

From: [Phil Lopes](#)
To: [CCEC Mailbox](#)
Subject: Comment on proposed rule change
Date: Thursday, July 07, 2016 12:37:55 PM

I strongly support option 2

Phil Lopes

From: [Marie Provine](#)
To: [CCEC Mailbox](#)
Subject: What to do about SB1516
Date: Thursday, July 07, 2016 6:49:09 PM

I'm writing to strongly support option 2 - Make no changes that will have a negative effect on the voter-protected powers of the Clean Elections Act. SB1516 is a test of this commission's mettle. If the commission bends to its directives, it will invite litigation and harm the reputation of the commission and its members. While refusing to erode the Commission's powers is the right choice, it is obviously also an uncomfortable position to have to take as an agency. But your support for this position with voters is solid.

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From: [Rivko Knox](#)
To: [CCEC Mailbox](#)
Cc: [Rivko Knox](#)
Date: Sunday, July 10, 2016 4:38:27 PM

OPTION 2:

- Inform regulated community that HB2296 is not constitutional
- Proceed with rules as is (Other modifications as recommended).

The League of Women Voters of AZ (LWVAZ) is pleased to have this opportunity to comment on the options proposed by the Citizens Clean Election Commission (CCEC) at its June 23, 2016 meeting relating to the impact of SB2296 on its actions in the coming months.

Based on its significant role in the creation of and support for the passage of the original Clean Elections Initiative passed by the voters in 1998, LWVAZ remains committed to the basic principles upon which Clean Elections was based, i.e., to encourage citizen participation in elections at all levels to include candidacy and to lessen/disclose the role of money in elections.

LWVAZ has supported the actions of the CCEC in implementing the goals of the Clean Elections Law via a range of rules adopted to clarify the procedures required to adhere to its requirements. In that regard LWVAZ supported and spoke in favor of some rules adopted in 2015 to include relating to the definition of a political committee and to further disclosure.

In the most recent session of the legislature, LWVAZ spoke out against SB 1516 because of its negative impact on disclosure and its encouragement of the role of 'dark money' in AZ elections. LWVAZ did not have time to speak or urge members to speak against HB2996 because it was passed in the early hours of the last day of the Legislative session. However, we would have opposed it because it is a mirror image of SB1516 with the addition of its applicability to the primary election retroactive to June 1 of this year.

LWVAZ supports Option 2 because we believe that the CCEC has a constitutional duty to enforce the law as passed by the people and interpreted via a variety of rules adopted after public comment. Further, the Clean Election Law is voter protected but SB2296 was not passed with a 2/3rd majority vote of the Legislature. Thus, we believe that SB2296 is likely unconstitutional and that the CCEC should notify the regulated community of this. We further encourage the CCEC to continue to enforce its mandated responsibilities to focus on disclosure, thus protecting the public's right to know and maintaining the integrity of the election process by encouraging voters to participate in elections with the knowledge of who is contributing to which candidates.

Shirley Sandelands, President, League of Women Voters of Arizona

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From: [Athena Salman](#)
To: [CCEC Mailbox](#)
Subject: I Support Option 2 re: CCEC Response to 1516
Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 9:04:19 AM

Dear Citizen's Clean Election Commission,

I am having trouble submitting this comment through your website and wanted it to be known to the Commission that **I support for Option 2**, which is the best course of action.

SB1516 was passed and signed into law this year. However, SB1516 violates the state constitution because it did not receive enough votes to by-pass voter protection for the Clean Elections Act.

After reviewing the three options CCEC's proposes, I have determined that OPTION 2 is the only course of action that does not violate the Voter Protection Act. The Commission's job is to uphold and execute the Clean Elections Act. Therefore, their rules **MUST** further the Clean Elections Act. Only OPTION 2 does this.

As such, I urge CCEC stand firm and do nothing in response to SB1516. We, the citizens of Arizona, will stand behind you in protecting our voting rights.

Thank you.

