



CIOSI on Bond Committee

January 13, 2026





Council Item of Special Interest (CIOSI) Scope and Consensus

- Councilmember Malnar requested a CIOSI
- Scope
 - History of Bond Committee
 - Comparison with other city's committees
 - Options for Bond Committee roles
 - Options for bond ballot language
- CIOSI process requires consensus to continue
 - Staff had already started research after the last election
 - Staff is prepared to present today if there is consensus



Bond Committee Formation

ORDINANCE NO. 019-81

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
GLENDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA,
ESTABLISHING AN AD-HOC CITIZEN BOND ELECTION
COMMITTEE.

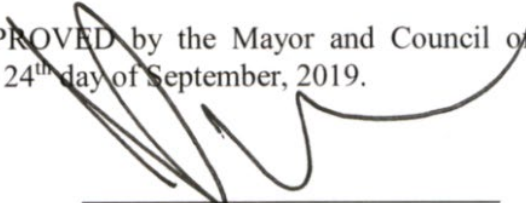
WHEREAS, as part of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) process to ensure that funds are available to support future Council-approved projects, it will be necessary to consider whether an election is needed to request additional voter authorization to issue bonds.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE as follows:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the Glendale City Charter, the council establishes an Ad-Hoc Citizen Bond Election Committee. The committee shall be composed of seven (7) members, all of whom shall be residents of the City of Glendale, and who shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 2. That the provisions of this ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after passage of this ordinance by the Glendale City Council.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Glendale, Maricopa County, Arizona, this 24th day of September, 2019.



Mayor Jerry R. Weiers



Bond Committee History

- September 24, 2019, Ordinance Adopted Creating Ad-Hoc Citizen Bond Election Committee
- Review Financial Information
 - The City's budget process
 - What is a bond?
 - What are General Obligation bonds?
 - Understand the City's approved Capital Improvement Plan
 - Review specific projects to be funded by bonds



Bond Committee History

- Review Consultant's Survey Results
- Review Ballot Language
 - Make recommendations to City Council
 - Specific language
 - Dollar amounts
 - Projects
- Community Outreach
 - As a member of the bond committee
 - As a private citizen/resident of Glendale
 - Formation of a Political Action Committee



Most Recent Bond Committee

- Educational only
 - Call for election had occurred before the first meeting
 - Reviewed survey results
 - Reviewed 10-year Capital Improvement Plan
 - Detailed review of projects
- Community Outreach
 - As a member of the bond committee
 - As a private citizen/resident of Glendale
 - Formation of a Political Action Committee (PAC)



Role of City Staff

- Educate and Inform
 - Bond committee
 - Community
 - Voters
- Support Bond Committee
 - Facilitate meetings
 - Provide information
 - Financial
 - Election
 - Federal, state, and local laws



Additional Considerations

- Trust for Public Land (tpl.org)
 - Non-profit Organization
 - Connecting Everyone to the Outdoors™
 - Technical assistance
 - Surveys
 - Public Outreach
- Current Bond Committee
 - Tentative meeting January 21, 2026
 - Potential election timeline
 - General material on budget, process, bonds, etc.
 - Presentation by Trust for Public Lands



2025 Municipal Bond Elections

City	Recommendations	Outcomes
Avondale	Q1: Parks & Libraries \$68M Q2: Public Safety <u>\$55M</u> \$123M	Q1: Passed Q2: Failed by 13 votes
Chandler	Q1: Parks & Rec \$158M Q2: Fire \$88M Q3: Police \$46M Q4: Pub. Work/Streets <u>\$183M</u> \$475M	Q1: Passed Q2: Passed Q3: Passed Q4: Passed
Glendale	Q1: Flood Control \$30M Q2: Ops Facilities <u>\$35M</u> \$65M	Q1: Passed Q2: Failed by 12 votes



Bond Committee Comparison

- Similarities

- Committee Roles
- Timelines
- Public Meetings

- Differences


- Size of Committees
- Number and Size of Recommendations
- Public Education Materials



Voter Guides

CITY OF GLENDALE, ARIZONA
 INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLET
 AND TEXT OF BALLOT

Proposals to be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Glendale at the
SPECIAL BOND ELECTION BY MAIL
 NOVEMBER 4, 2025



CIUDAD DE GLENDALE, ARIZONA
 FOLLETO INFORMATIVO
 Y TEXTO DE LA BOLETA ELECTORAL

Proposiciones que se presentarán a los electores con derecho a voto de la
 Ciudad de Glendale en la
ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL DE BONOS POR CORREO
 4 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2025



CHANDLER
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INFORMATION PAMPHLET AND SAMPLE BALLOT



SPECIAL ELECTION
NOV. 4, 2025

La versión en español empieza en la página 43.



