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2	ELECTIONS COMMISSION, convened at 9:30 a.m. on March 24,	1	PROCEEDING
3	2022, in the presence of the following Board members:	2	
4	Mr. Damien Meyer, Chairman Mr. Mark S. Kimble	3	CHAIRMAN MEYER: Good morning, all. Damien Meyer,
5	Mr. Steve Titla	4	I'm the chairperson this year for the Citizens Clean
	Mr. Galen Paton	5	Elections Commission; and we're going to go ahead and call
6	Ms. Amy Chan	6	this meeting to order, which is the first item on our
7	OTHERS PRESENT:	7	agenda. It's 9:30 a.m., March 24, 2022.
8	Thomas M. Calling, Evacutive Director	8	I'd like to ask that audience members keep their
"	Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director Paula Thomas, Executive Officer	9	microphones on mute, please.
9	Mike Becker, Policy Director	10	And with that, I'll take attendance of my fellow
10	Gina Roberts, Voter Education Director Avery Xola, Voter Education Specialist	11	Commissioners. Please identify yourselves for the record.
'	Julian Arndt, Executive Support Specialist	12	COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Commissioner Kimble is here.
11	Kara Karlson, Assistant Attorney General	13	COMMISSIONER CHAN: Commissioner Chan is here, too.
12	Kyle Cummings, Assistant Attorney General Patty Hansen, Coconino County Recorder	14	COMMISSIONER PATON: Commissioner Paton.
	Monique Coady, Assistant Attorney General	15	COMMISSIONER TITLA: Commissioner Titla here.
13	Cathy Herring, KCA	16	CHAIRMAN MEYER: All right. We have all five
14	Eric Sloan, Member of the public Brian Stanley, Esq., Law Office of Brian K. Stanley	17	Commissioners here which is always a good thing. So, good
	Bob Branch, The Power of Fives	18	
15 16		19	morning to all.
17		20	And then I'll move on to Agenda Item II, which is
18		21	discussion and possible action on Commission's minutes for
19 20		22	February 24, 2022.
21		23	Is there any discussion on the minutes; and if not,
22 23		23	do we have a motion to approve?
24		25	COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, I move we approve
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want to move on?

1 MR. COLLINS: No, no. They -- they will begin at 2 that time. The schedule has already been put together. 3 Like I said -- well, you didn't hear obviously. 4 The goal is to -- is to get to a place where we can get them 5 all done before early voting begins, because we think that's 6 the way to maximize the utility of the process. If Gina is 7 there, she can probably answer more questions about debates 8 than I can and probably doesn't have the audio issues. 9 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Your audio has actually been good 10 the last minute or two, so. 11 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman? 12 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Go ahead. 13 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I just want to say I appreciate 14 that goal and hopefully that's able to be done, that it's 15 complete before early voting. I know personally I -- I 16 actually consulted our debates when I was voting in different races if I wasn't familiar with the candidates, so 17 18 that was -- I found it super helpful as a voter. 19 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Thank you, Commissioner Chan. 20 Any other comments or questions from the other 21 Commissioners? 22 And then, Tom, anything more to add on the 23 Executive Director report? 24 MR. COLLINS: You know, I -- hang on. 25 Now that I've -- again, I -- I -- I think, you Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

1 know, I think there's -- there -- I mean, I think 2 among the major issues, there is a case at the Arizona 3 Supreme Court now involving whether or not to get rid of 4 vote by mail; we don't know when that will be ruled on. 5

We were, I guess, pleased to see that the -- some 6 of the -- one of the amicus groups was -- incorporated some 7 of the substance of our voter education efforts to try to 8 explain how the timing of this lawsuit in addition to the 9 merits is particularly problematic. And, you know, 10 obviously the vote-by-mail balloting is something that 11 voters in Arizona rely upon in -- as the vast majority of 12 voters do.

13 I think the other -- the other issue that I think is worth highlighting is that the State Senate subpoenaed 15 additional records from the Maricopa County Elections 16 Department and/or the Recorder's Office this week -- I guess 17 directly to the Board of Supervisors, but related to a 18 report that came out of their audit relating -- or their --19 their review that had to do with whether or not signatures 20 are being properly matched by folks who are reviewing those 21

early voting envelope affidavits. So as you all know, when you submit your mail ballot, you put the ballot in an envelope and sign that envelope stating, you know, essentially affirming who you are; that envelope is an affidavit, the signatures are

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compared on that to the signatures on file with the County Recorder or through the state voter registration database.

There was a -- the Senate had a review conducted by a contractor who looked at those signatures, compared them -- looked at a sample of those signatures and compared them initially to commercially available or publicly available signatures of, in theory, the same people. Elections experts are very skeptical of this mode of review,

in part because (technical disruption) --10 CHAIRMAN MEYER: We lost you, Tom.

11 Tom. We lost your audio there.

"Election experts are skeptical of this review," I

13 heard that. MR. COLLINS: I'm sorry, I didn't catch any of

14 15 that.

16 CHAIRMAN MEYER: You're back.

17 I said the last thing I heard you say was "election 18 experts are skeptical of this type of review."

19 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Yeah, the -- yeah, they're 20 not -- the -- the review didn't compare the signatures on 21 file with the county, they compared the signatures to public 22 databases (technical disruption) --

23 CHAIRMAN MEYER: So we're losing Tom's audio again. 24 Mike, Gina, do you want to -- are you able to pick

up on that at all with where he's at on that or do we just Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

MS. ROBERTS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, I believe Tom caught most of it. Basically there was --Maricopa County in their report they -- they basically, what -- what Tom was saying is that when the third-party review did the signature analysis, they looked at these publicly

6 7 available signatures as opposed to the voter signatures that 8 are already on file. So when the counties are doing their

9 signature review, they're looking at all the signatures that

10 they have on file for the voter's registration record, and 11 then -- so there obviously could be concerns and issues with 12 doing a signature comparison and analysis to publicly

available signatures, you know, and the accuracy and -- and authenticity of doing so.

So that I believe pretty much sums up what Tom was trying to communicate.

CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. Anything more on the **Executive Director report?**

I know there's -- you know, there's 27 pages of, you know, very small print here of bills that are currently 21 in the House or Senate Floor that could impact or relate to 22 voting. Is there any -- anyone that wants to highlight any 23 of those that we need to be concerned about at this time? 24 I know Commissioner Kimble usually weighs in a few

of those, but any of staff have any particular ones that Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

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10 1 they think we should be aware of? 2 MR. BECKER: Chairman, Commissioners, there are a 3 couple of bills that were supposedly dead prior, 4 Mr. Fillmore has a bill that's become a strike everything. 5 Senator Kelly Townsend has taken up the mantle. 6 This is a bill that pretty much guts mail-in 7 balloting, it requires all votes be counted within 24 hours. 8 It's -- it's an interesting bill to say the least. 9 From what I've heard it's -- it got on a committee, 10 but from what I heard it's not going to make it out of the 11 Senate. There's still several Republicans that have said 12 they don't like -- they don't like it, they won't vote for 13

it, but we'll see. But it is -- it was killed at one point 14 on the floor of the Senate and has now come back, but so 15 we'll -- we'll keep an eye on that one.

MS. KARLSON: Mr. --16

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17 MR. BECKER: My -- from what I've heard from 18 different people down there, it doesn't look like it will go 19 anywhere.

20 MS. KARLSON: Mr. Chairman? 21 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Yes. Ms. Karlson.

22 MS. KARLSON: I apologize for interrupting, but 23 since it's not the Executive Director who is speaking on

24 this issue right now, perhaps this discussion would be 25 better had under Agenda Item VI, discussion and possible

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I'm going to be representing them in giving advice, things that, you know, the AG's office would normally do. So a lot of public records requests like any agency.

We have multiple divisions here including the library, which has its own boards and commissions and they need legal advice; we have of course elections is one, so when candidate challenges comes up, the Secretary's office is there just nominally, so I'll be handling those; the business services division handles notary and UCC, and the main thing is any notary complaints and administrative proceedings that entail- -- that those entail.

So that's kind of a high-level overview. And I'm just really excited to be back at work actually, it's kind of the perfect fit for -- for me right now and what they needed. So I'm very grateful for the opportunity, so.

16 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Well, congratulations.

17 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN MEYER: We're excited for you and the 19 opportunity.

Tom, the other issue on here that I want to ask you about is the E-Qual issue and taking that offline. Do we need to have any further discussion on that at this point in time?

24 MR. COLLINS: I'm going to take a shot at this, 25 Mr. Chairman.

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1 action on 2020 legislative bills on the topics of elections, 2 voting, and administration.

