



MAYOR AND COUNCIL ELECTION AUGUST 2011

GENERAL INFORMATION

The City of Phoenix will hold the regularly scheduled Mayor and Council Election on Tuesday, August 30, 2011. In this election, registered voters who reside in the city of Phoenix will elect a Mayor and decide two ballot measures, which include continuance of the Home Rule expenditure limitation and a referendum measure. Also, voters residing in City Council Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7 will elect Council Members and voters residing in District 2 will elect a Council Member in a Special Vacancy Election to replace a Council Member who resigned. There is no election for council members in Districts 4, 6 and 8 this year because the terms of the city council members are staggered. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for an office in the August election, a Runoff Election will be held on November 8, 2011.

SAMPLE BALLOT AND PUBLICITY PAMPHLET

Sample Ballot: The sample ballot is located in the center of this pamphlet and is included to help voters become familiar with the ballot. Instructions for voting the ballot are located at the top of both the Sample Ballot and the Official Ballot. This Sample Ballot is not for voting; **do not return a voted Sample Ballot.** Only valid votes cast on an official ballot by Phoenix registered voters will be counted.

Candidate Names and Propositions: Candidate names may appear in a different order on the official ballot because candidate names are rotated. The publicity pamphlet also contains the text and a summary of each proposition, followed by any arguments supporting or opposing the proposition. Arguments are printed as filed. If no arguments in support of or opposition to a proposition appear in this pamphlet, no arguments were filed with the City Clerk for that proposition.

Spanish Translation: The Spanish translation of this pamphlet is required by the Federal Voting Rights Act. The translation is an accurate interpretation of the material appearing in English, but is provided only as an aid to voters.

Alternative Formats: This pamphlet is available in alternative formats, including Braille, large print, audio tape and compact disk, upon request. To request an alternative format copy of this pamphlet, please call the election information phone number shown below. Requests for alternative formats must be received by August 5, 2011.

➔ NEW THIS ELECTION! GO GREEN! ←

Now voters can obtain the Sample Ballot and Publicity Pamphlet electronically. By subscribing to the Sample Ballot and Publicity Pamphlet mailing list, voters will receive an e-mail notification of the availability of the pamphlet(s) for each City of Phoenix election. The message will include a link to obtain the pamphlet(s) from the City Clerk Department's Website.

To subscribe, please visit <http://phoenix.gov/email/emelectmail.html> on the Web, or call the election information phone number shown below.

Obtaining the pamphlet electronically will allow you to search the pamphlet for specific information, will allow you to increase the size of the text for better readability, will reduce the amount of election-related mailings sent to you, and will save printing and postage costs.

Because of the legal requirement to mail a pamphlet to each household with a registered voter, a pamphlet will still be mailed to the household unless all registered voters in the household subscribe.

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VOTING CENTERS FOR CITY OF PHOENIX ELECTIONS

Overview:

Beginning with this Election, City voters in City of Phoenix elections no longer are required to vote at a specified polling place in the voter's precinct. Traditional polling places have been replaced with voting centers. **Any voter can use any one of the 26 voting centers to cast a ballot** and the voting centers will be open for voting for **THREE DAYS**. This method of voting is only available for City of Phoenix elections. The change to Voting Centers was approved by the Mayor and City Council and the U.S. Department of Justice.

A map with the list of the voting centers is on page 19 of this pamphlet. The map and list are also available on the City Clerk Department Website at phoenix.gov/ELECTION. For additional assistance locating a voting center, please call the election information phone number shown below.

Voting Hours:

For voting convenience, voting centers will be open on the following three days.

- Saturday, August 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday, August 29, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 30 (Election Day), 6 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Benefits of Voting Centers

- Continue popular Early Voting process and retain an in-person voting option.
- Greater convenience for voters to be able to cast a ballot at any of the 26 voting center locations over three days – close to home, work or other activities.
- Improved sites, service and support – most Voting Center locations are accessible by public transportation, near business or shopping cores, and along major streets. Improved service and support at each location from fewer facilities to staff.
- Lower cost than traditional polling place elections or an all mail election.
- The Early Voting process does not change and voters may drop off voted early ballots (in the affidavit envelope) at any of the voting centers.

For More Information:

For additional information on the Voting Centers, the Early Voting process, or for other City election-related questions, please use one or more of the following resources:

- Website – <http://phoenix.gov/ELECTION>
- Email – elections@phoenix.gov
- Phone – 602-261-VOTE (8683)
- Fax – 602-495-5080
- TTY – 602-534-2737

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AT THE VOTING CENTERS

The law requires all voters to provide identification before receiving a ballot when voting at a voting center. To meet this requirement, a voter must present the following:

LIST 1 — One form of these types of photo ID with name and address

- Valid Arizona driver license
- Valid Arizona non-operating identification license
- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification
- Valid United States federal, state or local government issued identification

OR

LIST 2 — Two forms of these types of non-photo ID with name and address

- Utility bill dated within 90 days of the date of the election (electric, gas, water, solid waste, sewer, telephone, cellular phone or cable television)
- Bank or credit union statement dated within 90 days of the date of the election
- Valid Arizona Vehicle Registration
- Indian census card
- Property tax statement of the voter's residence
- Tribal enrollment card or other form of tribal identification
- Vehicle insurance card
- Voter registration card or Recorder's Certificate
- Valid United States federal, state or local government issued identification
- "Official Election Material" mailing bearing the voter's name and address

OR

LIST 3 — Two forms of these types of ID with name and address

- Any valid form of photo ID from List 1 with an address that does NOT match the City of Phoenix Register of Voter WITH a non-photo ID from List 2 with an address that DOES match the City of Phoenix Register of Voter
- U.S. Passport and one form of non-photo ID from List 2
- U.S. Military ID and one form of non-photo ID from List 2

If you need a form of non-photo identification, you may request a piece of official election material be mailed to you by calling the election information phone number shown below.

