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Page 2 Page 2 Page 2 Public VIRTUAL MEETING BEFORE THE CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION convened at 9:31 a.m. on November 19, 2020, at the State of Arizona, Clean Elections Commission, 1616 West Adams, Conference Room, Phoenix, Arizona, in the presence of the following Board members: Mr. Galen D. Paton, Chairperson Mr. Damien R. Meyer Ms. Any B. Chan Mr. Mark S. Kimble Mr. Steve M. Titla OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director Paula Thomas, Executive Officer Gina Roberts, Voter Education Director Mike Becker, Policy Director Avery Oliver, Voter Education Specialist Julian Arndt, Executive Support Specialist Kyle Cummings, Assistant Attorney General Kyle Cummings, Assistant Attorney General Heather Mrwiec, Public Cathy Herring, KCA	 09:32:22-09:33:16 Page 4 1 reading the etiquette, I was told to raise my hand to 2 speak, but I don't see the option on here. But can I 3 make a motion to approve the minutes from the 4 August 27th, 2020 and October 7th, 2020 meetings? 5 CHAIRMAN PATON: Yes. We have we have a 6 motion. 7 Do we have a second? 8 MS. KARLSON: Mr. Chairman, before we take 9 the vote 10 CHAIRMAN PATON: Yes. 11 MS. KARLSON: I noticed that 12 Mr. Titla Commissioner Titla has joined us. So, you 13 might want to add him to the roll before 14 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. Commissioner Titla, 15 are you here? 16 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Hello? 17 CHAIRMAN PATON: Yes. 18 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Yeah, I'm here. 19 CHAIRMAN PATON: And there he is. 20 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Good morning, 21 everybody. Yeah. Thank you. 22 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. Nice to have you. 23 So, we have a motion to accept the 24 COMMISSIONER TITLA: I'll second. 25 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. Commissioner Titla
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 09:31:15-09:32:18 Page 3 1 PROCEEDING 2 3 CHAIRMAN PATON: So, this is Chairman Galen 4 Paton, ready to call order. It's November 19th. I'm 5 calling this meeting of the Citizens Clean Elections 6 Commission to order. If we will take attendance. 7 If Commissioner Chan, are you here? 8 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I'm here. Good 9 morning. 10 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Meyer? 11 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Good morning. 12 CHAIRMAN PATON: And Commissioner Kimble? 13 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Sorry. And I am 14 here. 15 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. He's here. 16 And I am Commissioner Galen Paton. I am 17 here, as well. So we have a quorum. 18 And Item II: Discussion and possible 19 action on the minutes for the August 27th and 20 October 7th meetings. 21 Any discussion? 22 (No response.) 23 CHAIRMAN PATON: If not, I have a motion to 24 approve can I have a motion to approve the August 25 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, in 	 09:33:17-09:34:56 Page 5 1 will second the motion, and we will do a roll call. 2 Commissioner Chan, how do you vote? 3 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Aye. 4 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Meyer? 5 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Aye. 6 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Kimble? 7 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Aye. 8 CHAIRMAN PATON: And Commissioner Titla? 9 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye. 10 CHAIRMAN PATON: And Commissioner Galen 11 Paton votes aye, as well. 12 Okay. Item III: Discussion and possible 13 action on Executive Director's report. 14 Mr. Collins? 15 MR. COLLINS: Thank you, Chairman Paton, 16 and Commissioners. Thanks for thank you for being 17 here. It's nice to actually be able to see everybody. 18 With respect to the Executive Director's 19 report, which I had it up here I just wanted to 20 hit some of the some of the highlights. We have had 21 a pretty active through the general 22 election, we had a very active voter education ongoing 23 effort, as you all probably would expect. We had we 24 had a lot of media interest in the, you know, mechanics 25 of the election. And because you know, because

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 roll call streamed definitel MR. 0 to do an To do an MS. F we do ha recordin wasn't li MS. F Key to the state sta	and the action taken on the minutes was not d live for the public to view. So but we ar y livestreaming now. COLLINS: Okay. Kara, do you want us ything over, or what do you want to do? KARLSON: I don't think taking the roll ecessary. ROBERTS: And if it matters, Kara, too, ave a recording of it. So, we did get a g of the of all of the action. It just vestreaming up until now. KARLSON: Okay. THOMAS: And the court reporter is transcript, as well. KARLSON: Correct. If the court can read back the approval of the minutes a , I think that will make sure all the bases are in terms of open meeting.	1 sett 2 this 3 maa 4 thin 5 Y 6 mon 7 the 8 you 9 and 10 thro 11 Juli 12 to d 13 con 14 wou 15 thos 17 nex 18 leve	ings. So this way, you know, the technological is another way in which some of the pivots we've le to some of the technological platforms we have, k, has been helpful. You know, I'll, also, say and we'll talk the about this in the in the review of the in sort of the review of the general election, but know, we, you know, kept up with a considerable bount of phone calls, emails throughout the bughout the election which, you know, Avery and an, in particular, had a lot to do a lot of work o. And, then, Alec, obviously, kept our website tinually updated. As issues would develop that and anticipate questions about, he would add to se. o, Gina will talk more about that in our t section, but I just wanted to sort of give a high el on that.	, I
20 MR. (court reporter able to do that? COLLINS: We'll find out. l back.)	20 had	Vith respect to some of the cases we've , we had a we do still have one Court of Appeals ision concerning the well, it really concerns the	S

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1	that we had to do that was due last week. So,	1	election and educational effort as done by the Clean
	that's that's where that is.		Elections in various places in the state that I was. I
3	No one has filed a petition for review in		saw it on billboards, heard it on the radio, and I
	the AZAN case that we talked about in our October		think it was even on TV. So, I commend the executive
	meeting, to my knowledge. So, that case should, at		director and staff for a good job. Well done.
	some point, be remanded to the Maricopa the Superior	6	Thank you.
