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Prepared by: LILIA MONARREZ, CSR, RPR Certificate No. 50699 Citizens Clean Elections Commission March 23, 2017 09:33:48-09:34:51 Page 2 Page 4 PUBLIC MEETING BEFORE THE CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION convened at 9:32 a.m. on March 23, 2017, at the State of Arizona, Clean Elections Commission, 1616 West Adams, Conference Room, Phoenix, Arizona, in the presence of the following Board members: 1 1 Meyer. 2 2 All in favor say aye. 3 3 (Chorus of ayes.) 4 Mr. Steve M. Titla, Chairperson Mr. Mark S. Kimble Mr. Damien Meyer 4 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Opposed? 5 5 (No response.) Ms. Amy B. Chan Mr. Galen D. Paton 6 6 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Abstain? 7 OTHERS PRESENT: 7 (No response.) Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director Paula Thomas, Executive Officer Sara Larsen, Financial Affairs Officer Gina Roberts, Voter Education Manager Mike Becker, Policy Director Alec Shaffer, Web Content Manager Amy Jicha, Legal Admin and VE Intern Michele Reagan, Secretary of State Bill Maaske, SOS CIO Garrett Archer, SOS Senior Analyst Joe Larue, AZ Attorney General's Office Kara Karlson, AZ Attorney General's Office Kara Karlson, AZ Attorney Ceneral's Office Kivko Knox, LWV/AZ Christina Caviglea, Riester Christina Borrego, Riester Christina Portzel, Arizona Republic Mary O'Grady, Osborn Maledon 8 8 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Motion passes unanimously. 9 9 We'll go to Number III, discussion and 10 possible action on Executive Director's Report. 11 MR. COLLINS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, 11 12 12 Members. I apologize for being a little late. Traffic 13 was little trickier than I expected. 14 One thing I wanted to really quickly 15 15 mention is that we congratulate Gina Roberts who has Mary O'Grady, Osborn Maledon 16 been promoted to the Director of Voter Education and 17 Alec Shaffer has been promoted to Web Content Manager. Those were both effective on January 28th. I think 18 19 that that's a recognition that they've been doing the hard work to build out the voter education functions 20 that we have, and Gina's leadership in building 21 22 partnerships around the state has been important and 22 crucial. And I think -- and she's increasingly 23 24 recognized as an expert even in the legislative process 24 25 on how, you know, the processes of voter education 25 09:32:23-09:33:45 Page 3 09:34:56-09:36:20 Page 5 PROCEEDING 1 1 work. 2 And Alec, in the meantime, has -- you know, 3 CHAIRPERSON TITLA: The Citizens Clean 3 has been the backbone of that process in making sure 4 Election Commission meeting is called to order, 4 that we get things where they need to -- get when they 5 Thursday, March 23rd, 9:32 a.m. 5 need to get there, keep our -- our site timely, up to 6 On the agenda we have, Number I, call to 6 date. And I think that that's something we've gotten

- 7 order.
- 8 II is discussion and possible action on
- **9** Commission minutes for February 23rd, 2017.
- 10 Is there any discussion on this,
- **11** Commissioners?
- 12 (No response.)
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. Is there any action 13
- **14** on the minutes?
- 15 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman?
- 16 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Yeah, Commissioner Kimble?
- COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I move that we 17
- **18** approve the minutes for the February 23rd, 2017
- **19** meeting.
- 20 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. There's a motion by
- 21 Commissioner Kimble to approve the minutes of
- **22** February 23rd, 2017.
- 23 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Second.
- 24 COMMISSIONER PATON: Second.
- 25 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Second by Commissioner

- recognized for having very good information that's
- 8 readily accessible and up to date. So we're very, very
- 9 happy to make that announcement.
- 10 Gina was at a -- and I think you already --
- 11 may have already known about this. Gina was at the
- Inspire Arizona Day at the Capitol to encourage
- participation in the political process. We have some
- research coming up on voter education needs for the
- 2017-2018 cycle, and Sara and Gina will be presenting
- at the Election Officials of Arizona workshop early
- 17 next month.
- The last thing I wanted to mention is we 18
- 19 have -- all of our pending complaints for 2016's
- election cycle are now closed, and so I think that's --
- 21 that is good.
- 22 And I guess that's all I have to highlight
- unless commissioners have any questions for me. 23
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioners, any
- **25** questions for the director?

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- 1 (No response.)
- 2 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Thank you, Mr. Collins.
- 3 What I want to say and make a comment on is
- 4 I'd like to congratulate Gina Roberts and Alec Shaffer
- 5 for their promotion in the department. Since I have
- 6 been on the Commission, Gina Roberts has always done an
- 7 excellent job in all areas that she has been working
- 8 on. So I congratulate her.
- 9 And continue the good work, Gina.
- 10 Alex -- Alec Shaffer has also been a very
- 11 good employee. He's always done work, I think, above,
- 12 beyond the call of duty. And so I'd like to
- 13 congratulate him for the promotion also.
- 14 And, Alec, continue the good work, also.
- 15 Thank you.
- So why don't we go to the next agenda item,
- 17 and that is discussion and possible action on the
- 18 Interagency Service Agreement with the Arizona
- 19 Secretary of State's Office.
- 20 MR. COLLINS: Yes. Mr. Chairman, there are
- 21 two sort of sub items here, one we'd like to finish.
- 22 And then Secretary Reagan is here in the audience,
- 23 along with her IT -- director of IT services and other
- 24 staff to talk about the second part.
- 25 So the first part has to do with the -- an

- 1 Unless you have questions for me and Mary that would
- 2 require an executive session, I don't really have
- 3 anything else to say about it. I think it accomplishes
- 4 what the Secretary's office seeks which is to get this
- 5 closed out, move on to the next thing. And I think
- 6 it -- it is what it is. So unless anyone has questions
- 7 about that, that's -- that's Item IV-A, and that's
- 8 about all I have to say about it.
- 9 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Any questions,
- 10 Commissioners?
- 11 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman?
- 12 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Yeah, Commissioner Kimble.
- 13 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Collins, so am I
- 14 right in understanding that we are out \$87,500?
- 15 MR. COLLINS: Right now -- I'm sorry.
- 16 Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Kimble, right now there's
- 17 \$87,500 at the -- that the Secretary of State's Office
- 18 has essentially -- has authorized to transfer to us.
- **19** We are -- we're waiting to get your authorization to
- 20 accept that transfer in the state financial system. So
- 21 we are not out. We will be receiving \$87,500. It's
- 22 a -- it's a -- it's a refund, if you will.
- 23 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Okay. So just to be
- 24 clear, we signed this agreement and agreed to pay some
- 25 money up front. We paid that money up front. We're

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- 1 agreement that the Commission reached with the Bennett
- 2 administration. Long story short, if -- you know, my
- 3 recommendation is that we -- in effect, that -- you
- 4 know, it's our view that there's a breach. It's the
- 5 Secretary's view that they're terminating. My view is
- 6 that regardless of how you term it, although I think we
- 7 should term it what we think, we should resolve this.8 And -- and I'm looking for authorization to accept the
- 9 remaining \$87,500 that the Secretary is returning.
- 10 That represents, essentially, the second
- 11 installment that we made to the Secretary of State's
- 12 Office in -- I don't know -- a while back. I don't
- 13 think there's very much purpose in belaboring it. I
- 14 have a -- I have a -- I took the liberty of writing up
- 15 a little bit of a draft motion which I didn't get a
- 16 chance to circulate to everybody, but basically the
- 17 draft motion I recommend would be that -- that we do
- 18 conclude the Secretary's office was in material breach
- 19 of the ISA signed in 2013 and amended in 2014; that
- 20 the -- the terms to remedy a material breach haven't
- 21 been satisfied, but instead of seeking repayment in
- 22 full from the Secretary we should authorize the
- 23 Commission Staff to accept the transfer of -- it's
- 24 actually 87.5, not 86.5 -- and terminate the ISA.
- 25 So that's -- that's what I recommend.

- 1 getting everything back. So we haven't received any
- 2 services and we haven't spent any money once we get
- 3 this money back?
- 4 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner
- 5 Kimble, I would put it a little bit differently. We
- 6 put some money up front. Our understanding from the
- 7 Secretary's staff is that that -- that that first
- 8 installment was spent. There are some changes to the
- 9 campaign finance reporting system front end that
- 10 reflect what we had paid for. There were other changes
- 11 that were required that were taken off-line.
- The bottom line is that the money that was
- 13 essentially used, if you -- you know, which was the
- 14 first installment of, I think, 175, we've reached a
- 15 conclusion that's just a matter of -- of internal
- 16 judgment that it's not worth the effort to go try to
- L7 track that \$175,000 back. We are of the view that if,
- 18 you know, you read the contract literally, we could;
- 19 however, given, you know, the information we have, we
- 20 think that it's better to take what is left -- that
- 21 second installment, which apparently wasn't touched,
- 22 essentially -- the second -- the 87.5 is the second
- 23 installment -- take it back and -- and call it -- and
- 24 call it a day.
- 25 So the Commission is theoretically out

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- 1 \$175,000, but in a -- in a sense, you know -- you know,
- 2 the amount of time and effort and energy it would take
- 3 to go through an account for how that was spent and
- 4 deal with the breach issues which get into issues
- 5 related to, you know, our reporting requirements
- 6 which were -- and reports that we require and were paid
- 7 and those kinds of things, all become complicated.
- 8 It's good enough -- and expensive. I mean,
- 9 it's just more -- it's just more money -- you know, man
- 10 hours and money to track all that stuff down. So our
- 11 view is it is a reasonable thing to -- you know, I
- 12 think it's reasonable for the Commission to conclude
- 13 that there was a material breach. I also think it's
- 14 reasonable for the Commission to accept the 87.5
- 15 remainder as sufficient to terminate the agreement and
- 16 allow Staff to accept that money.
- Does that answer your question? That's a
- 18 lot of words, but basically what I'm saying is yes,
- 19 we're out some money, but the cost of trying to recover
- 20 all of that money is essentially greater than it's
- 21 worth any of our time and, I think, the Secretary's
- **22** time.
- 23 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Well, I guess my
- 24 question is basically have we received \$175,000 worth
- 25 of services for the \$175,000 we paid?

- 1 So the answer to your question is there
- 2 were some services. I don't know whether we got full
- 3 value because part of the service was the building of
- 4 the 941(D) reporting system. That was taken off-line.
- 5 So it was done and then it was taken off-line. You
- 6 know, that was not part of the agreement. The
- 7 agreement wasn't to build it and then take it down, but
- 8 that having been said, I think this is a reasonable
- 9 resolution.
- 10 You know, I think the Commission should
- 11 recognize that under the terms of the ISA that there
- 12 was a material breach but we should take the money
- 13 that's there back and -- and call it good because
- 14 there's just nothing to be gained by, in our view,
- 15 pursuing this any further.
- 16 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Further comments?
- 18 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, thank
- **19** you.
- 20 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Chan?
- 21 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I'm actually grateful.
- 22 Thank you for being here, Secretary Reagan. I know we
- 23 all have a lot of questions, probably, about the See
- 24 the Money program that you're proposing, but I do
- 25 actually -- I don't know, Mr. Chairman, if it would be

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- 1 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner
- 2 Kimble, I think the answer to that question is -- is --
- 3 let me put it this way. There is clearly some services
- 4 provided. The system interface is different than the5 system interface that was there before we spent the
- 6 money. And that -- that happened, but one of the
- 7 things, for example, that constituted a material breach
- 8 of the contract was when our reports for Clean
- 9 Elections independent expenditure reports were taken
- 10 off-line. That is a material breach that had
- 11 consequences in the contract.
- So to identify precisely what the value of
- 13 the services were versus what we paid for, that would
- 14 be a difficult undertaking. And it's a separate
- 15 question from whether or not the -- you know, the --
- 16 there was a material breach. The material breach --
- 17 the way the ISA was drafted, a material breach -- one
- 18 of the consequences was a full refund regardless of the
- 19 services. And we do think that that -- that that --
- 20 that that happened here.
- 21 However, it's just simply not worth, in our
- 22 view, the effort to go and try to, you know -- you
- 23 know, drag that out of -- out because it's just going
- 24 to cost us and the Secretary of State's Office more
- 25 time and energy and potentially money.

