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Sent:

Monday, March 01, 2010 4:33 PM

To: Cc: Todd Lang; Michael Becker Chris Fiscus; Chad Wilson

Subject:

Clean Elections PR ideas

Hi:

I wanted to touch base with you regarding the next few weeks for Clean Elections. I know the Senate today passed SCR 1009 and oral arguments are scheduled for April 12th at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. We'd like to suggest doing some media outreach over the coming weeks in advance of the court hearing. We'd like to schedule Todd on the following programs:

- Horizon
- Fox 10 Newsmaker Sunday
- KJZZ "Here and Now"
- Politics Unplugged on Channel 3

We'd also suggest submitting a "My Turn" piece to the Arizona Republic, East Valley Tribune, Arizona Daily Star, Arizona Daily Sun and Yuma Sun. Submit a "pro" argument for the pro-con issues debate on Channel 15's website and talk with Howie Fischer to do an advance piece since he'll be in San Francisco for the court hearing.

And finally, we'd suggest taking three road trips:

- Prescott/Flagstaff for media outreach.
- Yuma for meeting at Yuma Sun and both Yuma TV stations
- Tucson for TV interviews and meeting with AZ Daily Star.

If you have some time this week, we can go into more detail about these ideas. It's important we start getting Clean Elections out in front of some of these issues. Let me know what you think. Hope you had a good weekend.

Thanks,

Steve

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Hello!

Corporate interests don't stop lobbying during the holidays and they're lining up legislative votes now to push through a new Clean Elections repeal measure in January. Will you take a moment this week, during the holiday season, and make four calls and/or send four emails to help counter Big Money? See the Take Action annoucement below. Contact me for information as needed.

Thanks and my best season greetings,

Sam Wercinski

Arizona Advocacy Network Government of, by and for the People

Ask legislators to VOTE NO on any anti-Clean Elections proposals.

Corporations aren't waiting. They're already lining up votes for a new attack against Clean Elections in January and we need you to ask your legislators to "Just say NO." Don't assume they will vote one way or another. They need to hear from us.

We knocked this year's unconstitutional measure off the 2012 ballot and need your help informing legislators that voters want them to support Clean Elections, not repeal it. 77% of Arizona voters support the 1998 Clean Elections system because it works.

The new senate president is said to be a person of integrity and respectful of voters' decisions. Call and email him as well. He could help stop any measure.

Tell them:

- 1. You vote in their district. (skip if you don't live in the Senate President's district when contacting him)
- 2. You respectfully ask them to support Clean Elections which helps to fight political corruption, and vote no on any anti-Clean Elections referendum.

Counter the corporations. Your voice matters!

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You can also <u>make a 2011 tax-deductible contribution to AzAN Foundation</u> through our Network for Good account. This supports our educational outreach around Arizona.

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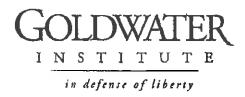
Passed in 1998, The Clean Elections Citizens Act helps Arizona's legislative and statewide candidates forgo special interests and run clean campaigns. In a time of challenge and hardship, Clean Elections is essential to the growth and success of our state.

CLEAN ELECTION FACTS:

- Not a single dollar of Clean Elections funding comes from Arizona's General Fund.
- Clean Elections is funded by voluntary contributions and surcharges on criminal penalties and violations, such as traffic tickets.
- Rather than taking money from taxpayers, Clean Elections has DONATED \$64 million to the General Fund since 2003.

JOIN THE EFFORT TO KEEP ARIZONA POLITICS CLEAN. IT'S MONEY WELL SPENT.

Citizens Clean Elections Commission is a non-appropriated agency and does not receive money from the general fund



CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LITIGATION

May 11, 2011

Todd Lang, Executive Director Citizens Clean Elections Commission 1616 W. Adams Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Todd:

As you know, the Legislature has referred to the 2012 ballot a proposed constitutional amendment to ban public financing of campaigns. On behalf of the Goldwater Institute and No Taxpayer Money for Politicians, the ballot committee that has registered to support the referendum, I write to ask that the Commission refrain from using public funds to influence the outcome of that election, which would violate Arizona law.

