds of
- 6 bills are simply, you know, not -- not feasible in any
- 7 kind of practical way. So just wanted to highlight
- 8 that one in particular.
- 9 I think that, you know, we'll see -- you
- 10 know, I mean, one of the things -- to kind of tie
- 11 things together here and I think to help lead into our
- 12 next agenda item, one of the things that one of the
- 13 reporters who we talked to for the survey noted was
- 14 there's not -- for all the talk about elections at the
- 15 legislature, in our survey this spring, election
- 16 administration was not a top three or a top five issue.
- 17 Yes, there were -- there is a perceptible uptick among
- **18** Republican voters in interest in those issues, that is
- 19 -- the survey does register that, but it's not -- it's
- 20 not a top-of-mind issue. And so -- you know, so it's
- 21 sort of like -- for most voters, at least from what we
- 22 can see.
- So it's important to kind of like -- you
- 24 know, it's just important to try to keep together some
- 25 kind of consistency around, you know, how we bring

- 1 process, because there are some -- a couple of
- 2 Republican legislators who have sort of held the line
- 3 on this election administration issue, and that's been
- 4 good.
- 5 The issue on the budget becomes that if --
- 6 you'd still need to get 16 of 31. So what -- so if you
- 7 dig in on something that's basically impossible, right,
- 8 like this 2289 bill, which is simply impossible to
- 9 implement, you may not get that chip, but there -- but
- 10 it does create a -- kind of an approach to leverage, if
- 11 you will, right. Digging in on something that simply
- 12 cannot happen and saying, I must have it in order to
- 13 vote for the budget, in this narrow of a partisan
- 14 threshold can, I think, have a ripple effect.
- So, for example, one of the bills the County
- 16 has -- the Counties have -- and we've actually sent
- 17 some -- because we have a little stake in this through
- 18 Pinal County and we were asked by the Pinal County
- 19 Recorder to speak about is, you know, how the State --
- 20 how the legislature has contemplated eliminating drop
- 21 boxes and eliminating -- and drive-up voting, right.22 So there's a bill out there, I think it's 2238, that
- would do that. That bill is hung up right now because
- 24 there are a couple of Republican lawmakers who have
- 25 said they think that it's not -- the bill, as written,

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- 1 is not practical. You know, we -- you know, and we're
- 2 very happy with that. And, like I said, we've been
- 3 very -- we are very pleased with the County
- 4 Association's efforts to lobby on that.
- 5 The more you dig in on something that's sort
- 6 of over here, right, the question is, how much does
- 7 that start to pull on stuff that, you know, that's not
- 8 quite that, but certainly would have an adverse impact
- 9 on, you know, on issues that specifically Republican
- 10 County Recorders in Pinal County, in Yavapai County
- 11 believe would have a negative impact on voters.
- 12 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: So not to prolong
- 13 this a whole long -- a whole long time, but -- so today
- 14 is the 130th day of what's supposed to be a 100-day
- 15 legislative session. Is there any way to forecast or
- 16 do you have a good guess as to when we're going to get
- 17 down to some serious budget negotiations and bargaining
- 18 and things like that? Are we a week away from it, are
- **19** we a month away from it, or who knows?
- MR. COLLINS: I don't know. I know that,
- 21 you know, we've -- you know, we've surveyed folks as
- 22 best we -- Mr. Chairman, I should say, we've surveyed
- 23 folks as best we can. I think that -- I think the last
- 24 we had been able to gather, there's really no -- no
- 25 sense of that. But then the legislature, I think, has

- 1 Republicans and people who are Democrats, scrapped it.
- 2 And there was -- so as far as in public, you know,
- 3 there's just been no -- there's no -- nothing that
- 4 we've been able to perceive in public that suggests
- 5 there's movement there.
- 6 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Okay. Thank
- 7 you.
- 8 COMMISSIONER PATON: Chairman.
- 9 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Mr. -- Commissioner
- **10** Paton.
- 11 COMMISSIONER PATON: Yes. I might add that
- 12 they're allowing them to work from home, the
- 13 legislators, so they're not stuck in Phoenix if they
- 14 don't live in Phoenix. And usually that's something
- 15 to -- motivation for them to be finished. But if -- I
- 16 read where there's a couple of them, haven't even been
- 17 to the legislature all year, so that's -- you know,
- 18 that's less -- less pressure on them to finish it.
- 19 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Good point,
- 20 Commissioner.
- 21 Commissioner Chan, any comments on this
- 22 topic?
- COMMISSIONER CHAN: No. I didn't realize
- 24 they were allowing legislators to work from home. I
- 25 thought they weren't, which was part of the issue. I

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- 1 taken time -- increasingly taken time off during this
- 2 session and sort of, you know, slowed things down
- ${f 3}$  considerably. I think that, based on everything we
- 4 know right now, it would not be surprising to get to
- 5 June 30th before there's a -- before there's a budget.
- 6 I mean, I think the one thing that we --
- 7 people that have been around, and certainly Mike and,8 you know, and I can guarantee you, Mr. Chairman, and
- 9 Commissioner Paton and Commissioner Chan all knows as
- 10 well, the thought would be, you know, we're in a
- 11 redistricting year, and you have to go campaign. And
- 12 there are some restrictions on fundraising during that
- 13 process and there's time impacts, all that other kind
- 14 of stuff, those -- all those incentives say, get this
- **15** done. But there is -- there's not a whole lot of
- as 'lead there is there's not a whole for or
- 16 evidence --
- I mean, the last -- I think within -- I can't
- 18 remember -- I think it was in April, you know, the
- 19 last -- the last thing that happened on the budget is
- 20 that the House put forward -- the House budget
- 21 chairwoman put forward a bill that would have, you
- 22 know, gotten them -- you know, sort of started the
- 23 process of getting some funding mechanism in place
- 24 before July 1st. And a bipartisan group, not people
- 25 who agree with one another, but people who are

- 1 think those two legislators have a newborn baby at home
- 2 and they were -- they had asked to be allowed to attend
- 3 virtually. And I thought that was not a choice that
- 4 was given to legislators this year and that was part of
- 5 the issue. I don't know if anybody else knows more
- $\,$  6  $\,$  about that than I do, but...
- 7 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Anyone else want to
- 8 comment on that, Tom?
- 9 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, I
- 10 don't -- I don't know -- I don't pretend to know all
- 11 the details. I think that -- I think that whether it's
- **12** by virtue of work from home or virtue of the fact that
- 13 they're getting -- that they're taking big chunks of
- 14 time off, I think that the point stands that if you --
- 15 if you don't -- if you have things that allow you to
- 16 not be in Phoenix, that those -- but still be in
- 17 session, whatever those things are, I think that the
- 18 point that there's less pressure on you to get done --
- 19 I mean, that's -- you know, I mean, I think that's -- I
- 20 think that point -- I think that point is well taken.
- MR. ARNDT: I can comment, Chairman,
- 23 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Julian.
- MR. ARNDT: Yeah, I believe Amy's correct.
- 25 Those two, Representative and Senator, did kind of get

22 Commissioners. I believe --

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- 1 an exemption for that. And they can vote virtually,
- 2 but they have to be in their office.
- 3 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Thanks.
- 4 Anything else on this topic?
- 5 (No response.)
- 6 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you.
- 7 Item V, presentation on election security and
- 8 recognition and appreciation to Ken Matta, former
- 9 Secretary of State Chief Election Security Officer.
- 10 Ken Matta served for 20 years with the
- 11 Arizona Secretary of State's Office, most recently as
- 12 Chief of Election Security. He recently left for a
- 13 private sector role. In his role he was responsible
- 14 for critical election security matters ranging from
- 15 logic and accuracy testing for election equipment
- statewide to developing best practices for election
- 17 security.
- 18 Ken is a State-certified election officer.
- 19 served as a liaison between the Counties and the
- 20 Secretary of State, and served as Chairman of the
- 21 Arizona Vote Count Verification Committee. He has also
- 22 worked closely with federal and local partners, such as
- 23 the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center and
- 24 the Arizona Cyber Security Task Force.
- We invited Ken to discuss election security

- 1 picture of it that I can send you. So next time we see
- 2 each other in person, I will deliver that to you. But
- 3 it is in recognition of your service to the state of
- 4 Arizona and to Arizona voters and to your contributions
- 5 to ensuring that Arizona elections are safe and secure
- 6 and accurate. So we thank you for your service and we
- 7 look forward to your presentation right now.
- 8 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, Gina.
- 9 Ken, I'll turn the floor over to you for
- 10 whatever you'd like to say.
- MR. MATTA: Thank you, Chairman Kimble and
- 12 Commissioners and Gina. Wow, those were really nice
- 13 words.
- I'm really honored to be here today. I'm
- 15 still going to try to stay relevant in election
- 16 security as much as I can. I'm going to go ahead and
- 17 share -- I've got a couple slides that will help me get
- 18 through it a little bit. There we go. I'm hoping you
- 19 can see that.
- Okay. So here is what I'd like to talk about
- 21 real quick, just three major sections here. I would
- 22 just like to talk about the good work that the good
- 23 people are doing in election security across our state.
- 24 I would like to look at some of the current things
- 25 we're doing, some of the current security initiatives,

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- 1 with us and for the public. We also want to take an
- 2 opportunity to recognize him for his important
- 3 contributions to Arizona elections. So, thank you,
- 4 Ken, for your extraordinary service.
- 5 Gina, did you want to say a few words?
- 6 MS. ROBERTS: Sure. Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
- 7 Commissioners.
- 8 Ken, thank you for being here today. As it
- 9 was noted by Chairman Kimble, obviously you have a very
- 10 long career in serving Arizona voters. I really can't
- 11 even begin to find the words to express the impact that
- 12 you have had on Arizona elections. Most recently I
- 13 know that you've been heavily involved both within the
- 14 Senate audit that occurred, you were there on the
- 15 ground every day. You are -- just, you know, so the
- 16 public knows, Ken Matta is absolutely the most
- 17 knowledgeable person in the state of Arizona about
- 18 election security, about election equipment, and
- 19 you've, again, had a long history in serving Arizona
- 20 voters well, so I want to thank you for being here
- 21 today.
- And then I'm not sure if I should -- you
- 23 know. I know Chairman Kimble announced that we'd like
- 24 to also recognize and honor your service to the state.
- 25 We do have a plaque available for you. I have a