	Court of Maricopa County.		-
	And then, you know, finally, we have we	7	CHAIRMAN PATON: Thank you.
8		8	MR. COLLINS: Thank you.
	have we do have some open complaints and we may	9	CHAIRMAN PATON: Any other questions?
	honestly, we anticipate probably a couple of more		Comments?
	complaints over the course of the next weeks as folks	11	(No response.)
	sort out post-election issues.	12	CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay.
13	So, that's really the that's really the	13	COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, I'm
	report. I think I wanted to mention for all the		sorry.
	commissioners that Kara Karlson who, as you all know,	15	CHAIRMAN PATON: Yeah.
	has been our long-time legal advisor, has been	16	COMMISSIONER CHAN: I raised my hand, but I
	appointed to the Developmental Disability Advisory	17	don't know if you saw it. And I was pretty late.
	Council for the state by Governor Ducey, which was	18	I just want to echo what Commissioner Titla
19	exciting news. So, congratulations to Kara.		just said, that you know, compliment the staff on
20	And then and then online with us today		a on a successful election cycle and a job well
	is Kyle Cummings, who is an attorney joining the		done, especially under these circumstances with the
22	section that the election attorneys have been in. I'm	22	pandemic in the background. I think, you know, they
	sure you'll get a chance to meet Kyle in the coming	23	did a fantastic job under any circumstances, but
24	weeks and months.		particularly under these circumstances. And, you know,
25	So, that completes my report, unless anyone	25	I just want to recognize that. So, thank you all very
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1 and she wasn't even really getting mail to in a	1 good morning.
2 reliable way to this long-term care facility. So, it	2 Yeah, today we have a presentation for you
3 really meant a lot to them, and her mom was thrilled to	3 that is really more focused on the current events that
4 be able to cast her ballot. And so, I wanted to	4 have been surrounding the election. Typically, we do a
5 recognize Gina for that and the election workers for	5 presentation to the Commission more about our outreach
6 that, as well.	6 efforts and our metrics and statistics, and we'll have
7 So, thank you.	7 that for you in January. So, today we're just really
8 CHAIRMAN PATON: Any other questions?	8 going to focus on sort of the current events and the
9 (No response.)	9 issues that have been happening around the election.
10 CHAIRMAN PATON: Any comment from the	10 I do have a presentation. You should have
11 audience on that, please signal the moderator. Yeah, I	11 it in your packet, but you can, also, follow along on
12 don't even know. Am I supposed to be the moderator? I	12 the screen. And I'm going to share my screen right
13 don't even know.	13 now, so give me one moment to share. And, hopefully,
14 MR. COLLINS: No, Mr. Chairman. Cathy is	14 you all can see my screen. If not, somebody please
15 the is the moderator.	15 jump in and let me know, but I'll keep going.
16 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. Because I'm not	16 CHAIRMAN PATON: I see it.
17 like that technical.	17 MS. ROBERTS: Perfect. Thank you.
18 MR. COLLINS: No.	18 Okay. So, as we know, the general election
19 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. Item IV:	19 was held on Tuesday, November 3rd, this year. As Tom
20 Discussion and possible action on 2020 general election	20 mentioned, the turnout was one of the highest that
21 overview. Tom is going to begin this and then it's up	21 we've had. It's the highest that we've had in a while,
22 to Gina.	22 quite frankly. I think there was one year maybe in the
23 Mr. Collins, go ahead.	23 '60s where it was higher. I'd have to double-check
24 MR. COLLINS: Okay. Thank you,	24 that, but in most recent years, we did great turnout
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 1 those folks who drop off their early ballots on 2 election day or the couple days before. 3 Do we know that number? 4 MS. ROBERTS: Chairman, Commissioner Meyer, 5 I don't know that number for this election. I can tell 6 you that that is data that we would love to have and to 7 know, and so we can definitely work with the counties 8 to try to research that a little bit more. Usually the 9 data that is made publicly is the amount of ballots 10 that were not counted, that were rejected because they 11 were received after the deadline. And just in the 12 numbers that we're recording, you know, after election 13 day, the counties still had several hundred thousand 14 I mean, we after election day, I think there were 15 about 600,000 ballots around that time. 16 And, Tom, feel free to correct me on that 17 number, but I think there were around 600,000 ballots 18 that still needed to be tabulated post November 3rd. 19 So, there's definitely quite a bit. And, again, you 20 know, that comes down to, you know, the voter has the 21 right to drop it off up until 7:00 p.m. on election 	 10:01:00-10:02:06 Page 24 1 MR. COLLINS: It's not something it's 2 not something I have control over. 3 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Oh, okay. 4 MR. COLLINS: And, Gina, you know, you 5 can I don't mean to step in here. I was just going 6 to ask to answer Commissioner Meyer's question on 7 the second the question directly about the what's 8 been discussed about this, I wanted to it's sort of 9 a two-part answer, from my perspective. So, I don't 10 know, Gina, if you want to go first or how do you want 11 to 12 MS. ROBERTS: Well, I think the additional 13 comments that I would provide are that the legislature 14 did make a law change, and I reference this with when 15 the counties can begin tabulating. So, it used to be 16 seven days, and the legislature made the change where 17 counties can begin tabulating 14 days before the 18 election. And many of our counties have new election 19 equipment. Maricopa, in particular, purchased new 20 election equipment, and those two procedures or 21 those two items right there all contribute to a faster 22 count time, faster tabulation time.
