

## Citizens Clean Elections Commission

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### **FORMER BARBER, GIFFORDS AIDE JOINS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

**PHOENIX**— Mark Kimble, a long-time Tucson journalist and communications director to two Arizona members of Congress has been appointed to the Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission.

Commissioner Kimble will serve a five-year term on the five-member Citizens Clean Elections Commission. He was appointed by Senator Katie Hobbs last week.

Kimble, an independent, replaces Timothy J. Reckart, also of Pima County.

Kimble was a journalist with the Tucson Citizen for more than 30 years. He rose from reporter to associate editor responsible for the editorial and op-ed pages. He served as a senior communications advisor and communications director to Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and communications director for Congressman Ron Barber.

"Service on the Clean Elections Commission is an exciting opportunity to make politics and government more accessible to Arizona voters. I am excited to have the opportunity to serve the public as a commissioner," Kimble said.

The Citizens Clean Elections Act was passed by voters in 1998 to promote participation in the political process and to ensure Arizona's politics are free from corruption. The act includes administration of voter education and campaign finance programs.

The commission is an independent state body made up of individuals who have sworn to faithfully administer the Clean Elections Act. Commissioners are appointed alternatively by the governor and the highest ranking official of the opposite party. Commissioners must not have served in, or run for, public office for five years, nor have been be an officer of a political party. No more than two members of the commission may be from any one party or county.

To learn more about the role of the Citizens Clean Elections Commission, visit [www.azcleelections.gov](http://www.azcleelections.gov).