3 Obviously, if you want to, you know, move on to 4 that item or move up -- move that up, I just -- I just want 5 to be clear, you know, who is speaking about what and -- and 6 what point we're addressing.

CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay.

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8 Okay. Tom, I don't know if you want to give this a 9 go. Is there anything else in the Executive Director's 10 report that you would like to convey to us that's not --11 that we haven't discussed?

12 I see we have the continued great work that Avery 13 and Gina are doing on voter education; and, of course, we 14 have Commissioner Chan has joined the Secretary of State's 15 office as their general counsel.

16 Commissioner Chan, can I ask you to just tell us a 17 little bit about your new role with the Secretary's office; 18 and, of course, congratulations.

19 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

20 Yeah, I just started Monday, and it's nice to be 21 working outside the home again and kind of getting back into 22 the saddle legally.

23 So the job entails, you know, giving legal advice 24 to the agency; and because of the kind of distinct 25 decoupling of the Secretary's office from the AG's office,

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1 We have an agenda item about that, if it's -- it's okay with everyone, I'm just -- I'm happy to preterm that

3 with this comment: If it went offline, we have not to the

4 best of my knowledge heard any complaints from candidates

5 here at Clean Elections. As I said to the Cap Times this

6 week, my hope is that this turns out not to be a big deal.

7 Obviously the Secretary has started to push back

8 aggressively against candidates who complain, asking them,

9 you know, had -- did you receive our communications on this

10 and that kind of thing which, you know, of course that they

11 had been communicating since they decided to start

12 communicating about the issues, so.

13 So my hope is that folks have the notice that they 14 should have had and have been able to accommodate the issue.

15 That said, it's -- the Attorney General's office had posted

16 a request for complaints, I don't know if they've received 17 any, and I don't know -- and I do know to the best of my

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knowledge the lawsuit between the Secretary's office and the 19 Attorney General's office remains ongoing.

20 So that is my update on that, Mr. Chairman, if

21 anyone has any questions. 22

CHAIRMAN MEYER: Thank you.

23 I don't have any other questions on the Executive 24 Director's report, do any of the other Commissioners?

25 Seeing none, then I apologize for jumping ahead Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

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The next item on our agenda is Item Number IV, this is discussion or possible action on election voting administration issues, including funding and policy with Coconino County Recorder Patty Hansen.

So Commissioners, last month we heard from Cochise County Elections Director Lisa Mara, today we are fortunate to be joined by Coconino County Recorder Patty Hansen. We asked Patty to be here today to discuss challenges facing election officials especially around resources which she has been engaged with at the state and federal level for many years.

Patty began her election administration career in 1987 when she was appointed to be the Deputy Election Commissioner for Lancaster County, Nebraska. She served in a variety of election posts in Nebraska and Minnesota, including elections administrator for the Minnesota Secretary of State's office.

She became the election administrator for Coconino County, Arizona, in 2003, and she was first elected to Coconino County Recorder in 2012 and has held leadership roles in numerous state and national election organizations.

So on behalf of all the Commissioners, I want to welcome Ms. Hansen. And as an opening questioning, I wanted to ask her: Based on your experience, how significant are Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

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Coconino County is geographically quite large. Land size, we're larger than I think it's seven U.S. states. So that's one of the challenges we faced.

And what we did is we were able to expand the number of ballot dropboxes from two that we've had for way over 30 years in Flagstaff, to 16 other locations throughout the county; and those dropboxes resulted in 45 percent of our early voters return their vote-early ballot through those dropboxes.

Now, one of the things with dropboxes, the box itself is not the only (indiscernible). We need to hire people to go out there on a regular basis every day or every other day in teams of two, opposite political party, to retrieve those early ballots.

So we've -- we're -- we hired many temporary employees with the funds given to us through the CTCL grant.

We used it for motor pool charges, 'cause to drive around this county it takes a lot of gasoline and you need vehicles. We were able to give our poll workers what we called hazard pay I guess is the best way to put it. We were having trouble recruiting poll workers because of the pandemic, so we were able to increase our poll worker pay of \$120 by another hundred dollars. And that may seem like a big increase, but when you consider they're starting usually at 5:00 a.m. and going until 9:00 p.m., that's not an

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1 the resource challenges to Arizona elections today?

2 MS. HANSEN: Well, thank you very much, Chairman 3 Meyer, and thank your -- your fellow Commissioners for 4 letting me come today and visit with you.

5 There's many challenges facing elections 6 administration at the moment, but I think I want to 7 concentrate on the financial challenges.

8 As you heard I've been doing this for a long time, 9 and, in fact, April 1st it will be 35 years I've been 10 involved in election administration. And I know I look way 11 too young to be -- to have done it that long but -- no, just 12 joking.

But during that time I had never had enough money to do everything that I felt needed to be done to really have a very successful election and reach out to the people in our county.

But what happened in 2020 was the Center for Technology and Civic Life gave us a \$614,000 grant, and that grant I think helped us not only have a successful election, we broke all sorts of records in regards to number of people who registered to vote and voter turnout. And so -- and we did all of this by keeping everything safe and secure.

And I just want to give you an idea of what we've spent the money on. We were able to do -- install ballot dropboxes throughout the county. As you're probably aware, Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

unreasonable amount of money to pay them for their work.

1 2 We also used it for temporary employees on the 3 Navajo Nation because -- we did not want to put dropboxes on 4 the Navajo Nation because we were really concerned with the 5 increase in early voting, that many of the Navajo voters had 6 not been voting by mail, and we wanted to make sure that

7 they were able to have any necessary language assistance and also to check that that ballot affidavit envelope that Tom

9 mentioned earlier in his talk was actually signed, 'cause if 10

it's not signed we can't count the ballot.

We increased security, we were able to -- the security at our Tuba City office. We have Flagstaff satellite mall -- satellite office at the Flagstaff Mall. 14 Our office was closed to the public because of COVID 'cause we don't have -- did not have a large area for people to be able to spread out and vote safely, so we had an office at the Flagstaff Mall.

18 We purchased additional equipment such as laptops 19 and our electronic poll books. And one thing I think that 20 really helped a lot was we did -- ran radio ads and 21 newspaper ads that were specific to the area advertising 22 where these dropboxes were and other information; and for 23 the first time since I've been with the office, which was 24 starting in 2003, we ran those ads in English. We've always 25 had to run them in Navajo because we're under the minority Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

5 of 30 sheets Page 14 to 17 of 73 language provision of the Voting Rights Act, but I think able to reach people in the rural areas of our county, radio was really the best way to do it.

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We've also received funding in the past and also in 2020 from the Help America Vote Act from the federal government, and most of that money that is coming in for specific purposes such as the security grant that we received that we had to use to increase security. And so what we did is we did some -- we had the Department of Homeland Security has people that came and they reviewed our 12 locations and gave us ideas on how we needed to improve things. Like in our lobby area at our main office, it's a big glass, and they said, "Well, somebody could drive right through there." So we bought big boulders -- thank goodness we have a lot of boulders up here in Flagstaff -- and put those up, you know, just as a barrier. Things we didn't even think about.

We also have installed camera systems for video surveillance throughout our facilities. We used money to buy a special software that will help us with cyber security through our IT network; and we now have keypad entry to keep track of who is coming and going into areas of our facilities.

> Now, one of the things with funding and the Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

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of money from the federal government for security, security is -- I don't need funds for security, what would really help is if the State would give us funds to pay for the 4 state voter registration system which is called AVID. The counties have to pay for the system, and coming up with that money makes it difficult.

So I've been involved with a group that kind of came out of the CTCL group which was working at the national level for a -- to create -- or ask Congress for \$20 billion over the next ten years for an election infrastructure initiative, and this would be money that would come directly from the local offices instead of going through the state.

That was another advantage of the CTCL. When it goes through the state, even at the Secretary of State or through the Governor's office, there's usually politics will come into play unfortunately and it's -- it's -- it makes it difficult for the money to come.

Like, there was money available going through the Governor's office in 2020, but it was so burdensome to have to do the weekly reports and everything to get that money, we didn't apply for it. So the Center for Technology and **22** Civic Life is a private organization, it's a nonprofit. 23 It's -- from what I understand, most of it is funded through Mark Zuckerberg and his wife; and that became a political

25 issue because people that don't like Mark Zuckerberg then Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

1 difference between the Help America Vote Act funds and the 2 CTCL funds, was CTCL just said "spend it the way you think 3 it will help you the most." The Help America Vote Act funds 4 is usually a specific funds that is like for security, and 5 it's to buy equipment. So, you know, we can buy keypa- --6 or electronic poll books. Well, electronic poll books don't 7 program themselves and maintain themselves and do the 8 testing and that, so you need people for that. So that's 9 why the CTCL, we used it for hiring people to do what needed 10 to be done.