- 1 and what we do to secure elections, and then talk about
- 2 the future challenges we have coming up.
- 3 So we have a great community built in
- 4 Arizona. We've been -- several administrations of the
- 5 Secretary of State's Office has been working on
- 6 creating -- you know, breaking down silos and getting
- 7 this whole community to work together. And, you know,
- 8 you've got to remember that over hundreds of years in
- 9 this country many thousands of people have been working
- together to secure elections. This is not a new
- 11 science. And what I'm talking about here is the
- **12** players that are in it today.
- On the County scene we have election
- 14 directors and their staff, recorders and their staff,
- 15 IT and information security professionals,
- 16 communications leads -- communications become such an
- 17 important part of what we do in protecting elections --
- 18 law enforcement at the County and local level, and
- 19 recently the board of supervisors. We've been really
- 20 inviting them into the process because, you know, they
- 21 hold a lot of the power and the purse strings in the
- 22 counties, and it's good to have them on our side and so
- 23 that they understand how elections actually work.
- At the state level we have the Secretary of
- 25 State's Office, the Clean Elections Commission of

ens Clean Elections Commission

1 course, the fine work you guys do, Department of

- 2 Homeland Security, DEMA and the National Guard helping,
- 3 you know, protect us, and ACTIC, the Arizona Counter
- 4 Terrorism Information Center, which we use as a central
- 5 hub of reporting for election security in Arizona.
- 6 On the federal level, CISA has really stood
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- 7 up in the last few years and really just been super
- 8 involved at helping to protect elections across the
- 9 country. The FBI, doing just great -- great work,
- 10 great things with us. You know, we have an elections
- 11 crime coordinator right now for our area, a specific
- 12 FBI agent that's assigned to help us with elections and
- 13 election security. The Election Infrastructure
- 14 Information Sharing and Analysis Center, it's a
- 15 mouthful, we call it EI-ISAC, which is a federal agency
- 16 set up just to share best practices, to share current
- 17 threats, to just move information laterally across the
- 18 country in the election space to help us secure
- 19 elections. And, of course, the Election Assistance
- 20 Commission.
- As well, we lean on other states and other
- 22 jurisdictions. You know, like I said, this community,
- 23 it's a big thing. This doesn't just apply to Arizona.
- 24 Arizona is a part of a larger federal community. And
- 25 we have a lot of meetings, we have a lot of

- 1 ones just sharing information.
- **2** We also have a statewide comms talk spun off
- 3 where the communications community gets together and
- 4 it's sort of a roundtable discussion and we can take on
- 5 problems that we face as a community together and share
- 6 best practices.
- 7 We have policy development projects that
- 8 these aforementioned groups can take on. Sometimes
- 9 we'll spin off work groups to accomplish a security
- LO objective that we have, and we do it together, we do it
- 1 as a community, and we do it with consensus.
- We have statewide tabletop exercises where we
- 13 practice for the worst election you could ever imagine.
- 14 You know, we look at horrible, horrible scenarios that
- 15 could happen in elections and we start working on how
- 16 we deal with those things ahead of time, before they17 happen. As well, technical tabletop exercises for the
- **18** IT side. We will be rolling out county-specific
- 19 tabletop exercises. I keep saying "we." But hopefully
- 20 we'll see county specific tabletop exercises being
- 21 offered from the State. Communication workshops and
- 22 tabletop exercises also on the radar.
- Resource sharing. We found out, you know,
- 24 across the state there's large counties with resources
- 25 and mature security programs, there's also smaller

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- 1 organizations that help us with that to share those
- **2** best practices, current information.
- 3 Academia, you know, we've got from Harvard,
- 4 Stanford, you know, countless other ones helping us in
- 5 the science of elections. Our vendors, our partners in
- 6 security, everybody is -- you know, security is a
- 7 priority with them. And the private sector as well,
- 8 you know, companies like Microsoft, Facebook, all --
- 9 just a countless number of vendors that are offering
- 10 services to help secure elections.
- In Arizona, let's just talk a little bit
- 12 about some of the things going on, we have monthly
- statewide election security meetings where we build
- 14 that community and we start sharing information and
- 15 work on common problems that we have together.
- Spun off from that, in the last few years we
- 17 have a monthly election security tech talk where sort
- **18** of the nerds, you know, the IT folks, the technical
- 19 people, can get together and talk about things that are
- 20 really too technical for the statewide election
- 21 security meetings. I want to say, in those statewide
- 22 election security meetings it's sort of an executive
- 23 meeting and we have election directors, recorders,
- 24 information technology, communications people all
- 25 meeting together with our federal partners and other

- 1 counties that have less resources, and so we found out
- 2 that the larger counties are willing to share their
- 3 people and their experience to the smaller counties.
- 4 So if a smaller county needs help implementing a
- 5 security feature or program or if they need help doing
- 6 a security assessment, that the larger counties are
- 7 willing to share their people, actually put boots on
- 8 the ground, get them over to the smaller counties to
- 9 help them. It's -- it's actually a great discovery and
- 10 it's a model that I've been sharing on the federal
- 11 level and I hope it kind of gets picked up everywhere.
- We're doing information and advisory
- 13 dissemination, like our federal partners always tell us
- 14 when something is going on nationally that we need to
- 15 be aware of. A lot of threats don't just happen in one
- 16 small place, but are widespread. So our federal
- 17 security partners keep an eye on that for us.
- As well as free services and security
- 19 products, we like to keep our eyes on that, because
- 20 free stuff, well, we can afford that and it's always 21 good to have.
- I'm going to talk a little bit about election
- 23 security itself. This is my definition of what an
- 24 election is from a security standpoint. An election is
- 25 when people of different parties work together to

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- 1 tabulate votes in a controlled environment using rules
- 2 that were specifically designed to prevent fraud that
- 3 they agree to in advance. And again, this speaks to
- 4 those hundreds of years in this country that we've been
- 5 doing elections. And since there was a ballot box to
- 6 stuff, you know, people have been thinking about ways
- 7 to thwart fraud and have fair elections.
- 8 A lot of what we've designed, a lot of those
- 9 rules we put in place end up being technology
- 10 independent. It doesn't matter if we're pulling levers
- 11 or had punch cards or the current equipment we have
- 12 today. Many of the rules and procedures in place in
- 13 election security are layers of security on top of our
- 14 technical layers, and we'll talk a little bit about --
- 15 more about that in a minute.
- We have certain public communication
- 17 strategies. This is what we try to push, at the state
- 18 level, out. We want unified messaging. The worst
- 19 thing that would happen -- if there was an election
- 20 incident and the press goes to a County and says, hey,
- 21 what happened here, and then they tell them something.
- 22 And then they go to, say, the Secretary of State's
- 23 Office and say, what happened in that county, and we
- 24 don't know because we haven't talked. So we really
- 25 want to make sure that we're sharing information about

- 1 physical problems, if there's a cyber incident, if
- 2 there's threats against elections, we want to get this
- 3 information up the chain to investigative and law
- 4 enforcement partners, federal intelligence agencies,
- 5 because what we're seeing may be part of a larger
- 6 pattern, as I was alluding to before. So it's
- 7 important, you know, that we -- we get this up the
- 8 chain, and they can disperse that information across.
- **9** And they may even be able to stop election security
- 10 issues before they happen in other states if we all
- 11 share that information. So it's part of our
- 12 responsibility as part of the larger election security
- 13 community to get that information out there. Also,
- 14 getting that information that I was just talking about
- 15 from them to us.
- 16 It's important that the Secretary of State
- 17 and law enforcement have realtime information about
- 18 what's going on on election day, on times leading up to
- 19 elections, actually, at all times, so that we can
- 20 prepare responses.
- In Arizona we use ACTIC, the Arizona Counter
- 22 Terrorism Information Center, as an information hub for
- 23 our nonpublic communications. So ACTIC is an
- 24 organization, and it has representatives from almost
- 25 every law enforcement agency in Arizona, as well as our

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- 1 what's really happening so we can -- we can share the
- 2 same messaging, consistent messaging.
- We're trying to really build our
- 4 communication skill sets. We've had a lot of help from
- 5 Clean Elections on that. Gina is, you know, probably
- 6 the leading expert in the state about getting out
- 7 correct information to the voters about what's really
- 8 going on, what's really happening in elections.
- **9** We like to amplify each other's messaging.
- 10 It's been clear to us that the elections community
- 11 doesn't have the same size megaphone that conspiracy
- 12 theorists or election deniers have right now, and so
- 13 we're trying to fix that. We're trying to see what we
- 14 can do to reinforce and support each other's messaging.
- You know, we're making sure that we never
- 16 throw another election-having jurisdiction under the
- 17 bus. That's just simple and straightforward. Even if
- 18 they're in another state, there's no reason for one
- 19 elections department to be talking trash about another
- 20 election department somewhere.
- And having a plan, having a communication **22** response plan.
- Our nonpublic communication strategies, it's
- 24 really important that we -- and this is about election
- 25 incidents. If there's problems at a polling place,

- 1 federal intelligence agencies. They all have seats
- 2 there. They ingest tons of information from all sorts
- 3 of sources and from all over the country and they
- 4 analyze that and decide who needs to know about it.
- 5 So they -- we inform them -- our community
- 6 informs them of any election incidents that are
- 7 happening. If there's, you know, an incursion into a
- 8 polling place or if there's somebody with a gun at a
- 9 polling place, if there's a cyber incident somewhere,
- 10 it all gets reported to them and they can disperse that11 to the people who need to know it.
- This is what it looks like in a diagram. You
- 13 really don't need to memorize this, because it's pretty
- 14 much exactly what I described. We'll just skip past
- **15** that.
- There's four areas -- main areas of election
- 17 security. There's physical security. And this is not
- 18 just how we physically like protect our machines and
- 19 our equipment; you know, that is part of it, but as
- well it's taken on a new meaning lately, and we'll talkabout that more.
- There's cyber security, procedural security,
- 23 and those are those many layers and many rules, many
- 24 policies that we've created over the years to help
- 25 secure elections. And objective information security,

Page 46 1 that's kind of my term, but what that means is public 2 information security. In physical security we have to protect our 4 voters, our staff, our equipment, and our facilities. 5 This has taken on a new urgency since the 2020 6 election. Before that, we were -- did not have to 7 prepare ourselves as much. I mean, we -- on our radar 8 wasn't things like violent protests or, you know, armed 9 incursions possibly into our tabulation centers or our 10 vote headquarters. We weren't expecting, you know, the 11 amount of threats that we've received since the 2020 12 election. So, you know, we are concerned about shootings at the polls. We have counties now that are 14 offering deescalation training and active shooter

training to the poll workers. This is new. So we've

had to really -- we've had a paradigm shift around 17 physical security since the 2020 election.

18 CISA really lends us a hand with physical security. They come out and do physical security assessments on our facilities. They offer that active 20

shooter training. They offer lots of ideas to us to

22 help us improve our physical security posture. And so,

like I said, these are all -- we have a lot of new 24 challenges since 2020.

25 Here are some of the statute around physical 1 the wrong hands.

In cyber security I want to point out that 3 there's two types of systems. There's our election

systems, these are the systems that actually count

votes and control our elections. These systems in Arizona are air-gapped, they've been air-gapped for

many years, meaning that they're not connected to any

other network, including the Internet, including our

office networks that are connected to the Internet.

They're stand-alone systems. So if you -- if you're

thinking that somewhere, you know, there's a person out

there tapping his keys in another country hacking our

voting systems, our actual election systems, the

probability of that is almost zero. It's highly

15 improbable.

25 to any network.

16 We also have election office networks, which, like most networks, are connected to the Internet. And we do things on there like check our e-mail and surf the web, you know, dangerous activities, you know, from a pure security standpoint, and these systems are more likely to have a security problem. But just know that if one of our office networks was to get breached, they wouldn't be able to change a vote. Again, keep in

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1 security requirements. I'm just going to run over 2 this, because I want us to all understand the scope and 3 magnitude of -- of the rules in place that help us keep 4 elections secure.

So all of our equipment has to be serial 6 numbered and inventoried, stored in a locked, secure 7 location.

We can only access it if we're authorized to 8 9 do so, and that is called the privilege -- the principle of least privileged access. We see that all 11 the time. Least privileged access just means that only people that really need to get at something have the 13 permission to get at it.