- 1 acceptable to ask her if she would be able to answer a
- 2 question because to me that is very troublesome. I
- 3 know the item on our agenda is intended to, you know,
- 4 kind of put to bed this ISA, but I am very troubled by
- 5 the fact that your office took these reports off-line.
- 6 And I don't know what the reason was for that and why
- 7 they haven't been put back.
- 8 CHAIRMAN TITLA: I'd like to welcome the
- 9 honorable Secretary of State Reagan here. Thank you
- 10 for coming to our meeting.
- 11 SECRETARY REAGAN: And thank you for having
- **12** me.
- 13 CHAIRMAN TITLA: And so thank you for
- **14** answering some questions.
- 15 SECRETARY REAGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 16 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Thank you.
- 17 SECRETARY REAGAN: Mr. Chairman,
- 18 Commissioner Chan -- first of all, welcome.
- **19** Congratulations.
- 20 First of all, I'm kind of going to back up
- 21 a second, if I may, to your point, Commissioner Kimble.
- 22 By the time I was sworn in, that \$175,000 that you are
- 23 talking about was already spent. We -- when we looked
- at the program, we figured that if we were to continuespending additional dollars on it, it would be a waste

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- 1 just because it's outdated for what we want to do. So
- 2 by the time we started working on it, we thought
- 3 there's a lot newer technology out there than
- 4 continuing to spend money on that program.
- 5 And that's kind of what that -- giving that
- 6 money back is meant to do because in looking at things
- 7 that all the other states are doing and what we would
- 8 like to do going forward, we would prefer to --
- 9 basically, that's where the See the Money program came
- 10 from to kind of start over from the original ISA that
- 11 was done prior to my administration.
- 12 To answer your question, I am of the
- 13 agreement with you, Commissioner Chan, that those
- **14** reports -- any reports that are public information
- 15 should all be in one place, especially if we build a
- 16 program like See the Money which is going to start to
- 17 aggregate everything. So it doesn't do the public any
- 18 good to have something aggregated and be adding up what
- 19 campaign spending is in Arizona and then leave out
- 20 other public information that perhaps you are
- 21 receiving.
- 22 That should all being added together, and
- 23 that is what going forward I'm hoping See the Money
- 24 does is -- and I -- and you have my commitment on what
- 25 we're building now. Regardless of whether you decide

- 1 our relationship as well to -- to get those back
- 2 because in my understanding -- and, obviously, I wasn't
- 3 here -- they were shut off without telling us.
- 4 And I don't know what all has been done as
- 5 far as our staff communication, but I know our Staff --
- 6 it's important to our mission to have those and they
- 7 were not turned back on and, therefore, we had to go
- 8 forward with something else that we cobbled together.
- 9 SECRETARY REAGAN: Correct.
- 10 COMMISSIONER CHAN: And to me that is a
- 11 waste of government resources to -- to turn something
- 12 off that was available and force our Commission to put
- 13 something together in the meantime. That is -- it just
- 14 doesn't make sense to me.
- 15 So we may be going a little bit afield of
- 16 what the item is that we're discussing on the agenda,
- 17 and I'm not opposed to making a motion to try to close
- 18 this out. I would be interested in what the other
- 19 commissioners -- if they have anything else to add, but
- 20 that's kind of where I stand.
- 21 SECRETARY REAGAN: Mr. Chairman,
- 22 Commissioner Chan, thank you for your comments. And
- 23 just to address probably the big elephant in the room,
- 24 yes, there has been friction and staff -- my staff has
- 25 not worked as well with your staff as could be and

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- 1 to help pay for the product or not, we're still going
- 2 to be putting those reports into the new system
- 3 because, again, regardless of what decisions were made
- 4 before or why, because of attorneys or friction or who
- 5 knows, that's not the direction I want to go.
- 6 And so we're building everything in mind
- 7 with having everything in one place, and that's simply
- 8 a matter of public policy and, quite frankly, it's
- 9 something exciting that our agency and the Commission
- 10 can work on together.
- 11 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Thank you, Madam
- 12 Secretary and Mr. Chairman. May I follow up?
- 13 I am very happy to hear you say, you know,
- 14 about the friction and moving forward together. I
- 15 think from my perspective as a Commissioner, I --
- 16 those -- those reports are very important to us, and I
- 17 understand, I think, what you've stated.
- 18 SECRETARY REAGAN: Uh-huh.
- 19 COMMISSIONER CHAN: But that's something
- 20 that I think is -- we are required by our Act to
- 21 collect that data, to provide the reports. And I think
- 22 we've had to cobble something together to try to
- 23 address it because you shut off our reports, and I
- 24 think we would very much appreciate having those back.
- 25 I think that is something that would go a long way in

- 1 perhaps even vice versa, but that's no reason for me to
- 2 continue that trend. So I am taking control of this
- 3 project and I want to do it in what is, again, the best
- 4 way for the public.
- 5 And we have a dynamite plan and we also
- 6 think that there's a lot of value that your Commission
- 7 can add to this program if we collaborate with you.
- 8 We've already taken some of the suggestions that
- 9 your -- that your staff has made on ways to make it
- 10 easier.
- 11 So going backwards at this point and
- 12 figuring out why, when, how, where -- I'm more
- 13 interested in going forward and doing a dynamo project
- 14 which we're just about there. So I appreciate your
- 15 consideration of closing out the last ISA. It's hard
- 16 to come in the middle of something.
- 17 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, Secretary
- 18 Reagan, would you be willing to turn on the reports
- 19 again for us in the meantime?
- 20 SECRETARY REAGAN: We're -- Mr. Chairman,
- 21 Commissioner Chan, we're certainly willing to do a
- 22 number of things and to look at a number of things.
- 23 The biggest problem that we have right now with our 24 current system is that when things are being sent out
- 25 from the Commission Staff, we want it to look like it's

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- 1 coming from the Commission Staff, and let me just give
- 2 you an example.
- So if you are requiring a report that
- 4 perhaps we don't require or -- rather than get into the
- 5 jurisdictional issue, we would just prefer that that
- 6 request is coming from the Clean Elections Commission.
- 7 Right now in our system if -- if those reports and
- 8 everything are going on our system, it looks like it's
- 9 coming from the Secretary of State's Office.
- What we're trying to do going forward is 10
- 11 build a program where we're both able to utilize it and
- 12 send information out to our respective candidates. So
- 13 if you're requesting something, it's coming from you.
- 14 That it's going all on the same site is -- you know, is
- 15 the end goal, but it's not something that we're
- 16 requesting. And the same in reserve if we're
- 17 requesting something that has nothing to do with the
- 18 Commission. Right now that's very unclear and it's
- 19 very hard to do the way that our system is built. Your
- 20 staff has to communicate through our system almost as
- 21 us.
- COMMISSIONER CHAN: So, Mr. Chairman, 22
- 23 Secretary Reagan, you will not turn the reports back
- **24** on?
- 25 SECRETARY REAGAN: Mr. Chairman,

- 1 forward. I don't think it benefits us -- it's not
- 2 worth the time and energy to chase after this \$86,500
- 3 that we may be out. I think it makes sense to resolve
- 4 this, terminate it with the funds that are going to be
- paid back to us and focus our energies moving forward.
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Thank you, Commissioner 6
- 7 Meyer.
- 8 Any other comments by the Commission?
- 9 COMMISSIONER PATON: Mr. Chairman?
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Paton. 10
- COMMISSIONER PATON: I would just say that 11
- 12 I appreciate your -- your conciliatory attitude and I,
- too, agree with Commissioner Meyer that maybe we can
- start on a good foot and get moving. Everybody -- all
- team work and all that kind of stuff, and that's kind
- of my -- where I'm -- where I'm coming from.
- 17 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Any other comments? 18
- COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, if --
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Chan? 19
- 20 COMMISSIONER CHAN: If everybody has said
- 21 what they want to say, I'll go ahead and make a motion.
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. 22
- 23 SECRETARY REAGAN: Would you like me to sit
- 24 down? I'll do whatever you want.
- COMMISSIONER CHAN: Thank you, Secretary

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- 1 Commissioner Chan, I'm not saying I'm not going to do
- 2 anything. Absolutely, we're willing to look at a
- 3 number of things, but it's almost -- I won't say a moot
- 4 point, but it's not as pressing, you know, right now
- 5 considering that there's not -- you've just closed out
- 6 all of your 2016 complaints. If you were getting new
- 7 information and new data from people, we certainly
- 8 would want that in our system, but I'm more focused on **9** putting it in the new system.
- I mean, if it's -- you have something out 10
- 11 there that we need to add to our website, I'm more than
- 12 happy to have my IT and your IT talk together to see if
- 13 it can be done without causing some big legal
- 14 mumbo-jumbo. So I'm very open to getting past this and
- **15** moving forward.
- COMMISSIONER CHAN: Thank you, 16
- 17 Mr. Chairman.
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Any other comments, 18
- **19** Commissioners?
- 20 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Chairman?
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Meyer. 21
- 22 COMMISSIONER MEYER: I just want to put on
- 23 record I agree with Director Collins' position. I
- 24 think it makes sense to -- and really with what
- 25 Secretary Reagan was saying as well. Let's move

- 1 Reagan.
- SECRETARY REAGAN: Okay. I can come back.
- COMMISSIONER CHAN: I'm sorry we left you 3
- 4 hanging out there.
- 5 SECRETARY REAGAN: No, no problem.
- COMMISSIONER CHAN: Thank you for answering
- 7 questions for us.
- SECRETARY REAGAN: Thank you.
- 9 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, I move
- 10 that we conclude that the Secretary of State's Office
- is in material breach of the ISA signed in 2013 and
- 12 amended in 2014 and that the terms of the ISA to remedy 13 a material breach have not been satisfied, but instead
- 14 of seeking repayment in full from the Secretary of
- 15 State, the Commission authorizes Staff to accept the
- 16 transfer of \$87,500 and terminate the ISA.
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. Motion made by 17
- Commissioner Chan. Everybody has heard it. I don't
- think I can repeat it.
- 20 COMMISSIONER MEYER: I will second the
- 21 motion.
- CHAIRMAN TITLA: Second by Commissioner 22
- 23 Mever.
- Any discussion? Questions? 24
- 25 (No response.)

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- 1 CHAIRMAN TITLA: All in favor say aye.
- **2** (Chorus of ayes.)
- 3 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Any opposed?
- 4 (No response.)
- 5 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Abstain?
- 6 (No response.)
- 7 CHAIRPERSON TITLA: Motion passes
- 8 unanimously.
- **9** Okay. Where are we at now?
- 10 MR. COLLINS: Well, Mr. Chairman,
- 11 Commissioners, we're on IV-B. And so there's -- you
- 12 know, I don't really have -- well, there's a couple of
- 13 things. This is the principal thing that Secretary
- 14 Reagan is here to talk about and her time is valuable.
- 15 She's got her IT folks here, and so I think what they
- 16 would like to do is give an overview of what their
- 17 intent is to look like. I've made some recommendations
- 18 to you-all as to how we proceed, but I believe that we
- 19 can talk about that after we get the -- the
- 20 presentation. I think that will be the most effective
- 21 way to go.
- 22 SECRETARY REAGAN: I believe so.
- MR. COLLINS: And just to -- therefore, you
- 24 guys can get your -- get that so we know what we're
- 25 talking about, if that works for everybody.