11 And since I've been involved in election 12 administration I've seen that the majority of the funds that 13 come from the federal government, such as the funds that 14 came originally when the Help America Vote Act was passed, 15 was to buy voting equipment. So we got rid of our punch 16 card system and went to digital, optical scan equipment and 17 touch screen for accessible voting. Again, we bought the 18 equipment but we needed a warehouse, we needed staff that 19 could take care of that equipment, and -- so it's always a 20 blessing to get some money, but we don't always get money 21 where it's needed for election administration.

And an example, just at the state level there's a bill, HB 2493, to create an election integrity fund. Well, again, that's to be used for security, and it does say in that that you can have staffing. Well, we've gotten a lot

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1 felt like the money was tainted or was used to be part of what I call "the big lie," which is that there was all this 3 fraud and it threw the elections and the elections in 2020

4 were not secure and accurate.

And so the legislature passed a bill that we can no longer accept money -- grant money except from governmental entities such as the federal government or the state government.

9 And the Center -- when I've talked to people there, 10 they really felt like -- you know, they stepped up and did 11 this nationwide; I mean, they gave out millions of dollars 12 across the country to local election offices. And they --13 they said it's disturbing that we were relying on private --14 a private organization, even though it's nonpartisan and 15 nonprofit, to fund our elections. Elections are integral to 16 our democracy. And that's why we feel that the 17 infrastructure of our country should include our elections, 18 so that's why we're working on that.

19 I want to thank the Commission. You have been such 20 an important partner to the election officials across 21 Arizona. We -- you have helped us in so many ways and 22 through radio ads or -- like I know you helped us with our 23 voter guide, which is -- we mail out prior to every state 24 primary election, and that's -- we do that to all registered 25 voters to help us clean our list, it's required under the

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I mean, there's so many things that the Commission has helped us with through your mission of educating voters and, like I said, thank you so much. It's -- it's been -- I don't know what we would do without you, truthfully, right

So I'd be willing to ask (verbatim) any questions. You're probably always hearing "money, money, money, that's what people need," but it's -- we've done some things that I know we're very proud of across the state, and hopefully we'll be able to continue to do things and also in partnership with your Commission. So, thank you.

CHAIRMAN MEYER: Well, you're very welcome. Thank you. Thank you for that. That was a lot of information, I appreciate that.

I did have one question and I think -- I thought I heard you say that there were some state funds available but the reporting requirements were so onerous that -- that you had decided not to apply for them or your office did. And I guess did I hear that right; and, two, if I did, can you tell me a little bit more about that?

22 MS. HANSEN: Yeah, it was through the -- because of 23 the pandemic it came -- it was part of the CARES Act --

24 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay.

25 MS. HANSEN: -- in regards to funding. And it Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

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COMMISSIONER CHAN: Thanks, Mr. Chairman. Hi, Patty. It's so good to see you. And you were so informative, as always. And I love hearing exactly how many years you've been doing this because it just, you know, solidifies everything for me about why you are such an expert and do such an incredible job.

I did have a few questions and you touched on these issues and -- and so did the Chairman, but what do you think -- do you have any idea of what the likelihood is of getting federal funding that your group is asking for? And can you reiterate for me how much money you're asking for, and you said over ten years I think.

MS. HANSEN: Yes, it is 20 billion, with a B. I know it's kind of "oh," but it's nationwide and it's over ten vears.

And we -- there's -- I think the last I read there was 80 cosponsors on the bill. I know Representative O'Halleran, our representative, has signed onto it and I think a couple other Arizona representatives have.

It -- it depends. You know, anything getting through the U.S. Congress is difficult, but there does seem to be a strong support. They did some national polling -and, in fact, I'm going to be sitting in on a meeting next week, the results of the polling -- but they're finding strong bipartisan support for funding elections. So I'm Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

1 went -- that money had to go through the Governor's office 2 from what I understand to be doled out, and the Governor's 3 office put in place some requirements that made it, like, a 4 weekly reporting that made it difficult when you're in a --5 you know, a big crunch for the elections.

6 Typically what we did when it goes to the Secretary 7 of State's office is we submit our grant application, and 8 then after the elections we submit a report of what we've 9 spent it on and how -- and that -- but this was a little bit 10 more burdensome-reporting type thing to go through.

CHAIRMAN MEYER: Yeah, and I think you said you got a security grant. Was that through the federal government or was that a state -- a state fund?

14 MS. HANSEN: That was the federal government, it 15 was through the Help America Vote Act. And that came 16 through the Secretary of State's office.

CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. Okay.

18 MS. HANSEN: And we applied to them and they then 19 gave us the money.

20 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Great.

21 Okay. Do any other Commissioners have any other 22 questions for Ms. Hansen while she's here?

23 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I do.

24 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Go ahead, Ms. -- Commissioner 25 Chan.

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1 feeling optimistic about it right now.

2 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Great.

3 MS. HANSEN: So -- and it's good to see you, too.

COMMISSIONER CHAN: Thank you.

5 MS. HANSEN: Yeah, and congrats on your new

6 position. I look forward to -- hopefully I won't have to

bother you too much in that role.

8 COMMISSIONER CHAN: You're never a bother. Happy 9 to talk to you any time.

10 MS. HANSEN: Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I didn't realize it was a bill 12 already, so that's -- I mean, to me that's already huge 13 progress. I thought it was more of an idea that you guys 14 were pursuing, so that's fantastic news.

And, you know, you kind of touched on this as well 16 but, you know, how receptive are our state legislators to any additional funding for elections and, you know, voter education and that sort of thing, if you can kind of talk to us about that.

20 MS. HANSEN: Well, in the security area I think 21 there is support. Like, there was money attached to a bill 22 that -- that would have required us to use a certain type of 23 paper with holographic images and a lot of different things 24 in it. There was money attached -- if that had passed would 25 have been attached to that we could use to offset because Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

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the cost was going to triple or, you know, really increase 2 if we had to go to that kind of paper.

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So when it's things dealing with preventing fraud, it seems like there is support now in the legislature.

But I really do feel that that is an area where we are really being funded well at the national level through the Help America Vote Act.

So the pandemic I think -- I mean, if anything could come out of such a tragic thing -- did open up some of the doors for us to get some funding in regards to, you know, personal safety such as the sneeze guards and things like that. So I think we're doing pretty good there.

But otherwise, I don't see too much interest in providing money to the counties like for staffing issues. Staffing I think you'll find across the state is the hardest thing for us, 'cause as things become more technical you need staff with special skills and training and expertise. It's not like we could just hire now, you know, any -- go to a temp service and hire anybody to come in and do a lot of these things, so.

And we -- we ran background checks on people, too, and that's a little bit extra costs there, so.

COMMISSIONER CHAN: I think, you know, one thing you mentioned and I did hear you say this in your original discussion that you gave us, is that, you know, our state Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

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can expand that out. I always refer people to your website and to the debates and that.

But I know working with Gina has been very, very 4 helpful. And now that I'm thinking, I should probably get a list when you have those debates in place to have it posted on our website, too, and so that we can get that information out more.

But yeah, the education part I think.

And I know people are wanting to be more involved and learn about elections, and I've thought about up here doing what I call kind of an election college, kind of a 12 take on the electoral college. But during the off years to do an education kind of program of the basics of how 14 elections work, 'cause a lot of people don't realize all of the steps we go through to keep things secure, such as 16 following the ballot. I know Yavapai has a good program on that where, you know, when the early ballot comes in, you know, we count them all, we record the count; when we're processing we make sure that we've processed all of them. And, you know, there's lots of things involved that

I think, you know, may be something that the Commission may want to look at, just teaching basic elections

23 administration basics.

24 Sorry, I'll give you more work.

25 But, you know, but -- but partner with the local.

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1 legislature seems willing to provide money for election

2 security. And -- and, frankly, I would agree with what I

3 think I heard you say which is our election security is

4 already top notch. And that's not to say there can't be

5 improvements ever, but I think that, you know, part of the

6 problem with "the big lie" was -- was convincing people that

7 there was actual fraud that was a problem, when in reality

8 that is -- that is not a problem in any way, shape, or form. 9 I mean, we all know that sometimes people have bad

intent and get through with voting, you know, maybe in more than one state, for example, but that's very, very rare.

So I -- I appreciate what you've told us.

13 I did have a question and this is about voters. 14 You know, do you think there's anything that you can 15 recommend for voters as far as how we communicate to voters, 16 you know, about how they can stay involved in these 17 processes?

18 I mean, that's kind of always the -- the rub for 19 us, right? Getting voters engaged and maintaining that. If 20 you have anything to offer on that, I'd love to hear it.