22 day, but we did take education efforts to let people	
23 know to return it as soon as possible because of the	23 So, we from what I am seeing so far this
24 impact that that can have.25 So, in particular, this year the counties	24 particular election cycle, during a pandemic, during25 the highest turnout that we've actually seen,
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 were able to begin tabulating 14 days before the election. I believe that ended up being October 20th. And so, we did provide voter education about, hey, you know, counties can begin tabulating today; get your ballot in. You know, the results that are posted on 8:00 p.m. on election night, those are all of the early ballots that are counted up until that point. So, we did do a push, along with our election official partners, to encourage people to return their ballot as soon as possible and, in particular, because of the insues that we were seeing and the concerns over the impacts and potential mailing delays with USPS. But that data would be very interesting to have because it, also, can impact the timing of our messaging, as well. So, we will be looking forward to getting that information in the future but yeah. COMMISSIONER MEYER: Is there and I'm not going to say it's a problem, but it just kind 	 tabulation occurred actually really well. The counties, I think, were spot-on in their efforts in getting those ballots counted. There are by law by law we can't actually finish tabulating five days after the election because there is a statutory cure period where voters have the right to verify their signature if there's any concerns when the counties are doing the signature verification on early ballots and, also, five days after the election for federal election for conditional provisional ballots where voters need to provide their follow-up I.D. So, you know, when we look at that time period between we know we can't start or we can't complete tabulation before five days after the election and the counties have, by law, 6 to 20 days after the election to finish tabulating. I think that the counties were in a really good spot with where they
 19 limits efficiency. 20 Is there any discussion on a way to sort of 21 address that issue that makes it a little less 22 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner 23 Meyer 24 COMMISSIONER MEYER: If someone is 	 19 landed. And then, also, when that tabulation does 20 complete does finish, it's still not ready to be 21 canvassed yet because of all the other post-election 22 activities that need to be taken undertaken, such as 23 logic and accuracy testing and the hand counts, all of

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1 So, Tom, I don't kno	ow if you want to add	1	vote, basically, just a lot of questions about is this	
	were the additional thoughts		a secure process and can I trust it.	
3 that I had on that matte		3	So, our office we had really great	
	. I just wanted to add two	4	information on our website. We had a page just about	ţ
	ly, I am not going to be able to		voting by mail in this particular election, what the	
6 do that.			process is, how USPS is going to impact it, and then w	ve
7 CHAIRMAN PATC	N: Okay. This is	-	had another page about the security of it, all of the	
8 MS. ROBERTS: Mr	-		checks and balances that are placed beginning with su	ch
9 CHAIRMAN PATC	DN: Yes.		as the 90-day notice, where the counties send a notice	
10 MS. ROBERTS: I w	as just going to ask if I		90 days before the election to every registered voter	
11 should proceed.			that is on the permanent early voting list to confirm	
12 CHAIRMAN PATC			that that voter still is at that address and that they	
13 MS. ROBERTS: Ok	ay. Thank you,	13	still do want to get their ballot by mail.	
14 Mr. Chairman, Commi		14	We've talked about the signature	
15 We'll jump forward	to voter registration.	15	verification portion which confirms the voter's	
16 So, the statute does sta	te that the voter registration	16 i	identity, how that is undertaken. We've talked about	
		17]	how to confirm the status of your ballot, such as	
18 have put us at October			tracking it, but also, to confirm that it was accepted	
19 There was a lawsuit w	here the Court ruled for an	19 ;	and counted. So, our office and the website had a lot	
20 extension to October 2	3rd at 5:00 p.m., and then that	20	of great information to address all of the concerns	
21 was appealed and we e	nded on where the actual voter	21	that we were hearing about from voters about the	
22 registration deadline en	nded up being October 15th. So,	22 (overall security of ballot by mail.	
23 there was a grace period	d involved there.	23	And, you know, it's very important to know	
24 So, there was some	uncertainty about any	24	that, as I mentioned before, Arizona has this	
25 voters that submitted a	voter registration form after	25	long-standing infrastructure on voting by mail. We've	•
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1 October 5th, would the	ey be eligible to vote in the	1	been doing it since the '90s, and while there's	
2 general election. And	so, the final ruling on that was		concerns not at a national level, perhaps with other	
	istered by October 15th at 11:59		states that maybe don't have a long-standing history	
	to vote, but during that time		with the vote-by-mail process, you know, we know the	at
_	nty of what was happening, both	5	voters were, also, hearing concerns at a national	
	in a lot of communications both	6	level.	
	office, of course, with voters	7	And so, it was really important for us to	
	at was another issue that came		just highlight that Arizona, in fact, is really	
9 up about the election.			advanced when it comes to voting by mail. So, that's	
10 And moving ahead t	5	10 :	some of the education that we undertook.	
		11	And I'll jump forward to ballot tabulation	
	-		time, which we talked a little bit about already. So,	
	•		according to statute, the counties do have 6 to 20 days	
	-		to canvass their election. So, it's important to note	
-			that, basically, the process is 14 days before the	
÷ •			election, counties can start tabulating all of those	
17 who are registered and	_		early ballots that come in. 8:00 p.m 8:00 p.m. on	
_			election night is when the first round of results are	
19 that it is a registered ve	_		released, and those are all of the early ballots that	
20 ballot.			have been tabulated up until that point.	