- 1 be very great for Arizona to actually be a leader in
- 2 something like this. And there's a lot of national
- 3 groups that are watching to see when this is done
- 4 because they're thrilled about it too.
- It's -- if we're going to talk about
- 6 transparency, we need to be talking about all of the
- 7 spending in the state, not just portions of it here or
- 8 there. So hopefully you'll like what you see and we'll
- **9** hear from you after your presentation.
- 10 Thank you.
- 11 MR. MAASKE: Thank you, Secretary.
- 12 Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, I'm Bill
- 13 Maaske. I'm the chief information officer for the
- 14 Arizona Secretary of State. I was told I had an hour
- 15 and a half for this presentation.
- 16 Is that -- is that correct?
- 17 COMMISSIONER MEYER: You might be the only
- **18** one here at the end.
- 19 MR. MAASKE: Right. Thank you so much for
- 20 your time and your consideration and for taking the
- 21 time to do this. I'm just going to give you a very,
- 22 very quick background on kind of how we came to some of
- 23 the decisions before I actually show you this.
- The first thing that we really did was we
- 25 tried to identify the audience for what this product is

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- 1 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay.
- 2 MR. COLLINS: So you-all are on, and I
- 3 don't know what you need to -- IT-wise to set up. I
- 4 think -- Gina, you have that all set up? Okay.
- 5 SECRETARY REAGAN: And so just very
- 6 briefly, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, we are so excited
- 7 about this project because we believe -- for a number
- 8 of reasons, but the reason why I'm here today is that
- 9 there's a wonderful opportunity, again, for our two
- 10 agencies to work together to increase transparency in
- 11 campaign spending which I know is your goal and that is
- 12 our goal as well. So I appreciate you being willing to
- 13 consider this.
- 14 I have with me my chief information
- 15 officer, Bill Maaske, who is going to give a
- 16 presentation, a slight overview of what it looks like,
- 17 what the program looks like, what it can do. And then,
- 18 of course, any questions you have technical, go to him.
- **19** Anything you have policy related or any other questions
- 20 that you have, I'm certainly -- I'll stick around to
- 21 make sure that you have that opportunity to ask.
- And I just want to say we have looked at
- 23 nearly every state and what they have and what they
- 24 use, and there's nothing like this on the market. So
- 25 it would be really, really great, I believe, or it will

- 1 going to be used for and by, and we identified three
- 2 key players, the first one being those people that are
- 3 just kind of casual users. These are, you know, my mom
- 4 who's semi-interested in campaign finance, but she
- 5 doesn't really know what she's looking for. She
- 6 doesn't know specifically who's running. She doesn't
- 7 know who's playing in this game and all that kind of
- 8 stuff.
- 9 The second audience member would be your
- 10 candidates or your political people. These are people
- 11 that play in the political areas. Typically when they
- 12 go to the website and they look for campaign finance
- 13 stuff, they know specifically what they're looking for.
- 14 I want to look up this particular candidate, my
- 15 opponent, you know, somebody that I'm interested in.
- And then the third -- the third audience
- 17 member would be your media researcher. These people
- 18 want to do deep dives in the data. They want to be
- 19 able to extract all of the data out so that they can,
- 20 you know, peruse through it kind of at their leisure.21 Even though the website may not give them all of that
- 22 data in that format, they can take it all and go and
- 23 play with it kind of on their own.
- 24 So we identified the casual user as kind of
- 25 being the lowest common denominator, and we really

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- 1 wanted to come up with something that would meet the
- 2 needs of them because as the Secretary stated, when we
- 3 did a survey of all of the other states, I can tell you
- 4 that -- and we did a lot of city surveys too. I can
- 5 tell you that where most of them fell down was for the
- 6 casual user.
- 7 So myself going to another state and trying
- 8 to figure out what I'm looking for, since most of them
- 9 were open-ended searches where I would land on a page
- 10 that would say what do you want to search for? And I
- 11 would have to type something in. Like, literally there
- 12 was nothing to choose from, and I had no idea who was
- 13 running, what their cycles looked like, what their
- 14 offices looked like in that state.
- 15 So we wanted something very different than
- 16 that experience. So what we -- what we tried to do was
- 17 to come up with something that would give users data
- 18 from the get-go. So we wanted you to land on this
- 19 thing and say I want to look at candidates, for
- 20 example, and then have something substantial to view
- 21 without having to make a lot of suggestions. At the
- 22 same time, we need to meet those other audiences, also,
- 23 right? So we need to be able to drill down. We need
- 24 to be able to do deep dives in the data and -- and
- 25 allow, like, the media people to be able to extract

- 1 MR. MAASKE: Move me?
- 2 MS. ROBERTS: Yeah. We need to get --
- 3 MR. COLLINS: The problem is --
- 4 MR. MAASKE: Is it a distance problem?
- 5 MS. ROBERTS: It is. It's usually where we
- 6 run up -- so here we go. So it seems to be working
- 7 now. It's just -- and you can move the podium over a
- 8 little bit more if we need to. See, it worked for me.
- 9 MR. MAASKE: My hands are thicker, I'm
- 10 blocking the signals, I think.
- 11 MR. COLLINS: This is our security
- **12** system --
- MR. MAASKE: Yeah, apparently it keeps
- 14 intruders from being able to use your system.
- MS. ROBERTS: That's right. So is this
- 16 working for you, or do you think you can --
- 17 MR. MAASKE: I will -- I will try and --
- 18 MS. ROBERTS: Perhaps if we want to --
- 19 MR. MAASKE: I will try and muddle through.
- 20 This is a test now with the microphone, right?
- MS. ROBERTS: Yeah. We can just move it
- 22 over and then -- there you go.
- MR. MAASKE: Thank you for indulging my --
- 24 my mouse issues. I really do know what I'm doing,
- 25 though.

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- 1 data at will.
- 2 So I'm just going to tell you that what
- 3 you're going to see today is done in a wireframe tool,
- 4 and this is a tool that we use in our design process.
- 5 So this is not a finished-looking website. This is
- 6 really a concept, and -- and we use wireframe just so
- 7 that we don't get too caught up in the look, right? So
- 8 this is really a functional design, not an artistic
- **9** design of what this website is going to look like.
- 10 Guaranteed it's going to look fantastic once it's done.
- 11 If I can get my mouse to move. I cannot.
- 12 COMMISSIONER CHAN: And Mr. --
- 13 Mr. Chairman -- if I may, Bill -- just having worked
- 14 with Bill at the Secretary of State's Office, I would
- 15 say I have no doubt that in Bill's hands it will look
- 16 fantastic.
- 17 MR. MAASKE: Thank you.
- 18 I cannot get this mouse to work.
- 19 MR. COLLINS: It's magic.
- 20 MR. MAASKE: Do I have --
- 21 MR. COLLINS: I think someone will have
- 22 to --
- MR. MAASKE: Do I have another option?
- MS. ROBERTS: We might just have to move
- **25** you.

- So the first thing to point out is that
- 2 this will be a multijurisdictional system, and so any
- 3 jurisdiction in our state that chooses to participate
- 4 in our campaign finance system will be able to use it
- 5 for all of their reporting and, thus, we can provide a
- 6 view that goes across multiple jurisdictions.
- 7 The reason that we just have kind of a --
- 8 kind of a blank banner up there is because, depending
- 9 on what jurisdiction you are using this from, it
- **10** will -- it will represent the jurisdictions banner.
- 11 So, for example, if one of our cities decides that they
- 12 want to use this system, when you go to that system,
- 13 they can represent it as being their campaign finance
- 14 system, in a way, and then still have the use into
- 15 state data.
- So this is -- this is kind of a landing
- 17 page that kind of shows all the capabilities of the
- 18 system. So I'm just going to walk through these real
- 19 quick and then I'm going to kind of drill into all of
- 20 them. So there's an elections overview which kind
- 21 of -- kind of sums up everything all on one page. I
- 22 can look for candidates, political action committees,23 political parties, organizations such as corporations,
- 24 LLCs, partnerships. I can search by contributors, by
- 25 name or type. I can look up expenses which is

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- 1 something that we've never really done specifically in
- 2 our system before.
- 3 Sorry. Technical issues. I can -- I can
- 4 look at ballot propositions, ballot measures, and then
- 5 I can do some advanced search stuff which will allow me
- 6 to drill down and kind of do that more mediacentric
- 7 search where if I know I want to look for people in
- 8 this ZIP Code or I want to look for people with this
- 9 occupation and this employer, kind of all those kind of
- 10 crazy things.
- 11 And then something that we're really,
- 12 really excited about -- and I haven't seen anybody do
- 13 this -- is the ability to compare. So I can pick one
- 14 to four candidates, committees, propositions,
- 15 contributors or expenses, and I can see them kind of
- 16 side by side and see how they -- how they stack up
- 17 against each other.
- 18 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, I have a
- 19 question for Bill, if I may. I am so sorry to
- 20 interrupt, but I have -- I do have question on the
- 21 advanced search. I know -- you know, how do you
- 22 account for people entering things in differently? I
- 23 know that's an issue, you know, like -- or maybe not
- 24 entering in their ZIP Code. How -- is that able to be
- 25 accounted for so that there's more that's searchable or

- 1 gotten -- kind of gotten off of that landing page, that
- 2 there are -- there's kind of a menu bar up at the top.
- 3 That will get me to all of those things that are
- 4 available on that menu page.
- 5 So this is the overview page. We decided
- 6 to get kind of graphical here. We've defined three
- 7 different types of graph. We wanted -- we wanted the
- 8 system to -- as you went from area to area, to feel
- 9 very similar. So once you've done something in one
- 10 place, that it's very apparent when you go to another
- 11 place you're going to see very, very similar things.
- So we've only identified three types of
- 13 graphs that we're going to use. This one is kind of
- 14 this box graph that's at the top. It's actually called
- 15 a tree map, and that is a really good representation of
- 16 who's the largest, right? So this is kind of a largest
- 17 to smallest.
- .8 So in this particular instance, it's
- showing me contributions by amount. And so the
- 20 contributors that are the largest contributors for the
- 21 selected stuff that's on the side here, the filters
- 22 that are on the side, will be in the upper left
- 23 quadrant and then the smaller ones will be on the lower
- 24 right quadrant. The ones that are large enough to put
- 25 text on, there will be text on that says what they are

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- **1** is that --
- MR. MAASKE: Thank you, Commissioner Chan.
- 3 Yes, absolutely. So we actually have a strategy, kind
- 4 of a technical strategy -- and I'm going to try not to
- 5 get into all the details -- where we can normalize name
- 6 and address data. So, for example, address data can be
- 7 normalized by passing it through like a USP address8 system and then hashing that value so that -- so that
- 9 we're searching on what the normalized address is
- 10 rather than what it is they put it in.
- So, for example, if you put the wrong ZIP
- 12 code for the address, it would still get normalized
- 13 correctly because -- because we can kind of correct
- 14 those errors. We can do the same thing for names. So
- 15 we can -- we can get the Jim, Jimmy, James, you know,
- 16 whatever -- whatever connotation of that is because it
- 17 all normalizes to James. So I think we have a pretty
- 18 good solution for taking care of that.
- 19 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Okay.
- 25 COMMISSIONER CHAIN. ORay.
- 20 MR. MAASKE: Thank you. That was an
- 21 excellent question. And I do want this to be
- 22 interactive, so please feel free to interrupt me at any
- 23 time.
- 24 Okay. I'm just going to dive into our
- 25 elections overview. So you'll see now since I've

- 1 and what the amount is. As they get smaller and
- 2 smaller, the text will drop off. And then if you hover
- 3 your mouse over them, it will pop up and it will tell
- 4 you exactly what they represent.
- 5 The key design goal for this thing was that
- 6 you could drill down into anything forever, and it took
- 7 us a while to figure out how to pull that off. Our
- 8 existing system, when you try to follow the money, for
- 9 example, if I click on income, I am now going down a
- 10 single direction path only dealing with contributors.
- 11 We did not want to do that in this system. I wanted to
- 12 be able to click on a PAC and then go to expenses and
- 13 then go to IEs that they had done and then -- so you
- 14 can really follow this thing forever and there truly is
- 15 no limit to how far you can go down this rabbit hole.
- On the left of all of these screens there
- 17 are filters which by default will select the current
- 18 election year. Since this is multijurisdictional,
- 19 we're careful not to really talk in the cycles anymore
- 20 because people's cycles are very different than our
- 21 cycles in the state. So we're going to -- the default
- 22 value is going to be year. Going to have more date
- 23 choices that are available so that you can select
- 24 different date ranges, and we haven't quite identified

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- 1 select different jurisdictions if there are different
- 2 jurisdictions in the system.
- So I'm going to flip over quickly to
- 4 candidates because that's probably the area that most
- 5 people are comfortable with or want to see the most.
- 6 So you can see when I flip to a different -- a
- 7 different tab, such as candidates, that there's
- 8 different choices and filters. So I can filter these
- 9 now by also office type, specific office, party and
- 10 funding type. I can also filter out candidates that
- 11 are -- that are not very active in the election cycle
- 12 and then I can also look at constituents services
- 13 accounts.
- 14 So in this candidates by amount, this first
- 15 graph is going to show me basically the candidate that
- 16 has received the most income. If I want to I can click
- 17 on that candidate and see that specific candidate's
- 18 data. In all of these screens -- I'm going to go back
- 19 to the candidate overview. In all of these screens
- 20 there's a graph view and a data view. If I'm more
- 21 interested in seeing this in its data format, I get a
- 22 data grid that shows me these are all the candidates
- 23 for all the filters that are selected over here, their
- 24 office, their party, their income, their expense,
- 25 independent expenditures supporting and opposing that

- 1 see all of the detail of the transaction. In this grid
- 2 we're only going to show you kind of the high-level
- 3 detail, but if I actually want to see what they typed
- 4 in the memo field or something like that, I can do that
- 6 I can also look at kind of the committee
- overall information. This is -- this -- I just took a
- screen shot from our -- from our current website, but
- 9 basically this will give you all of the detail about
- the committee, who their treasurer is, right, who
- the -- who the candidate is, what their address is, all
- that kind of good stuff. And then this would also be
- where you would actually be able to still view the pdf
- 14 reports.
- We kind of bury in pdf reports which we 15
- 16 kind of do on the -- on our current website. And
- 17 that's because we feel like you should be able to get
- most of this data and most people can get this data by
- extracting it from the website itself without actually
- drilling into the pdf's, but the pdf system will still
- 21 be very similar to what it is today.
- Questions so far? 22
- Okay. We want all of this information to
- 24 be shareable, so I can share basically any page here.
- 25 And so if I click on "Share," I'm going to get