14 Our equipment is sealed and logged after we program it. If we move it around, there has to be two people there. Ballots have to be inventoried when we get them and before we distribute them. They have to

be available according to least privileged access. We

19 have to store them in a secured location, and access to 20 that location has to be logged. Again, witnessed by

21 two people when we move them around. And even the

22 blank stock for our ballot-on-demand printers, those 23 are the ballots that we print at the polling place for

24 the voters as they need them, even that blank stuff

25 must be audited and accounted for so it doesn't get in

I think it's an important distinction. I

always make that distinction. Because we may see, you

mind, the systems that count our votes are not attached

3 know, a press release that there was, you know, this

election -- this county election office was breached.

And it's important to think, you know, wait, was that

their election system or was that just their office

network, because there's a big difference.

We are getting a ton of federal help through

9 CISA, other agencies, to help us, you know, cyber protect our office networks. But let me say that in

today's new time, with the prevalence of mis, dis, and

mal information, with the physical threats that we're

facing, cyber attacks are the least feasible way that 14 somebody could attack an election at this point, in my

15 opinion.

16 Here are some of the laws around cyber 17 security. I'm just going to buzz through them. You

know, the voting system must be password protected,

cannot be connected to the Internet. The election

management system, which is the election system, must

be installed on a system with nothing else on it, and especially no remote access software is called out in

statute. We cannot transmit our election results

24 electronically from the polling place to our election

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1 firmware versions that we're using are identical to

2 approved versions before we use them.

The removable storage. Sometimes when it

4 comes time for us to move information in and out of

5 these air-gapped systems what we'll do is we'll use

6 what we call sneakernet and we'll use like a USB thumb

7 drive and we'll move information from one system to our

8 election management systems, and these are just rules

9 around that kind of storage.

It has to be purchased or received from a 10

11 reliable source. The Secretary of State's Office has

been providing those in the last election. They have

to be physically secured, like most other election

14 equipment.

15 Oh, I actually didn't remove this next one.

16 I'm going to talk about that a little later. Keep in

17 mind, it's not a requirement right now.

18 We can only use them once. We can -- we have

to scan them for malicious software. We have to

20 encrypt them if we're going to physically move them

21 across space and time.

Here is some stuff around electronic 22

pollbooks and ballot-on-demand printers. Only

24 connected to secure networks. Keep in mind, these

25 technologies -- we don't vote on these technologies.

1 elections on the inside just know how ridiculous that

2 is. It just can't happen because of all of these

3 audit, subaudit, chain of custody rules that we have in

4 place to control elections.

There's just too much to list. I pulled out

a few pages of them, and I'm just going to buzz through

them. Just, you know, if somebody is watching from the

public realm, I just hope you understand the extent

that this has been thought out and preplanned for.

You know, ballot return envelopes are 10

11 tamper-evident. Ballots are mailed out nonforwardable.

Only one ballot can be returned per voter. There are

two-party retrievers of ballots from drop boxes,

14 meaning, you know, that there's two people going out

there to get them. It's not just one person.

In Arizona a voter must show ID at the polls. 16

Voting equipment has to be approved by the State and

approved by federal agencies. We logic and accuracy

test, in other words, we test to make sure these

machines work and the programs have not been

compromised, before and after each election.

Candidates cannot be poll workers.

23 Election boards, the people that decide voter

24 intent and the people that duplicate ballots, are

25 bipartisan. There's always -- we're using this buddy

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1 They're sort of vote-adjacent technology. We have to

2 use encryption, industry standard encryption when they

3 communicate. They have to be patched and updated as

4 recommended by the vendor. Again, no unnecessary

5 software on these devices. We look at the data files

6 that are on them, like the voter data files, and we vet

them against their actual sources.

And this is an interesting one: We only use

**9** vendor-supplied cables for this type of equipment.

10 This rule came about when we started seeing like USB

cables available online that actually came with malware

built into them. So the rule is that we can only use

vendor-supplied cables for these types of equipment. 13

And procedural security, these are the many 14

rules that create these layers of security. I just

want to mention, Title 16, you guys have probably all

seen it, it's a thick book. Gina probably has one on

18 her desk. Show us, Gina. There are just hundreds and

possibly thousands of procedures and rules that add

layers of security, and this is what I wish the public

21 knew about. I wish the public understood that -- you

22 know, and you hear about 20,000 ballots --

23 There it is. There's Title 16.

-- 20,000 ballots from China inserted into 24

25 the process. You know, people that really know

1 system through our whole election process to create a 2 self-policing environment.

Voted and unvoted ballots are sealed at the

4 polls after voting. We check the number of votes cast

on the equipment at the polls and we check that against

the number of people that sign in at the polls to make

sure they match. And that's just an example of one of many of these small auditing procedures we have in

there to ensure the integrity of the votes actually

collected at the polls are what's represented in our

11 final numbers.

Only election officers can train poll

workers. We run zero reports on the equipment and

14 verify them when we first open the polls. We run

results reports when closing the polls so we have a

record of what that poll collected in votes, a hard

copy record that we can always go back and audit.

18 Our ballots and that blank stock is inventoried at the

19 polls.

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20 So there's just so much. It just goes on and

21 on. And, you know, that's a -- the idea of layers of

22 security is that even if you can circumvent one

security protocol, one security fortification, that

24 there is another and another and another that can stop

25 you from performing any nefarious act.

Citizens Clean Elections Commission Page 54 So real quick about public information 2 security -- a little bit more about it, actually. We 3 touched on it a second. You know, in this country 4 voters have sort of turned away from trusted sources of 5 information. Right now it appears to me that a certain 6 amount of the population is willing to take their 7 information from -- about election security and about 8 whether the 2020 election was secure from politicians 9 and political pundits, but not from those thousands of 10 people that have been working to secure elections 11 across the country, not from the professionals that do

12 this every day, and so we're making an effort to point the public back to trusted sources of information. 14 In Arizona that's Clean Elections, that's the 15 Secretary of State's Office, our county recorders, our 16 county election offices. These are the people that

actually perform elections. These are the people who actually know how elections work. And I encourage

anybody listening, if you have -- if you have questions

about elections and election security, reach out to

these people and they're more than happy to help you

understand how elections work. 22

23 We've found out that prebunking is better 24 than debunking. You know, a lot of -- we've seen just 25 so much MDM. I'm going to say MDM. That's

1 tweet today about another friend and co-worker, just

2 excellent election knowledge, I mean, this person is

3 just amazing, just leaving the industry as well.

Right now it's a hard time to be in

elections. It's -- we experience threats and hatred.

You know, we receive the nastiest phone calls and

e-mails. You know, the job was not really a glamorous

and praised job in the first place. It doesn't pay

well. And nobody in the election community signed up

to be abused in the way that we've been being abused

since the 2020 election.

12 As a result, it's attrition. We're losing 13 our talent and they're going to the private sector,

14 they're just getting out of elections. This is going

to create a vacancy in our industry that is going to --

it's going to be hard to replace that loss of

knowledge. But as well, if we think that -- according

to the recent polls, between 30 to 40 percent of the

American public believes the 2020 election was stolen.

That means, statistically speaking, many of the jobs in

elections that those vacancies create are going to end

up being filled by election deniers and election

conspiracy theorists.

The easiest way they could penetrate into the 24 25 election process would be through like political

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1 misinformation, disinformation, and malinformation.

2 We've just seen so much of it. And, you know, putting

3 out the truth afterwards doesn't have the same effect

4 as educating the public beforehand. So when they hear

5 this misinformation they can say, oh, that's -- that's

6 not really happening.

We're working with our peers to amplify 8 messaging; I covered that a little bit before.

Trying to improve our relationships with 10 media, trying to bring media into our processes more,

11 let them get a look at it, let them understand it so

12 they can do more accurate reporting.

13 You know, again, I was saying we don't really

14 have the megaphone that a lot of purveyors of

misinformation have, so we're looking for allies, we're

looking for influencers to help carry the message about

17 election reality.

And then get out public information. You 18

19 know, we've been doing tremendous work all across the

country about helping to educate the public about how

21 elections actually work.

22 In the future -- here is my -- here is my

23 peer into the future, get out my crystal ball here.

24 But what we're experiencing right now is a loss of

25 election talent. I just, you know, I read -- I read a

1 observers. Secondly, through the -- as being poll

2 workers. It's a pretty easy point of entry into the

3 process. They could be replacing election staff in our

election offices. And they could be holding the

highest election office in the land, the Secretary of

State's Office position.

We could see election deniers and conspiracy

theorists, and that is people that hold a more

politically active ideology, that are pursuing

political ambitions other than -- and not democratic,

not furthering, you know, the democratic mission into

our process. Insider threat is the thing I'm most

concerned about coming up in future elections.

As well, like I was talking about before,

violence. You know, we're -- when we've got to a time

where we're having to teach active shooter training to

our poll workers, it's a scary time. We don't know

what's coming up. I feel we've been very fortunate so

19 far, and I hope we continue to keep up that winning --

20 that lucky streak that we've got.

21 One of the largest threats we face is the

22 loss of -- the permanent loss of faith of our voters.

I think about countries, other than our own, who just

24 have begun to accept that their elections are rigged

25 and the state of those countries, and we don't want to

Citizens Clean Elections Commission Page 58 Page 60 1 be there. You know, I want to see our faith restored COMMISSIONER CHAN: I'd like to make a 2 to our voters. There is absolutely no good reason why 2 comment, Mr. Chairman. 3 a single voter should be questioning the integrity of ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Chan. 3 4 our elections at this point. They've been bombarded 4 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I was lucky enough to get 5 with mis, dis, and mal information about the state of 5 to work with Ken for the, gosh, four years that I 6 elections is the only reason they're doubting it. worked at the Secretary of State's Office and then I'm here to say, you know, our elections are briefly when I just returned before he decided to leave 8 good. You know, like I said, this is not a new us, and I just -- like you said, Mr. Chairman, thank 9 science. If -- we've thought about this. Whole you seems like it's not enough. But, Ken, you have 10 communities of people that are good Americans, you always been such an amazing professional and just such 11 know, they're our -- our fellow Americans, our a hard worker and I -- it's really wonderful to see how 12 neighbors, our family members, they're election workers 12 it's paid off for you, even if it's a loss for the and they have high ideals, they have integrity. And 13 State. 14 the fact that we're doubting this community right now 14 And I'm just very relieved that you're at is shameful, and I hope it doesn't continue. 15 least staying in the business as a resource for everyone. It's been really nice to be able to see that 16 So I hope that wasn't too doom and gloomy. I 17 do have -- oh, look at this, I had slides on that you're able to communicate to the public and educate stuff. Okay. But I do have faith, you know. This is them on your own, as an individual, in addition to the 19 America and it's a great country. The next generation work you've done for the State and the work that you're 20 also, you know, as I speak to young people about this, going to continue to do at Runbeck, so thank you so 21 they seem to have a clear view of what's really going 21 much. 22 on. They seem to be able to see the demarcation 22 And, Mr. Chairman, I was happy to hear you 23 between political messaging and professional messaging say that you've been a poll worker for so long. I

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1 resolves itself, I certainly do. And that's what I've 2 got for you guys, and I thank you for your attention. ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thanks, Ken. It 4 seems grossly inadequate to just say thank you to you 5 for your decades of service to this state, to our 6 community, to elections. And you have so much valuable 7 information here. I know that we'll find some way to 8 put this on our website so that those who weren't 9 watching it now will be able to look at it in the 10 future and see how complex the whole topic of election 11 security is.

