



Primary Election Results

July 21, 2026

Primary Election Results Comparison

	2020	2022	2024	2026
• Active Registered Voters	27,428	30,049	31,542	33,354
• Ballots Cast	14,166	15,327	14,550	13,797
• Early Ballots	12,945	13,413	13,022	12,548
• Rejected Ballots	168	330	203	425
• Participation Rate	51.65%	51.01%	46.13%	41.37%
	Yes Run-Off	No Run-Off	No Run-Off	No Run-Off

Majority Vote Formula

Number of votes ÷ Number of Council seats to be filled

Divided by 2

Rounded to the highest whole number = **Threshold**

Office of Mayor

$$\frac{13,190 \div 1}{2}$$

= **6,595**

Councilmember 4-Year Term

$$\frac{19,454 \div 2}{2}$$

= **4,864**

Councilmember 2-Year Term

$$\frac{12,184 \div 1}{2}$$

= **6,092**



Office of Mayor – Election Results

6,595

PRESCOTT VALLEY MAYOR (4-YEAR TERM) (NONPARTISAN)		
Vote For 1		
Total Votes	13,190	
NEIGEL, LAWRENCE	6,018	45.63%
PALGUTA, KELL	7,172	54.37%
Undervote	595	
Overvote	12	



Councilmember (4-Year Term) Election Results

4,864

PRESCOTT VALLEY COUNCIL MEMBER (4-YEAR TERM) (NONPARTISAN)

Vote For 2		
Total Votes	19,454	
ABLES, CHARLES	6,356	32.67%
GREER, MICHAEL	6,524	33.54%
SCHUMACHER, KENDALL	6,574	33.79%
Undervote	8,134	
Overvote	6	

ARS §9-821.01(H)

If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast in the primary election, the number of candidates advancing to the general or runoff election shall be equal to twice the number of seats to be filled for that office, selected from among those who did not receive a majority.



**No Run-Off
Election Required**

Councilmember (2-Year Term) Election Results

6,092

PRESCOTT VALLEY COUNCIL MEMBER (2-YEAR TERM) (NONPARTISAN)

Vote For 1

Total Votes

12,184

LOPEZ, KYMBERLI

6,060

49.74%

THORNTON, JASON

6,124

50.26%

Undervote

1,543

Overvote

70



HB2080

Effective September 14, 2024

HB2080 (Hendrix v. Town of Gilbert) – allows candidates who are elected outright in a Primary election to take their Council seat right after the canvass (rather than the date set in the Town Code) if the person currently holding the seat was appointed (rather than elected).

In this scenario candidate Jason Thornton would take seat at the Regular Town Council meeting on August 13, 2026. The Oath of Office would be administered prior to the meeting.

Per 9-821.01 (D), the remainder of the Council-elect would take office during the regular meeting on December 10, 2026.



RECOUNT CLARIFICATION (THE MATH)

- Law changed in 2022 to reduce the margin of automatic recounts.
- SB1008: Requires an automatic recount if the margin between two candidates **is less than** or equal to one-half of one percent of the votes cast for both candidates.

PRESCOTT VALLEY COUNCIL MEMBER (2-YEAR TERM) (NONPARTISAN)			
Vote For 1			
Total Votes	12,184		
LOPEZ, KYMBERLI	6,060	49.74%	
THORNTON, JASON	6,124	50.26%	
Undervote	1,543		
Overvote	70		

Jason Thornton 6,124
Kymberli Lopez - 6,060

64 (Margin – Difference of votes cast)

Thornton 6,124
Lopez 6,060

12,184
X .005

60.92 (61) Half of one percent of votes cast

Margin of 64 is greater than 61
(1/2 of 1% of votes cast)

No Recount Required

An aerial photograph of Prescott Valley, Arizona, taken at dusk. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. In the center, the words "PRESCOTT VALLEY" are written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. A thick, solid orange horizontal line is positioned directly beneath the text. The background shows a sprawling suburban landscape with numerous houses, commercial buildings, and parking lots. In the distance, a range of mountains is visible against a sky filled with dark, dramatic clouds. A small body of water is visible in the lower-left corner of the frame.

PRESCOTT VALLEY