		21	And, then, the remaining time on election	
			night, those are all the results that come in are	
∠3 got my banot; now do	I know if it was counted; can	23 8	all of the voting locations from election day that are	
24 somebody switch my	ote: can I trust the nextman with	21	being reported. Then after election night the	
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2 3 4	were turned in either right before or on election day and the provisional ballots. So, those are the ballots that the counties have to process after election day. As I mentioned, that five-day period both	2 3 4	election equipment this year and through after thorough testing and using the manufacturer's
	procuring your signature on your early ballot if the		5 recommendation and even changing their ballot design,
	counties have any questions when they're verifying your signature, they'll attempt to contact you. And, then,	6	
	if you did not provide sufficient I.D. at the polls,	7	
	then you need to follow up with them five days, as	_	recommended writing instrument, and that's what the
	well, to get your conditional provisional ballot to		counties purchased and provided at the polling place
	count. And, then, there's the post-election activities		for voters.
12	that occur to verify the accuracy of the tabulation.	12	
13	So, that includes those there's a logic		B the Sharpie dries fastest. And so, when you're voting
	and accuracy testing that is done in every piece of		on election day, when the voter completes their ballot,
	equipment that is used in the election both before and		5 they then feed it through the tabulator machine
	after the election. There is a hand count that is done in in conjunction with the political parties, and		5 directly at the polling place. And so, once that ink 7 is dry, it works better with the tabulation machine.
	that's done on a random sample of the votes. And so,		You don't want to run a ballot through the tabulator
	there's just a lot of procedures still after the		when the ink is still wet. That can cause some
	election that counties need to undertake, all that	20	problems. So, that's why the counties chose Sharpies
21	all leads to the integrity and the accuracy of the	21	for election day voters. They, also, designed their
22	process.		2 ballot in such a way that any bleed-through would not
23	When that is completed, when the county		B impact any other races on the ballot. So, there
	election officials have completed that, then it goes to the County Board of Supervisors to officially adopt the	24	wouldn't be concerns for over-votes, for example.This I will say that these concerns, the
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2 3 4 5 6 7	not we have a lot of redundancies and ways to handle anything you can come up with for auditing and ensuring that everything goes right and any anything that is broken is fixed. So, thank you for letting me pipe in here. MS. ROBERTS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Chan, if I could add kind of my own thoughts to that,	2 3 4 5 6 7	also, used in the PPE, in the Presidential Preference Election, and in the Primary Election, but I, also, think this was, also, the year of the ability for misinformation to spread like rapid fire on social medial, as well, too. So, all of those challenges, I think, had an effect on this particular issue. Okay. Now, Mr. Chairman, I'll proceed.
8	as well for you.		So, again, this all culminated in how do I know if my
9	CHAIRMAN PATON: Yes. Go ahead.		ballot was counted. So, we provided information and
10	MS. ROBERTS: I will say this year has		the necessary links on our website, on social media to
	definitely been the year for voter education. I will say that I have seen it at the forefront, and it's been		let people know how they could confirm their ballot was counted. There was a little bit of well, I
	critical in ensuring confidence in the system. In my		shouldn't say "a little bit," but there was some
	experience, I've never seen voters more interested in		misunderstanding about, also, how to read this
	wanting to learn about more of those details, the very		information online.
	specifics about how elections are administrated. And I	16	So, if a voter voted on election day and
17	will say what I have seen so far and I've had a lot	17	they were actually sent an early ballot so, they did
18	of communication with voters in the past few weeks		not vote the early ballot that was sent to them and
	is that anytime there is a change, change causes		instead they voted on election day, when the voter
	suspicion a little bit, and this was a change for		looked up their early ballot status online, it said
	voters, especially visual, the visual of seeing that		"cancelled," and this led to more confusion about
22	ink bleed through. And so, because there was such change		people thinking their vote was cancelled. It is correct that that early ballot would be cancelled
	and I didn't say this before, but I should clarify.		because it is a safeguard to ensure that the voter does
	There was a difference when you voted early in person.		not vote twice because they voted on election day. So,
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1	When you voted early in person in Maricopa County, you	1	that early ballot will be cancelled.