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- 1 candidate.
- Again, from all of these locations I can
- 3 drill down into any of these. So if I want to -- I
- 4 want to examine a specific candidate, I can click on
- 5 that candidate. I'm now going to see the graph view,
- 6 and this data -- this data represents that specific
- 7 candidate.
- Right up here in this bar is a breadcrumb,
- 9 and that is going to build a trail of every place that
- 10 you've gone. So as I go from Point A to Point B to
- 11 Point C, you're going to see those all on the
- 12 breadcrumb and I will be able to back up to any one of
- 13 those points.
- Now that I'm looking at a specific 14
- 15 candidate I can also look at their data view. This
- 16 gives me basically a complete transaction list for that
- 17 candidate that I can filter in a lot more extensive
- 18 ways. So now I can start filtering some of their
- 19 transactions by occupation, employer, city, state, ZIP
- 20 Code. As I add criteria over here, the criteria will
- 21 show up here. If I want to get rid of a criteria, I
- 22 just click the little X and it's no longer applied.
- 23 This grid would represent all the
- 24 transactions that meet the currently selected criteria.
- 25 I can also select more on any transaction to kind of

- 1 something that gives me the option to share it on
- 2 typical social media things or just to grab a link that
- 3 I can email to somebody or do whatever I want to do
- 4 with it.
- 5 Additionally, we're talking about giving
- 6 the ability to embed specific charts or grids, and what
- 7 that would allow you to do is, for example, if you were
- a newspaper, you could click this particular chart that
- you thought was interesting. You could say I want to
- embed this. You would get a little URL that you can
- embed -- you can put that on your website and then that chart, which would be kept up to date as things change
- over time, would appear on their website. So anybody
- 14 can do that with -- pretty much any of our data should
- 15 be embedded.
- PACs, parties and organizations are very
- similar to candidates. Actually, let me talk about
- 18 some of these other charts really quick.
- So each -- whether you are looking at a
- candidate, PAC, party or whatever, the types of charts
- that you get are going to be slightly different. A lot
- of them are going to have contributions, except for
- maybe organizations. So we really wanted to represent
- 24 this data in multiple ways. So this shows me all of 25 the top contributors. This shows me contributors by

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- 1 type. So you would see types like individuals in
- 2 there. You would see PACs, parties or organizations in
- 3 there kind of in a pie breakout that would show you
- 4 what percentage of their contributions came from those
- 5 different -- different sources.
- 6 This graph shows me contributions and
- 7 expenditures over time. So this would show me over the
- 8 course of this election cycle -- like it would have
- 9 months at the bottom, it would show you kind of where
- 10 contributions -- there would be two lines in there, one
- 11 for contributions and one for expenditures -- where
- 12 they got their money and what months they got their
- 13 money in.
- **14** Expenditures by category would break out
- 15 their expenditures by -- by the expense categories that
- 16 we have in our system. Some of those would be, like,
- 17 advertising dollars versus some other types of dollars.
- **18** And then this shows independent expenditures for and
- 19 against that candidate. Again, biggest on the top --
- 20 the upper left quadrant.
- 21 Again, I can drill down into one of these
- 22 things. So if I want to see who the biggest
- 23 independent expenditure is for somebody, I can click on
- **24** that.
- 25 SECRETARY REAGAN: Bill, I'd hate to be the

- 1 information get put into this system and how is it kept
- 2 accurate and updated?
- MR. MAASKE: Thank you, Commissioner Meyer.
- 4 So the -- kind of the back end to the system is our
- 5 campaign finance reporting system, right? So this is
- 6 the public phasing site that allows us to report on the
- 7 campaign finance system that we currently have. We
- 8 have upgrades that we are anticipating making to that
- 9 existing system. One is to make that
- 10 multijurisdictional which today it is not
- 11 multijurisdictional. So that's one of our big focuses
- 12 this year.
- We have a huge punch list of other items
- 14 that we would like to make. Fixing how names are put
- 15 into the system is very high on that list and trying to
- 16 keep those as accurate as possible. So that is a
- 17 system that candidates, committees, PACs, organizations
- 18 and people doing ballot measure expenditures will be
- **19** using to report into the system.
- 20 COMMISSIONER MEYER: But does it have to be
- 21 manually entered by someone, or is it somehow gleaned
- 22 from the -- whatever format the reports are uploaded
- 23 in?
- MR. MAASKE: So -- so the system is mostly
- 25 a manual entry system.

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- 1 voice from behind.
- MR. MAASKE: Yes, ma'am.
- 3 SECRETARY REAGAN: But could you also
- 4 mention how each one of those graphs isn't static even
- 5 if it's the doughnut or the -- any of those can be
- 6 clicked on and take you to --
- 7 MR. MAASKE: Absolutely.
- 8 SECRETARY REAGAN: -- any place?
- **9** MR. MAASKE: Yeah, absolutely. Absolutely.
- 10 So, yeah, you can click on anything pretty much
- 11 anywhere in this system. So if I wanted to see the
- 12 individual contributors that were represented in this
- 13 pie chart, I could -- I could click on that, and then
- 14 it would show me who the individual contributors were.
- 15 And basically what that would do is it would take me to
- 16 the contributor's tab and then it would set the filter
- 17 to the -- to the contributor type, receiver type here
- 18 that I had clicked on in the previous thing. So I can
- 19 keep doing that forever and ever throughout this system
- 20 and keep drilling down and drilling down.
- 21 Sorry. Back on candidates real quick.
- 22 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Chairman, a basic
- 23 question.
- 24 MR. MAASKE: Yes, sir.
- 25 COMMISSIONER MEYER: How does all this

- 1 COMMISSIONER MEYER: It is?
- 2 MR. MAASKE: Yeah. Well, I'm sorry. We
- 3 don't manually enter it. So your committees, your
- 4 candidate, committees or PACs or parties or
- 5 organizations have a web interface that they go into.
- 6 They sign in. They enter all their data into the
- 7 system that way, and that physically generates the
- 8 report. So nobody -- nobody turns paper into our
- 9 office and they haven't since -- well, for, like, 17
- 10 years that we've had electronic reporting.
- 11 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman?
- 12 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Kimble?
- 13 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Following up on
- 14 Commissioner Meyer's question, will this require any
- 15 dramatic change in training for political candidates or
- 16 their treasurers or any of the inputters?
- 17 MR. MAASKE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and
- **18** Commissioner Kimble. I don't believe that it's going
- 19 to require -- we haven't finished figuring out what
- 20 features are going to be in what we're calling Campaign
- 21 Finance 4, which is just a version number for our
- 22 campaign finance system which would come out at the
- 23 same time that See the Money would come out which would 24 be January 1st of 2018. So we haven't completed that
- 25 list, so it's kind of hard for me to specifically

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- 1 answer that question.
- 2 There's one particular thing that we'd like
- 3 to do in the system which we think will improve
- 4 their -- their experience that would be a substantial
- 5 change in the way that it works, but I don't think that
- 6 it would -- it would require substantial training from
- 7 their -- from their perspective.
- 8 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: So would someone who
- 9 has a volunteer treasurer who, you know, is not that
- 10 sophisticated in many of these races would be able to
- 11 figure this out on their own without -- without a
- 12 huge -- I don't know -- training session or something?
- 13 MR. MAASKE: Yeah. I think -- I think
- 14 specifically -- the short answer is if they've used our
- 15 existing system I don't think they're going to have any
- 16 problem using the new system. We definitely want to
- 17 put a new face on it, and everything that we intend to
- 18 do for it is to make it easier for them, not to make it
- 19 harder for them. So I don't anticipate any substantial
- 20 training issues from a -- from a committee data entry
- 21 perspective.
- 22 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Thank you.
- MR. MAASKE: And then to go back to
- 24 Commissioner Meyer's question, we do have a bulk data
- 25 import. We tend to save that for those big, like,

- 1 opposing this proposition. I can drill down on pretty
- 2 much anything.
- 3 Contributors, again, more or less of the
- 4 same style except that I can -- I can now filter these
- 5 things by things that are contributor specific.
- 6 There's also a data view on contributors that's going
- 7 to show me all of the contributors, the number of
- 8 entities that they contributed to and the total amount.
- 9 These would be aggregate amounts by contributor and
- 10 then I can drill down further into that to find out
- 11 specifically who they've contributed to.
- 12 COMMISSIONER MEYER: What's the -- what are
- 13 the choices of the drop-down menu for contributor
- 14 type -- we're not that far along yet -- on the left
- 15 there? I'm just curious.
- MR. MAASKE: Yeah. So contributor types
- 17 would be your individuals, your personal money, your
- 18 PACs, parties, organizations. That would be the type
- 19 of contributor.
- 20 COMMISSIONER MEYER: It's got all of those
- 21 different categories?
- MR. MAASKE: Correct. And those are
- 23 existing categories in our system today. So most of
- 24 what you're seeing here is based on existing data
- 25 that -- you know, we don't have to do large

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- 1 super PAC or mega PAC committees that file in multiple
- 2 states and so they file with different jurisdictions.
- 3 And they use their own software to enter the data and
- 4 then they provide a bulk feed into our system. So they
- 5 don't -- they don't manually enter it into our system.
- 6 They give us a bulk feed.
- 7 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Any further comments?
- 8 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Thank you.
- 9 MR. MAASKE: You bet.
- 10 Am I doing okay on time?
- 11 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Yeah. Yeah, I think we're
- 12 doing okay.
- MR. MAASKE: Thank you.
- 14 I'm going to gloss over PACs, parties and
- 15 organizations. I'm just going to click on them just to
- 16 show you that they basically look the same as
- 17 candidates, except that some of the charts and stuff
- 18 change what it is that they show, but substantially all
- 19 of this works the same. There's a data view on every
- 20 single one of them. This is going to show me PACs
- 21 versus showing me candidates, right?
- Organizations, pretty much the same thing.
- 23 Propositions, pretty much the same thing. You get a 24 data view that's going to show you these were all the
- 25 propositions. This was the money spent in support or

- 1 architectural changes in order to make most of this
 - 2 stuff happen. We have -- we have all of this data.
 - 3 Expenses, again, pretty much the same
 - 4 thing. And then I'll show you really quick the
 - 5 advanced search which looked a lot like the detailed
 - 6 candidate search that we saw earlier. This allows me
 - 7 to look and add various criteria, so if I want to look
 - 8 specifically by -- by name or I want to look by who the
 - 9 filer was or I want to look by specific amounts or any
- 10 combination thereof.
- The way that we architected this is such
- 12 that you can add -- you basically add a filter at a
- 13 time and then you see the results and that's to avoid
- 14 people being able to put in three or four criteria only
- 15 to exclude all of the results, right? So that's
- 16 another problem that we found in a lot of other state
- 17 systems was it was a very open-ended search. There's
- 18 20 input fields and I could put data in all of those if
- 19 I wanted to and then click search, and the odds of
- 20 actually getting all that criteria right is zero,
- 21 right?
- 22 So it's very frustrating from a user
- 23 perspective, and so we really tried to come up with a
- 24 way to make that more interactive. So if they add one
- 25 criteria, they get the result immediately and they know

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- 1 if they went wrong, right? So now I combine the second
- 2 criteria in there. If that criteria gives me zero
- 3 results, I can just remove that criteria and then try
- 4 something different. So it's a much more interactive
- 5 way of doing searches.
- And then compare committees. So there's
- 7 two ways that I can choose to compare. And I'm saying
- 8 "compare committees," but I can actually compare
- 9 committees, ballot measures, contributors or expend
- 10 vendors kind of in the expense category.
- 11 There's two ways that I can choose this.
- 12 One is as I'm looking anywhere in the system at a
- 13 candidate, there will be a little thing, a little check
- 14 box, let's say, on that grid that would allow me to add
- 15 that to a search. So if I see a candidate that I think
- 16 is interesting, so I add it to compare. I could check
- 17 that box and then it would be added to the screen. So
- 18 when I go to the screen, that would be there.
- 19 The other thing I can do is I can come to
- 20 the screen without doing any work up front and I can
- 21 just start typing in a candidate name, committee name,
- 22 whatever, and find them in a quick drop-down list and
- 23 then add them to the compare. So the top half of this
- 24 compare actually compares committees on the same
- 25 charts. So this particular chart would have as many