21 MS. HANSEN: I think continuing the education part. 22 I know through the years one of the most frustrating things 23 for me is when people ask, "Where can I find information on

24 candidates that's unbiased?" And, you know, you're

25 fulfilling that role in a lot of ways, but as much as you

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And two, it's confusing. I -- I always know when

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something goes wrong or there's an issue -- not going wrong, 3 but an issue in Maricopa County, 'cause my phones start

4 ringing off the hook that they think it's here. And it's

5 like, no, that's not our county. But, you know, how -- it's

6 hard right now.

7 And another problem we have that I don't know how 8 to solve is at NAU they sign people up for the

9 provisional -- I mean, not provisional, for early ballots,

10 students never pick 'em up. We get trays of ballots back

11 after the election that were never picked up by the voters.

12 And so, you know, how do you engage and reach people that --

13 a generation that doesn't even use snail mail at all. And

14 it's like: Oh, I have a post office box? I didn't know I

15 have a post office box.

So things like that I guess.

I'm sorry, I'll just ramble on.

18 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN MEYER: I have a question as far as you 20 talked about, you know, administration issues and, you know, 21 Mike had mentioned earlier about, you know, this bill that's

22 proposed to count all the ballots in 24 hours.

23 Can you kind of speak to that, is that possible to 24 do? What type of challenges would that present to Coconino 25 County to try to do that?

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Can you maybe shed some light on that or share your 2 thoughts with us on that type of provision?

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3 MS. HANSEN: I don't know how we would do it in **4** Coconino County. It's -- like I mentioned earlier for poll 5 workers, they're working 5:00 a.m. until about 9:00 p.m. 6 We're going to ask them to stay another -- I mean, I would 7 say it's going to be another, you know, five or six hours to 8 count a general election ballot. There are so many errors in hand counting.

And to get things -- I mean, you can't just do the marks for the ballots, I've seen -- in counting. I've seen people in that -- during our post-election hand audit you have to do stacking method, which is you separate. So you do I guess governor and then do that race, and then you have to do attorney general and then that race. I mean...

And it -- contrary to what people believe, we don't have people coming out of the woodwork that want to work for us as poll workers.

And I just can't even imagine Maricopa County, how you could do almost two million or one and a half million ballots by hand.

I have seen when I worked in Nebraska there was still several counties that -- small counties that tabulated by hand their votes and I would see mistakes. Numbers would 25 be recorded, you know -- numbers transposed and -- I don't

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physical things that you need other than that?

MS. HANSEN: I would say right now it's people. We need to really beef up our training programs.

What some people call fraud is human mistakes. I don't know anything else where we have made an election system so complicated for our poll workers that we expect them to work this long day after having only two to four hours at the most of training and have it be error free.

I mean, you've got provisional ballots; you've got, you know, touch screen voting equipment; you have electronic poll books; it's ID checking. And I probably shouldn't say this, but I always say it after every election, it's a miracle that it works as well as it does; and it's because our poll workers are so dedicated they do want to do it correctly. But we just I don't believe supply them enough to make it so they can actually learn all of that in detail.

And with money I think we could expand that education program for training them and giving them the supplies. I mean, I don't know about you, but I -- if I'm shown a new software program and it's four weeks before I'm going to even touch the equipment, and -- I will probably not remember everything they taught me four weeks prior. So how can we improve that they know how to use everything and follow the proper, you know, procedures? So it's...

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1 know. It's -- if you want accuracy, you do not do it by 2 hand.

3 And you know, yeah, I'd like to give the legislator 4 a big stack of like 500 ballots that are marked and ask him 5 to tabulate it by hand to see what is involved. I mean,

it's easy if we only had one question on the ballot maybe, 7 you know, one race.

8 But I just don't see how it can be done. I really 9 don't.

10 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Well, we saw how long it took 11 for the ninjas to do two races, so.

MS. HANSEN: True.

13 CHAIRMAN MEYER: All right. Any other 14 Commissioners have any questions for Ms. Hansen?

15 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman, this is

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17 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Go ahead, Commissioner Kimble. 18 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Ms. Hansen, thank you very 19 much for your -- for your information, I learned a lot from 20 what you said. 21

I just had one question. You -- you talked about using funds for security, for ballot dropboxes. If you were to get some funds without onerous restrictions placed on them, what's your greatest funding need now?

> You mentioned people. Is that it or are there some Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

1 That's why a lot of election officials want to go to voting by mail because voting by mail takes the poll

workers out of it, the process, and you have trained staff

4 that is actually doing things. And it's much easier for us to train our staff. We can say: You're going to have to be

6 trained for, you know, a week. You can't tell a poll worker

7 they have to attend a five-day training session unless

8 you're going to pay them a lot of money, so.

9 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Thank you.

10 MS. HANSEN: Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Mr. Paton, you have any questions? 12

COMMISSIONER PATON: Well, I just -- I guess I just

13 have some observations. And it gratifies me to know that 14 our education programs have -- have been so beneficial in

15 ways that who would have thought, you know, that they could

16 be so helpful to the Recorders and the, you know -- it just

17 is gratifying to know that we have such an impact.

18 Sometimes, you know, we -- we are in these meetings 19 and we think that we're doing good, but this just points 20 out how -- how well we have improved things.

21 So thank you for your -- for being such a 22 professional and -- and, you know, hopefully we can help in 23 other ways, that we can think of other ways. And if you can 24 think of ways that we can help that we're not doing, let the 25 staff know.

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1 Thank you. 2 MS. HANSEN: Thank you very much. 3 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Thank you, Commissioner Paton. 4 Anyone else? 5 Commissioner Titla, do you have any questions or 6 comments? 7 (No response.) 8 CHAIRMAN MEYER: I see you're on mute. 9 Okay. Well, Patty, I really want to thank you for 10 joining us, I learned a lot this morning; it was very 11 helpful. 12 Unless anyone else has any further questions, we 13 are going to move on to our next agenda item. But I guess 14 last chance for anyone for more questions? 15 Okay. Thank you so much, Patty. We really, really 16 appreciate it. 17 MS. HANSEN: Thank you so much. Take care. 18 CHAIRMAN MEYER: You, too. 19 Okay. Now we're going to move on to Agenda Item 20 Number V, which is discussion and possible action on

1 Power of Fives who we've discussed before. 2 I'm going to ask Tom to give us a little bit of

3 background on this item and then I will call on Mr. Sloan or 4 his counsel.

Tom, let's hope for the best here.

6 MS. COADY: Good morning, Chairman Meyer and 7 members of the Board. Before Tom begins, I wanted to let 8 you know that this is Monique Coady, I'm the Board's 9 independent advisor -- on previous matters I have advised 10 you, and on this particular agenda item today I am your

11 independent advisor. If you have any legal questions at all 12 or want to go into executive session, I will be your

13 attorney, not Kara, on this agenda item only.

14 Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Thank you, Ms. Coady. Thank you 16 so much

17 Tom?

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18 MR. COLLINS: Yes. Mr. Chairman, Commissioners or 19 -- yeah.

20 So briefly to give you the background here, as you 21 know -- and we did provide notice to TPOF to make sure they

22 were aware of this hearing -- we have an ongoing

23 enforcement-related action with this TPOF limited liability

24 company, and we have ongoing litigation in Superior Court

25 with this TPOF company.

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Mr. Sloan was a client of TPOF in 2020 elections. You may recall we had an enforcement action related to him, we did a repayment order, and then in December we resolved the enforcement action as it relates to Mr. Sloan.

between Mr. Sloan and a limited liability company called The

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CV2021-007328, The Power of Fives, LLC v. Sloan, et al.

this agenda item in order to discuss a request from

Mr. Sloan and his attorney related to a contract action

For my other Commissioners, staff has scheduled

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Mr. Sloan has a -- had a contractual relationship of some kind with The Power of Fives company; they went through an arbitration procedure, that then was converted into -- well, that -- that subsequently turned into a judgment that Mr. Sloan is seeking to appeal from.

By way of background, when this arbitration arose, we -- we were subpoenaed -- I was subpoenaed to testify at that, and with the help of the -- with the help of Kara and the Attorney General's office we had that subpoena quashed.

The -- and I will -- the issue that was presented to us and that we brought before you out of an effort to ensure that there is transparency in this and -- and to ensure that we don't have any additional extraneous issues, is whether or not the Commission would file some form of amicus brief or something in -- in this appeal from this judgment related to the -- whether or not because there was an enforcement action brought in this, that the -- that there is a public policy argument for why this judgment shouldn't be enforced.