24 and they seem more willing to listen to trusted

25 sources. So around the corner I hope -- I hope this

12 I've been a poll worker for, I don't know, a 13 dozen elections or so, and I can say I knew some of it 14 from working at the polls, but there's so much in there that you said that I had no idea about. I particularly appreciate your definition of 16 17 an election. I thought that really crystallized the challenges that are faced. And when it comes down to it, it's really pretty simple: We want an election 20 that is fair and that everyone can agree is fair and 21 secure. 22 So thank you for your presentation. Thanks 23 for your years of service to the state.

Do any of my colleagues, Commissioners, have

1 volunteer. I mean, you do get paid. It's not like a 2 ton of money. But I think it's something that's worthwhile to both become educated in how our elections work, as well as, you know, play a very important role 5 on election day. We do have most of our voters using 6 vote by mail, and so our election day work is not as extensive as it could be, but we still need people to be in place to put the poll up, take the poll down -the polling places down, and deliver ballots to election central on election night. So it couldn't be more important now. It's always been important, but it couldn't be more important than it is today. So I would really encourage everyone who's on this meeting 14 today to consider doing that. 15 And I just, again, thank you, Ken, for your service, and really happy that you didn't retire 17 completely. ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 18 **19** Commissioner. 20 Any other comments or questions, 21 Commissioner Paton? COMMISSIONER PATON: Yes, a couple things. I 22 wonder if you couldn't do a primmer for the

would encourage everyone who believes in elections and

25 how they're run to become a poll worker. It's not

25 any comments or questions?

24 legislature, you know, a little workshop for them,

25 since they want to be all verbose about elections. And

1 maybe we could get a copy of this little presentation 1 morning with Mr. Matta have been absolutely 2 to PBS or -- I mean, it sounds like that we could get outstanding. 3 this information out in the public to where -- like you 3 And I know one of the things that I've been 4 said, they have -- they have their ways of getting 4 telling people that I learned from one of the 5 messages out to poor losers, basically. And it's just presentations, I can't remember which one, was how 6 a shame that -- somehow we should be able to get it out important it is for the small counties to have the 7 to somebody anyway, some public thing. resources to be able to attract and retain people who I think many in the public, maybe they grew are knowledgeable about election security, things that 9 up at a different time. My dad lived in Jim Wells are very technical. And with small budgets, even if 10 County in Texas in 1948, Box 13. And some of these they hire an expert, how do you keep them from going to 11 old-timers, they remember dead people voting in Chicago the private sector, because you can't match the pay? and whatever and they don't realize that things have And I think that's an element that needs to be changed. There's all kinds of security involved. 13 stressed. 14 So anyway, that's my input. Thank you for 14 I'm just wondering if those interviews might 15 all you've done and continue to do. 15 be made available. I mean, I know anybody can watch a ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 16 Commission meeting online; but with all due respect, 17 Commissioner Paton. they are, you know, an hour and a half or two hours. Any other comments? But I wondered if those interviews might be posted as a 18 way to get more people to observe them, then same thing 19 (No response.) 20 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thanks again, Ken. with Mr. Matta's presentation today. 21 We appreciate your time. 21 And then I have only one other comment for 22 Mr. Matta's presentation, which was absolutely MR. MATTA: Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman, 22 23 and the entire Commission. I really appreciate you. outstanding. There are so many acronyms. And I am not 24 ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thanks again. 24 in the election community, even though I've been a poll 25 MR. MATTA: I've also got to say, I really 25 worker for years and as a League member, you know, we Page 63 Page 65 1 appreciate the work you do. 1 study elections and so on. But I would hope that the ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Well, I think we 2 presentation, if it's available online, would ensure 3 have an outstanding staff, and we couldn't do what we 3 that there is like a list of acronyms, because there 4 do without them. Thank you. are pages you showed, Mr. Matta, with initials only. 5 Okay. We're going to move on to Item VI, And I kept writing madly, and I didn't get them all. 6 public comment. This is the time for consideration of But tremendous information that I hope you share much 7 comments and suggestions from the public. Action taken more widely with the public. 8 as a result of public comment will be limited to And again, thank you all, both the 9 directing staff to study the matter or rescheduling the Commissioners and the staff, for just continuing to do 10 matter for further consideration and decision at a what you do. Your work is more and more important 11 later date or responding to criticism. 11 every time. And I appreciate everything that you do as 12 Does any member of the public wish to make 12 just a voter and citizen, and thank you. Have a good **13** day and... 13 comments? ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, Ms. Knox. 14 Rivko. 14 15 MS. KNOX: Good morning, Chairman and Members 15 Tom, is there anything you'd like to say about how these presentations can be accessed after the 16 of the Commission and staff. Although I was not fact? Are they archived on our website? physically present the last two meetings, I have observed them. I saw them online. And I do report MR. COLLINS: Yes. So I think I can -- I 18 19 to -- write up reports to a number of people who are in 19 think I can, especially because the presentation itself 20 the League, I'm not an official League observer, but a is on the agenda. The presentations are on our website. I hope to -- within a reasonable amount of 21 lot of people in the League who are very concerned

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22 about this issue.

I really wanted to especially thank the

24 Commission. The last three meetings where you had

25 election professionals, the county recorders, and this

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a package that plays them.

time I think we can pull them together in some kind of

The presentations -- Rivko is right, and the

25 goal of having these presentations is to be able to

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	have a public record available, and Commissioner Paton	1	ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you,
2	is right, to folks that can come and get you know,	2	Commissioner Paton.
3	who want to drill down on some of these issues like Ken	3	I'll do a roll call on our motion to adjourn.
4	was discussing, you know, to make that available and to	4	Commissioner Chan.
5	piece it out in a way that you know, that is more	5	COMMISSIONER CHAN: I vote aye.
6	accessible.	6	ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton.
7	I think, you know, the core here and just	7	COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye.
8	to again, I think this is just all if you look at	8	ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: The Chair also votes
9	this agenda and what we've discussed today, the goal	9	aye.
10	here is to, you know, establish a bank of resources	10	We are adjourned. Thank you very much.
11	that is not partisan, that doesn't turn over with an	11	(The meeting concluded at 11:03 a.m.)
12	election, that is not driven by the election calendar	12	
13	of politicians, but the election calendar of voters,	13	
14	you know.	14	
15	Because, you know, if you listen to what Ken	15	
	is saying about public information, the public	16	
	information sphere is very tenuous right now. And it's	17	
	quite clear that election officials, of which we all	18	
19	are one, whether or not we realize it or not, are in a	19	
	process of trying to determine what is the best way to	20	
21	move forward. We've seen privately funded efforts.	21	
22	We've seen publicly funded efforts. We have as Ken	22	
23	mentioned, the Secretary of State has a communications	23	
24	group that meets. So one of the things that we can	24	
25	offer that is unique really, I think, in the whole	25	
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1	country at this point is a is a nonpartisan resource	1	STATE OF ARIZONA ) SS.
	bank for this information that's optimized I mean,	2	COUNTY OF MARICOPA )
	like everybody and we all hear this from folks, our	3	RE IT KNOWN that the foregoing denosition was
	website is great. Alec has done a wonderful job of	4	BE IT KNOWN that the foregoing deposition was taken by me pursuant to stipulation of counsel; that I was then and there a Certified Reporter of the State of Arizona, and by virtue thereof authorized to administer an oath; that the witness before testifying was duly sworn by me to testify to the whole truth; that the transcript was submitted for review and signature; that the distance of the substinct of the sub
	keeping our web content best in the state. You know,	5	Arizona, and by virtue thereof authorized to administer
	this is a model for how you start to have real,	6	sworn by me to testify to the whole truth; that the
7	tangible, nonpartisan information for voters to ensure	7	the questions propounded by counsel and the answers of the witness thereto were taken down by me in shorthand
	that we can have a bulwark against this misinformation	8	and thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my
	and disinformation problem.	9	direction; that the foregoing pages are a full, true, and accurate transcript of all proceedings and testimony had and adduced upon the taking of said deposition, all to the best of my skill and ability.
10	ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay.	10	deposition, all to the best of my skill and ability.
11	MR. COLLINS: That's a very long answer.	11	
12	ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: No. No. Thank you,	12	I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am in no way related
13	Tom.	13	to nor employed by any of the parties hereto nor am I in any way interested in the outcome hereof.
14	Let me also add that anyone watching this can	14	
15	send comments to the Commission by mail or e-mail at	15	DATED at Tempe, Arizona, this 23rd day of
16	ccec@azcleanelections.gov.	16	May, 2022.
17	At this time, I would entertain a motion to	17	1.
18	adjourn.	18	VAKO
19	COMMISSIONER CHAN: I move that	19	Voth min A. Plack and day 200
20	Mr. Chairman, I move we adjourn.	20	Kathryn A. Blackwelder, RPR Certified Reporter #50666
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21	ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you,	21	
21	•	21 22	
21	ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you,		
21 22	ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, Commissioner Chan.	22	
21 22 23 24	ACTING CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, Commissioner Chan. Is there a second?	22 23	

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# CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT July 28, 2022

# **Announcements:**

Primary Day is August 2. In order to make sure your ballot is timely received, do not place it in the mail at this point. Our website includes drop off locations from around the state: https://www.azcleanelections.gov/arizona-elections/august-2-election.

Julian Arndt will be leaving us in August for a new opportunity. Julian has been a valuable member of the team, working on policy, voter education and administrative matters. His efforts in communicating with candidates and tracking legislation have been critical.

# **Voter Education:**

- Statewide and legislative debates have wrapped and are available for voters to view on demand on the Clean Elections website and YouTube channels. Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) will be presented at a later date.
- 2,317,798 Voter Education Guides were delivered to households with a registered voter.
  - Guides were mailed by legislative district (80 or 88 pages depending on the district).
  - There are 35 statewide candidates and 197 legislative candidates total.
  - Versions available: English, Spanish, Large Print, Navajo, Apache, ASL,
     Plain Text for Screen Readers, Sun Sounds Audio.
    - Clean Elections partnered with the Arizona Deaf and the Hard of Hearing to produce the ASL versions. This was an intensive process and we are grateful for the opportunity to partner with ACDHH in an effort to expand access to critical voting information to voters who are deaf or hard of hearing.
    - Clean Elections partnered with Sun Sounds of Arizona to provide an audio version of the Voter Education Guide, available through a toll-free number. We are grateful for the continued support of Sun Sounds to provide this resource to voters across the state.
  - Boxes of guides were also delivered to local election officials, schools/community colleges, chapter houses, post offices, community centers, libraries, etc.
  - The VEG is mailed using the official election mail insignia and delivered promptly by the USPS. All guides were delivered before the start of early voting.
  - Clean Elections partnered with a new vendor, Advantage Color Graphics, to print and mail the VEG this year. This partnership was essential to the successful mailing of the guide, from the data configuration to create the mailing file and to the procurement of the paper during a paper shortage. As a result of process efficiencies coordinated with Advantage, Clean Elections has an estimated cost savings of \$15,000 in paper conservation.

- Gina and Tom are working with our partners on the general election debate series, specifically the Gubernatorial and U.S. Senate debate. Partners include AZ PBS as the host of the debates, and the Arizona Broadcasters Association and the Arizona Newspapers Association to expand access to voters for the debates.
- The Clean Elections toll free line for voters speaking the Navajo language Diné
  has been live throughout the primary election season. Voters can dial our toll free
  number to receive an auto attendant option and be connected directly with Diné
  speaking staff at Apache, Coconino and Navajo counties.
- Alec has created a Google Map with a listing of every location a voter may drop
  off their early ballot across the state. To date, the map has approximately 30,000
  views.
- Alec, in partnership with the 15 counties, has created county specific web pages for the primary election. Information includes what's on the ballot, where and when to vote and county contact information.
- The Voter Dashboard is available to voters for district specific voting information.
   Voters simply need to enter their address or use the pin drop, and the dashboard
   provides voters with their new congressional and legislative districts, the
   candidates in their district, the debate schedule/links, early voting sites, drop box
   sites and election day sites, along with their current elected officials.

