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The Honorable Doug Ducey  
Governor of the State of Arizona  
1700 W. Washington Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

The Honorable Mark Brnovich  
Attorney General of the State of Arizona  
2005 N. Central Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85004

**Re: 2019 Elections Procedures Manual**

Dear Governor Ducey and Attorney General Brnovich:

Enclosed with this letter is the 2019 Elections Procedures Manual for your review and approval pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-452.

Since transitioning into office just nine months ago, completing a comprehensive update of the Elections Procedures Manual has been one of my Administration's highest priorities. To accomplish this, we knew it was crucial to work in close partnership with County Recorders, Elections Directors, and their staff. Accordingly, we sought and incorporated their insight and feedback from the start of this process and every step along the way. The invaluable contributions from elections officials from across the state—gathered throughout the course of eight statewide meetings, in-person visits to officials in ten different counties, and countless phone calls, emails, and drafts—are responsible for the quality of the submission before you today.

We also posted an initial draft for public comment over a four-week period, held two four-hour long public meetings on the draft, and received close to 500 individual written public comments from over 70 individuals and organizations. In consultation with our County partners, the public feedback received was carefully considered, and, in appropriate instances, incorporated in the current draft. As with the County feedback, the final product was improved as a result of the public feedback we received and incorporated.

Throughout this process, my Administration has sought to gain consensus wherever possible, and build compromise wherever not. We believe the result is an updated Elections Procedures Manual that will ensure the maximum degree of correctness, impartiality, uniformity, and efficiency in election procedures across the State.

As you review the attached submission, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Katie Hobbs  
Arizona Secretary of State

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