I would leave it there. Before we -- before I hand it back to Mr. Chairman, I would suggest if there's anything Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

I missed here, Kara is essentially the staff attorney for

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lack of better way of putting it on this item, so if there's

3 anything that I missed that I need to -- I do -- I need to 4

defer to her on, any blanks I need to fill in before.

5 So Mr. Chairman, if you want to ask her that before 6 you hand it off, that might be a good idea.

7 And I hope everybody heard me. I'm trying the 8 phone here now.

9 CHAIRMAN MEYER: No, we did. We did hear you and I 10 appreciate that, Tom.

11 And I don't know, Ms. Coady, do you have anything 12 to add to what -- what Tom said there, or should I turn this 13 over to Mr. Sloan or Mr. Stanley I believe is his counsel?

14 MS. COADY: I believe Mr. Collins wanted to verify 15 with Kara as the staff attorney for Clean Elections whether 16 she had anything to add to his summary before you turn it 17 over. So I would offer Kara Karlson the opportunity right 18 now if she wanted to add anything.

19 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Thank you.

MS. KARLSON: Yes, thank you.

21 Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, I think Mr. Collins 22 hit all of the key procedural points about where the various parties stand and where we stand in regards to -- to all the

23 24 various parties and the different suits and enforcement

25 actions that are either pending or have been resolved.

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1 So unless -- do you have any specific questions or 2 any Commissioners have specific questions on that before you 3 proceed to opening it up to anyone else, I'm -- I'm 4 available to answer them. 5 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Yeah, I don't -- I don't have any 6 additional questions. 7 Do any of the other Commissioners have any

8 questions?

9 (No response.)

CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. So now -- is now the time 10 11 for a statement from Mr. Stanley or Mr. Sloan?

12 MS. COADY: Absolutely.

13 CHAIRMAN MEYER: 'Kay. Okay.

14 Mr. Stanley, Mr. Sloan, I leave it to whichever one 15 of you wants to address the Commission.

16 MR. STANLEY: This is --

17 MR. SLOAN: Thank you, Chairman. I'll speak 18 briefly and then I'll introduce Mr. Stanley who is 19 representing me in this matter.

20 As the Commission knows, the background on this has 21 been going on for approximately two years. This --22 Mr. Stanley is here specifically to speak to the legal 23 arguments with regard to the public policy question that's 24 being put in front of the Court, so I'll turn it over to

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1 court would say, well, there's a public policy issue here, 2 let's hear from this interest -- this body of interest,

because an appellate decision is going to be reported, it's

4 going to be the law that all the judge -- judges have to

5 follow; and the positions of the parties who are simply

6 litigating, generally speaking about money, don't

necessarily reflect all of the policy considerations that

8 the new law made by a decision in the case might -- might

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25 Mr. Stanley.

So that was the original -- origin. It's become more formalized, of course, over the years.

12 In Arizona all state agencies have a right to 13 present themselves as amici curiae, "friends of the court." 14 And other agents -- other parties, individuals, agencies, 15 groups, associations, have to apply to the court in each 16 case and say: We are whoever we represent or whatever 17 interest we represent, and we think the court should have 18 the benefit of our perspective on these issues, and then the 19 Court decides whether it -- it thinks that is appropriate or 20 not.

21 But as a -- as a state agency you don't have to 22 take that step.

I think it's appropriate for the Commission to allow its attorneys to monitor what's going on in the appeal, what the issues in -- in Mr. Sloan's appeal are, and Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

1 MR. STANLEY: This is Brian Stanley speaking for 2 Eric Sloan.

3 Eric Sloan has appealed from the judgment in the 4 Superior Court case so it's now going to be in the Court of Appeals.

5 6 The fact that there's an investigation or a 7

charge -- a complaint actually -- still pending to which The 8 Power of Fives has responded with a lawsuit keys up the fact

9 that there is a controversy there, a controversy that

10 basically revolves around the legality of the arrangements

11 that Power of Fives is making with prospective clean

12 elections candidates; and I assume is still trying to make

13 with or will in the future continue to try to make. 14

And I don't need to go into the issues that the 15 Clean Elections Commission has with the -- with the Power of 16 Fives' contract 'cause that's already the subject of the 17 lawsuit, but we're talking about what the Commission might 18 be interested in doing with respect to the pending appeal.

19 So let me just start out with a brief overview of 20 the amicus curiae process. Amicus curiae, as you probably 21 all know, means "friend of the court." And it's a long 22 tradition that appellate courts, in the old days they would 23 take the initiative or spontaneously reach out to specially 24 interested public bodies to get perspective, whether it will

25 be a private trade association or a government agency, the

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1 how they affect the perspective of the Commission as -- as

2 it involves the same issues that it's litigating with The

3 Power of Fives in the -- the action.

4 I mean, they're unrelated actions except that the 5 policy considerations that the Commission thinks are

6 important may be affected by a decision in the -- in

7 Mr. Sloan's case, and the Commission has the right to get

8 its perspective before the appellate court for that reason.

10 authorize its staff attorneys to monitor and to make 11 recommendations as to whether the Commission should file an

So I think it's appropriate for the Commission to

amicus. The brief of an amicus doesn't have to 100 percent 12

13 support the position of any party in the appeal, it can just

14 be limited to saying, well, we are such and such a

15 Commission and our interest is, you know, in clean

16 elections, and here's our perspective on this particular

17 legal point or points that are at issue in the -- in the 18

appeal.

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19 And that -- the amici get to see all the briefs, 20 they're kind of the last party to be heard when the -- when 21 amici are involved in an appeal, because they -- their 22 briefs aren't due until after the last briefs of the parties 23 themselves.

24 So I'm estimating that it will be something in the 25 neighborhood of 90 days, probably maybe a little bit more, Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

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that a decision to present an amicus brief or not would have 2 to be made. So what I think the Commission can do at this 3 point is authorize the staff attorneys to -- to monitor the 4 case, the appeal for that purpose, and to make a 5 recommendation after the briefs are filed, the parties' 6 briefs are filed, as to whether the Commission wants to --7 to submit an amicus brief.

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And I have to defer to the knowledge of the -- of the staff attorneys in terms of whether they would also need to coordinate with the Attorney General's office in terms of the actual preparation of a brief, but for the staff to be authorized to -- to initiate those communications if necessary or to prepare a recommendation as to the presentation of an amicus brief at -- when the time comes.

MR. SLOAN: Mr. Chairman, if I can just add something here?

CHAIRMAN MEYER: Mr. Sloan, go ahead. MR. SLOAN: You know, as I've said before, I'm not an attorney and I'm at quite the disadvantage because there are a lot of attorneys on this call, but the primary issue here is whether or not this arbitrator in her ignoring of the public policy and the policy of the Clean Elections Commission will be codified in or would be equivalently

24 be -- well, would be case law. Right? That it would

25 basically create a pathway for this to continue -- not only Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

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And in my opinion, that pendulum has swung too far, especially where public policy issues are concerned.

3 It's very common for companies of various kinds to 4 have arbitration clauses in their contracts. If you are 5 going to be involved with their services, you have to in 6 effect sign their form that says you can't go to court, if 7 there is a dispute it's going to go to arbitration. That 8 kind of a clause was in The Power of Fives' contract that 9 they presented to Mr. Sloan and that's why a court has not actually been heard on the whole issue of the legality of 11 The Power of Fives' contract.

So it's -- it's a problem for the appeal that courts have adopted such a deferential attitude toward the arbitrator. In effect, the court could say, well, public policy can be disregarded by the arbitrator and, sorry, the 16 courts can't do anything about it; and then as long as you have operators like Power of Fives that have arbitration clauses in their form contracts, you're never going to get a court to say whether their contract was legal or not legal, it will always be arbitrators.

But anyway, that's one of the -- the issues 22 involved in Mr. Sloan's appeal, but it's also a matter of concern I would think to the Commission. If there's ever going to be a chance to address some of these concerns in a judicial context, the only way for the Commission to have

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1 to happen in this situation but to continue to happen in 2 other situations moving forward.

3 And so, you know, as we've talked about before, the 4 Commission has made it very clear that the public policy has 5 been violated in this situation. There was a repayment

6 order because of the violation; I've taken responsibility

7 for the violation. You know, we -- you know, we have a

8 company that continues to want to violate the public policy 9 and the will of this Commission, and this -- this appeal is

10 going to be on a variety of issues but specifically to the 11 public policy arguments with regards to how it is applied in

12 this case and in future cases.

Thank you.

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14 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Mr. Stanley, do you have anything 15

16 MR. STANLEY: Yes. The -- the implications as to 17 future cases is going to be there, especially if the Court 18

to add after Mr. Sloan made those comments?

of Appeals opinion is reported. 19 You know, it used to be -- when I was first called 20 to the Bar, oh, sometime before the flood, courts were

21 hostile to arbitration especially where public policy issues 22 were involved. That has changed completely during my career

23 to a place where the courts are extremely deferential to

24 arbitration. Basically it takes something off of their

25 plate and leaves it in somebody -- a private party's lap.