# **Outreach:**

- Avery continues to participate on the Mesa Community College's Civic Action Council
- Avery continues to participate in the African American Legislative Council as a member of the Youth Pillar.
- Gina and Avery meet bi-monthly with The Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) for Native Vote Communications.
- In collaboration with the ASU Design Studio for Community Solutions, Avery was invited to the Maryvale Community Center to instruct Maryvale high school students on proper debate techniques
- Avery continues to participate in the Secretary of State's Voter Outreach Advisory Council as a member of the Youth committee
- Avery served as a mentor in the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young
  African Leaders program. Avery had the opportunity to mentor a young leader
  from Seychelles, Africa, named Anael Bodwell where he offered his experience
  with public administration to assist with her project.
- Avery attended the 2022 ASU Mandela Washington Fellows event to meet the cohorts of the
- In collaboration with the ASU Design Studio for Community Solutions, Avery was invited to the Westward Ho to hold a workshop on public speaking for Maryvale Highschool students.
- Avery presented and was a vendor at the Voices of Indigenous Voters event at Northern Arizona University

- Avery was on the planning committee for the Phoenix Indian Center Power of the native Vote candidate forum
- Avery continues to attend meetings for the Arizona Commission of African American Affairs.
- Avery served as a vendor for the Phoenix Indian Center Power of the native Vote candidate forum
- Avery partnered with the Secretary of State's office to fulfill a request for voter education via a virtual Town Hall hosted by Fountain of Life House of Worship in South Phoenix
- Gina participated in a tele town hall with AARP to answer voter questions.
- Gina attended the National Association of State Election Directors conference in Wisconsin to present on the Commission's voter education efforts in American Sign Language.
- Gina presented at the Arizona Municipal Clerk's Association annual elections training on Clean Elections voter education and outreach.
- Gina served on a panel during the 74<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Native Right to Vote celebration hosted by the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona.
- Gina attended the Civics Education Committee meeting and is working with the members on plans for celebrating Constitution Week in September, including the expansion of the Civics Storytelling Video Series hosted on the Clean Elections website.
- Gina and Tom attended the Navajo Voters Coalition Conference in Flagstaff and presented on voter education for the primary.
- Gina presented at the Summit for Democracy, hosted by Global Ties Arizona and the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. Gina presented to mayors from the following countries on Clean Elections and voter education:
  - Salta, Argentina
     Jwaneng Town Council, Botswana
     Banjul, The Gambia
     the Comune of Ercolano, Italy
     the Municipality of Gjakova, Republic of Kosovo
     of uMngeni Municipality, South Africa
- Gina attended the CIRCLE "Growing Voters" virtual conference.
- Gina met with Arizona Town Hall leaders Tara Jackson, Judge Patricia Norris and Jim Condo about developing voter education and outreach tactics. Arizona Town Hall was awarded a grant to increase voter turnout.
- Gina attended a virtual training for Arizona elections officials by Twitter, hosted by the Maricopa County Recorder.
- Tom participated in the first conference (that we know of) of public campaign
  financing administrators in Albuquerque, NM. The conference was hosted by the
  Albuquerque Clerk's office and included 18 of the 28 state and local jurisdictions
  that offer similar programs, including New York City, Washington D.C., Seattle,
  Connecticut, and Maine.

# **Administration and Enforcement**

#### Office Relocation

In lieu of the DOA building consolidation project, on Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, our office officially moved to the 1110 W. Washington building. Mike and Paula will continue to work with the GSD Project Manager, various contractors and state contracted vendors to wrap up completion of the new office layout, shared conference room A/V installation and a few other areas that need to be completed. There are still a few areas within our suite pending delivery and installation of products due to the current backlog of several agencies relocating over the past few months and delays in vendor orders or shipments.

# Legal

- Legacy Foundation Action Fund v. Clean Elections
  - Petition for Review filed 2.18.2022
  - Commission's response filed last month.
- The Power of Fives, LLC v. Clean Elections, CV2021-015826, Superior Court for Maricopa County
  - Pending.
- Election cases involving Arizona
  - State Supreme Court declined to expedite consideration of two appeals by denying the motions to transfer filed by the Republican Party's seeking an injunction against mail ballots that was denied in superior court and Attorney General's arising from his lawsuit over the election procedures manual directly to the that court.
  - Numerous court actions have been filed against HB2492, a new statute effective January 2023 related to voter registration, including enhancing the state's proof of citizenship law. Most recently, on July 5 the U.S. Department of Justice filed suit in District Court. <a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/press-release/file/1517491/download">https://www.justice.gov/opa/press-release/file/1517491/download</a>.

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# **Appointments**

No additional information at this time

# **Secretary of State**

- Initiatives were filed with the Secretary of State in early July with an eye toward appearing on the November ballot. According to the Secretary of State, three measures were filed:
  - o I-05-2022 Predatory Debt Collection Protection Act
  - o I-16-2022 Arizonans for Free and Fair Elections
  - o I-04-2022 Voters' Right to Know
- The latter two initiatives make changes to the Clean Elections Act.
- As of Monday afternoon, challenges to the Debt Collection and Free and Fair Elections matters were filed in Superior Court.
- The Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Legislative Council have prepared summaries of the legal and fiscal impact of the initiatives. They are available here: https://www.azjlbc.gov/ballot-initiatives/.
- These measures, if they remain on ballot, join a host of legislative referendums, including on in-state tuition, the Voter Protection Act, and the initiative process itself.

# **Enforcement**

- MUR 21-01, TPOF, pending.
- MUR 22-01, Freedom's Future Fund, pending.
- MUR 22-02, Orth, closed, no violation
- MUR 22-03, Young, closed, no violation

# Regulatory Agenda

Rules of the Commission are at R2-20-101 et seq. Staff is recommending initiating two rulemakings in 2022.

The staff will propose at a future meeting to amend R2-20-301 et seq. to provide a procedure for receiving and acting on conflicts of interest and other ethics related matters. See additional discussion this agenda.

The staff will propose at a future meeting amending R2-20-211, 220, and 223 to remove references to Assistant Attorney General in the enforcement process.

The Attorney's General's office has suggested recently that this language may prevent the appointment of outside counsel in enforcement matters.

While this suggestion is not a reasonable interpretation of the rule, staff will be developing amendment language to either remove this language or alter it to ensure that any counsel authorized to do so may complete the tasks outlined in the rules.

Note, the Commission may conduct a rulemaking even if the rulemaking is not included on the annual regulatory agenda.

The following information is provided as required by A.R.S. § 41-1021.02:

- Notice of Docket Opening: TBD
- Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: TBD
- Federal funds for proposed rulemaking: **None**
- Review of existing rules: None pending
- Notice of Final Rulemaking: TBD
- Rulemakings terminated in 2021: None
- Privatization option or nontraditional regulatory approach considered: None

Bills and Propositions	Sponsor	Description
H2236: voter registration; request required	Rep. Hoffman (R)	An agency, department or division of Arizona or any person acting on its behalf and any political subdivision of Arizona or any person acting on its behalf are prohibited from registering a person to vote unless the person affirmatively requests to register to vote.
H2237: same day voter registration; prohibition	Rep. Hoffman (R)	An agency, department or division of Arizona or any person acting on its behalf, and any political subdivision or any person acting on its behalf are prohibited from registering a person to vote on an election day and deeming that person eligible to vote in that election. A person who violates this section is guilty of a class 6 (lowest) felony. Does not apply to a person who properly registers to vote while temporarily absent from Arizona as provided for in statute
H2243: voter registration; state residency; cancellation	Rep. Hoffman (R)	Each month the Secretary of State is required to compare the statewide voter registration database to the driver license database, and to notify the appropriate county recorder if a person who is registered to vote in that county changed the person's residence address or is not a U.S. citizen. Each month the county recorder is required to compare the county's voter registration database to the Social Security Administration database and other government databases to ensure that registered voters are qualified to vote. Each month the jury commissioner or jury manager is required to report to the Secretary of State and the county recorder information from juror questionnaires that indicates that a person is not a U.S. citizen or does not reside in the county. The county recorder is required to cancel a voter registration when the county recorder receives a form from the person confirming that the person is not an Arizona resident, receives a summary report from the jury commissioner or jury manager indicating that the person stated that the person is not a resident of the county, or obtains information and confirms that the person is not a U.S. citizen. After cancelling a registration, the county recorder is required to send a notice informing the person that the person's registration has been canceled, the reason for cancellation, and instructions on registering to vote if the person is qualified. The voter registration form is required to contain a statement that if the registrant permanently moves to another state after registering to vote in Arizona, the registrant's voter registration will be canceled. The juror questionnaire is required to inform the person that disqualification from jury duty as a result of responding to the questionnaire that the person is not a resident or is not a U.S. citizen will result in the person's voter registration being canceled

Any application for voter registration, including on a form prescribed by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, is required to contain an appropriate mark in the ves" box next to the question regarding citizenship as a condition of being properly registered to vote as either a voter who is eligible to vote a full ballot or a voter who is eligible to vote only with a ballot for federal offices. Any application for voter registration that does not include all of the information required to be on the registration form and any application that is not signed is incomplete, and the county recorder is required to notify the applicant and is prohibited from registering the voter until all of the information is returned. Except for a form produced by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission, any application for voter registration is required to be accompanied by satisfactory evidence of citizenship, and the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is required to reject any application for registration that is not accompanied by satisfactory evidence of citizenship. A county recorder or other officer in charge of elections who knowingly fails to reject an application for registration in these circumstances is guilty of a class 6 (lowest) felony. Within 10 days after receiving an application that is not accompanied by satisfactory evidence of citizenship, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is required to use all available resources to verify the citizenship status of an applicant for voter registration, and is required to record the efforts made to verify an applicant's citizenship status. If the county recorder or other officer in H2492: voter registration; verification; charge of elections fails to attempt to verify the citizenship status of an applicant citizenship Rep. Hoffman (R) and knowingly causes the applicant to be registered, and it is later determined that the applicant was not a U.S. citizen at the time of registration, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is quilty of a class 6 (lowest) felony. A person who registers to vote is required to provide an identifying document that establishes proof of location of residence. A valid and unexpired Arizona driver license or nonoperating identification number that is properly verified by the county recorder satisfies this requirement. A person who has registered to vote and who has not provided satisfactory evidence of citizenship is not eligible to vote in presidential elections. A person who has not provided satisfactory evidence of citizenship and who is eligible to vote only for federal offices is not eligible to receive an early ballot by mail. The Secretary of State and each county recorder are required to make available to the Attorney General a list of all individuals who are registered to vote and who have not provided satisfactory evidence of U.S. citizenship. The Attorney General is required to use all available resources to verify the citizenship status of the applicant, and is required to prosecute individuals who are found to not be U.S. citizens. When the county recorder receives information that a person is not a U.S. citizen, the county recorder is required to cancel the person's voter registration. By March 31, 2023, the Attorney General is required to submit a report to the Secretary of State and the Legislature detailing all findings relating to the citizenship status of individuals who are registered to vote and who have not provided satisfactory evidence of citizenship. Severability clause. Note: General Effective date pushed back to January, 2023.