We have previously expressed concerns over the use of Commission funds, ostensibly for purposes of "voter education," instead to promote the Clean Elections system. See Mark Flatten, "Clean Elections Agency Spends Millions Promoting Itself," Goldwater Institute Watchdog Report (Feb. 11, 2010), http://goldwaterinstitute.org/article/4424. As the principal function of the Citizens Clean Elections Commission is now before the voters, the use of public funds to promote the Commission becomes especially problematic. We hope that the Commission will take affirmative steps to avoid even the appearance of impropriety by reviewing current advertising and establishing clear rules for voter education that avoids influencing voters to advance the Commission's self-interest.

We will carefully monitor the Commission's use of voter education resources over the next 18 months, and take appropriate legal action if necessary, to ensure that the election over public financing of campaigns is indeed clean.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

cc: Clean Elections Commissioners

Clint Bolick DIRECTOR



State of Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission

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Public Records Request Form

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Carrie Ann Sitren
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May 20, 2011

Description of Public Records Requested

For each request, we request any and all documents. With respect to <u>correspondence</u>, we request all correspondence including but not limited to emails, letters, and electronic phone messages.

- 1. Travel reimbursements and authorizations for CCEC staff and commissioners since 2007.
- Contracts, work orders and invoices for professional outside services related to marketing, public relations and voter outreach, including printing and photography, since 2007.
- 3. Correspondence with marketing, public relations and voter outreach contractors, and with any other professional outside service providers related to marketing, public relations and voter outreach, including printing and photography, since 2007.
- 4. Correspondence with Arizona Advocacy Network.
- 5. Planning and messaging documents developed by marketing and public relations contractors, including but not limited to Moses Anshell, since 2009, including:
 - a. Documents related to proposed and executed media buys;
 - b. Strategic planning, messaging and campaign review documents that address paid media, public relations and social media;
 - c. Meeting summaries, notes and action plans with marketing, public relations and voter outreach contractors;
 - d. Proposed and executed advertising, marketing, public relations, and voter outreach plans;
 - e. Summaries and review of media clips;
 - f. Correspondence between CCEC's government relations firm Williams and Associates and CCEC or its public relations contractors;
 - g. Creatives that have been used or considered for use by CCEC.

If you deny this request, please send a <u>written explanation</u> for the denial including a reference to the specific law(s) upon which you rely.

If you refer me to a website containing the information requested, please specify the <u>precise web page(s)</u> on which the information may be found.



TOM HORNE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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September 8, 2011

SENT VIA U.S. Mail Carrie Ann Sitren, Esq. Goldwater Institute 500 East Coronado Road Phoenix, Arizona 85004

Re: Public Records Related to Paid Voter Education Spots

Dear Ms. Sitren:

I am writing to inform you that with this letter, the Clean Elections Commission believes it has completed its response the Goldwater Institute's public records request regarding paid voter education spots.

Documents including all commissioner and staff travel documents, contracts and invoices with outside vendors since 2007 and correspondence regarding those contracts, correspondence with the Arizona Advocacy Network, as well as the planning and messaging documents that were requested have been provided. Finally, attached herewith please find documents that may be considered responsive to the request for planning and messaging documents regarding summaries and review of media clips, which are being provided in an abundance of caution, and additionally a document that may be considered an "action plan." Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Thomas Collins

Assistant Attorney General

Enclosures #2294094



September 19, 2011

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RE: Notice of claim pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-821.01 for illegal expenditures of public monies

We write to you on behalf of the Goldwater Institute, No Taxpayer Money for Politicians, and Arizona taxpayers because of your role in illegally spending public monies of the Citizens Clean Elections Commission. This is notice pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-821.01 of a claim against the Commission and against you to recover the funds on behalf of taxpayers.