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1 its perspective heard may be through an amicus brief and in

a case of this kind. 3 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Stanley.

4 I -- I don't have any questions for Mr. Stanley or 5 Mr. Sloan.

6 Do any of my fellow Commissioners have any 7 questions?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. All right. Hearing none, I 10 guess I would suggest that we do a very brief executive 11 session to speak with Ms. Coady on this request. I don't --12

we don't need a motion for that, I think we can just -- I 13 can call that, correct, Tom?

14 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman --

15 MS. COADY: I'm sorry, an executive session does

16 require a motion and it requires a majority vote to go into 17 executive session.

18 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. I had that wrong, I 19 apologize.

20 MR. COLLINS: You can -- you can adjourn it. You 21 can adjourn it yourself.

22 CHAIRMAN MEYER: I can adjourn it, I just can't 23 start it.

24 Great. Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman? Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

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1	CHAIRMAN MEYER: Yes.	1	So that motion passes 5-0. We're going to go into	
2	COMMISSIONER CHAN: I move that we go into	2	executive session.	
3	executive session to discuss this as you said.	3	It's been a while since we've done this on	
4	CHAIRMAN MEYER: All right. I have a motion. Is	4	virtually. Do we end the meeting? How do we how do we	
5	there a second?	5	do this?	
6	COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Commissioner Kimble. Second.	6	MS. HERRING: The live stream will continue and	
7	CHAIRMAN MEYER: Great.	7	those that are to participate in the executive session will	
8	MS. COADY: I I'm sorry, I just want to be clear	8	receive an invitation to join a breakout room.	
9	that the motion is to go into executive session to receive	9	So just to confirm, I have Monique, the	
10	legal advice on this this matter?	10	Commissioners, our court reporter, and Tom Collins.	
11	COMMISSIONER CHAN: Yes.	11	Is there anyone else that should be joining the	
12	CHAIRMAN MEYER: Thank you.	12	executive session?	
13	COMMISSIONER CHAN: Thank you.	13	MS. KARLSON: Tom should not be joining the	
14	CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. So we have a motion that	14	executive session.	
15	and we have a second, so now we'll take a vote. We're going	15	MS. HERRING: Thank you.	
16	to do the roll-call vote.	16	Okay. So then everyone, as I mentioned, will	
17	Ms. Chan.	17	receive an invitation to join the breakout; the live stream	
18	COMMISSIONER CHAN: I vote aye.	18	will continue on Zoom for those staying in this Zoom	
19	CHAIRMAN MEYER: Mr. Kimble.	19	meeting; and once those return from the breakout room we can	
20	COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Aye.	20	go ahead and continue the meeting.	
21	CHAIRMAN MEYER: Mr. Paton.	21	MS. COADY: So do we need to leave this meeting	
22	COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye.	22	before we join the breakout?	
23	CHAIRMAN MEYER: Mr. Titla.	23	MS. HERRING: No. So those invited will see an	
24	COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye.	24	invitation to a breakout room, so I'll open that right now.	
25	CHAIRMAN MEYER: And I'll vote aye as well.	25	(Whereupon the proceeding is in executive session	
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1 have going on, and just the fact that it's not something 2 that would be consistent with what the Commission has done 3 in the past, you know, to -- to my experience being on the 4 Commission. 5

I think it would be unusual for an amicus brief and I just don't believe it's our role to do so, even though I appreciate the arguments that Mr. Sloan and Mr. Stanley have made today.

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But I -- I believe that perhaps our transcripts could be of help to them in their case. I mean, this is all public record of what has occurred, and if they wish to use 12 that in their arguments, certainly Power of Fives may wish to use it in their arguments, I don't know. But that -that's my feelings as of right now.

15 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Thank you, Commissioner Chan. 16 Any other Commissioners have any comments or can I 17 entertain a motion?

COMMISSIONER CHAN: If there's no comments, I will 18 19 make a motion that --

20 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Go ahead, Commissioner Chan. 21 COMMISSIONER CHAN: -- that based on the current 22 information we have, not to file an amicus brief in this 23 matter.

24 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. Just so I understand the 25 motion, your motion is: Based upon the current information Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

1 before the Commission, you move that the Commission not file 2 an amicus brief in this pending litigation, Sloan v.

3 Party -- sorry --

4 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Power of Fives. 5 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Power of Five (verbatim), thank

6 you.

7 Do I understand your motion correctly?

8 COMMISSIONER CHAN: That is exactly what I wish to 9 convey.

10 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. And just to clear that 11 motion up, I'm sorry.

12 The motion is, Amy, that based on the information 13 available now, you move that the Commission not file an 14 amicus brief in the action of The Power of Fives, LLC versus 15 Sloan; is that correct?

16 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Correct.

17 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. Is there a second to that 18 motion?

19 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman, this is 20 Commissioner Kimble. I second the motion.

21 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay.

22 Okay. We have a motion and then we have a second.

23 So we'll go ahead and vote and I'm going to call the roll.

24 I'm going to start with Commissioner Chan.

25 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I vote aye. Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

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1 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Commissioner Kimble.

2 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Aye.

3 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Commissioner Paton.

4 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye.

5 CHAIRMAN MEYER: And Commissioner Titla.

6 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN MEYER: And I vote ave as well.

So we have the motion carries 5-0.

9 So with that we'll move on to Agenda Item 10 Number VI, which we've already I think sort of discussed a

11 bit, but that is discussion and possible action on 2022 12

legislative bills on the topics of elections, voting,

13 administration, and campaign finance.

Today is actually the 74th day of the legislative session. You may have read recently that a number of 16 election bills have stalled in the State Senate, but there are still a number of measures out there that raise concerns. Staff has a brief update, and if there's any questions we'll ask those after the update.

And I apologize for -- for my eagerness earlier to jump ahead on this topic. But please enlighten us, staff members.

MR. COLLINS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. As you -- as Mr. Chairman, as you noted, you know, there are a number of bills and I think Julian has done a good job of

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compiling. I think there was something like 14 bills that

failed on the floor of the Senate in the last two weeks,

many of which were of -- of I think significant concern to

4 the Commission, certainly to the election administratives

5 (verbatim) and county recorders of the state.

6 That said, I wanted to highlight a couple of bills 7 specifically for you. One I think Mike mentioned and we can

circle back to, is this -- the bill that's now offered to

9 strike in the Senate, this is what I think -- I don't know

10 who did it, but dubbed the "Kraken Bill." This is the sort

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of notion that the sponsor said his intention was to bring 12 elections back to 1958, which for those of us who, you know,

13 have a history and know a little bit about history, that is

14 before, you know, basically the Voting Rights Act, and

15 that's what the implication of that statement is clearly and

16 obviously.

17 That bill, however, as, you know, County Recorder 18 Hansen articulated, in addition to raising a number of

19 obvious civil rights issues and -- and issues of fair law

20 also, just doesn't work. It is literally unworkable.

21 When -- when the county -- County Association's Lobbyist Jen

22 Marson testified on it this week, you know, she basically

23 told the Senate that it would be impossible -- and it would

24 be impossible -- to count -- count votes by hand at the

25 precinct level in 24 hours.

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1 I mean, it's a -- it's -- it's monumentally stupid. 2 My hope is that knowing that this would destroy the 3 entire election process, that the Senate will not pass it 4 out and that certainly the Governor won't -- wouldn't sign 5 it. But we are keeping an eye on it; obviously it was a 6 bill that was dead in the House and got revived.

The -- the other bill I think that is worth pointing out and it's timely and I do have a request about it, there's a bill called House Bill 2492. House Bill 2492 does a number of things related to proof of citizenship.

By way of background, in 2004 voters passed at the ballot a referendum placed on the ballot by the legislature that created a requirement for a voter ID provision in our state law and additionally created a -- what is referred to as documentary proof of citizenship requirement for voters seeking to register to vote.

Just, you know, as a side note, you know, Commissioner Chan, when she was election director and my- -and when I was an attorney at the Attorney General's office, were both involved in litigating this issue for years.

We -- the bill, 2492, seeks to revamp this provision particularly around the citizenship proof issue, and it has some really deeply problematic components. Whereas in 2004 when voters passed this initiative, they 25 expressly determined that people who had received their --Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

1 who established -- who had essentially a driver's license on 2 file in -- from 1996 forward or backwards and were already 3 registered, did not need to provide this additional proof of 4 citizenship.