H2703: secure online signature collection; candidates	Rep. Bolick (R)	The Secretary of State is required to continue operating and to maintain full functionality and availability of the secure internet portal and related systems for online signature collection and submittal of clean elections qualifying contributions for candidates for federal, statewide, legislative, county, or municipal offices. The Secretary of State is allowed to temporarily remove, close down, or otherwise limit access to the portal or system as necessary for updates, and is required to provide notice to candidates if the portal or system will be unavailable.
HB2839: candidate nominations; signatures; redistricting	Rep. Bowers (R)	If new boundaries for supervisorial districts, justice precincts, or election precincts are adopted after January 2 of the year of a general election and before the last date for filing of nomination petitions for the elective office, district, or precinct, the basis for determining the required number of nomination petition signatures is the number of qualified signers in the elective office, district, or precinct on the effective date of the new district or precinct. The number of signatures required for a 2022 legislative candidate's or congressional candidate's nomination petition is the lesser of the average of the number of qualified signers needed for all 2020 legislative or congressional districts for that candidate's political party using the voter registration report for January 2, 2022, or the required number of signatures as prescribed in statute if the basis for the percentage is the number of qualified signers in the voter registration report for January 2, 2022 in the 2020 numbered legislative or congressional district with the same numeral and the district that the candidate proposes to represent. Session law establishes requirements for nomination papers and petitions for candidates for election in 2022 to an office other than a federal, statewide, or legislative office. Session law also establishes requirements for nomination papers for candidates for precinct committeeman for the 2022 election and requires the county board of supervisors to appoint political party precinct committeemen from names submitted by the county political party committee.  Emergency clause.
S1008: elections; recount margin	Sen. Ugenti-Rita (R)	Modifies the criteria that triggers an automatic election recount to require a recount when the margin between the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for a particular office, or between the number of votes cast for and against a measure or proposition, is less than or equal to 0.5 percent of the number of votes cast for both candidates or on the measure or proposition. Previously, the difference in votes that triggered an automatic recount was the lesser of 0.1 percent or either a specified number of votes based on the office to be filled or 200 votes for a measure or proposition.
S1013: secretary of state; federal form	Sen. Townsend (R)	By December 31, 2022, the Secretary of State is required to submit to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission a request that the Commission include on the federal voter registration form Arizona's state-specific instructions to provide proof of citizenship.
S1329: early ballots; tabulating	Sen. Boyer (R)	If practicable, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is required to count the number of early ballots that are returned at voting locations on election day and is required to post on its website those totals with the last unofficial results that are released on election night. Beginning the day following the election, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is required to enter into the county's ballot tracking system, if established, early ballots that were returned at the voting location on election day.

S1355: campaign finance report; due date	Sen. Livingston (R)	The due date for campaign finance reports covering a calendar quarter without an election is moved to the 3rd Monday in the month after the calendar quarter, instead of the 15th day after the calendar quarter.
S1362: early ballot on-site tabulation	Sen. Mesnard (R)	County recorders and other officers in charge of elections are <u>allowed</u> to provide for a qualified voter who appears at his/her designated polling location or at a voting center on election day with his/her voted early ballot to have the voter's early ballot tabulated. A qualified voter who appears at a voting center or designated polling place that allows for on-site tabulation of early ballots with his/her voted early ballot is required to present identification as required by law. If the voter does not present identification, the voter is required to either deposit the voted early ballot in an official drop box or surrender the early ballot to the election board and vote a provisional ballot. If the voter presents sufficient identification and the affidavit is complete, the voter may sign the signature roster and proceed to the tabulating equipment to insert the ballot into a tabulating machine.
S1411: early ballots; tracking system	Sen. Mesnard (R)	Effective January 1, 2024, for a county that uses early ballots, the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections is <u>required</u> to provide on the county's website an early ballot tracking system that indicates whether the voter's early ballot has been received and whether the early ballot has been verified and sent to be tabulated or rejected. Appropriates \$250,000 from the general fund in FY2022-23 to the Secretary of State for enhancements to the Arizona voter information database to provide for early ballot tracking.
S1460: election law amendments	Sen. Shope (R)	Various changes relating to election law. Establishes regulations for adjustment of precinct boundaries based on redistricting. If a voter surrenders an early ballot to the precinct inspector, presents identification as required by statute, and is not otherwise required to be issued a provisional ballot, the voter must be issued a standard ballot, and the precinct inspector is required to retain the surrendered early ballot, unopened in its affidavit envelope. Modifies various deadlines. Allows the notice of election to be posted online and at other locations where a government body regularly posts public notices, if there is not a newspaper of general circulation in the election district. The lists of persons that may request that persons be prohibited from accessing the person's residential address and telephone number contained in voter registration public records is expanded to include a "public official" (defined).
S1477: voter registration; felonies; clerk; database	Sen. Townsend (R)	Each month the clerk of the superior court is <u>required</u> to transmit to the Secretary of State without charge a record of every felony conviction in that county within the preceding month. The Secretary of State is required to use the record for the sole purpose of canceling the names of convicted felons from the statewide voter registration database and must notify the appropriate county recorder. The county recorder is required to cancel the voter registration of the convicted felon.

S1638: early ballots; visually impaired voters	Sen. Pace (R)	Requires any Arizona election to provide for voting by the use of an accessible vote by U.S. mail option for persons who are blind or have a visual impairment. Delays the effective date of Laws 2022, Chapter 99, relating to voter registration verification and satisfactory evidence of citizenship of a voter, from the general effective date to January 1, 2023.Early voting is required to include voting by the use of an accessible vote by U.S. mail option for persons who are blind or have a visual impairment. Delays the effective date of Laws 2022, Chapter 99, which requires satisfactory evidence of citizenship for voter registration, to January 1, 2023, instead of the general effective date.
SCR1012 (Prop. 309): voting; voter identification	Sen. Mesnard (R)	The 2022 general election ballot is to carry the question of whether to amend state statute to modify the type of identification that a voter may present in order to receive a ballot to require one valid and unexpired form of identification that includes a photograph, and to require a second form of identification if the photo identification does not have an address or the address does not match the address in the precinct register. The Department of Transportation is prohibited from charging a fee for issuing a nonoperating identification license if a person attests on the application that the person has applied for the license in order to comply with any legal requirements related to registering to vote or voting. Early ballot affidavits must require the voter to provide the voter's "early voter identification" (defined as the voter's Arizona driver license or nonoperating identification number, the last four digits of the voter's social security number, or the unique identifying number in the statewide electronic voter registration database as assigned by the Secretary of State) number and the voter's date of birth and signature. Any qualified Arizona voter has standing to file a special action to require any official to enforce the requirements of this legislation if the official has a legal duty to do so, and to file a declaratory judgment action to determine the proper construction of this legislation. Applies to elections beginning no later than the 2024 primary election. Severability clause.
SCR 1034 (Prop. 128): voter protection act; court determinations	Sen. Leach (R)	Would amend the Arizona Constitution to provide that the Legislature may amend or supersede an initiative or referendum measure if the measure is found by the United States Supreme Court or the Arizona Supreme Court to contain illegal or unconstitutional language. The legislative action could occur by a majority vote of each house of the Legislature and would not be required to further the purpose of the measure.

#### **Budget Provisions:**

- 1. Access Voter Information Database of \$291,000 States that monies in the access voter information database line item may only be used to develop and administer a statewide database of voter registration information and that monies may not be transferred in or out of the line item.
- 2. Sec. 106. Department of law; general agency counsel charges; fiscal year 2022-2023 Pursuant to section 41-191.09, Arizona Revised Statutes, the following state agencies and departments are charged the following amounts in fiscal year 2022-2023 for general agency counsel provided by the department of law:....Citizens clean elections commission \$ 2,700
- 3. A total of \$1,000,000 to one or more county recorders to test ballot paper in tabulation systems with specific security features, including watermarks or unique ballot identifiers, or both. The security features shall be used to authenticate the ballot as an official ballot, but may not make the ballot identifiable to a particular elector and to allow for different sized ballots. Not later than May 1, 2023, the department shall compile a report from the selected counties on recommended ballot security features and submit the report to the president of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives and secretary of state.
- 4. A total of \$500,000 to procure, install and maintain photo and video surveillance twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week for secure ballot boxes as follows:
- a. (a) Six ballot boxes in Cochise county.
- b. (b) Seven ballot boxes in Yuma county.
- c. (c) Three ballot boxes in Pinal county.

The department shall assist the counties with the procurement of the drop boxes required by this section. In addition to surveillance requirements, the ballot drop boxes shall only accept one ballot at a time, log receipt of each ballot, generate a paper receipt specifying the number of ballots accepted from a person and reject ballots if the camera or video recorder is nonoperational.

5. Of the amount appropriated for the attorney general operating lump sum in fiscal year 2021-2022, \$500,000 from the risk management revolving fund is exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to the lapsing of appropriations, until June 30, 2023 for the purpose of legal costs associated with the pursuit of criminal prosecutions and for defense in civil cases regarding elections.

Candidate Name	Office Sought	App. for Certification	Funding Amount to Date
Abdussamad, Shams	House, LD 27	1/26/2022	\$25,940.00
Abeytia, Anna Lynn	House, LD 24	2/16/2022	\$25,940.00
Aguilar, Cesar	House, LD 26	3/8/2022	\$25,940.00
Barlett, Jeff (11/14/2021)	House, LD 16	8/2/2021	-
Bliss, Selina	House, LD 1	11/7/2021	\$25,940.00
Brannies, Maryn	Senate, LD 27	2/28/2022	\$17,293.00
Caine, Stan	Senate, LD 9	11/30/2021	\$17,293.00
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Chabin, Tom (not on ballot)	House, LD 10	11/30/2021	
Clark, Sanda	House, LD 19	3/30/22	\$17,293.00
De Los Santos, Oscar	House, LD 11	4/13/22	\$25,940.00
Dugger, Thomas	Senate, LD 3	7/11/22	\$0.00
Evans, Linda (3/21/2022)	House, LD 9	8/31/2021	-
Fogel, Mike	Senate, LD 1	1/14/2022	\$17,293.00
Hacohen, Gil (7/7/2022)	House, LD 30	4/4/2022	Ψ17,233.00
Hernandez, Melody	House, LD 26	8/25/2021	\$0.00
Hoffman, Kathy	Superintendent	2/2/2022	\$110,698.00
Holbrook, Stephanie (1/4/2022)	Senate, LD 22	8/16/2021	\$110,090.00
Howard, Chip (not on ballot)	Governor	9/13/2021	-
Jones, Rachel (5/23/22)	House, LD 10	9/28/2021	-
Kennedy, Sandra	Corporation Commission	3/7/2022	\$110,698.00
Kuby, Lauren	Corporation Commission	1/10/2022	\$110,698.00
Mendez, Juan	Senate, LD 26	8/4/2021	\$17,293.00
Meyers, Nick	Corporation Commission	3/23/0202	\$110,698.00
Nickerson, Mike	Senate, LD 11	3/15/2022	\$17,293.00
Nitschke, Kyle	Senate, LD 7	4/28/22	\$17,293.00
Orth, Anna	House, LD 11	10/5/2021	\$17,293.00
<u> </u>	Corporation Commission	4/29/22	\$110,698.00
Owens, Kim Pena, Tatiana	House, LD 27	3/1/2022	\$17,293.00
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Ransom, Cathy	House, LD 1		\$17,293.00
Rogers, Tunney (not on ballot)	House, LD 2	1/24/2022	-
Ross, Naketa (7/15/22)	House, LD 26	4/1/2022	- - - -
Salman, Athena	House, LD 26	8/4/2021	\$17,293.00
Sandoval, Mariana	House, LD 23	3/25/2022	\$17,293.00
Sapir, Shiry	Superintendent	1/24/2022	\$110,698.00
Sinclair, Neil	House, LD 1	1/14/2022	\$17,293.00
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Snyder, Gary Garcia (1/21/2022)	Senate, LD 4	8/5/2021	-
Steenwyk, Clair Van	Senate, LD 22	8/26/2021	\$17,293.00
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Sun, Leezah	House, LD 19	2/4/2022	\$25,940.00
Thompson, Kevin	Corporation Commission	3/23/2022	\$110,698.00
Thompson, Victoria (removed from ballot)	Senate, LD 20	2/15/2022	-

7/25/2022

Candidate Name	Office Sought	App. for Certification	Funding Amount to Date
Willoughby, Julie (4/11/22)	House, LD 17	12/16/2021	-
Yantorno, Duane (4/5/2022)	Mine Inspector	8/11/2021	-
Young, Sherryln Young	House, LD 17	4/29/22	\$17,293.00

Total to date: \$1,189,921.00

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# **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Commissioners

From: Tom Collins

Date: 7/28/2022

**Subject:** Discussion points for processing conflict/ethics-related filings

Over the past months, I have been working with outside counsel to evaluate the state of our rules regarding Commissioner and Employee conduct, as well as conflict of interest issues.