Always,
Athena Salman

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From: [Sarah Michelsen](#)
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Subject: Proposed Rule Amendments Public Comment
Date: Tuesday, July 26, 2016 4:36:15 PM

Dear Commissioners,

As you evaluate your rules, I urge you to choose Option 2. It is the only option that does not violate the Voter Protection Act. By choosing Option 2, you will continue to uphold and execute the Clean Elections Act. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sarah Michelsen
Executive Director of Arizona Wins

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Thank you,

Sarah Michelsen
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From: [Anne Pyron](#)
To: [CCEC Mailbox](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Rules
Date: Wednesday, July 27, 2016 8:49:05 AM

- OPTION 2 is the only course of action that does not violate the Voter Protection Act
- The Commissions job is to uphold and execute the Clean Elections Act. Therefore, their rules MUST further the Clean Elections Act. Only OPTION 2 does this.
- OPTIONS 1 & 3 would violate Arizona's Constitution and open the CCEC up for litigation.
- OPTIONS 1 & 3 do not further the Clean Elections ACT
- SB1516, HB2296 & HB2297 did not receive a 3/4s majority and therefore, cannot touch the voter protected Clean Elections Act. Any rule change that does not further the Clean Elections Act based on these bills is unconstitutional.
- The Citizens Clean Elections Commission was put into place by the people of Arizona. It is a voter protected institution with a clear mission and purpose, which has not changed.

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From: [William Engler](#)
To: [CCEC Mailbox](#)
Subject: Option 2
Date: Thursday, July 28, 2016 12:47:54 PM

As a citizen of Arizona I urge the commission to choose option 2. This is the only option that does not violate our constitution.

Thank you,

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From: [Sue Enright](#)
To: [CCEC Mailbox](#)
Subject: Clean elections legislation
Date: Sunday, July 31, 2016 9:38:40 AM

The CCEC is about to make an important decision, and just before a big election. I'm hoping you will vote to keep the system as is, or make it better by funding it more fully. It is important to keep average citizens in the process so Arizona government doesn't become dysfunctional.

As you know, entrenched officials want to protect their turf, and are unwilling to listen to citizens with different views. If you restrict the Clean Elections functions, you restrict the rights of average citizens to participate. Please don't do that. Vote option 2, in order to maintain clean elections. If it is within your purview, expand the program to include more citizens. Thanks you. Sue Enright

From: [Samantha Pstross](#)
To: [CCEC Mailbox](#)
Subject: Public Comment on Rules
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 10:18:51 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I encourage you to choose Option 2. SB1516, HB2296 & HB2297 did not receive a 3/4s majority vote in either chamber and therefore, cannot touch the voter protected Clean Elections Act. Any rule change that does not further the Clean Elections Act based on these bills is unconstitutional. OPTIONS 1 & 3 do not further the Clean Elections Act.

Thank you for upholding the Clean Electins Act and furthering its purpose.

Sincerely,
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Subject: Comments to Proposed Rule Amendments
Date: Thursday, August 25, 2016 9:14:27 AM
Attachments: [2016 0825 AZSOS Opposition to Proposed CCEC Rule Amendments.pdf](#)

Good morning,

Attached please find our comments regarding the proposed rule amendments.

Very truly yours,
Eric

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MICHELE REAGAN
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August 25, 2016

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Re: Opposition to Proposed Amendments to Rule R2-20-109(F) & (G)

Dear Commissioners,

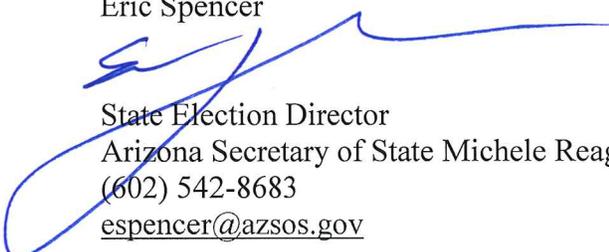
We have followed the Commission's 2016 efforts to amend Rules R2-20-109(F) & (G), ostensibly proposed in reaction to campaign finance amendments passed during the 52nd Legislature, Second Regular Session. Unfortunately, our review of the three proposed amendment packages leads us to conclude the Commission will only exacerbate the issues we identified in 2015. We urge the Commission to reject the proposed amendments accordingly.

Obviously the proposed amendments are not responsive to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council's (GRRC's) order issued earlier this year. But moreover, it appears the Commission intends to make virtually no effort to redraw its regulations to be consistent with the amended Title 16, Article 1 campaign finance law. It was improper for the Commission to reach into Article 1 years ago to begin with, but you only compound that original sin by continuing to claim jurisdiction over a body of law the Legislature repealed root and branch.

Campaign finance law should be uniform and consistent. The regulated community deserves that. Our offices should be working *together* to achieve that goal. Unfortunately, the proposed amendments would only resurrect the regulatory morass that Senate Bill 1516 cured.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Commission vote down the proposed amendments and start fresh with a more cooperative approach to campaign finance regulation.

Very truly yours,
Eric Spencer



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