2	were issued a ballpoint pen. And the instructions when	2	If you voted on election day, you would not
	you vote by mail at home, you're told to use a		confirm that your vote was counted through the early
	ballpoint pen, but you can, also, use a Sharpie, as		ballot status application online. You would look at
5	well, too.		your voter history. So, that, also, led to some
6	The reason why the Sharpies were necessary		misinformation out there that we, also, had to help
	on election day was because of that fast-drying ink and the ability to be able to feed it through the	8	provide voter education on. Recounts. Our office has, also, received a
	tabulator. When you are voting early in person or	_	lot of communication from voters demanding that
	early at home, your ballot is not fed through a		recounts occur, and so this was an opportunity for us
	tabulating machine. It still has to go through the		to educate voters about the statutes and when a
12	signature verification process.	12	recount when an automatic recount is triggered and
13	And so and, then, also, the timing of		when it does occur and how that process works. So, we
	when records are updated, the timing of when the county		did share that information on our website, and then we,
	has updated the voter's record, whether it was an early		also, did provide, on our website, if somebody can
	ballot that was counted or your voter history or if you voted on election day, too. A lot of folks weren't	16 17	challenge the results of the election. So, there's been a lot of communication
	seeing well, you know, my spouse's record is updated		from voters who are demanding that a recount occur, and
	but mine is not and we voted at the same time. So, I		I think it's important to go back to some of the
	think all of those pieces, also, had a play in there,		original voter education that we provided and those
	but I think the voter education aspect of it really was		safeguards and those post-election day processes that
22	prominent this year.		the counties undertake. And I think it's important to
23	And I know Maricopa County did do voter		state that in Arizona, we vote with paper ballots, and
	education about their new equipment and the use of		those paper ballots are read through the electronic
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2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	tabulators for word. We do testing on them. So, prior to every election, the equipment the election management system is all programmed, and it's unique to that particular election. And there's testing done both before and after the election both by the counties and the Secretary of State's Office to ensure the accuracy of these tabulation machines. And then, in addition to that, then there's the random sample of the hand counts that are done and, again, all of this is done under the observation and participation with political parties. And there's live camera feeds that the voters can view, and the voters can, also, serve on a board. The voters voters can serve as poll workers. Voters can be a part of this process, and it's very transparent. And all of those mechanisms and those procedures are put in place to ensure that the results are accurate. And so, Arizona's law does allow for an automatic recount, and that's when we meet certain thresholds. And so, if the official canvass shows that an automatic recount is triggered, then what would happen is the Secretary of State's Office would get a court action to authorize that recount and then the	 you know, want to stress that, you know, one of the things that Commissioner that Chairman Paton had talked about throughout the run-up in terms of our voter education was about how important it was for folks to get their ballots back in a timely fashion. I do think that, you know, given the 600,000, or so, and the overall volume I think that that emphasis on getting things back resulted in the count going more quickly than it, otherwise, would have. And you will notice that, to the extent folks are talking about their issues with this election, it's not related to the specific, like, idea that because the count is taking X amount of days, there's something suspect about that. So, I think that's an insight that Chairman Paton had that was important. And then, you know, I, also, think that based on what Gina's you know, assessment here, I think that there's still a siloing of voter education efforts among counties, the Secretary's Office and our office, and what that means is that, although there are and as Commissioner Chan pointed out procedures for everything, there's not necessarily an explanation there's not necessarily a 500-foot view
	count action to authorize that recount and then the counties would recount that particular that	24 of a 35,000-foot view of what that looks like.25 The cancelling ballot issue, for example,
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2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	particular race. So let's see. Our next slide oh, and I did want to share this information before we leave the recount section. We've had a lot of national election experts, national cyber security experts. We've had national experts on mathematicians and code. All of our experts have, basically, come out and said that this was one of the most secure elections in history and it was done during a pandemic. And there were statements put out by the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors about the accuracy of Maricopa's tabulation and the efforts that were put in place. So, I just wanted to share that we are hearing from the election officials and the experts that there's no evidence that any tampering was done with the votes and that it was a very secure election this year. And, Tom, if you want to take over the	 you know you know, there's there's room there for us to, hopefully, continue to build those relationships so that when those things get logged, we can say, hey, what's the question we're going to get on this? It's going to be what does "cancelled" mean, you know, those kind of things, which I think we have the credibility established and, also, the attitude and means to assist with. So, I'm hopeful that we can continue in that direction. Finally, just to hit and before I get into the legal stuff, just to hit Commissioner Meyer's question about, you know, what would change dramatically the count time I mean, my understanding, for example, is California is still counting ballots. It's just that nobody cares, you know. So COMMISSIONER MEYER: Tom, are you saying that five million vote lead is probably going to hold
19 20 21 22 23 24	legal updates section. MR. COLLINS: Hopefully. The I just wanted to amplify a bit quick about what Gina just said. I mean, I don't think we've ever had a year where the questions that we were getting online and on the phone so clearly correlated with an event that was in the news or, otherwise, being discussed. I, also,	 19 in California? 20 MR. COLLINS: I anticipate that, but you 21 know but yeah, but I mean, my point is, like, I 22 mean, there was you know, there's so it's just 23 you know, but the most dramatic thing that's been 24 suggestive of legislature in the past couple of years 25 would be something along the lines of, say, if you get

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	your ballot by mail, you have to return it by mail. And and so or something along those lines. So, what that would mean I mean, in other words, the way the system is currently set up, voters have, essentially, the most amount of options to cast their ballots, but there is a tradeoff the more options you have to cast your ballot, so long as you meet the 7:00 p.m. deadline on election day that, you know, there's a back end time cost on that. So, that's part of the trade-off. With respect to the cases, there are to the best of my knowledge, there are two cases that are still alive. So, let me just kind of hit these quickly. The Aguilera v. Fontes 1, which is the first	 So, it's a little bit different. In other words, putting aside the presidential election, the Trump the Trump v. Hobbs case is really a more standard, let's make sure all our potential votes are in the hopper before the canvass. Republican Party v. Fontes COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Chairman? MR. COLLINS: Sorry. COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Chairman, if I could ask a question. MR. COLLINS: I think we have a COMMISSIONER MEYER: So, Tom, just so I understand, I think that the Trump for President versus Hobbs case, that only dealt with something, like, 180
	bullet point, that was a case specifically, I think,	15 ballots
	about well, specifically, basically, about the	16 MR. COLLINS: That's correct.