The administrative rules relating to Commissioners' conduct rules appear in Article 3 of the Commission Rules. *See* Exhibit.

In our review, one of the potential shortcomings of the rules is the lack of a clear process to address commissioner conflicts of interest and other ethical considerations covered by Article 3 and the background principles in the Arizona Revised Statutes.

While the Commission has been able to handle such issues without difficulty in the past, a formalized process is important to ensure the Commission's credibility and the fairness of the Commission's course of action.

In the coming months, we will be proposing rule amendments to Article 3 that seek to ensure such a process.

The discussion points included here seek to outline the contours of the process we seek to develop:

- 1) Initiation of conflict or ethics inquiry
  - a. Provide for a process for a Commissioner or interested party to report, in writing, concerns relating to a Commissioner's participation in a particular substantive decision.
  - b. Provide for a process to raise other issues, in writing, relating to a Commissioner's ability to perform Commissioner's duties.
- 2) Provide an opportunity for a Commissioner to respond, in writing, to any reported concern(s).
- 3) Provide an opportunity for a Commissioner to withdraw, abstain, or recuse from participating in a substantive decision.
- 4) Facilitate Commission engagement and decision where necessary.
- 5) Bind a Commissioner who is the subject of a reported concern to the decision of the Commission relating to abstention or recusal.
- 6) Preference for transparent process
  - a. Considerations of privacy and best interests of the State with respect to disclosure of frivolous, irrelevant, or prejudicial filings.
- 7) Authorize Executive Director or Chair of the Commission to address clearly meritless filings without further proceedings.

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days after the Commission receives the request. A request for an informal settlement conference shall be in writing and must be filed with the Commission no later than 20 days before the hearing date. A person with the authority to act on behalf of the Commission must represent the Commission at the conference. The AAG shall attend the settlement conference, but shall not be the individual authorized to act on behalf of the Commission

**B.** The Commission representative shall notify the appellant in writing that the statements, either written or oral, made by the appellant at the conference, including a written document, created or expressed solely for the purpose of settlement negotiations, are inadmissible in any subsequent administrative hearing. The parties participating in the settlement conference waive their right to object to the participation of the agency representative in the final administrative decision.

#### **Historical Note**

New Section made by exempt rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 588, effective November 27, 2001 (Supp. 02-1).

#### **R2-20-226.** Administrative Hearing

- A. If the matter continues to a hearing, the hearing shall be held in accordance with A.R.S. § 41-1092.07. The Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) must issue a written recommended decision within 20 days after the hearing is concluded.
- **B.** If the enforcement action occurs within six months of the primary or general election, the Commission will request an expedited review of the matter

#### **Historical Note**

New Section made by exempt rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 588, effective November 27, 2001 (Supp. 02-1).

# **R2-20-227.** Review of Administrative Decision by Commission

- A. Within 30 days after the date OAH sends a copy of the ALJ's decision to the Commission, the Commission may review the ALJ's decision and accept, reject or modify the decision.
- B. If the Commission declines to review the ALJ's decision, the Commission shall serve a copy of the decision on all parties. If the Commission modifies or rejects the decision, the Commission shall file with OAH and serve on all parties, a copy of the ALJ's decision with the rejection or modification and a written justification setting forth the reasons for the rejection or modification. If the Commission accepts, rejects or modifies the decision, the Commission's decision will be certified as final.
- C. If the Commission does not accept, reject or modify the decision within 30 days after OAH sends the ALJ's decision to the Commission, the ALJ's decision will be certified as final.

#### **Historical Note**

New Section made by exempt rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 588, effective November 27, 2001 (Supp. 02-1).

#### R2-20-228. Judicial Review

A party may appeal a final administrative decision pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-901 et seq. (Judicial Review of Administrative Decisions). A party does not have the right to judicial review unless that party first exhausts its administrative remedies by going through the above steps. After a hearing has been held and a final administrative decision has been entered pursuant to § 41-1092.08, a party is not required to file a motion for rehearing or review of the decision in order to exhaust the party's administrative remedies.

#### **Historical Note**

New Section made by exempt rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 588, effective November 27, 2001 (Supp. 02-1).

## R2-20-229. Repealed

#### **Historical Note**

New Section made by exempt rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 588, effective November 27, 2001 (Supp. 02-1). Section repealed by exempt rulemaking at 11 A.A.R. 4518, effective May 28, 2005 (Supp. 05-4).

#### R2-20-230. Repealed

#### **Historical Note**

New Section made by exempt rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 588, effective November 27, 2001 (Supp. 02-1). Section repealed by exempt rulemaking at 11 A.A.R. 4518, effective May 28, 2005 (Supp. 05-4).

## R2-20-231. Repealed

#### Historical Note

New Section made by exempt rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 588, effective November 27, 2001 (Supp. 02-1). Section repealed by exempt rulemaking at 12 A.A.R. 758, effective February 15, 2006 (Supp. 06-1).

# ARTICLE 3. STANDARD OF CONDUCT FOR COMMISSIONERS AND EMPLOYEES

#### **R2-20-301.** Purpose and Applicability

- The Commission is committed to implementing the Act in an honest, independent, and impartial fashion and to seeking to uphold public confidence in the integrity of the electoral system. To ensure public trust in the fairness and integrity of the Arizona elections process, all Commissioners and employees must observe the highest standards of conduct. This Article prescribes standards of ethical conduct for Commissioners and employees of the Commission relating to conflicts of interest arising from outside employment, private businesses, professional activities, political activities, and financial interests. The avoidance of misconduct and conflicts of interest on the part of the Commissioners and the employees through informed judgment is indispensable to the maintenance of these prescribed ethical standards. Attainment of these goals necessitates strict and absolute fairness and impartiality in the administration of the law.
- **B.** This Article applies to all persons included within the terms "employee" and "Commissioner" of the Commission.
- C. These Standards of Conduct shall be construed in accordance with any applicable laws, regulations, and agreements between the Commission and a labor organization.
- **D.** Pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-955(I), for three years after a Commissioner completes his or her tenure, Commissioners shall not seek or hold any public office, serve as an officer of any political committee, or employ or be employed as a lobbyist.

#### **Historical Note**

New Section made by exempt rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 588, effective November 27, 2001 (Supp. 02-1).

#### R2-20-302. Definitions

The following terms apply in all Citizens Clean Elections Act matters:

- "Commission" means the Citizens Clean Elections Commission of Arizona.
- "Commissioner" means a voting member of the Commission, appointed pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-955.
- 3. "Conflict of interest" means a situation in which a Commissioner's or an employee's private interest is or appears to be inconsistent with the efficient and impartial conduct of his or her official duties and responsibilities.
- "Employee" means an employee or staff member of the Commission.

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- "Former employee" means one who was, and is no longer, an employee of the Commission.
- 6. "Official responsibility" means the direct administrative or operating authority, whether intermediate or final, to approve, disapprove, or otherwise direct Commission action. Official responsibility may be exercised alone or with others and either personally or through subordinates.
- 7. "Outside employment" or "outside activity" means any work, service or other activity performed by a Commissioner or employee other than in the performance of the Commissioner's or employee's official employment duties. It includes such activities as writing and editing, publishing, teaching, lecturing, consulting, self-employment, and other services or work performed, with or without compensation.
- "Person" means an individual, corporation, company, association, firm, partnership, society, joint stock company, political committee, or other group, organization, or institution.

#### **Historical Note**

New Section made by exempt rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 588, effective November 27, 2001 (Supp. 02-1).

#### R2-20-303. Notification to Commissioners and Employees

The Executive Director shall provide to each Commissioner and employee of the Commission, upon commencement of his or her term or employment and at least annually thereafter, a copy of this Article and such other information regarding standards of conduct as the Commission and/or applicable law may prescribe.

#### **Historical Note**

New Section made by exempt rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 588, effective November 27, 2001 (Supp. 02-1). Amended by exempt rulemaking at 13 A.A.R. 3527, effective January 1, 2008 (Supp. 07-3).

#### **R2-20-304.** Interpretation and Advisory Service

Commissioners or employees seeking advice and guidance on questions of conflict of interest and on other matters covered by this Article shall consult with the Commission's Chair or Executive Director. The Commission's Chair or Executive Director shall be consulted prior to the undertaking of any action that might violate this Article governing the conduct of Commissioners or employees.

#### **Historical Note**

New Section made by exempt rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 588, effective November 27, 2001 (Supp. 02-1). Amended by exempt rulemaking at 13 A.A.R. 3527, effective January 1, 2008 (Supp. 07-3).

#### **R2-20-305.** Reporting Suspected Violations

- A. Commissioners and employees who have information, which causes them to believe that there has been a violation of a statute or a rule set forth in this Article, shall report promptly, in writing, such incident to the Commission's Chair or Executive Director.
- When information available to the Commission indicates a conflict between the interests of a Commissioner or employee and the performance of his or her Commission duties, the Commissioner or employee shall be provided an opportunity to explain the conflict or appearance of conflict in writing.

#### **Historical Note**

New Section made by exempt rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 588, effective November 27, 2001 (Supp. 02-1).

#### R2-20-306. Disciplinary and Other Remedial Action

- **A.** A violation of this Article by an employee may be cause for disciplinary action, which may be in addition to any penalty prescribed by law.
- B. When the Commission's Executive Director determines that an employee may have or appears to have a conflict of interest, the Commission's Executive Director may question the employee in the matter and gather other information. The Commission's Executive Director and the employee's supervisor shall discuss with the employee possible ways of eliminating the conflict or appearance of conflict. If the Commission's Executive Director, after consultation with the employee's supervisor, concludes that remedial action should be taken, he or she shall refer a statement to the Commission containing his or her recommendation for such action. The Commission, after consideration of the employee's explanation and the results of any investigation, may direct appropriate remedial action as it deems necessary.
- C. Remedial action pursuant to subsection (B) of this Section may include, but is not limited to:
  - 1. Changes in assigned duties;
  - Divestment by the employee of his or her conflicting interest;
  - 3. Disqualification for particular action; or
  - Disciplinary action.