EARLY VOTING

Any voter may cast an early ballot either by mail or at an early voting location. Ballots will be mailed beginning August 4 to voters who are on the permanent early voting list unless they have notified the City Clerk that they do not wish to receive a ballot for this Election, and to voters who have requested an early ballot by mail. If you are not on the permanent early voting list and wish to receive an early ballot by mail, request forms are available at http://phoenix.gov/ELECTION/ebr_form.pdf and at city public service counters and libraries. Request forms can also be obtained by calling the election information phone number shown below. Any voters not on the permanent early voting list who wish to receive an early ballot by mail must ensure that the City Clerk **receives** a signed, written request for an early ballot by mail no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, August 19, 2011.

Early Voting Locations:

For persons who wish to vote early in person rather than by mail, the following early voting locations will be available from Thursday, August 4 thru Friday, August 26, 2011.

Phoenix City Hall 200 W. Washington St., 15th Floor	Mon. – Fri. August 4 – August 26	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Mesquite Branch Library 4525 E. Paradise Village Pkwy	Saturday, August 13	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Sunnyslope Community Center 802 E. Vogel Ave.	Saturday, August 13	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
South Mountain Community Center 212 E. Alta Vista Road	Saturday, August 13	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Deer Valley Community Center 2001 W. Wahalla Lane	Saturday, August 20	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Desert West Community Center 6501 W. Virginia Avenue	Saturday, August 20	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Devonshire Senior Center 2802 E. Devonshire Ave.	Saturday, August 20	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

This list also is available on the City Clerk Department Web site at phoenix.gov/election/ or by calling the election information line shown below.

Returning Voted Early Ballots:

An early ballot must be returned in the ballot affidavit envelope that was provided with the ballot and the envelope must be signed by the voter. Voted early ballots must be **received** by the City Clerk **no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day**. If you return your ballot by mail, be sure to allow sufficient time for delivery by Election Day. Voted early ballots may also be delivered to early voting locations and voting center locations during voting hours. If you were sent an early ballot by mail but go to a voting center to vote, you will **NOT** be required to cast a provisional ballot as long as the early ballot has not been voted and processed for tabulation.

ACCESSIBLE VOTING

Accessible voting devices that permit voters with various disabilities to vote independently will be available for this election at all early voting and voting center locations.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT PROVISIONAL BALLOTS AND EARLY BALLOTS DROPPED OFF AT THE POLLS

PROVISIONAL BALLOTS

Provisional Ballots are important tools that help to ensure that every eligible voter has the opportunity to cast a ballot and have the vote counted. Shown below are some common questions about Provisional Ballots and which votes are counted.

What is a Provisional Ballot?

A Provisional Ballot allows a voter to cast a ballot when there is a question as to whether the voter is eligible to vote in the election. The voter fills out a Provisional Ballot Form, which is used by election officials to confirm the voter's eligibility. This process also allows verification that only one ballot is cast before the ballot is counted.

Why would I have to vote a Provisional Ballot?

You will need to vote a Provisional Ballot if:

- Your name is not listed in the City of Phoenix Register of Voters; OR
- You do not have the required identification; OR
- Your name or address on your identification does not match what is listed in the City of Phoenix Register of Voters; OR
- There is a question regarding your eligibility to vote.

I've heard that Provisional Ballots are not counted. Is this true?

A Provisional Ballot Form is reviewed and the ballot is COUNTED if the following information is confirmed:

- The voter is registered to vote in Maricopa County;
- The voter's residence address (as listed on the Provisional Ballot Form) is located within the Phoenix City Limits; and
- The voter has not already voted.

All valid Provisional Ballots are counted, regardless of whether it would impact the outcome of the election.

How can I know for sure whether my Provisional Ballot was counted?

You can confirm whether your ballot was counted starting 7 days after the election by calling the election information phone number shown below. If you have the cover sheet from your Provisional Ballot Form, you will be asked for the serial number on the affidavit to confirm the outcome of your provisional ballot.

EARLY BALLOTS DROPPED OFF AT THE POLLS

Are Early Ballots that are dropped off at a voting center on Election Day counted?

Yes. All eligible early ballots are counted as long as they are received by 7 p.m. on Election Day. Early ballots dropped off at the polls are processed in the same way as all other early ballots. You can drop off a voted early ballot at any City of Phoenix voting center during the hours the center is open – just make sure that the ballot is in the official affidavit envelope and that you have signed the outside of the envelope.

BALLOT TABULATION AND ELECTION RESULTS

Election results are released on Election Night; if Provisional Ballots and Early Ballots dropped off at voting center locations are processed after Election Day, doesn't this mean that they don't really count?

Even though unofficial results are released starting on Election Night, the results are not made official until every ballot that is cast by an eligible voter is counted. The results are canvassed at a formal City Council meeting between 8 and 15 days after the election, at which time the results are deemed to be official.