5 The way that this bill is crafted it says that 6 notwithstanding any other law, in order for a person to vote 7 in the -- in the presidential election who hasn't 8 provided -- who has not provided this, they would have to 9 provide it.

10 The issue there is, number one, it expressly 11 disenfranchises people who are qualified to vote under 12 federal law which has been established by a case that -- I 13 mean, that we lost in 2013; and secondly, it would -- by 14 notwithstanding that, it would have I think an obvious 15 impact on what voters enacted in 2004, which brings in a Voter Protection Act issue. 16

The third point I'm concerned about is it's very confusing. You know, from a voter education perspective given all the other things we're dealing with, this would inject a whole level of uncertainty and education around who is qualified, who is not, and it would center that issue around the presidential election which is just -- it's -it's -- the potential downside is quite -- quite 24 significant.

I can -- so that's -- that's the upside of that Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

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I -- I can tell you that the, you know, the election -- the County Association has -- has weighed in against the bill. I know that the county recorder -- some of the county recorders are contemplating and will ask for a veto from Governor Ducey, and the Secretary of State's office -- or Secretary of State herself, rather, has called the Governor to veto this bill.

Because it implicates the Voter Protection Act, the fundamental right to vote, and because it triggers a real serous voter education/voter confusion systemic risk issue, 12 I actually think in this particular case we may -- I -- I think it would be worth communicating to the Governor's office our concerns about the bill.

The fact that it got out of the Senate, understandably that makes this not a bipartisan situation, this was a party-line vote. However, the legal and systemic risk issues here are significant and it's very hard for me to sit here and say in view of the bipartisan County Association position, that -- that it -- that it's not worth communicating to the Governor's office in some way on behalf of the Commission.

23 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Commissioner Chan. 24 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I just wanted to mention. You 25 know, Tom, just to kind of put additional more personal

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1 perspective on it, I mean I've been registered to vote in

Arizona since I was 18, and that is well before the

3 requirement for proof of citizenship, it was when we just

4 swore that we were citizens and, you know, it was under the 5 penalty of perjury.

6 So I'm one of the people affected by this bill and 7 I imagine quite a few of us others on this, you know, Zoom 8 are probably affected by this bill.

9 To me that is a huge disenfranchisement hurdle for 10 folks registering in addition to the other issues that are 11 associated with it. So I just wanted to make sure that 12 that's kind of, you know, out there, that we all understand 13 how far this reaches.

14 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Sure.

15 So any -- any other questions or comments by other 16 Commissioners?

17 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman.

18 CHAIRMAN MEYER: Commissioner Kimble.

19 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Tom, I want to make sure I 20 understand where this bill is. You said it passed the

21 Senate; is that right? The paperwork that you sent said it 22

passed the House. 23 MR. COLLINS: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, Commissioner

24 Kimble, thank you. Yes, it passed the Senate literally

yesterday, so it has now been --

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58 1 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: It did. 2 MR. COLLINS: -- it is going to be transmitted to 3 the Governor. So, yeah, that is breaking news. 4 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Okay. 5 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, it --6 CHAIRMAN MEYER: What's the number of this? 7 MR. COLLINS: -- happened about 5 o'clock yesterday 8 afternoon. 9 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Someone asked what number it 10 is. It's H2492. 11 And one other thing, is there an exception for 12 people who have the new driver's license with the gold star, 13 which I guess you have to show proof of citizenship to get 14 which allows you to get on an airplane? 15 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Kimble, 16

that I -- I do not think there's an exception anywhere. What -- in fact, what -- the way I read the bill and -- is that it -- you would still have to present that. So in other words, the bill is, as I read it, is not super clear on what additional procedures might be in place. For example, it expands and requires prosecution of folks who fill out the paperwork wrong and who are not -turn out to be citizens, but it doesn't really articulate very well what precisely would be looked at.

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There's another bill that's already on the ballot Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: So just to be clear, so this is now being transmitted to the Governor, and what are you asking or suggesting that we do? Lobby the Governor not to sign it?

MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Kimble, yes, I think -- I mean, I think that it's -- I would -- I would -- I mean, essentially we would communicate with the Governor's general counsel's office and say, look, these are serious issues and -- and this bill is not the -- the -this bill is essentially not ready for prime time.

I think that that's -- I mean, we do have and we mentioned at the last meeting, we have expressed authority to make recommendations on policy issues, not everybody has that at the state level, and so it -- it seems to me that this falls within the -- the area in which it certainly couldn't hurt.

I don't think that this necessarily needs to be a -- you know, I'm not talking about a press release or anything like that per se, I think it's simply a matter of saying to the Governor's office, look, we have experience in voter education, we have experience in the VPA, and we have -- in this case we have experience with the administration of this proof of citizenship law in Arizona over the course of the last, you know, 18 years -- which is

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a shocking amount of time -- and so, you know, given that

1 that has to do a little bit more with changing the 2 technicality of showing ID, but this bill in that sense I 3 don't think it creates those exceptions at all. If anything 4 what it does is eliminates standing exceptions that exist. 5 So while I -- I certainly believe that it is likely 6 that under the bill if someone presented that information to 7 the -- to the County Recorder in order to register, the 8 notwithstanding clause on the bill in my view makes it 9

Now, it may be and I'm not -- I'm not enough of nuanced into what the election administrators' process would be if this were to get signed to -- you know, for example, there are various databases against which the counties can and do compare information that they receive from voters, but the -- the -- so that's where it really becomes a problem of uncertainty.

difficult to avoid at least having to have a new presentment

potentially of that information.

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In other words, the plain language of the bill says: Notwithstanding any other law, before the next presidential election everyone must have complied with this section of statute they did not have to previously apply -comply with. And so that -- that to me to your point really just raises any number of permutations of how that would be confusing for no real gain, if you will, in terms of the legitimacy of our voter roles.

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perspective, you know, this -- this bill, it would be -- it

2 would be better for the Governor's office to consider

3 vetoing this bill than it would be for the Governor's office

4 to let this bill go into law and have the courts sort it

5 out.

6 The provisions of the bill I should say have been, 7 you know, as we've talked -- I've talked about here, the 8 legislature heard from their own attorneys that there are 9 serious constitutional preemption and other problems with

10 the bill, they know that. You know, having worked through

11 this process on any number of bills is, you know, it is 12 often easier to simply let the court sort it out, right?

13 That often becomes a rationale for maybe letting something

14 happen that wouldn't otherwise.

15 In this particular case I think that it puts the 16 courts in a particularly terrible position and it's not 17 necessarily a position that we particularly want the courts 18 to be put in, because I can just tell you from a narrative 19 perspective, I would anticipate some people who support this

20 law taking the judiciary to task for, in their view, not 21 requiring people to prove citizenship and therefore creating

22 somehow a -- falsely creating an impression that noncitizens 23

will be voting in the 2024 presidential election. 24

That -- that to me is a significant enough confusion issue that letting the Court sort it out is not --Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