- 1 I'm amazed by it, all the different categories that you
- 2 can do. And I think that under the Clean Elections
- 3 Act -- I just want to read from what we work under --
- 4 the people of Arizona declare in the Act that our
- 5 intent is to create a Clean Elections system that will
- 6 improve the integrity of the Arizona state government
- 7 by diminishing the influence of special interest money,
- 8 will encourage citizen participation in the political
- **9** process and will promote freedom of speech under the
- 10 U.S. and Arizona Constitution.
- 11 So that is what our mandate is here as
- 12 commissioners and we try to operate under the law, and
- 13 I think that what the Secretary Reagan said is very
- 14 important. She said that this project will promote
- 15 transparency in campaign finance funding. And we also
- 16 are interested here in transparency and that category,
- 17 and she also indicated that we can follow the money
- **18** here. And I think that under the Clean Elections Act,
- 19 a lot of citizens of the State of Arizona want to know
- 20 where the money comes from and they want to follow the
- 21 money.
- 22 So if this project that you're working on
- 23 can promote transparency and the citizens of the state
- 24 of Arizona can follow the money and then they can find
- 25 out who the money is coming from and you are saying

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- 1 lines on it as there are people that I've selected, and
- 2 this would show their income and expenses over time
- 3 with multiple people on -- sorry about that -- multiple
- 4 people on the same chart. I talk with my hands. It's
- 5 not good when there's microphones in the room.
- 6 Contributions, same thing. This is going
- 7 to be a bar chart that shows kind of all of them
- 8 stacked up, same thing with the expenditures.
- **9** Then we get into charts that don't do very
- 10 well when you try to put -- layer them on top of each
- 11 other. So what we've done is we've carved out a
- 12 section for each committee in this case that you're
- 13 comparing. So you can compare their contributions and
- 14 their contributions by contributor type and then you
- 15 can just kind of scroll down to see what Committee 2 is
- 16 doing here versus Committee 1 when it's put together.
- 17 I think I've exhausted everything aside
- 18 from showing you more of the same. So if there's no
- 19 more questions --
- 20 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Any questions,
- **21** Commissioners? Comments?
- 22 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Nothing from me.
- 23 Thank you.
- 24 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. If not, I think
- 25 that this is a good project that you're working on and

- 1 that this project will make it easier for the citizens
- 2 of Arizona to find out more about this, then I think
- 3 that that goes in line with the -- our work here under
- 4 the Clean Elections Act and I think that it goes under
- 5 your work also so that the citizens of Arizona can be6 more involved in the political process and they can
- 7 vote with all the information and knowledge close at
- 8 hand.
- 9 And I think that most of the people in
- 10 Arizona probably have access to computers now, although
- 11 I'm sure there's some rural areas that don't, but I
- 12 think that so many people can reach the computerized
- 13 information. And that's one of the work that we are
- 14 doing here is trying to reach out to the four corners
- 15 of the state to inform all the people in the state
- 16 because we have a diversity of people in Arizona, as
- 17 you know. We have a lot of Anglo people, but we have a
- 18 substantial Hispanic group in Arizona. And then we
- 19 have 21 or 22 tribes in Arizona in the four corners of
- 20 the state and we try to reach them also.
- 21 And our staff here, the executive
- 22 director -- and that includes Sara and Gina and Mike
- 23 and Amy are working toward that goal trying to reach in
- 24 the state of Arizona so that we can have as much
- 25 participation in the election process as we can.

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- 1 So I wish to thank you and the Honorable
- 2 Secretary Reagan for bringing this project to us and
- 3 I'm sure the commissioners will look at it and ask
- 4 questions as we go forward here.
- 5 So I appreciate it. Thank you.
- 6 MR. MAASKE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
- 7 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Chairman, one more
- 8 question, if I could.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON TITLA: Chairman -- I mean,
- 10 Commissioner Meyer.
- 11 COMMISSIONER MEYER: And this could be a
- 12 question for you, sir, or perhaps for Secretary Reagan.
- 13 You know, this all looks great and is very exciting,
- 14 and I guess we already had a project like this that we
- 15 had to abandon in the middle.
- What assurances can you provide the
- 17 Commission that we're not going to have a repeat of
- 18 what happened with the 2014 campaign finance software?
- 19 MR. MAASKE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and
- 20 Commissioner Meyer. I think that's a fair question. I
- 21 can tell you that the Secretary has made it very clear
- 22 to me that we will succeed on this project. I will
- 23 also tell you that I intend to retire with the
- 24 Secretary of State's Office and I don't feel that that
- 25 may happen if we don't succeed with this project.

- 1 MR. MAASKE: Yeah. Well, there was just an
- 2 article that came out and, I think, yesterday that
- 3 deals specifically about -- about -- about what
- 4 happened. And I think that it pretty much told us the
- 5 story, and that was that we went with a third-party
- 6 provider that, you know, put some pretty good resources
- 7 in front of us and -- and wowed us. And when it --
- 8 when it came time to actually -- to actually do
- 9 something with that, we just -- we just didn't feel
- 10 that it was the right solution, that their company had
- 11 some issues with the staff and, you know, things
- 12 dissolving.
- 13 The people that were originally on that
- 14 project were no longer available on that project, and
- 15 so we just really felt like in order to do what we
- 16 wanted to do, taking us back inside and doing this as
- 17 an internal project. And I think the Secretary was
- 18 actually trying to do me a favor in her first year in
- 19 her administration which was to let's get somebody else
- 20 to do this because I've got a million things for the
- 21 internal staff to work on.
- 22 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: So are we basically
- 23 starting from ground zero again?
- MR. MAASKE: I wouldn't say we're starting
- 25 from ground zero. I mean, like I said, we have -- we

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- 1 So we have a fantastic team assembled. We
- 2 have three people that have been working at the
- 3 Secretary of State's Office for -- you know, myself,
- 4 for 14 years I've been working with campaign finance.
- 5 The business analyst that's on this has been 15 years
- 6 with campaign finance. My lead developer on this
- 7 project has been doing it for 11 years working on this 8 project. So I think we -- I think we know what we're
- 9 doing. I think we have -- we've sized this thing
- 10 properly and -- and I'm assured that we can deliver on
- **11** this.
- Does that answer your question?
- 13 COMMISSIONER MEYER: It does. Thank you.
- 14 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman?
- 15 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner?
- 16 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: If I could follow up
- 17 on that, so what happened with the last effort? I
- **18** mean, everything you've described here looks
- 19 spectacular, but it sounds exactly like what was
- 20 proposed in November of 2015 with descriptions about
- 21 this is going to be the best website in the country and
- 22 it will blow everything away and half a million dollars
- 23 was spent and here we are with nothing.
- 24 How is this any different or what happened
- **25** then?

- 1 have tremendous people on this project. I think that
- 2 our design is somewhat different than what had been
- 3 designed in '15-'16, but I think it's also far superior
- 4 to what had been designed then because of the input
- 5 that we got.
- 6 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: So part of the
- 7 proposal is asking the Commission for \$200,000 to help
- 8 develop this and there's -- there's a time line about
- 9 it will go beta on this date; it will go live on
- 10 January 2nd, 2018.
- What happens if these deadlines are not met
- 12 as far as the Commission is concerned? Would we get
- 13 some of our money back? What assurance do we have that
- 14 this is going to be a wise use of taxpayer money?
- MR. MAASKE: So the -- thank you for that
- 16 question. The payment schedule is based on
- 17 deliverables, right? So the first payment is based on
- **18** basically the signoff on the design of the system. The
- **19** second payment is based on basically a working
- 20 prototype of the system. The third deliverable is
- 21 based on going beta and then the fourth deliverable is
- 22 go live of the system. So you would not be paying us
- 23 until we had demonstrated that we had something to
- 24 deliver.
- Now, some of those things are early

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- 1 products, but that's -- that's how we laid it out, how
- 2 we proposed to lay it out.
- 3 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: And there's also an
- 4 amount of \$50,000 a year for maintenance or access
- 5 or -- I don't know exactly what to call it.
- What is that based on? Is that based on a
- 7 specific share of a cost or how was this \$50,000
- 8 arrived at?
- 9 MR. MAASKE: So we anticipate -- and
- 10 especially in a multijurisdictional world -- that we're
- 11 going to have to add additional staff in order to
- 12 support this product. I can tell you that I have
- 13 probably two and a half staff in the IT department that
- 14 are dedicated to this project today. Those are fairly
- 15 high-cost staff. The elections department has probably
- 16 one and a half or two people that are dedicated just to
- 17 campaign finance stuff, and I think from a support
- 18 perspective, we're going to have to up that also and
- 19 have some additional support stuff and potentially some
- 20 additional IT staff.
- 21 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: So is the \$50,000 a
- 22 percent of the total maintenance cost or what?
- MR. MAASKE: It's kind of based on a
- 24 standard IT formula that we do which is -- which is to
- 25 take a percentage of the up front cost and charge that

- 1 charged with doing.
- 2 What if we decide we don't want to pay a
- 3 share of this? What would happen?
- 4 SECRETARY REAGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
- 5 Commissioner Kimble. I am going to do the See the
- 6 Money project and we have budgeted for the See the
- 7 Money ourselves regardless of whether you choose to
- 8 financially participate or not. And you have my word
- 9 right now that your -- what we are putting into the
- 10 system that will benefit Clean Elections candidates is
- 11 not going to go away. We're not going to say, oh,
- 12 we're not going to do it if we don't get their money
- 13 because that's not in the best interest of the public
- **14** good.
- What your financial help will do will help
- 16 accelerate the project. Right now we hired a coder
- 17 employee whose only, you know, job description is to
- 18 finish coding this project. And if we get another one,
- 19 if you financially help us, we'll be able to hire
- 20 another coder that will just accelerate the timeline
- 21 that we set forth before you. So regardless, this is
- 22 going to go out in the market, as I've mentioned to
- 23 Bill, and I mentioned to your Staff as well so I'll
- 24 just go ahead and say it publicly.
- 25 My first month in office we decided that we

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- 1 in maintenance, but it's not based on a specific person
- 2 or skill set or anything like that.
- 3 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Okay -- okay. Thank
- 4 you.
- 5 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Any further discussion,
- **6** Commissioners?
- 7 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, I wonder
- 8 if it would be possible to discuss some of the -- if
- 9 we're going to go into negotiations, to discuss with
- 10 our attorneys about some of these issues?
- 11 CHAIRPERSON TITLA: Yeah. The Commission
- 12 can choose to go into executive session for discussion
- 13 or consultation with attorneys to consider its position
- 14 sand instruct the attorneys regarding, you know, our
- 15 position here. So if that's the wish of the
- 16 Commission, we could do that.
- 17 COMMISSIONER CHAN: So, Mr. Chairman, I
- 18 guess I would move that the Commission go into
- **19** executive session to discuss this with our attorney.
- 20 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. Is that a motion?
- 21 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Before we've -- can I
- 22 ask one more question before we do that?
- 23 MR. MAASKE: Sure.
- 24 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: So, Secretary Reagan,
- 25 I think you've said that this is what your office is

- 1 were going to do this, and if this doesn't happen I
- 2 don't want to be Secretary of State for another term.
- 3 So that's how important this project is to us. That's
- 4 how important it is to different groups that have
- 5 looked at it from around the country. Your financial
- 6 help is only going to help accelerate the project, but
- 7 we're going to include you going forward whether you
- 8 financially participate or not because that is just the
- 9 right thing to do.
- 10 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: So if we don't
- 11 participate when would it be ready?
- 12 SECRETARY REAGAN: If you don't participate
- 13 it will be ready according to the timeframe that was
- 14 set forth -- and I don't know. Did Bill give you a
- 15 packet of the timeline where we want to be --
- 16 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Yes.
- 17 SECRETARY REAGAN: Bill, stop me if I'm
- 18 wrong, please.
- 19 We want to have a beta product in the fall
- 20 that people are using and playing with and giving us
- 21 feedback. We anticipate having users come in where
- 22 maybe they're -- we're even mapping their keystrokes to
- 23 see what do they find hard, what do they find
- 24 difficult, what do they find exciting, and then going
- 25 live in January.