	Sharpie issue. The Plaintiffs voluntarily dismissed	17 COMMISSIONER MEYER: in the Presidential
18	that case and then and then and then later	18 Election, right?
	refiled a slightly different case, which is Aguilera v.	19 MR. COLLINS: Right.
	Fontes 2, which is the last bullet point. That case	20 COMMISSIONER MEYER: It was so
	the second case is still, as far as I know, not been	21 miniscule that it couldn't affect the outcome. So,
22	dismissed. The second case, Donald J. Trump for	22 that's why it went away, correct?23 MR. COLLINS: That's right, but the point
	President v. Hobbs, was different from many of the	23 MR. COLLINS: That's right, but the point24 is that the Trump lawyers said from the beginning, we
	other cases in one respect. It was not a case that was	25 would like this is this only matters to us if it
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 Because the vote center model is not really articulated in statute, the election procedure says, well, if you're doing vote centers, do sample based on vote centers, not by precire So now, again, this is a case that, you know, I'm not I'm not I don't I mean county position, essentially, is this is not position, essentially, is this is not position of the time there's just no time to do but what this would amount to do is that you find a way to back-end a vote into a precine would have existed but for the but for the center and then you would get a bigger period selection for the for the hand count confiint So, you know you know, again, I'm not sure that I'm not sure that this litigation with the any results, although it doesn't mean at a although it certainly would delay delay the certification. So, I don't know that we have 	well1es manual2that3act.4statt5ottis,6ossible7ottis,6ottis,6ottis,7centage12centage12centage12contage12c	 If you will notice, there was a political conversation about results that where there are requests for some further action. The cases don't really at this point, are divorced from what that the sort of political interests in a broader kind of audit or review. And, finally, just to as with all these things, you know, we have received numerous communications from voters around the state asking the Clean Elections Commission to not sign off on any election until the results are further audited and, of course, that's not something the Clean Elections Commission is statutorily involved in. So, you know, there is there is there is that. So, that's kind of the overview of the legal picture at this point. It's largely I think it's largely resolved, unless anyone has any questions for me. Mr. Chairman, if you could take yourself
20 Finally, the Aguilera 2, it really,	20	o off mute for a second.
21 basically, seems to raise a question of how22 know if my ballot has been counted. Well,		CHAIRMAN PATON: I have a comment. This is2 Commissioner Paton. I just I think there's a lot of
 23 of proving a negative. I mean, it's a very 24 case is a little hard for me to track with. In 25 words, we have a right to anonymous ballo 	that23other24	 ³ confusion just because we have 50 states and 50 ways of ⁴ doing things. And then the local people see all this ⁵ other stuff going on that was willy-nilly out in
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 your ballot is separated from your mail-in e once you cast it, it's just a ballot. So, I'm not sure that I quite understand what the what the what the relief being there is, but nevertheless, you know, as the noted yesterday, these are cases that exist. they affect anything going forward, I think. that they will, at all, but nevertheless, you I of all of all election officers in Arizona all going to say and correctly until the counties the canvasses are complete, the not the election results are not final. So, that's so, that's really the highlights of those cases. I don't anticipate point any of them making a significant h significant effect. And I think that the judg sat in on at least the Trump or sat in on s the Trump v. Hobbs case. And, then, readi Republican Party v. Fontes case, the judicia 	g sought governor And how is unclear is unclear cnow, all a are election is at this at this at this ges I ome of ng about the ary is very re. So, 20	 well job, an immense amount [inaudible] and I couldn't imagine anybody doing it better. And so, I have a lot of gratitude for your work, and on I feel Arizona stuff is when you hear on the news that there's 600,000 being counted, there's always something in the back of your mind saying, you know, well, why is that possible? Why are you so slow? Why are all of that. And I think all these other news about other things has clouded it, and really the people a lot of the people that are complaining are the ones that
 21 it's not like this is you know, it's not as if 22 are these cases are lingering. 23 I just don't I'm just not sure how the 24 relief in some of them could affect anything 25 could you know, and how it could make 	g and how it 22	3 whole deal.4 Any other comments or questions for Tom?

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1 I can make a comment.	1 MS. ROBERTS: One thing I would like
2 CHAIRMAN PATON: Yes, Commissioner Meyer.	2 CHAIRMAN PATON: Gina.
3 COMMISSIONER MEYER: I want to agree with	3 MS. ROBERTS: Yes. Thank you.
4 you, Commissioner Paton, on what a great job Tom, Gina,	4 One thing I would like to note that I'd
5 staff have done in voter education, very you know, I	5 like to show very quickly and, hopefully, you all
6 just can't commend you enough on that. Thank you.	6 can still see my screen are some statistics on our
7 And as far as the confusion and 50 states	7 website. As I mentioned, in January, we'll have a more
8 doing things differently, yes, I agree with that; that	8 thorough overview of our metrics and our performance,
9 that does create some confusion, but I, also, want to	9 but I think looking at this, it will address some of
10 know if it creates confusion when our public officials	10 the comments that were just made by some of the
11 and our and our elected official actively	11 commissioners.
