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GILA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

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To all Special Districts in Gila County

The following are enclosed for your review and action:

- List of districts and governing board member positions which are up for election November 3, 2020.
- Special District Candidate Packet which includes:
 - Non-Partisan Candidate Filing Instructions
 - NEW: Candidate Statement of Interest Form** (fill out form before signature collection and file with Nomination form and signature petitions).
 - Non-Partisan Paper/Affidavit of Qualification/ Campaign Finance Laws Statement.
 - A Non-Partisan Signature Petition Form
 - Signature Requirements
 - Important Election Dates

Please review this list of positions and advise us as soon as possible if you have any questions or if changes need to be made to the list.

Each Board Member who is up for re-election or new individuals who are running for office should receive a candidate packet. Candidate packets are also available at our website gilacountyaz.gov and at the Gila County Elections Office located at 5515 S. Apache Ave., STE 900 in Globe or the Gila County Government Complex located at 610 E. Hwy. 206 in Payson.

The Non-Partisan Nomination Paper and complete signature petitions must be submitted to the Elections Department by the filing deadline for the candidate to be recognized as an official candidate for the election.

In all districts where incumbents or new candidates are running unopposed, the election will be cancelled and the Gila County Board of Supervisors will appoint as if elected those individuals to their respective Boards. This is provided for in A. R. S. §16-410. Cancellation and appointments saves the special districts thousands of dollars since they do not have to pay for an election.

If an election is required due to multiple candidates running for a single position on a governing board, you may contract with Gila County to provide election services. Such contracts are covered under Gila County's Policy about special district elections. Any request for election services must be made to the Gila County Elections Department within fifteen days following the call date for the election.

Please ensure each governing board member who is up for election this year, receives a copy of the candidate packet so they can begin the process as quickly as possible.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Gila County Elections Department at (928) 402-8708 or you may email me at emariscal@gilacountaz.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric A. Mariscal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Eric A. Mariscal, Director

Gila County Elections Department

Gila County, Arizona

**2020
GILA COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS**

A.R.S. 16-322 (A) (12) Nomination petitions shall be signed: ...If for a candidate for a governing body of a special district as described in title 48 by a number of qualified electors...equal to at least one-half of one percent of the vote in the special district but not more than two hundred fifty and not fewer than five signatures. ("The vote" is the number of votes cast in the last election.)

Special District	Signatures Required		No. to Elec.	Board Member up for Re-Election in 2020
	Minimum	Maximum		
Water Districts				
Beaver Valley DWID	5	250	3	Sam Baker
				Kerrick Hatch
				Mark Hallet
Canyon DWID	5	250	2	Linda Haught Ortega
				Mark A Shellenberger
Pine Creek Canyon DWID	5	250	2	Jim Crews
				Thomas Lee Kelly
Little Creek Land Co DWID	5	250	2	Vacant
				Vacant
Pine-Strawberry WID	13	250	4	Lawrence Bagshaw
				Sharon Hillman
				Forrest McCoy
				Robert Arbuthnot
Pine Water Association DWID	5	250	2	Maurine Heisdorffer
				Sally Randall
Rim Trail DWID	5	250	3	Dave McKibben
				Judy Scott
				John Tanner
Solitude Trails DWID	5	250	1	Dave Thompson
Strawberry Hollow DWID	5	250	1	Diane Peterson
Sunflower Mesa DWID	5	250	2	James H Bolt
				Glenda Philippe
Tonto Village DWID	5	250	3	Sandra Lewinson
				Cindy Fitch
				Chanel Fitch Kirkpatrick
Whispering Pines DWID	5	250	3	James L Abbott
				Robert Hull
				Steven Stevens

Gila County, Arizona

NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE FILING PROCEDURE

1. The following documents are included with this packet:
 - Important Election Dates
 - Candidate Statement of Interest
 - Nonpartisan Nomination Paper
 - Nonpartisan Nomination Petition
 - Petition Signature Requirements
2. ***NEW For 2020:*** The Candidate Statement of Interest Form must be filed before the collection of petition signatures can begin. The Form can be mailed, emailed or faxed to the Gila County Elections Department.
3. **Campaign Finance:**
 - If you receive or make expenditures (of a combined total) greater than \$1,200.00 you will need to file a statement of organization with the Gila County Department of Elections within ten days of exceeding the \$1,200.00 limit.
 - Filing may be done by mail or in person.
 - Documents will be considered filed on the date received in the elections office. Mail early to avoid delivery delays.
 - For email correspondence contact: emariscal@gilacountyaz.gov.
 - By regular mail: Gila County Elections Department, 5515 S. Apache Ave. Ste. 900, Globe, AZ 85501.
4. **Nomination Paper:**
 - Make sure to answer every question and fill in every blank.
 - Insert the candidate's name exactly how it is to appear on the ballot. The candidate's last name appears first, then the first name. A middle or nickname is optional. Nicknames are permissible as long as they do not suggest a title.
 - Candidates must sign the form.
5. **Nomination Petitions:**
 - The candidate must file at least the minimum, and no more than the maximum, number of signatures required. If there are too few signatures, the filing will not be accepted. If there are too many signatures, we cannot count those in excess of the maximum.
 - **BEFORE** filing petitions, check each petition to ensure:
 - The circulator portion on the back side is complete and signed; notarization not required.
 - The elector signature lines on the front side of each petition are complete and that the elector signed the petition.
 - A petition page does not have to contain 10 signatures, but it cannot contain more than 10 signatures. Signatures written in margins will not be accepted.

NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE FILING PROCEDURE (Continued)

6. Filing:

- The **Nonpartisan Nomination Paper and the Nonpartisan Nomination Petitions** must be filed with the Gila County Department of Elections between the First and Last Dates Nonpartisan Candidates Can File as shown on the Important Election Dates form.
- Filing may be done **by mail or in person only**.
- Documents will be considered filed on the date received in the elections office. Mail early to avoid delivery delays.
- Filing will not be accepted by email, fax or postmark.
- Partial filings **will not** be accepted.

7. Termination Statement

- If you filed a Statement of Organization for your campaign you will need to file a termination statement in accordance with A.R.S. 16-934.



STATE OF ARIZONA

Candidate Statement of Interest
A.R.S. § 16-311; A.R.S. § 16-341

You are hereby notified that I, the undersigned, hereby declare my interest to run as a candidate for the office of _____, seeking the nomination of the _____ Party, at the _____ Election to be held on Tuesday, _____.

By submitting this document, I understand that any nomination petition signatures collected before the date of this Statement of Interest are invalid and may be subject to challenge pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-351, unless signatures were collected before August 27, 2019 and this Statement of Interest was filed by January 2, 2020.

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

DATE

SIGNATURE



STATE OF ARIZONA

Nonpartisan
NOMINATION PAPER
DECLARATION OF QUALIFICATION
A.R.S. § 16-311(B)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

You are hereby notified that I, the undersigned, a qualified elector, am a candidate for the office of

_____ at the election to be held on the _____ day of _____,
20____.

I will have been a citizen of the United States for _____ years before my election, will have been a
citizen of Arizona for _____ years before my election, and I will be at least _____ years of age upon taking
said office. I have resided in _____ County for _____ years and in precinct
_____ for _____ years before my election.

Actual residence address
or description of place of residence (required)

City or Town

Zip

Post office address (if applicable)

City or town

Zip

Print or type your name on the following line in the exact manner you
wish it to appear on the ballot, last name first.

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the information in this Nomination Paper and Declaration of
Qualification is true and correct, and that at the time of filing I am a resident of the county, district or precinct
which I propose to represent, that I have no final, outstanding judgments against me of an aggregate of
\$1,000 or more that arose from failure to comply with or enforcement of campaign finance law, and as to all
other qualifications, I will be qualified at the time of election to hold the office that I seek.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

DATE

2020 IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

PRIMARY ELECTION	
First Date Partisan Candidates Can File Partisan Nominating Petitions including Precinct Committeemen (150 Days before election)	Mon, March 9, 2020
Last Date Partisan Candidates Can File Partisan Nominating Petitions including Precinct Committeemen (120 Days before election)	Mon, April 6, 2020 at 5 pm
Last Day Partisan Write-in Precinct Committeemen Candidates Can File (76 Days)	Wed, May 20, 2020 at 5pm
Last Day Partisan Write-In Candidates Can File (40 Days)	Thurs, June 25, 2020 at 5pm
Voter Registration Closes (29 Days)	Mon, July 6, 2020 at midnight
Early Voting Begins (27 Days)	Wed, July 8, 2020
Sample Ballots Mailed (11 Days)	Fri, July 24, 2020
Primary Election	Tues, August 4, 2020
GENERAL ELECTION	
First Date Candidates Can File "Nomination Other Than by Primary" or Independent (150 Days)	Mon, March 9, 2020
Last Date Candidates Can File "Nomination Other Than by Primary" (120 Days)	Mon, April 6, 2020 at 5 pm
First Date Non-Partisan (Special Districts, Schools, Community College) Candidates Can File (150 Days)	Mon, June 8, 2020
Last Date Non-Partisan (Special Districts, Schools, Community College) Candidates Can File (120 Days)	Mon, July 6, 2020 at 5 pm
Last Day <u>Write-in</u> Non-Partisan (Special Districts, Schools, Community College) Candidates Can File (76 Days)	Wed, Aug 19, 2020 at 5 pm
Last Day all other <u>Write-in</u> Candidates Can File (40 Days)	Thurs, Sept 24, 2020 at 5 pm
Voter Registration Closes (29 Days)	Mon, Oct 5, 2020 at Midnight
Early Voting Begins (27 Days)	Wed, Oct 7, 2020
Sample Ballots Mailed (11 Days)	Fri, Oct 23, 2020
General Election	Tues, Nov 3, 2020