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- So the other thing -- so it would help
- 2 speed that up to the beta phase, your help. The other
- 3 thing your help would help with is something that Bill
- 4 didn't touch on and that is -- well, let me first of
- 5 all say that this -- that See the Money is going to be
- 6 multi-language. It's also very important that it's
- 7 mobile friendly. If you're creating anything now that
- 8 is not mobile friendly, then it's kind of silly, but we
- 9 also have a lot of things on our wish list, things that
- 10 we know are going to happen Version 2.
- And I want to say that if done properly,
- 12 this should be a program that is never completed and
- 13 it's constantly being added to. And the way that Bill
- 14 is building this and the way that the source codes that
- 15 we have for this project is with the specific intent
- 16 that we are always adding on to this. For instance,
- 17 lobbying -- lobbyists' filings right now, that's -- if
- 18 there's any lobbyists in the room they know that that
- 19 is not an easy system. It's not electronic. It's not
- 20 searchable.
- 21 The ability to add that on in future years
- 22 is a big goal of mine. The ability to connect with the
- 23 Corporation Commission -- let's say you run into one of
- 24 those organizations on the tab that is one that doesn't
- 25 report their contributors. Well, there's still a lot

- 1 relationship and are able to talk and able to
- 2 communicate. We don't always agree, but I believe that
- 3 there may be more friction between our two -- more
- 4 friction reported than there actually is when we all
- 5 sit down and speak with each other.
- 6 So I don't want you to feel like you're
- 7 being held hostage, like if you don't contribute to
- 8 this project there's going to be friction. You know,
- 9 I'm here today because I don't want the next two years
- 10 to be like that.
- 11 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I understand that. I
- 12 appreciate it. I agree with that. On the other hand,
- 13 next week the Governor's Regulatory Review Commission
- 14 has another meeting in this a year-long thing that's
- 15 been going on and it's been triggered by your office
- 16 which opposes some of our rules and some of the things
- 17 we've done. So, you know, I kind of think this has to
- 18 go both ways. I can see some real benefits in working
- 19 with you on this -- on this. I would hope it would go
- 20 beyond this, though, if we become financial partners in
- **21** this.
- 22 I am very frustrated by this year-long
- 23 pointless fight we've gotten into with the Governor's
- 24 Regulatory Review Council that is only because of your
- 25 office's objections to what we have done. And I don't

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- 1 of information you can get from those -- about those
- 2 groups. You can get their Corporation Commission
- 3 filings. You can get federal filings. The ability to
- 4 link in with all of those so that the user gets it all
- 5 at, you know, with, well, as few clicks as possible
- 6 without having to leave the site and go log into a
- 7 federal site.
- 8 The possibilities for all this project is
- 9 endless and we want to continually be adding things.
- 10 Now, because I've added so much stuff to it already,
- 11 which is part of the reason why it's been held up, Bill
- 12 has kind of put a hold on me and said that's going to
- 13 be Version 2, Michele. So that will be Version 2.
- 14 Your contribution would help further get some of that
- 15 stuff done quicker if we had an additional coder.
- 16 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: And, Mr. Chairman,
- 17 Secretary Reagan, I assume also this would also go a
- 18 long way to something that Commissioner Paton and
- 19 Commissioner Meyer have referred to and that's
- 20 improving the working relationship of our two
- 21 organizations.
- 22 SECRETARY REAGAN: Yes. Mr. Chairman,
- 23 Commissioner, it would go a long way, but I am here
- 24 today -- and, you know, believe it or not, your
- 25 executive director and I have a very good working

- 1 think there's a quid pro quo here, but that's another
- 2 thing that enters into my mind about do we want to do
- 3 business with you.
- 4 SECRETARY REAGAN: Mr. Chairman,
- 5 Commissioner, that's a fair question to ask. I would
- 6 be asking that. Do you want to do business with
- 7 somebody who has had you in and out of court, quite
- 8 frankly, and -- and I can't promise that all those
- 9 things are going to go away. What I can promise is
- 10 that this project is a good project for the public11 good. I'm committed to this project, and it is an area
- 12 that we can work together on. I want to work with you
- 13 on this.
- I want to know if there's certain things
- 15 that your candidates need or certain types of
- 16 information that is going to be public information, can
- 17 it be aggregated into our system. The more data that
- 18 we get and the more groups that we work with is only
- **19** going to make this program more powerful.
- 20 So I don't feel like I can even comment on
- 21 the GRRC situation, you know, what they're going to do,
- 22 not do. I can tell you that if you look at our
- 23 behavior since session has started, we have not been
- 24 down at the legislature seriously advocating for your
- 25 demise, which is a bit of a turnabout from the last

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- 1 couple of years.
- 2 I personally do not philosophically believe
- 3 in public financing of campaigns. That's not going to
- 4 change, but that doesn't mean that I'm going to not
- 5 work with you because the law says that those types of
- 6 campaigns exist. And I'm going to make sure that if
- 7 there's information on those campaigns, it needs to --
- 8 it should be all in one place and available to the
- 9 public.
- So that I don't think I'm serving the
- 11 public as well if I'm not accepting the right that
- 12 Clean Elections has, your Commission has to do the work
- 13 that the people have charged it to do. I might not
- 14 like some of that work, but, you know, it's my duty to
- 15 understand that it's the law.
- 16 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I would hope that we
- 17 can have a higher bar than you're not advocating for
- 18 our demise.
- 19 SECRETARY REAGAN: Well, I meant that in
- 20 a -- in a kinder way, but there are -- Mr. Chairman,
- 21 Commissioner Kimble, we do have -- you know, there
- 22 obviously are a lot of bills at the legislature were
- 23 your commission or your mission is going to be
- 24 different than mine if you don't or if you do agree
- 25 with the public financing system.

- 1 this Commission, I think, is truly one of the only
- 2 independent agencies in Arizona. And I think our
- 3 mission is way more than just public financing of
- 4 candidates which is important, but it's also about
- 5 trying to promote and grow integrity in elections
- 6 through transparency and it's also about voter
- 7 education.
- And, you know, I asked Staff to provide me
- 9 some information about your office's position on some
- 10 of our -- the Commission's actions and, you know, I see
- 11 a headline: Michele Reagan to election's panel: Tread
- 12 lightly on dark money rules. So I personally feel like
- 13 issues like that where the Commission is getting
- 14 burned, it makes it -- it does make it hard to have
- 15 some trust moving forward.
- And, frankly, I know our Staff has met with
- 17 your Staff about even legislative things that staff has
- 18 agreed to and then when your staff goes back to your
- 19 office, suddenly things change with the agreement. And
- 20 so that -- those things concern me because I feel like
- 21 we need to be able to trust your office's word when
- 22 we're having meetings. And I know an ISA is a written
- 23 agreement, but, for example, the ISA we just agreed to
- 24 end, that was a written agreement. And we had to
- 25 basically say, okay, the Secretary of State's Office is

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- 1 So, you know, I'm trying to be very honest
- 2 by saying -- and it's no secret. I was in the
- 3 legislature for 12 years. I'm not a fan of public
- 4 finance systems for campaigns, but that doesn't mean
- 5 that I can't be a fan of the Commission. I see the
- 6 difference in that because I do believe you do have a
- 7 mission that was given to you by the public and I have
- 8 to recognize that. So I'm trying to separate the two
- 9 in my mind, and I'm trying to have that be reflected in
- 10 the types of bills we're at the legislature either
- 11 opposing or supporting. We're in our own lane.
- 12 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Thank you.
- 13 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman?
- 14 CHAIRPERSON TITLA: Commissioner Chan.
- 15 COMMISSIONER CHAN: If I may with Secretary
- 16 Reagan, you know, I appreciate your comments to
- 17 Commissioner Kimble. I appreciate Mr. Kimble's
- 18 questions to you about, you know, our past, anyway,
- 19 before I came here. I always feel like I have to
- 20 acknowledge, you know, because I haven't lived through
- 21 it like all the other commissioners have, but I think
- 22 from my perspective it's difficult to think about our
- 23 agency mission.
- 24 I mean, you mentioned public funding and a
- 25 philosophical difference about it. And I get that, but

- 1 in breach, but we're going to move forward now.
- 2 So those are my concerns moving forward
- 3 with something as huge as this. And I do not disagree
- 4 with the fact that this is going to be a complete
- 5 dynamite, this system. And I do think it's good for
- 6 Arizona, but I just want to say for the record that
- 7 those are -- those are my concerns.
- 8 And I think they're very serious concerns,
- 9 especially after, you know, your office has already
- 10 spent almost half a million dollars on a product that
- 11 right now I don't know that there's anything to show
- 12 for it. So it is important. I know Bill basically
- 13 gave his personal assurance, which I feel bad that a
- 14 staffer has to do that, but -- and obviously you've
- 15 given us your personal assurance, too, but as I
- 16 mentioned, I just -- it is very difficult seeing what's
- 17 happened in the past and moving forward with something
- 18 this huge to not worry that we're going to get burned.
- 19 So I just -- I guess that's not really a
- 20 question.
- 21 SECRETARY REAGAN: It's okay.
- 22 Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Chan, thank you for your
- 23 comments. And you mentioned a couple of things. The
- 24 first thing that you mentioned was that your mission is
- 25 a lot larger than public financing. I completely 100

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- 1 percent agree with you. It is a lot bigger than that.
- 2 It is voter education. It is the integrity of the
- 3 election system, and on those -- those points, I
- 4 completely stand in agreement with you on that.
- That's one of the reasons why I'm
- 6 passionate about wanting to work together on this
- 7 project. It's not all about money. It's because --
- 8 again, it's the right thing to do for the voters.
- 9 And -- so we don't disagree on that.
- And regarding the breach of contract, all I 10
- 11 can say is that was not something that -- I came into
- 12 that in the middle. That was not something that I
- 13 wrote or got a chance to write. You and I didn't write
- 14 that, basically. And when we looked at it, it wasn't
- 15 going to be a product that was going to be worth --
- 16 like I said, it was already outdated. And so, yes, you
- 17 know, we halted that project and so let's give them the
- remaining money back. So thank you for voting to
- 19 accept that money.
- 20 I do realize you're being asked to have a
- 21 little bit of trust here and -- and you might say is it
- 22 warranted? I'm trusting you by showing you this
- 23 project and by working with your staff trying to get
- 24 input into areas that we perhaps have missed.
- 25 And regarding money that was spent prior to

- 1 that never happened.
- And so that -- I just want you to
- 3 understand where I'm coming from with, you know, my
- understanding of how things have gone. And I would
- expect, I guess, if we're going to -- and that's also
- something we can discuss in our executive session, I
- guess, terms of the contract, potentially, at some
- point, but I think, you know, if there's going to be a
- sign of good faith it would be and would have been,
- frankly, allowing our staff to participate as was
- offered in the, you know, initial -- and maybe that's
- water under the bridge, but I think there is a lot of
- 13 baggage here that -- that is weighing heavily on my
- conscience, I think, as we move forward.
- 15 SECRETARY REAGAN: Mr. Chairman,
- 16 Commissioner Chan, understood, and thank you for -- for
- airing that. And, again, your staff is going to be
- included in this project whether you choose to
- financially contribute or not. I'm saying it right
- here right now because you do things a little
- differently than we do and in order for this system to
- work for all candidates regardless of how they're
- running, they need to be included in that.
- So you have some very talented staff. I
- 25 have some very talented staff. We are not doing the

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- 1 this project -- because we've been working on this for
- 2 well over a year and we did have an outside group
- 3 working on it. There were a lot of reasons why that's
- 4 not the product that we're using, but I don't consider
- 5 that wasted, that it was completely wasted. We got 6 the -- a lot of the design, a lot of the development of
- 7 the system, a lot of the coding for the different
- 8 graphs that you are seeing right now came from that
- 9 original group.
- And we have the source code of what they 10
- 11 wrote. So just because it's not done yet and just
- 12 because we think we can do it better doesn't, in my
- 13 mind, mean that that was a complete waste. I wish I
- 14 had had more internal IT staff at that time because I
- 15 would have had them do it versus sub it out, but, you
- 16 know, just -- again, we have to start at some place to
- 17 move forward and work together and I think that this is
- **18** a good starting place.
- 19 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, Secretary
- 20 Reagan, you did mention working together and I think
- 21 having our Staff maybe participate because it is
- 22 important for our offices to work together. And I just
- 23 want to bring up, you know, I think at the beginning of
- 24 the Minesse project, I believe the deputy secretary had 25 told Tom that one of our staffers could participate and

- 1 public any favors by not allowing them to work together
 - 2 going forward, and so that is part of the plan and will
 - 3 be part of the plan regardless, again, of what you
 - 4 decide to do today.
 - 5 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Thank you,
 - 6 Mr. Chairman.
- Thank you, Secretary Reagan.
- SECRETARY REAGAN: Thank you, Commissioner. 8
- 9 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Any more comments by
- 10 commissioners?
- COMMISSIONER PATON: Yes, if I may. I'm
- 12 just hardened by your appearance and, you know, I've
- 13 had a stressful last year dealing with all this stuff,
- 14 and I appreciate you coming to us instead of just
- some -- some person that you don't see and son on.
- This is -- you know, I can visually see what you -- I
- get your excitement about it. And when I hear
- 18 transparency, that makes me feel really good about it.
- 19 And I'm kind of getting your excitement, actually. So,
- 20 you know, I just appreciate having you here and telling
- 21 us about this.
- SECRETARY REAGAN: Thank you.
- 23 Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Paton, let me just assure
- 24 you that your last year was hard, but it was not nearly
- 25 as crazy as mine. So I think I have you beat there,