12 participate in creating that confusion. And that's	12 These are stats on our website, and I'm
13 something, I think, that we should look at.	13 looking at a range from September 21st through
14 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. Any other	14 November 13th. And, again, the election was on
15 discussion?	15 November 3rd. And one of the things that I wanted to
16 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman? This	16 highlight to the Commission, in this graph right here,
17 is Commissioner Kimble.	17 when we look at the traffic that we're receiving on our
18 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Kimble, go	18 website and the source of where it's coming from, one
19 ahead.	19 of the things that we've seen this year that we have
20 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I just want to echo21 some of the comments made. It seems like before the	20 not seen in years past is that it's stemming from21 organic search, that people are organically, naturally
22 election and then since then, this has just been a game	22 origanic search, that people are organically, naturally22 going to Google and typing in their information that's
22 election and then since then, this has just been a game23 of Whac-A-Mole with all kinds of allegations plumping	22 going to Google and typing in their information that s23 driving them to our website.
24 up; some of them from inadvertent misunderstandings and	24 And that means several things. One, it
25 some of them not inadvertent. And I am very impressed	25 means that the content in our website is trusted by
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1 by how as soon as something popped up, there was	1 Google. It is established as an official source of
2 something on the Clean Elections website explaining it,	2 information and a good source of content. So, we're
3 debunking it, showing how you can check this thing for	3 ranking higher in our search optimization. And, two,
4 yourself.	4 people in light of this election and in light of
5 And I'm just really impressed by the job	5 maybe the politicization around it and the concerns,
6 that Tom and Gina did on getting the accurate	6 people have been looking to the Clean Elections
7 information out there quickly because it seems like it	7 Commission as the neutral party here, as the neutral
8 was just a never-ending example of information that	8 organization to get their official factual information.
9 popped out of nowhere. And some of it intentionally,	9 And I think that's a really great thing
10 as Commissioner Meyer pointed out, but this is a really	10 that stands out in this election year. It shows that
11 excellent example of educating voters and striking down	11 our office has been able to respond to those voters and
12 a lot of this completely spurious allegations and	12 giving them just the factual information, and I think,
13 suspicions.	13 when we look at the information of what voters are
14 CHAIRMAN PATON: Any other questions?	14 looking at, some of the pages on our website, how votes
15 (No response.)	15 are counted, how to vote in person, how to vote by
16 CHAIRMAN PATON: If not, then we're going17 to go to Item V: Discussion and possible action on	
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 also, never seen the same amount of tra website post election day as we have not still quite engaged and wanting to have in the system and learning more about i And so, I think it's great that the Commission you know, a few years a recall, the Commission invested in a we and our website is really the heart of ou voter education and communicating wit traffic on our website, the search that w receiving, it's all broken records this ye again, it's meeting the needs of voters. And one thing I'd really like to point too, is over here, this pie chart of who's site. This is a very well-reflective pie c shows that we're meeting all of the dem state. We are not just educating Marico We're reaching the four corners of the s reaching all 15 counties and, you know, voting in Maricopa County, in the city of very different from voting in Apache County. And so, we have to be able to commutation 	ffic on our ow. People are that confidence t. ago, if you will ebsite redesign, r of our th voters. The e're ar and, out, using this hart, and it ographics in the opa County. tate. We're tate. We're things of Phoenix is ounty or Navajo	 several years. So, I would leave it to you to have your to have your discussion. COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Mr. Chairman, this is Commissioner Kimble. CHAIRMAN PATON: Yes, Mr. Kimble. Go ahead. COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: I would nominate Commissioner Chan to be chair for Calendar 2021. CHAIRMAN PATON: And so, we have a motion. Do we Tom, is this in the form of a motion? MR. COLLINS: I think so, I mean, I think that the nomination I mean, the nomination to me is practically a motion, but if Mr. Chairman and Commissioner Kimble, if you wouldn't mind moving the moving that the Commission appoint Commissioner Chan for 2021, just for the record, that might be helpful. COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Okay. This is Commissioner Kimble again. I move that the Commission choose Commissioner Chan to be chair for Calendar 2021. CHAIRMAN PATON: So, we have a motion. Do we have a second? COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Chairman, this is COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Chairman, this is
25 our website is accomplishing that. So, 1		25 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. We have a motion
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 to share these this brief overview. An I'm happy to answer any questions, if the CHAIRMAN PATON: No other que (No response.) CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. Thank And so, on to Item V: Discussion an possible action on 2021 new chairman. Any discussion? COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Ch CHAIRMAN PATON: Tom, what de MR. COLLINS: Oh, just to just to clarify, so in November, December of the years, depending upon our schedule and preview of coming events, December with a budget stuff for you and then, in Januar 	ere are any. stions? c you. d airman o we do? the last several l, you know, re're going to have ary, voter ed.	 and a second, and we will go through the roll call. Commissioner Meyer? COMMISSIONER CHAN: Don't you guys want to you guys don't need me to convince you or anything? I want to say thank you, first of all. CHAIRMAN PATON: Wait until COMMISSIONER CHAN: Oh, wait. We've got to hear the vote. Okay. Thanks for the nomination, though. CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner, how do you vote? COMMISSIONER CHAN: I vote aye. CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. Commissioner Meyer? COMMISSIONER MEYER: I vote aye. CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Kimble?