#### **Historical Note**

New Section made by exempt rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 588, effective November 27, 2001 (Supp. 02-1).

#### R2-20-307. General Prohibited Conduct

- **A.** A Commissioner or employee shall avoid any action whether or not specifically prohibited by this Section that might result in, or create the appearance of:
  - 1. Using public office for unlawful private gain;
  - Giving favorable or unfavorable treatment to any person or organization due to any partisan or political consideration;
  - 3. Impeding Commission efficiency or economy;
  - 4. Losing impartiality.
  - Making a Commission decision without Commission approval; or
  - Adversely affecting the confidence of the public in the integrity of the Commission.
- **B.** A Commissioner or employee of the Commission shall not solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, any gift, gratuity, favor, entertainment, loan, or any other thing of monetary value, from a person who:
  - Has, or is seeking to obtain, contractual or other business or financial relations with the Commission;
  - Conducts operations or activities that are regulated or examined by the Commission; or
  - 3. Has an interest that may be substantially affected by the performance or nonperformance of the Commissioner or employee's official duty.
- **C.** Subsection (B) of this Section shall not apply in the following circumstances:
  - When circumstances make it clear that obvious family or personal relationships, rather than the business of the persons concerned, are the motivating factors;
  - To the acceptance of food, refreshments, and accompanying entertainment of nominal value in the ordinary course of a social occasion or a luncheon or dinner meeting or other function where a Commissioner or an employee is properly in attendance;
  - 3. To the acceptance of unsolicited advertising or promotional material or other items of nominal value such as pens, pencils, note pads, calendars; and

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- To the acceptance of loans from banks or other financial institutions on customary terms to finance proper and usual activities, such as home mortgage loans.
- D. A Commissioner or an employee shall not solicit a contribution from another employee for a gift to an official superior, make a donation as a gift to an official superior, or accept a gift from an employee receiving less pay than himself or herself. However, this subsection does not prohibit a voluntary gift of nominal value or donation in a nominal amount made on a special occasion such as birthday, holiday, marriage, illness, or retirement.
- E. This Section does not preclude a Commissioner or employee from receipt of reimbursement, unless prohibited by law, for expenses of travel and such other necessary subsistence as is compatible with this Article for which no state payment or reimbursement is made. However, this Section does not allow a Commissioner or employee to be reimbursed, or payment to be made on his or her behalf, for excessive personal living expenses, gifts, entertainment, or other personal benefits, nor does it allow a Commissioner or employee to be reimbursed by a person for travel on official business under Commission orders when reimbursement is prescribed by statute.

#### **Historical Note**

New Section made by exempt rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 588, effective November 27, 2001 (Supp. 02-1).

#### R2-20-308. Outside Employment or Activities

- A. A Commissioner or employee shall not engage in outside employment that is incompatible with the full discharge of his or her duties as a Commissioner or employee.
- B. Incompatible outside employment or other activities by Commissioners or employees include, but are not limited to:
  - Outside employment or other activities that involve illegal activities;
  - Outside employment or other activities that would give rise to a real or apparent conflict of interest situation even though no violation of a specific statutory provision was involved;
  - 3. Acceptance of a fee, compensation, gift, payment of expense, or any other thing of monetary value in circumstances where acceptance may result in, or create the appearance of, a conflict of interest;
  - Outside employment or other activities that might bring discredit upon the state or Commission;
  - Outside employment or other activities that establish relationships or property interests that may result in a conflict between the Commissioner's or the employee's private interests and official duties;
  - 6. Outside employment or other activities which would involve any contractor or subcontractor connected with any work performed for the Commission or would involve any person or organization in a position to gain advantage in its dealings with the state through the Commissioner's or employee's exercise of his or her official duties:
  - 7. Outside employment or other activities that may be construed by the public to be the official acts of the Commission. In any permissible outside employment, care shall be taken to ensure that names and titles of Commissioners and employees are not used to give the impression that the activity is officially endorsed or approved by the Commission or is part of the Commission's activities;
  - Outside employment or other activities which would involve use by a Commissioner or employee of his or her official duty time; use of official facilities, including office space, machines, or supplies, at any time; or use of

- the services of other employees during their official duty hours:
- Outside employment or other activities which impair the Commissioner's or employee's mental or physical capacities to perform Commission duties and responsibilities in an acceptable manner; or
- 10. Use of information obtained as a result of state employment that is not freely available to the general public or would not be made available upon request. However, written authorization for the use of any such information may be given when the Commission determines that such use would be in the public interest.
- C. Commissioners and employees shall not receive any salary or anything of monetary value from a private source as compensation for the Commissioner's or employee's services to the state.
- **D.** Commissioners and employees are encouraged to engage in teaching, lecturing, and writing that is not prohibited by law or this Article. However, Commissioners and employees shall not, either with or without compensation, engage in teaching or writing that is dependent on information obtained as a result of his or her Commission employment, except when that information has been made available to the public or will be made available on request, or when the Commission gives written authorization for the use of nonpublic information on the basis that the use is in the public interest.
- E. This Section does not preclude a Commissioner or employee from participating in the activities of or acceptance of an award for meritorious public contribution or achievement given by a charitable, religious, professional, social, fraternal, nonprofit, educational, recreational, public service, or civic organization.
- F. An employee who intends to engage in outside employment shall obtain the approval of the Executive Director. The request shall include the name of the person, group, or organization for whom the work is to be performed, the nature of the services to be rendered, the proposed hours of work, or approximate dates of employment, and the employee's certification as to whether the outside employment (including teaching, writing, or lecturing) will depend in any way on information obtained as a result of the employee's official position. The employee will receive, from the Executive Director, written notice of approval or disapproval of any written request. A record of the decision shall be placed in each employee's official personnel folder.

#### **Historical Note**

New Section made by exempt rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 588, effective November 27, 2001 (Supp. 02-1).

#### R2-20-309. Financial Interests

- **A.** Commissioners and employees shall not engage in, directly or indirectly, a financial transaction as a result of, or primarily relying on, information obtained through the Commissioner's or employee's duties or employment.
- B. Commissioners and employees shall not have a direct or indirect financial interest that conflicts substantially, or appears to conflict substantially, with the Commissioner's or employee's official duties and responsibilities, except in cases where the Commissioner or employee makes full disclosure, and disqualifies himself or herself from participating in any decisions, approval, disapproval, recommendation, the rendering of advice, investigation, or in any proceeding of the Commission in which the financial interest is or appears to be affected. Full disclosure by a Commissioner or employee will require that individual to submit a written statement to the Executive Director or Chair disclosing the particular financial interest

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- which conflicts substantially, or appears to conflict substantially, with the Commissioner's or employee's duties and responsibilities.
- C. Commissioners and employees shall disqualify themselves from a proceeding in which the Commissioner's or employee's impartiality might reasonably be questioned, such as in a situation where the Commissioner or employee knows that he or she, or his or her family member, has an interest in the subject matter in controversy or is a party to the proceeding, or has any other interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding.
- D. This Section does not preclude a Commissioner or employee from having a financial interest or engaging in financial transactions to the same extent as a private citizen not employed by the Commission, as long as the Commissioner's or employee's financial interest does not conflict with official Commission duties.

#### Historical Note

New Section made by exempt rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 588, effective November 27, 2001 (Supp. 02-1).

#### R2-20-310. Political and Organization Activity

- **A.** Due to the Commission's role in the political process, the following restrictions on political activities are required:
  - Commissioners and employees shall not advocate for the election or defeat of a candidate, nor make contributions to a candidate, political party, or political committee subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. Commissioners and employees, however, are not prohibited from signing candidate nomination petitions;
  - Commissioners and employees shall not provide volunteer or paid services for a candidate, political party, or political committee subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission; and
  - Commissioners and employees not shall display partisan buttons, badges, or other insignia on Commission premises.
- B. Employees on leave, leave without pay, or on furlough or terminal leave, even though the employees' resignations have been accepted, are subject to the restrictions of this Section. A separated employee who has received a lump-sum payment for annual leave, however, is not subject to the restrictions during the period covered by the lump-sum payment or thereafter, provided he or she does not return to state employment during that period. An employee is not permitted to take a leave of absence to work with a political candidate, committee, or organization or become a candidate for office despite any understanding that he or she will resign his or her position if nominated or elected.
- C. A Commissioner or employee is accountable for political activity by another person acting as his or her agent or under the Commissioner's or employee's direction or control if the Commissioner or employee is thus accomplishing what he or she may not lawfully do directly and openly.

#### **Historical Note**

New Section made by exempt rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 588, effective November 27, 2001 (Supp. 02-1).

#### **R2-20-311.** Membership in Associations

Commissioners or employees who are members of nongovernmental associations or organizations shall avoid activities on behalf of those associations or organizations that are incompatible with their official positions.

#### **Historical Note**

New Section made by exempt rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 588, effective November 27, 2001 (Supp. 02-1).

#### **R2-20-312.** Use of State Property

A Commissioner or employee shall not directly or indirectly use, or allow the use of, state property of any kind, including property leased to the state, for other than officially approved activities. Commissioners and employees have a positive duty to protect and conserve state property including equipment, supplies, and other property entrusted or issued to him or her.

#### **Historical Note**

New Section made by exempt rulemaking at 8 A.A.R. 588, effective November 27, 2001 (Supp. 02-1).

#### **ARTICLE 4. AUDITS**

#### R2-20-401. Purpose and Scope

This article prescribes procedures for conducting examinations and audits of participating candidates' campaign finances.

#### **Historical Note**

New Section made by exempt rulemaking at 11 A.A.R. 4518, effective May 28, 2005 (Supp. 05-4). Amended by exempt rulemaking at 19 A.A.R. 1699, effective October 6, 2011 (Supp. 13-2).

#### **R2-20-402.** General

The Commission may conduct an examination and audit of the receipts, disbursements, debts and obligations of each candidate. In addition, the Commission may conduct other examinations and audits as it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act and regulations. Information obtained pursuant to any audit and examination may be used by the Commission as the basis, or partial basis, for its repayment determinations.

#### **Historical Note**

New Section made by exempt rulemaking at 11 A.A.R. 4518, effective May 28, 2005 (Supp. 05-4).

#### **R2-20-402.01.** Audits of Participating Legislative Candidates

To ensure compliance with the Act and Commission rules, the Commission shall conduct audits of all participating legislative candidates after each election. Candidates who win their primary election will not be subject to an audit until after the general election. Audits shall include the review of campaign finance reports for the entire election cycle and related documentation in accordance with procedures established by the Commission. The Commission may hire independent accounting firms to carry out the audits.

### **Historical Note**

New Section made by exempt rulemaking at 13 A.A.R. 3529, effective January 1, 2008 (Supp. 07-3). Amended by exempt rulemaking at 19 A.A.R. 1700, effective October 6, 2011 (Supp. 13-2). Amended by final exempt rulemaking at 21 A.A.R. 1640, effective July 23, 2015 (Supp. 15-3). Amended by final exempt rulemaking at 23 A.A.R. 130, effective December 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-4). Amended by final exempt rulemaking at 23 A.A.R. 2944, effective September 28, 2017 (Supp. 17-4).

# R2-20-402.02. Audits of Participating Statewide Candidates

All participating statewide candidates shall be audited after each primary election period and each general election period.

#### **Historical Note**

New Section made by final exempt rulemaking at 23 A.A.R. 131, effective December 15, 2016 (Supp. 16-4).

#### R2-20-403. Conduct of Fieldwork