CITY OF AVONDALE
2025 Special Election
BY MAIL
 PUBLICITY PAMPHLET

Prop 404 and Prop 405
www.AvondaleAZ.gov/Bond

MUNICIPIO DE AVONDALE
ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL 2025
 FOLLETO DE INFORMACIÓN
 PARA LOS VOTANTES

ELECTION DAY IS
NOVEMBER 04, 2025
 EL DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES ES
4 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2025

Avondale
 AVONDALE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
www.AvondaleAZ.gov/Elections
 (623) 333-1000

OFICINA DE LA SECRETARÍA MUNICIPAL
www.AvondaleAZ.gov/Elections
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FULL TEXT OF BALLOT

QUESTION 1

PURPOSE: FLOOD CONTROL
PRINCIPAL AMOUNT: \$30,000,000

Shall the City of Glendale, Arizona (the "City"), be authorized to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$30,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds for flood control, including, but not limited to the following:

- Planning, constructing, equipping, acquiring, and installing flood control facilities; and
- Improving storm water lines and drains, flood control channels, and water retention and detention basins, including providing for other general capital expenses related to flood control or for liquidating any indebtedness already incurred for flood control purposes and for paying other costs related thereto, including, but not limited, to all legal, financial, engineering, architectural, project management and administration and other necessary costs in connection therewith and, in connection therewith as necessary, to acquire all necessary and related facilities, equipment, appurtenances and land therefor by purchase or any other method of acquisition and to pay all costs incidental to any of the foregoing and to the sale and issuance of such bonds or any series thereof, to be issued as general obligation bonds of the City, payable from secondary (ad valorem) property taxes levied upon all of the taxable property in the City, to mature not more than 25 years from their date and to bear interest at a rate of not to exceed 8% per annum and may be sold at prices that include premiums not greater than permitted by law?

The issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay the annual debt service on the bonds.

A "YES" vote shall authorize the governing body of the City to issue and sell \$30,000,000 of general obligation bonds of the City to be repaid with secondary property taxes.

A "NO" vote shall not authorize the governing body of the City to issue and sell such bonds of the City.

BOND APPROVAL, YES
BOND APPROVAL, NO

[At the discretion of the County elections department, the question set forth above may be presented on the actual ballot in summary form, reading substantially as follows:]

Shall the City of Glendale be authorized to sell up to \$30,000,000 in general obligation bonds for flood control and water retention basin improvements? The issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay annual debt service on the bonds.

A "YES" vote shall authorize the City of Glendale governing body to issue and sell \$30,000,000 of general obligation bonds of the City of Glendale to be repaid with secondary property taxes.

A "NO" vote shall not authorize the City of Glendale governing body to issue and sell such bonds of the City of Glendale.

BOND APPROVAL, YES
BOND APPROVAL, NO

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QUESTION

PURPOSE: PARKS AND RECREATION

AMOUNT: \$158,000,000

ENHANCE CHANDLER'S PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AMENITIES TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY

Shall the City of Chandler, Arizona, be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds of the city in the principal amount not exceeding \$158,000,000 to provide funding for community, neighborhood and regional parks, aquatic centers, arts and cultural centers, recreational facilities, buildings and improvements? Projects may include, but are not limited to, those intended to:

- Renovate and improve existing neighborhood and community parks, recreational facilities and buildings,
- Design and construct new city parks and recreational facilities, buildings and improvements,
- Construct or improve multi-use fields, playgrounds and other facilities at city parks, which may include Snedigar Sports Complex, Desert Breeze Park, Mesquite Groves Park, and Dr. A.J. Chandler Park, and
- Renovate and improve existing pools and aquatic centers, which may include Folley Pool.

Generated funds will be used to pay for all necessary design, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, renovation, equipment and installation and associated costs including the acquisition of land or interests therein necessary for such.

These bonds will be issued as general obligation bonds and the issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay the annual debt service on bonds, unless the governing body provides for payment from other sources.

A "YES" vote shall authorize the City of Chandler governing body to issue and sell \$158,000,000 of general obligation bonds of the City of Chandler to be repaid with secondary property taxes.

A "NO" vote shall not authorize the City of Chandler governing body to issue and sell such bonds of the City of Chandler.

Bond Approval, Yes

Bond Approval, No



Ballot Language

- Recommended by Bond Committee
- Approved by Council in the formal call for the election
 - Informed by survey results
 - Specifically required by state statute
 - **“The issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay the annual debt service on the bonds.”**
 - Chandler modification
 - **“These bonds will be issued as general obligation bonds and the issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay the annual debt service on the bonds, unless the governing body provides for payment from other sources”**



Potential Bond Election Calendar

Who?	What?	When?	Deadline?
Bond Committee	3-5 meetings	January 21, 2026, February, March, April, May	
Polster	Survey	March	
City Council	Notify County of intent to hold an election	April 22, 2026	May 7, 2026
Bond Committee	Recommendations on ballot language	May	
City Council	Adopt ballot language and call for election	May 27, 2026	June 8, 2026
Public	Submit for and against arguments	August 5, 2026	August 5, 2026
County	Ballots mailed	October 7, 2026	
Public	Election Day	November 3, 2026	



Consensus and Direction

- Bond committee role
 - Retain current structure and size?
 - Return to historical role or remain educational only?
 - Additional duties?
- Educational materials
 - Review and revamp publicity pamphlet
 - Continue to engage with third parties interested in providing technical assistance



Questions?