

Clean Elections Commission launches “Find My Elected Officials” Tool

Feature allows the public to contact their legislators, governor

PHOENIX — The Citizens Clean Elections Commission this week launched a new tool to put voters in touch with state lawmakers and other elected officials. The Commission’s “Find My Elected Officials” tool allows voters to input their address or district number and connect directly with their state legislators. Contacts for other statewide elected officials are also included.

“There is a saying in sports that you can’t tell the players without a program. With this tool, voters can directly access information about their elected officials,” said Tom Koester, chairman of the Clean Elections Commission. “When voters have more information on how to connect with their lawmakers, they are more likely to participate in the political process.”

The “Find My Elected Officials” tool is the first installment of a comprehensive voter education plan adopted by the Commission in December, 2014. In the coming months, additional tools and projects will come online for voters:

- **Improvements to the State’s Campaign Finance Reporting System:** With the Commission providing funding from the Clean Elections Fund, voters will now be able to drill deeper into campaign finance reports to follow the money from committee to committee and find out who is spending money to influence voters. Expected Early Summer 2015.
- **Clean Elections App:** Voters will be able to follow election related news and deadlines from their mobile phone. In development, expected launch July 2015.
- **Morrison Institute Study on Independent Voters:** Clean Elections partnered with the Morrison Institute to survey independent voters, the largest voting group in the state. Results expected Early-Mid Summer 2015.
- **Voter Outreach Campaign:** Building on its successful partnerships with county election officials in 2014, the Commission will roll out its next phase in efforts to educate voters on how they can participate in the election process. Commission staff met with county election officials from all 15 Arizona counties in Phoenix in February to begin work on this exciting project.
- **Local Jurisdiction Election Information** Working with Arizona’s local jurisdictions, the Commission will provide a one stop shop for voters to find election resources and contact information for local elections through the Commission’s website.

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. To learn more about the role of the Citizens Clean Elections Commission, visit www.azcleelections.gov.