 16 So, we will have a pretty packed agenda 17 staff. The point here is to this is a dis 18 and a decision amongst amongst the of 19 So, just to frame it to say, you know, 20 we have November, December meeting 21 because there's so many different things 22 be done before the end of the year, we the 23 the agendas to get done with what we chapter about it. Other than that, it's I think and 25 have been participants in this discussion 	a, but it's not a scussion scommissioners. when s, we try to s that have to ry to balance an, and that's ll of you	 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Aye. CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Titla? (No response.) CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner Titla? COMMISSIONER CHAN: Maybe he's not on there. COMMISSIONER MEYER: Did he fall off? I don't see him on there. MS. HERRING: Yes. He's no longer on the meeting.

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1 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. And this is	1 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Mr. Chairman?
2 Commissioner Paton, and I vote eye, as well. The ayes	2 CHAIRMAN PATON: Any other yes,
3 have carried, and so we will have a new chairman for	3 Commissioner Meyer.
4 2021 of the Arizona Clean Elections Commission,	4 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Commissioner Chan,
5 Commissioner Amy Chan.	5 thank you. I'm sure we're going to be in great hands.
6 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Thank you.	6 I look forward to working with you for another year
7 CHAIRMAN PATON: And so now you have to	7 and, I guess, I will just you know, on the voter
8 make a speech.	8 education, it's wonderful, but personally I find the
9 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Yeah. Well, I did want	9 rule-making and that's just been taxing I'm kidding.
10 to thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you for your	10 I, a hundred percent, agree with you on the voter ed.
11 chairmanship and leadership this year. And I know this	11 It's wonderful, and I'm willing to support it every
12 is kind of ceremonial because we all pass the torch to	12 year.
13 each other every year, but it does mean something to14 me. I've learned so much from each of you, and I	13 CHAIRMAN PATON: Any other comments?14 (No response.)
15 think, you know, I went from being I don't know	15 CHAIRMAN PATON: So, Tom, do we do we
16 for lack of a better word, I'll call it a freshman	16 just have left our adjournment?
17 commissioner, you know, when I came on board, and I've	17 MR. COLLINS: We have public comment, if
18 learned a lot from all of you.	18 there's any member of the public Cathy, I don't know
19 And I think when I came on board, I was	19 if we have any members of the public who have joined
20 most excited about the voter ed piece of Clean	20 us.
21 Elections, and I kind of accepted the fact that, you	21 MS. HERRING: I do not believe so.
22 know, I had gone through the Bennett case where it had	22 MR. COLLINS: Okay.
23 kind of I don't want to say decimated the	23 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Ms. Knox is on the
24 participation of candidates because, obviously, we	24 line.
25 still have a lot of participation. I mean, Mike just	25 MR. COLLINS: I'm sorry?
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7 invaluable.	7	were taken down by me in shorthand and thereafter
	8	transcribed into typewriting under my direction; that
8 And I'm not quite sure what the next		the foregoing pages are a full, true, and accurate
9 steps I, also, want to say, again, on beha		transcript of all proceedings and testimony had and
10 League, how much we appreciate the endle	communent	
11 of the commissioners, some of whose term	is expired quite	
12 a long time ago, to continue to attend meet	ings and	
13 participate. As I think you all know, letter	5 Were	I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am in no way
14 sent encouraging the governor and the Sec	•	
15 State to appoint commissioners. Clearly, w		nor am I in any way interested in the outcome hereof.
16 election and everything else that's gone on	-	DATED at Phoenix, Arizona, this 20th day of
17 happened there.	17	November, 2020.
18 I'm not sure if we'll try again, but	18	Throng
19 hopefully hopefully, something will hap	-	LILIA MONARREZ, RPR, CR #50699
20 because there is a A, there's a limit to ev	•	
21 commitment in the public service and, B, i		
22 time for new commissioners to be appointed		
23 continue to monitor and congratulate the s	-	
24 commissioners for all the outstanding work		
25 So, thank you very much for the opportu	anity 25	
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1 to speak.		
2 CHAIRMAN PATON: Thank you, ma'a	am.	
3 Any other public comment?		
4 (No response.)		
5 CHAIRMAN PATON: If not, I would e	nter a	
6 motion to adjourn.		
7 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairm	an. I move	
8 that we adjourn the meeting.	,	
9 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: This is C	ommissioner	
10 Kimble. I second.		
11 CHAIRMAN PATON: Okay. So, we h	ave a	
12 motion and a second. We'll do a roll call.		
13 Commissioner Chan?		
14 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Aye.		
15 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner N	Mever?	
16 COMMISSIONER MEYER: Aye.		
 CHAIRMAN PATON: Commissioner F 	Kimble?	
18 COMMISSIONER KIMBLE: Aye.		
19 CHAIRMAN PATON: And, I guess, Co	ommissioner	
20 Titla may not be here. And this is Commi		
21 I vote aye, as well.		
22 We are now adjourned. Have a good		
22 We are now aujourned. Have a good 23 Thanksgiving everybody.		
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