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Citizens Clean Elections Commission Gives \$10 Million to State's General Fund

PHOENIX, (December 5, 2011) – The Citizens Clean Elections Commission, the state agency that administers the Citizens Clean Elections Act, announced the approval of \$10 million to be given to the State's general fund to help with the current budget crisis. Since 2007 the Commission has given a total of \$68.2 million to the fund.

"The Commissioners want to support the State as much as possible, especially in light of the state's fiscal problems," said Todd Lang, Commission Executive Director. "If not for the existence of the Citizens Clean Elections Commission, this financial support to help the state would not be available."

The Commission does not receive an appropriation of funding from the state Legislature but instead receives funding from a 10 percent surcharge on all civil penalties and criminal fines, a voluntary \$5 check-off on the state income tax form, voluntary donations from individuals as well as the \$5 qualifying contributions collected by candidates running for legislative and statewide offices.

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About the Citizens Clean Elections Commission

The Citizens Clean Elections Act, which was passed by voters in 1998, created a new campaign financing system that provides full public funding to qualified candidates who agree to abide by Citizens Clean Elections Commission guidelines. Candidates for statewide and legislative offices are eligible to participate in the public funding program.

To qualify for funding, participating candidates gathered \$5 qualifying contributions from constituents who were registered voters. Participating candidates also adhere to strict spending and contribution limits and agree to attend required workshops and debates.

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