Given that the Legislature has referred to the 2012 ballot a proposed constitutional amendment to ban public financing of campaigns, the principal function of the Commission is now before the voters. You and the Commission are spending public monies on an advertising campaign, including television and radio ads, to promote the Commission with lines such as "Everybody Wins" with Clean Elections and "80% of voters believe Clean Elections is important." This violates the free speech, petition, and fair election guarantees of the Arizona and U.S. Constitutions. See, e.g., Mntn. States Legal Fndn. v. Denver Sch. Dist. #1, 459 F.Supp. 357, 360 (D. Colo. 1978) ("A fundamental precept of this nation's democratic electoral process is that the government may not 'take sides' in election contests or bestow an unfair advantage"); id. at 361 ("A use of the power of publicly owned resources to propagandize against a proposal made and supported by a significant number of those who were taxed to pay for such resources is an abridgment of those fundamental freedoms" of speech and petition).

The expenditures also exceed your statutory authority. Your powers are limited to those defined by statute. See Sims v. Moeur, 41 Ariz. 486, 493-94, 19 P.2d 679, 682 (1933). No statute authorizes you to spend public monies to promote the Commission or the Clean Elections system.

The Commission has asserted that its advertising campaign is authorized by A.R.S. § 16-949(C), which provides for the Commission to spend 10% of its budget limit for "reasonable and

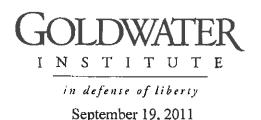
necessary expenses associated with voter education." However, ads to promote the Commission are not "voter education" as defined by A.R.S. § 16-956. Additionally, you and the Commission are spending not 10% as authorized, but rather 20%. Therefore, you are violating statutory authority.

Your expenditures are illegal and unauthorized, and you are liable to repay them pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 35-154. This claim can be settled by replenishing the Commission's funds in the amount of \$1.65 million for the illegal expenditures.

Very sincerely,

Carrie Ann Sitren

Staff Attorney



Hon. Tom Horne, Attorney General Office of the Attorney General 1275 West Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007-2926

RE: Request under A.R.S. § 35-212 to bring an action to enjoin and recover illegal payment of public monies by the Citizens Clean Elections Commission

Dear Attorney General Horne:

We write to you on behalf of the Goldwater Institute, No Taxpayer Money for Politicians, and Arizona taxpayers to request that you take action against the Citizens Clean Elections Commission pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-212. The Commission is illegally spending public monies, ostensibly for purposes of "voter education" and admittedly in an amount over 10% of its budget limit, to promote the Clean Elections system. This violates the Arizona and U.S. Constitutions and the Commission's statutory authority.

Given that the Legislature has referred to the 2012 ballot a proposed constitutional amendment to ban public financing of campaigns, the principal function of the Commission is now before the voters. The Commission is spending millions in public monies on an advertising campaign, including television and radio ads, to promote itself with lines such as "Everybody Wins" with Clean Elections and "80% of voters believe Clean Elections is important." This violates the free speech, petition, and fair election guarantees of the Arizona and U.S. Constitutions. See, e.g., Mntn. States Legal Fndn. v. Denver Sch. Dist. #1, 459 F.Supp. 357, 360 (D. Colo. 1978) ("A fundamental precept of this nation's democratic electoral process is that the government may not 'take sides' in election contests or bestow an unfair advantage"); id. at 361 ("A use of the power of publicly owned resources to propagandize against a proposal made and supported by a significant number of those who were taxed to pay for such resources is an abridgment of those fundamental freedoms" of speech and petition).

The Commission's expenditures also exceed its statutory authority. The Commission's powers are limited to those defined by statute. *See Sims v. Moeur*, 41 Ariz. 486, 493-94, 19 P.2d 679, 682 (1933). No statute authorizes the Commission to spend public monies to promote itself or the Clean Elections system.

The Commission has asserted that its advertising campaign is authorized by A.R.S. § 16-949(C), which provides for the Commission to spend 10% of its budget limit for "reasonable and necessary expenses associated with voter education." However, ads to promote the Commission are not "voter education" as defined by A.R.S. § 16-956. Additionally, the Commission is

spending not 10% as authorized, but rather 20%. Therefore, the Commission is violating its statutory authority.

The Commission's expenditures are illegal and unauthorized, and therefore null and void. A.R.S. §§ 35-154 & 35-196. We request that your office take action to enjoin and recover the public monies.

Very sincerely,

Carrie Ann Sitren Staff Attorney