

# 2019/2020 Election Overview

March 19, 2019

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City Clerk





# Election Dates



## City Charter

- 2015 Charter Amendment - City elections same as State.

## Election Dates according to State Statutes

Primary Elections – summer of even numbered years

General Elections - fall of even numbered years

Special Elections - odd or even years



# Types of Elections

## Primary Elections

- Summer of Even Number Years Only – Usually in August
  - Only held if there are more than 2 candidates for each seat.
    - Last Primary Election in 2014

## General Elections

- Fall of Even Number Years Only – November
  - Candidate Elections
  - General Obligation Bonds
  - Sales Tax
  - Permanent Adjustment of Expenditure Base Limitation



# Types of Elections

## Special Elections

- Can be held in odd or even years
  - Initiative, Referendum, or Recall
  - Regional Plan Adoption
  - Franchise
  - Charter Amendments



# Upcoming Election Dates

## Special Elections

- August 27, 2019
- November 5, 2019
- March 10, 2020
- May 19, 2020
- August 25, 2020

## Primary Election (if needed)

- August 25, 2020

## General Election

- November 3, 2020



# Initiative/Referendum

## Submittal Deadlines

- 4 months prior to the election

<b>DATE OF ELECTION</b>	<b>SUBMITTAL DEADLINE</b>
August 2019	April 26, 2019
November 2019	July 5, 2019
March 2020	November 8, 2019
May 2020	January 17, 2020
August 2020	April 24, 2020
November 2020	July 3, 2020



# 2020 General Election Timeline

- The time to begin planning for possible 2020 Ballot Measures is now.
- November 2020 election should be called by July 7, 2020.
- Planning and Outreach take time.
  - Information Gathering
  - Citizen Panel
  - Surveys
  - Tax Question and Charter Amendment Citizen Committees
  - Public Outreach
  - Recommendations to Council



# Possible Timeline

Action	Timeline
Advertise for Committee Members	Deadline to apply, July 2019
Applicants to Council for Consideration	September 2019
Convene Committee	September through December 2019
Committee Recommendations to Council	January 2020
Prepare Preliminary Public Outreach, Surveys, etc.	February through April 2020
Final Council Approval	May/June 2020
Prepare Final Public Outreach Materials Present to Service Groups	July through October 2020
Election	November 2020



# Financial Considerations

- Coconino County Elections conducts the City Elections
- Costs are based on registered voters.
  - 40,000 registered voters at last election.
- Special Elections
  - All Mail Ballot - \$2.50/registered voter
  - Polling Place - \$5.00/registered voter
- Combined Jurisdiction Election
  - Mail & Polling Place - \$2.00/registered voter



# Financial Considerations

- Budget Planning
  - FY20 Budget includes costs for special election (if desired).
    - Publicity Pamphlet
    - Conducting the Election
  - FY21 Budget will include costs for the general election.
    - Publicity Pamphlet
    - Conducting the Election



# Financial Considerations

- Other Election Related Costs for City Questions
  - Information Gathering
  - Outreach Materials
  - Education Materials
  - Consulting Costs (optional)



QUESTIONS?