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- 1 but let me give you something to really think about
- 2 what's exciting about this project because this is
- 3 something that, again, we don't see in any other state.
- 4 And so I'm going to leave you with this as you go into
- 5 executive session.
- 6 Right now if you want to look up, let's
- 7 say, a lobbyist -- so I'm going to pretend you're --
- 8 you're a lobbyist. So Commissioner Meyer is a lobbyist
- 9 and he gives money and he gives to all different --
- 10 contributes to all different people around the state,
- 11 but if you go pull him up you're only going to see if
- 12 he contributed to statewide officers or legislative
- 13 candidates. Under this system you're going to see who
- **14** Commission Meyer is really influencing.
- 15 Is he trying to influence through
- 16 contributions a justice of the peace candidate, like my
- 17 dad in Maricopa County? Is he trying to influence a
- 18 mayor in a city? Right now if you really want to get
- 19 an idea of the kind of money he's spending, you need to
- 20 go to 91 different jurisdictions, cities and towns and
- 21 15 different counties and the state system. A lot of
- 22 those cities are not online. They are all on paper
- 23 because they're -- some of them are small.
- So go to those 91 places and then the 15,
- 25 in many cases, stand in line, pay for copies, tape them

- 1 contributions from private interests over which they
- 2 have governmental jurisdiction and it gives incumbents
- 3 an unhealthy advantage over challengers and it hinders
- 4 communication to voters by many qualified candidates.
- 5 It effectively suppresses the voices and influence of
- 6 the vast majority of Arizona citizens in favor of a
- 7 small number of wealthy special interest. It
- 8 undermines public confidence and the integrity of
- 9 public officials. It costs the average taxpayers
- y public officials. It costs the average taxpayers
- 10 millions of dollars in the form of subsidies and
- 11 special privilege for campaign contributors and it
- 12 drives up the costs of running for state office,
- 13 discouraging otherwise qualified candidates who lack
- 14 personal wealth or access to special interest funding
- 15 and requires that elected officials spend too much of
- 16 their time raising funds rather than representing the
- 17 public.
- 18 So that is our mandate as commissioners
- 19 here and that's what we are supposed to work on among
- 20 the laws that have been passed by the State of Arizona,
- 21 but I thank you for coming here with your talented
- 22 staff and hopefully we can work in cooperation and
- 23 partnership in the future for the betterment of the
- **24** voters of the state of Arizona. So thank you.
- Is there a motion to go into executive

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- 1 up on the wall and get out your calculator and add it
- 2 to see what he's really doing around the state. We can
- 3 obviously fix all of this by putting it in through one
- 4 portal. The benefits to the public is huge, but the
- 5 benefits to the cities and towns right now that have it
- 6 on paper that would love to be able to be in an online
- 7 system like this is huge too.
- 8 So this is something that has a lot of
- 9 people excited around the state, as I mentioned. My
- 10 fellow secretaries of state are excited to see this
- 11 because many of them are thinking of, you know, what
- 12 can they do better and what can they use from this?
- 13 And so I guess I will just say I am very happy to see
- 14 you getting excited about it too.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON TITLA: Okay. I think we've
- 16 spent enough time on this, but regarding, you know, the
- 17 Clean -- Citizens Clean Elections Act, I think as
- 18 commissioners and the people out in the public and the
- 19 honorable Secretary Reagan, sometimes we forget what
- 20 the people voted us in for. And for the commissioners,
- 21 the citizens of the state of Arizona spoke.
- And in the Clean Elections law, this is
- 23 what they said: The people of Arizona find that our
- 24 current election financing system allows Arizona
- 25 elected officials to accept large campaign

- 1 session?
- 2 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, if I -- if I
- 3 may, before the motion, I just want to say that, you
- 4 know, obviously, I think that we -- Staff wouldn't be
- 5 recommending that we seek -- we wouldn't be seeking
- 6 your authorization to negotiate the brass tacks of this
- 7 if we didn't think it was a good idea, you know. You
- 8 all have my recommendation memos. There are some --
- **9** there are some brass tacks issues that we'll have to
- 10 deal with. I don't -- it's my job to be the downer.
- 11 It just is.
- And so I just -- you know, I just want to
- 13 make, you know, clear, you know, that -- that we think
- 14 we can work through those issues, but there are -- you
- 15 know, as we've been following up on researching costs
- 16 and -- and how this is going to be structured, there's
- 17 going to be some negotiating we're going to have to do
- **18** in order to ensure that -- the additional duty that the
- 19 Commission has is to ensure that monies are spent from
- 20 the fund in a -- in a way that's consistent with our
- 21 fiduciary responsibility.
- 22 So we'll have to, you know, work through
- 23 that, and I just want make sure that everybody
- 24 understood, you know, that the recommendation that the
- 25 Staff is making is not to authorize the program but to

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- 1 give me authorization to go forward and work with the
- 2 Secretary's office to get those, you know, more
- 3 nettlesome issues resolved and then bring the
- 4 finalized, say, back to you when it's something that we
- 5 think is a good product that deals with some of the
- 6 cost issues and the -- and the guarantees and those
- 7 kinds of things in a way that addresses the financial
- 8 obligations of the Commission as well as the policy
- 9 interests of the Commission.
- 10 So I just wanted to make sure all of the
- 11 Commission understood -- understands what the Staff
- 12 recommendation is, and that's all. So if you want to
- 13 move -- if you want to go into executive session --
- 14 CHAIRMAN TITLA: On the agenda it says
- 15 discussion and possible action related to the Secretary
- 16 of State's proposal for a See the Money authorization
- 17 of Commission Staff.
- 18 So, Commissioners, do you wish to go into
- 19 executive session to discuss this further, or do you
- 20 wish to just defer to the executive director so he can
- 21 come back to us maybe next month or in a couple of
- 22 months with further information?
- 23 Commissioner Chan?
- MR. COLLINS: If you want to, that's fine.
- 25 It's your.

- 1 (The following section of the meeting is in
- 2 executive session and bound under separate cover.)
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- 4 (End of executive session. Public meeting
- **5** resumes at 11:48 a.m.)
- 6 CHAIRMAN TITLA: We are back in session.
- 7 Commissioners, is there any -- any more
- 8 discussion on possible action related to the
- 9 Commission's Interagency Service Agreement?
- MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, if you don't
- 11 mind, it would be helpful for me to have a motion to
- 12 authorize Staff to negotiate the issues related to the
- 13 Interagency Service Agreement or agreements outlined in
- 14 the two Staff recommendation memos.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON TITLA: Okay. Is there a
- **16** motion, Commissioner?
- 17 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Chairman, so
- 18 moved.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON TITLA: Commissioner Meyer,
- 20 motions.
- 21 Second?
- 22 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Second.
- 23 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Kimble
- 24 seconds.
- 25 Discussion?

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- 1 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Okay.
- 2 MR. COLLINS: It's your right.
- 3 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Chairman, I'd still
- 4 like to move to go into executive session, if we could.
- 5 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay.
- 6 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I'm sorry. I know
- 7 we've been spending a lot of time on this.
- 8 CHAIRMAN TITLA: There's a motion to go
- **9** into executive session by Commissioner Chan.
- 10 Is there a second?
- 11 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Second.
- 12 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Second by Commissioner
- 13 Kimble.
- 14 All in favor say aye.
- **15** (Chorus of ayes.)
- 16 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Opposed?
- 17 (No response.)
- 18 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Abstain?
- 19 (No response.)
- 20 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. The motion passes
- 21 unanimously. We will go into executive session.
- 22 Why don't we take a five-minute break also
- 23 before we do that. Is that okay?
- 24 (Whereupon, a recess was taken in the
- 25 proceedings.)

- 1 (No response.)
- **2** CHAIRMAN TITLA: All in favor say aye.
- 3 (Chorus of ayes.)
- 4 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Opposed?
- 5 (No response.)
- 6 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Abstain?
- 7 (No response.)
- 8 CHAIRPERSON TITLA: Motion is carried
- 9 unanimously.
- 10 Director, you have your direction?
- 11 MR. COLLINS: Yes.
- 12 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. Why don't we go to
- 13 the next item on the agenda, Item V, discussion of rule
- 14 amendment proposals approved by public comment on
- 15 February 23rd, A: A.A.C. R2-20-702, Sub B.
- 16 SECRETARY REAGAN: I guess I'll say hey.
- 17 Thank you. I'm not sure exactly what you voted on, but
- **18** I appreciate it.
- 19 MR. COLLINS: We voted to move forward.
- 20 SECRETARY REAGAN: Thank you so much.
- 21 Okay. I'll be back if you need me.
- 22 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay.
- 23 MR. COLLINS: Yes.
- 24 CHAIRMAN TITLA: A is A.A.C. R2-20-702, Sub
- **25** B-1, Option A, ban on expenditures to political parties

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- 1 with clean elections funding; 2, Option B, limit on
- 2 expenditures to political parties of clean elections
- 3 funding to voter information and political event fees;
- 4 3, Option C, restriction of expenditures to political
- 5 parties for campaign expenditures an additional
- 6 documentation requirements.
- 7 Executive Director?
- 8 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, we noticed this
- 9 for discussion for two purposes. One, just to update
- 10 you, we have not received a heck of a lot of public
- 11 comment yet. I'll probably be putting out some more
- 12 emails respecting getting folks aware of the rules. We
- 13 also noticed this for an opportunity to ask questions
- 14 of the Attorney General's Office, and there are -- and
- 15 Joe Larue and Kara Karlson are here.
- As I had noted you, this isn't your only
- 17 chance to talk with them. We just thought it would
- 18 be -- long story short, we weren't able to get them the
- 19 rule drafts originally early which we would typically
- 20 like to do and -- I guess there's some technical
- 21 difficulties with live streaming, but I think we're
- 22 recording this regardless.
- Bottom line, if you would like, you have
- 24 those -- you have an opportunity to ask some questions
- 25 in executive session. It's not your only opportunity

- 1 CHAIRMAN TITLA: The motion is carried. So
- 2 we go to the next item.
- 3 Is that VI then?
- 4 MR. COLLINS: That's -- I believe that's
- **5** correct. VI is the GRRC item.
- 6 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay.
 - MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners,
- 8 a quick update again. This is really for any further
- 9 questions you may have. We have three items. We have
- 10 the 5-Year Report which has been scheduled for the
- 11 Commission to be at and to be examined, potentially to
- 12 be voted on at the study session. I think it's March
- 13 28th, I want to say, and then the following Tuesday
- **14** would be the action agenda.
- 15 Additionally, at its last meeting, the
- 16 Commission -- or the council, rather, voted to,
- 17 quote/unquote, postpone its purported, quote/unquote,
- 18 expiration order of our no longer extant rules to
- 19 June 7th. That's the status quo. We've also received
- 20 some communication. You've all received the
- 21 communication from Counselor Sundt. If you have
- 22 questions about that now would be the time. If not, we
- 23 can move onto the next item.
- Again, it's -- it's really if anyone has
- 25 any questions about where this leaves us in terms of

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- 1 to do it. So if you do not feel like talking about
- 2 that today, you know, review the materials you have.
- 3 We have two more meetings inclusive of the next -- the
- 4 meeting that the rules will be eligible for action. So5 we just wanted -- and the AG's office was nice to
- 6 enough to accommodate getting us something early for
- 7 you to think about, but you don't need to -- if you
- 8 don't have questions today, we can move onto the next
- 9 item.
- 10 CHAIRMAN TITLA: What are the wishes of the
- 11 Commission?
- 12 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Chairperson, I
- 13 move that we forego discussing those today; that we
- 14 take all the comments at once at our next meeting.
- 15 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. Motion by
- 16 Commissioner Meyer to table this item until next time.
- 17 Second?
- 18 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Second.
- 19 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Second by Commission Chan.
- 20 All in favor say aye.
- **21** (Chorus of ayes.)
- 22 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Opposed?
- 23 (No response.)
- 24 CHAIRPERSON TITLA: Abstain?
- 25 (No response.)