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1	is not a cost-free proposition for the election system.	1	(No response.)
2	Even if it's a relatively low-cost problem solution to	2	CHAIRMAN MEYER: No comment? Thank you.
3	the political actors in this case.	3	COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: No, nothing else. Thank you.
4	COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman.	4	CHAIRMAN MEYER: All right. So Tom, do you need
5	CHAIRMAN MEYER: Go ahead, Commissioner Chan.	5	do you need a motion or just this is just enough to ask
6	COMMISSIONER CHAN: From my I would support	6	you to do this, correct? Because I support I'm with
7	sending a veto letter to this bill. I think it's important,	7	Commissioner Chan and Commissioner Titla and I believe
8	so.	8	Commissioner Kimble as well, just to confirm and I see him
9	CHAIRMAN MEYER: Anyone else have any comments?	9	nodding
10	COMMISSIONER PATON: This is Commissioner Paton.	10	COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Yes.
11	This is one item that I think is it's a kooky thing and I	11	CHAIRMAN MEYER: that we would like you to
12	think we should submit a letter to the Governor.	12	send send a letter to the Governor's office.
13	CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. Commissioner Titla, any	13	MS. KARLSON: Yeah.
14	comments?	14	CHAIRMAN MEYER: Or take whatever, you know,
15	(No response.)	15	lobbying measures I think you see fit on this.
16	CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. All right.	16	MR. COLLINS: Sure. Mr. Chairman, I mean, my view
17	COMMISSIONER TITLA: Yeah, I yeah, I agree with	17	is the record is clear and there is not a requirement to
18	the comments that the Commissioners have made regarding this	18	vote on this, so.
19	bill. Sounds like a crazy bill. I don't see how seemingly	19	CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay.
20	intelligent people at the legislature would come up with	20	So that's Agenda VI. Are there any other bills we
21	this kind of kooky ideas and bills. I don't know what to	21	want to discuss on Agenda Item VI?
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23	say. This flabbergasts me.	23	COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Could I just make one other comment, Mr. Chairman?
24	So I will leave it at that, but I agree with you	24	
25	all. Thank you. CHAIRMAN MEYER: Commissioner Kimble?	25	CHAIRMAN MEYER: Yes.
25		25	COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I think it would be helpful
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1	to point out in a letter or whatever form of communication	1	see where it goes, but I just want to put it on your
2	this take this takes, that the Commission unanimously	2	radar is it requires the Clean it would go to the
3	supports you in this, Commissioners of both political	3	voters and it would require among other things the Clean
4	parties, and no political parties support you in this.	4	Elections Commission to essentially pick up the tab for all
5	MR. COLLINS: Mr Mr. Chairman I I think that	5	costs associated with eliminating early voting in the state.
6	was a question. I mean, again, I I think we can say that	6	So it it's a we'll see if that gets any legs.
7	based on this record	7	It's got a lot of real serious technical problems like
8	CHAIRMAN MEYER: Yeah.	8	like the other bills we talked about here. It's not you
9	MR. COLLINS: without the without helping.	9	know, just it's something we're tracking and I want
10	But and before Mr. Chairman before	10	you-all to be aware of.
11	Mr. Chairman, before we move on, there's one other bill I	11	It's not a bill that would go through the Governor,
12	want to highlight that I think is important. I apologize,	12	and that that's just an important thing to to for
13	there's just one more bill.	13	you-all to be aware of because of it being a referendum.
14	CHAIRMAN MEYER: Oh. No, that's okay.	14	So that was the other bill that I wanted to make
15	MR. COLLINS: But I want to make sure, I think I	15	sure that we got mentioned.
16	answered Mr. Kimble's question.	16	CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay.
17	COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Yes, you did. Thank you.	17	Okay. Any questions or comments on that bill?
18	MR. COLLINS: Okay.	18	Do you need directive from us on that, Tom?
19	The other bill that's out there and, you know,	19	(No response.)
20	we're tracking it yesterday and we're not sure exactly where	20	CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay.
21	it's going but it's it's a Hispanic concurrent resolution	21	MR. COLLINS: No. No, Mr. Chairman. Not at this
22	that would again make a number of changes to early voting,	22	time.
23	limiting early voting and and create it's called	23	CHAIRMAN MEYER: Any other questions or comments on
24	SCR1032.	24	Agenda Item VI before we move on?
25	The reason why that bill matters and we we will	25	Okay. Agenda Item Number VII, discussion and
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possible action on E-Qual electronic system for candidate petitions, candidate qualifications for the ballot and qualifying contributions for participating candidates.

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As expected last week, the Secretary of State's office took the E-Qual electronic petition system offline to legislative candidates to allow the updated districts based on changes to the voter registration system because of redistricting.

Staff, do you have a quick update on where things stand? Tom, please fill us in.

MR. COLLINS: Yeah, yes. Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, thank you.

Just real briefly, I touched on this in the 14 Executive Director's report portion of the meeting. You 15 know, the issues surrounding how the E-Qual system, so -- so 16 in 2011 the legislature authorized and the Secretary of State's office started implement (verbatim) a way for people 18 to sign petitions for candidates and to give qualifying 19 contributions to clean candidates through an electronic 20 portal called E-Qual.

In December we learned that -- that the redistricting would have some complicating factors because of the way the E-Qual pings off of this program called AVID. There's two computer programs at issue: The E-Qual system, which then is locked into AVID which is the voter

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You know, the reason -- this did cause, you know, concern I think at the outset because, you know, it -- it was not communicated early enough perhaps than it should have been; I certainly think that. But, you know, and I also -- we made clear, particularly to the press, although it never made it into in any story, that we did not want to exaggerate the scope of the problem.

And -- and so -- and so now that we are now past the date for the switchover, I'm hopeful -- and I said to the press again although this did make the paper, that I'm hopeful that this will not be a big deal. We have not received to my knowledge any complaints ourself.

This situation sort of became more tenuous or problematic, there was interaction with the Attorney General's office election integrity unit and the Secretary's office. We talked about the last couple of months, first the Attorney General's Office sent a letter to the Secretary's office threatening some form of prosecution, the Secretary's office then sued the Attorney General's office. That case is still pending, however -- and then the Attorney General's office last week began soliciting complaints from anyone who was not able to use the E-Qual system that wanted to.

No, I have not seen any update yet about whether or not they have received any complaints but, again, we have Miller Certified Reporting, LLC

1 registration system.

2 The reason it's locked into the voter registration 3 system is that what E-Qual does is it pings the voter's 4 information off of the voter registration system in order to 5 determine if that voter is, in fact, eligible to sign a 6 petition.

7 With legislative districts obviously that's more 8 complicated than statewide because of the issues with the, 9 you know -- so this year being redistricting year, you know, 10 there is -- there are -- there is some interaction there.

11 In December we learned that -- that would have to 12 be taken -- that that -- that those changes that require 13 action at the county level would require the electronic --14 the E-Qual system to come offline. The Secretary's office 15 starting in December then started communicating to 16 candidates about that; we've tried to amplify that to 17 candidates.

I know that, you know, I saw and I think that -and I assume it was widespread although that's certainly anecdotally, efforts by campaign parties and others to ensure folks understood that this deadline was approaching.

And so the Secretary's office, you know, communicated I want to say I think 11 times or something like that, I can't remember the precise number, with candidates.

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2 We don't administrate the E-Qual system, don't get 3 me wrong; we are not the right place to make complaints, but 4 we are a place where people complain.

And so we hope at this point that this will be

6 behind us. We don't have a firm date yet as to when the 7 system may come back online for qualifying contributions. 8 We know candidates have been -- since the window was open, 9 candidates have been filing their petitions. The time to 10 qualify for clean elections funding is a little longer than 11 the time to qualify for the ballot, so as we get updated 12 about that, you know, we will communicate that or attempt to

So that concludes my report on this. If -- if -if, Mr. Chairman, anyone has any questions about that.

amplify the Secretary's communication on that issue.

16 CHAIRMAN MEYER: So Tom, are we still sort of in 17 observation mode on this, then? We just sit back and -- go 18 ahead.

19 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, yes. My -- my view at 20 this point is that, you know, look, we've communicated with 21 the -- I should say I have communicated with the county, 22 with -- with the -- with some of the bigger counties; I've 23 communicated with Yavapai, I've communicated with Maricopa. 24 I have not seen any evidence that there's anything that is 25 going to hang up candidates in some way that we are not

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1	anticipating, so.	1	consideration and decision at a later date or responding to
2	And certainly given that the the the window	2	criticism.
3	or the the system came offline and we have not heard	3	Does any member of the public wish to make comments
4	anything really makes me hope that this is not a big just	4	at this time?
5	becomes not a big deal.	5	You may also send comments to the Commission by
6	So I I certainly what I don't think at this	6	mail or e-mail at CCEC@azcleanelections.gov.
7	point, given the Attorney General's actions, that it would	7	Is there anyone on the line for public comment?
8	benefit us or anyone at this point to try to to create	8	(No response.)
9	any further, you know, consternation about this. You know,	9	CHAIRMAN MEYER: I don't see anyone but anyone
10	our main point is just to try to make sure folks have the	10	there? Please let me know.
11	information from their county recorders and secretary's	11	Okay. So no one here for public comment.
12	office they need; and, you know, if something comes up, you	12	Agenda Item Number IX is adjournment. Is there a
13	know, I mean, it's always possible. But there's nothing	13	motion to adjourn?
14	that we would need to do affirmatively at that at this	14	COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chair.
15	point that I'm that I'm aware of.	15	COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman.
16	CHAIRMAN MEYER: Any questions or comments for Tom	16	COMMISSIONER TITLA: Motion to adjourn.
17	on this issue?	17	CHAIRMAN MEYER: Thank you, Commissioner Titla,
18	(No response.)	18	motion to adjourn.
19	CHAIRMAN MEYER: Okay. Thank you, Tom.	19	Is there a second?
20	We'll move on to Agenda Item Number VII, which is	20	COMMISSIONER CHAN: I'll second it.
21	public comment.	21	CHAIRMAN MEYER: All right. Commissioner Chan,
22	This is the time for consideration of comments and	22	thank you.
23	suggestions from the public. Action taken as a result of	23	We have a motion to adjourn, it's been seconded.
24	public comment will be limited to directing staff to study	24	I'm going to call the roll. Commissioner Kimble.
25	the matter or rescheduling the matter for further	25	COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Aye.
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