



General Obligation Bond Election Process

August 30, 2022





Overview

- Election Timeline
- Arizona State Statute
 - Prohibition on Use of City Resources



Election Timeline

- Review Handout on Election Calendar



Prohibition on Use of City Resources

- Enacted in 1996 and amended twice
- 2013 amendment
 - **New:** A city or town shall not spend or use its resources, including the use or expenditure of monies, accounts, credit, facilities, vehicles, postage, telecommunications, computer, hardware and software, webpages, personnel, equipment, materials, buildings or any other thing of value of the city or town for the purpose of influencing the outcomes of elections
 - **Old:** A city or town shall not use its personnel, equipment, materials, buildings or other resources for the purpose of influencing the outcomes of elections



Prohibition on Use of City Resources

- 2015 amendment
 - **Added:** the prohibition on the use of public resources to influence the outcome of bond, budget override, and other tax related elections includes the use of city-focused or town-focused promotional expenditures that occur after an election is called and through election day. This prohibitions does not include routine city or town communications
 - Routine city or town communications means messages or advertisements that are germane to the functions of the city or town and that maintain the frequency, scope and distribution consistent with past practices or are necessary for public safety



Questions?