

Financial Audit Division

Special Report

Citizens Clean Elections Commission

For the 2012 Election Cycle



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Members of the Arizona State Legislature

The Honorable Janice Brewer, Governor

Mr. Louis Hoffman, Chairman Citizens Clean Flections Commission

The Office of the Auditor General has conducted a compliance and internal control review of the Commission. This review was performed under the authority given to the Office by Arizona Revised Statutes §§16-949(E) and 41-1279.03. The Office is required to review the revenues and expenditures of the Citizens Clean Elections Fund at least every 4 years. This review of the Commission was completed for the 2012 election cycle.

Our review consisted primarily of inquiries, observations, and selected tests of internal control policies and procedures, accounting records, and related documents. The review was more limited than would be necessary to give an opinion on compliance or on internal controls. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on compliance or on internal controls or ensure that all deficiencies in internal controls are disclosed.

Specifically, we reviewed monies in, payments into, and expenditures of the Citizens Clean Elections Fund.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or significant deficiencies in internal controls to report; however, our review disclosed minor control deficiencies that we have communicated directly to the Commission's staff.

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Should you have any questions concerning our review, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Debbie Davenport Auditor General