- 1 timelines and et cetera. That's just -- that's fair
- 2 game. And any other -- any other questions you may
- 3 have, if you have questions for Mary that are legal per
- 4 se, you know, we might -- you have the option to go
- 5 into executive session. If you don't, then, again,
- 6 that would be something we can move on from.
- 7 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Any questions by the
- 8 commissioners on this issue?
- 9 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman?
- 10 CHAIRPERSON TITLA: Commissioner?
- 11 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Collins, I just
- **12** want to clarify. So at the upcoming executive session
- 13 of GRRC on Tuesday and at the subsequent meeting which
- 14 is -- what? The next following week?
- 15 MR. COLLINS: Correct.
- 16 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: -- they're going to
- 17 decide whether to accept version -- I don't know what
- 18 this is -- 35 of our rules. So is that going to happen
- **19** at these upcoming meetings?
- 20 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner
- 21 Kimble, the item that was on the agenda for the study
- 22 session and the session -- the action session is the
- 23 5-Year Rulemaking Report. The council's options remain
- 24 to accept the report or return the report. It is
- 25 unclear to me, based on Mr. Sundt's comments at our

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- 1 last meeting, what precisely the council intends to do.
- 2 Mr. Sundt, I think made clear and I think his -- GRRC's
- 3 staff attorney made clear for him, if he wasn't clear,
- 4 that he was speaking for himself and not the council.
- 5 So those are their options. Those have
- 6 been their options throughout this process and those
- 7 continue to be their options. I can't -- I can't make
- 8 a prediction. I do believe that we have --
- 9 notwithstanding the fact that the council itself has
- 10 failed to vote on specific difficulties with the
- 11 Commission's analysis or that the Commission's analysis
- 12 and the report identify -- which is their mandate.
- 13 Their mandate does not define extraneous things. Their
- 14 mandate is not to look at the Secretary of State's
- 15 critique.
- 16 Their mandate is to look at what this
- 17 agency's analysis of its rules are. We have,
- 18 nevertheless, continued to amend that report in view of
- 19 their informal nonbinding, if you will, suggestions,
- 20 some of which we received on background -- or not
- 21 through background -- through an off-the-record
- 22 meeting -- or not off-the-record meeting but informal
- 23 meetings with counsel, some of which we've received
- 24 through, you know, statements by counselors at
- 25 meetings, but we've tried to accommodate all those

- 1 audit approval for the following participating
- 2 candidates for the 2016 election cycle.
- 3 Yes, ma'am.
- 4 MS. LARSEN: Good morning, Chairman,
- 5 Commissioners. Sara Larsen.
- 6 Before you you should have a summary memo
- 7 regarding the audits, the general election audits.
- 8 They are underway. We have -- let's see. We have
- 9 about seven -- six of them before you today. The
- 10 others I anticipate will be on our April agenda.
- 11 They're fairly clean audits. There are some minor
- 12 findings, but they were really documentation issues.
- 13 So the bank accounts and the campaign finance reports
- 14 did match up.
- 15 We did have one candidate, Barbara McGuire,
- 16 who just had a reporting error. A general election
- 17 expenditure was reported on a report that was late, but
- 18 it was reported. She had the documentation for it. So
- 19 it was just a minor error of reporting.
- 20 One candidate, Cara Prior, mistakenly
- 21 utilized funds for personal expenditures and this was
- 22 well after the election, but once it was brought to her
- 23 attention that those were campaign funds that she had
- 24 utilized, she did return that money to the Commission.
- 25 So that was alleviated.

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- 1 things notwithstanding their failure to actually vote
- 2 on a specific problem with the report.
- 3 Based on the Commission's analysis, all we
- 4 can do is keep trying to hit this target that they have
- 5 not actually established.
- 6 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Thank you.
- 7 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Any more comments,
- **8** Commissioners?
- 9 (No response.)
- 10 CHAIRMAN TITLA: What are the wishes of the
- 11 Commission? To go into executive session? Discuss
- 12 more? Go to the next item?
- 13 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I move we move on to
- 14 the next item.
- 15 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Okay. There's a motion to
- 16 month to the next item by Commissioner Kimble.
- 17 Second?
- 18 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Do we need a motion
- **19** for that?
- MR. COLLINS: You really don't. I mean,
- 21 it's your discretion Mr. Chairman.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON TITLA: By consensus of the
- 23 board, the chairman of the Commission will move to the
- 24 next item.
- 25 Discussion and possible action and final

- We had two candidates who had absolutely no
- 2 findings. So all their documentation, campaign finance
- 3 reports and bank accounts were completely clear.
- 4 If you have any questions about any of the
- 5 candidate audits, I'm happy to address those.
- 6 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Any questions on the
- 7 audit, Commissioners?
- 8 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Do we send a fruit
- 9 basket to the candidates that have perfect --
- 10 COMMISSIONER PATON: Perfect attendance?
- 11 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Perfect attendance.
- MS. LARSEN: We should. We really should.
- 13 COMMISSIONER PATON: A gold star.
- 14 MR. COLLINS: And, Commissioners --
- 15 Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, it's my view that you can
- 16 make a group motion to approve all of the audits. You
- 17 don't -- you don't need to move them one by one as long
- 18 as the record is clear that you're moving to approve
- **19** all the audits.
- 20 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Is there a group motion?
- 21 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, I would
- 22 move that we approve all of the --
- 23 CHAIRPERSON TITLA: Motion by Commissioner
- 24 Chan -- group motion.
- 25 Second?

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- 1 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Second.
- 2 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Second by Commissioner
- 3 Meyer.
- 4 All in favor say aye.
- 5 (Chorus of ayes.)
- 6 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Opposed?
- 7 (No response.)
- 8 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Abstain?
- 9 (No response.)
- 10 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Motion carries
- 11 unanimously.
- We go to Item VIII, discussion and possible
- 13 action of the 2017 legislative agenda and items
- 14 including update on bills affecting Clean Elections,
- 15 elections general and administrative law.
- 16 MR. COLLINS: Mr. -- Mr. Chairman,
- 17 Commissioners, you have Mike's summary of where most of
- 18 the bills we're tracking and are in the process. You
- 19 also have a supplemental memo from me on HB 2304 which
- 20 we spent some time on last -- last month. There's a
- 21 proposed committee amendment that's being heard today
- 22 sometime probably -- well, it's not been heard yet, but
- 23 it's supposed to be heard simultaneous with this
- 24 meeting.
- 25 Our recommendation is we maintain our

- 1 Now, I have not drilled down on what "all
- 2 records" mean; however, the bill sets this up as
- 3 something that voters will fill in through
- 4 ServiceArizona which is exclusively a voter
- 5 registration system. And so it is very, very difficult
- 6 for me to understand how the "notwithstanding any other
- 7 law a voter's email shall not be released" can run
- 8 concurrently in a voter registration system in view of
- 9 the National Voter Registration Act mandate.
- There may be an answer to that question.
- 11 We don't have it yet, and I'm uncomfortable going to a
- 12 standard of neutral based on a law that seems to be at
- 13 least intentioned with the express terms of the
- **14** National Voter Registration Act given that the National
- 15 Voter Registration Act is designed to allow the public
- 16 to ensure that voter registration material -- records
- 17 are handled in such a way that the right to vote is
- 18 secured.
- 19 So for those reasons -- there's no action
- 20 required by the Commission to continue the policy --
- 21 the decision you made last month. I just wanted to
- 22 brief you that that's why, notwithstanding some changes
- 23 to the bill, I believe it's appropriate to maintain a
- 24 negative stance.
- 25 I also will tell you that there is many,

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- 1 position as against that bill because even with the
- 2 committee amendment which purports to take Clean
- 3 Elections out of this particular measure, there remain
- 4 questions about specifically a clause in Title 19 that
- 5 says, "Notwithstanding other law, a voter's email may
- 6 not be released for any purpose." It's not clear to me
- 7 what that impact will have on Clean Elections, and Gina
- 8 and I have spent some time trying to figure out what
- 9 it's going to mean.
- 10 Additionally, that is -- essentially runs
- 11 contradictory to the State's public records policy as
- 12 identified in the -- in the memo, and generally our
- 13 Commission has been -- in the interest of transparency
- **14** been fairly -- I would say we take a point of pride of
- 15 being very responsive to public records requests. And
- 16 so it's a little -- that's a little awkward.
- And then finally, there's a provision of
- 18 the National Voter Registration Act that provides, at
- 19 least according to the U.S. Department of Justice
- 20 summary -- and this is pretty much verbatim from the
- 21 statute -- that states must keep and make available for
- 22 public inspection for a period of at least two years
- 23 all records concerning the implementation of programs
- 24 and activities for the purpose of ensuring accuracy and
- 25 currency official as to eligible voters.

- 1 many more twists and turns left in the process,
- 2 including whether or not this purported amendment makes
- 3 it on the floor, whether or not a substitute amendment
- 4 is brought and whether or not there's a conference
- 5 committee, all of which is easier and clearer to the
- 6 legislature to stay negative rather than try to go
- 7 neutral and then be positive and then negative and then
- 8 neutral.
- 9 It's just -- it's just quite simple to
- 10 communicate there are problems and unanswered questions
- 11 with this bill and we ought to -- we ought to -- we
- 12 ought to stand pat with our position. And I think
- 13 that's the right thing to do, and there's no action
- 14 required by you to do that because we've already voted
- 15 to take a negative position on the bill.
- Lastly, I would just add that we're
- 17 reaching the part of the session where things will move
- **18** fairly quickly. Our understanding is that budget talks
- 19 are moving. Once the budget is done, then there will
- 20 be a mad dash to complete the session. At that point,
- 21 we will be in a position where we will probably be
- 22 communicating with you-all more via email about things23 that we cannot foresee happening but that might have an
- 24 impact on the Commission.
- 25 So just sort of a heads-up that that's --

12:04:31-12:05:37 Page 90 12:07:13-12:10:52 Page 92 1 that's happened at the end of every session, pretty 1 next item, Item IV, public comment. 2 much. And that may require, for example, some, you Is there any public comment from anyone 3 know, emergency telephonic meetings if it gets serious, 3 from the public? 4 but we don't have anything on the horizon. But it's 4 (No response.) 5 just to make you aware that that's -- we're reaching 5 CHAIRMAN TITLA: If not, let's go to 6 that time of year. 6 adjournment. 7 So with that, I don't have anything else to Is there a motion to adjourn? 8 report and I don't require any action to continue 8 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I move we adjourn. 9 with -- with the direction I received at the last 9 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Motion by Commissioner 10 meeting. **10** Kimble to adjourn. CHAIRMAN TITLA: Thank you, Mr. Collins. 11 Second? 11 12 Any questions by the commissioners on this 12 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I second that motion. CHAIRMAN TITLA: Commissioner Chan. **13** item? 13 All in favor a aye. 14 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman? 14 15 CHAIRPERSON TITLA: Commissioner Kimble. 15 (Chorus of ayes.) COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Tom, a question about CHAIRMAN TITLA: Opposed? 16 16 17 SB 1158, the issue dealing with the judges. 17 (No response.) MR. COLLINS: Sure. 18 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Abstain? 18 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Are we making any 19 19 (No response.) 20 ground in trying to get lined -- I see at one point 20 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Motion carries 21 some language was agreed to, and is that in it now? 21 unanimously. MR. COLLINS: That is a good question. Thank you, Commissioners. We are 22 23 Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Kimble, the language that 23 adjourned. (Whereupon, the proceedings concluded at 24 made 1158 livable for us as a bill was added in a floor 24 25 amendment in the Senate. 1158 has not yet been 25 12:10 p.m.) 12:05:41-12:07:11 Page 91 Page 93 STATE OF ARIZONA 1 scheduled for a hearing in the house judiciary and COUNTY OF MARICOPA 2 public safety committee. This week is the last week 3 BE IT KNOWN the foregoing proceedings were 3 for committees, other than appropriations, to issue 4 taken by me; that I was then and there a Certified 4 bills. I haven't checked -- I think they meet 5 Reporter of the State of Arizona; that the proceedings 5 tomorrow. No, that can't be right. They must meet 6 were taken down by me in shorthand and thereafter 6 today. 7 transcribed into typewriting under my direction; that 7 MR. BAKER: They meet today. 8 the foregoing pages are a full, true, and accurate MR. COLLINS: I hadn't seen that amended 9 transcript of all proceedings and testimony had and 9 onto their agenda. So as far as I know, it's not 10 adduced upon the taking of said proceedings, all done to 10 gotten to hearing. Separately, obviously, there are 11 the best of my skill and ability. 11 other issues we have with AOC that we're working on, 12 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am in no way 12 but it's unclear what the fate of that bill is. And as 13 part of our legal issues with AOC, we are -- we will be 13 related to nor employed by any of the parties thereto 14 asking AOC what's up with the bill in a -- in a -- in 14 nor am I in any way interested in the outcome hereof. 15 15 some correspondence that we're working on. DATED at Phoenix, Arizona, this 24th day of So the bottom line is that right now if --16 16 March, 2017. 17 17 I think I'm right that if it doesn't get heard in the 18 committee this week, it's effectively dead unless they 18 LILIA MONARREZ, RPR, CR #50699 19 get it reassigned to the appropriations committee or 19 20 get a special meeting of the judiciary committee. 20 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Thank you. 21 21 22 CHAIRMAN TITLA: Any further questions? 22 23 Comments? 23 24 (No response.) 24 25 CHAIRMAN TITLA: If not, let's go to the 25

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