

CITY OF CASA GRANDE

ELECTION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What are the 2020 Candidate Election dates?

- Primary – August 4, 2020
 - General – November 3, 2020
- Note: The General Election will include the 2030 General Plan

What offices are to be filled?

- One (1) Mayoral seat
- Three (3) City Council seats

How do you get elected in the Primary Election?

At the primary election, any candidate who shall receive a majority of all the votes cast at such election shall be declared elected to the office for which he or she is a candidate, and no further election shall be held as to said candidate.

How do you determine majority of all the votes cast at the primary election to be declared elected to the office for which he or she is a candidate?

City Ordinance No. 3059 – Adopted the below Methodology for calculating the majority of all votes cast:

1. Calculating the total number of actual votes cast for all candidates for an office whose names were lawfully on the ballot for that office.
2. Dividing the sum reached above by the number of seats to be filled for that office.
3. Dividing the number reached pursuant to paragraph 2 by two and rounding that number to the highest whole number.

What happens if a candidate does not receive a majority of all the votes cast at the primary election to be declared elected to the office for which he or she is a candidate?

If at any primary election there be any office or offices to which no candidate therefor was elected, then, said election shall be considered to be a primary election for the nomination of candidates for such office or offices, and a second or general election shall be held to vote for candidates to fill such office or offices. The candidates, not elected at such first election, equal in number to twice the number to be elected to any given office, or less if so there be, and who received the highest number of votes for the respective offices at such first election, shall be the only candidates at such second election.

When does the term of office begin for the Mayor and Council Members ?

At 7:00 p.m. on the first regular meeting during the month next following the general election, which will be December 7, 2020.

What is the salary for the Mayor and Council Members?

Mayor: \$1,358.00 per month

Council Members: \$754.00 per month

What are the qualifications to seek the position of Mayor?

- 25 years of age or older at the time of filing nomination papers
- Qualified registered voter of the City of Casa Grande at the time of filing nomination papers
- Resident of the City of Casa Grande for three years next preceding the date of the election
- Able to speak, write and read the English language
- A person convicted of a felony cannot serve as a Mayor until he has been restored his civil rights
- City employees are not eligible to stand for election or serve as Mayor

What are the qualifications to seek the position of Council Member?

- 21 years of age or older at the time of filing nomination papers
- Qualified registered voter of the City of Casa Grande at the time of filing nomination papers
- Resident of the City of Casa Grande for three years next preceding the date of the election
- Able to speak, write and read the English language
- A person convicted of a felony cannot serve as a Council Member until he has been restored his civil rights
- City employees are not eligible to stand for election or serve as a Council Member

How many signatures are required on the nomination petitions?

At least **313** and not more than **625** signatures of qualified registered voters of the City of Casa Grande.

When will candidate information and forms be available?

Complete candidate packets will be made available in October 24, 2019, online at casagrandeaz.gov and in hardcopy upon request in the City Clerk's Office, 510 East Florence Blvd., Casa Grande, Arizona.

What is the first date that individuals can file candidate paperwork?

March 9, 2020, at 8:00 a.m. in the City Clerk's Office, 510 East Florence Blvd., Casa Grande, Arizona.

What is the last date that individuals can file candidate paperwork?

April 6, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's Office, 510 East Florence Blvd., Casa Grande Arizona.

What candidate paperwork must be filed at the same time?

***Note: A Statement of Interest Form must be filed at the City Clerk's office, prior to collecting Nomination Petition signatures**

- Nomination Papers
- Nomination Petitions
- Financial Disclosure Statement

What are the deadlines for voter registration?

July 6, 2020 – last day to register to vote in the Primary Election.

October 5, 2020 – last day to register to vote in the General Election.

When does early voting begin?

July 8, 2020 – first day that early ballots are mailed for the Primary Election.

October 7, 2020 – first day that early ballots are mailed for the General Election.

Who conducts voter registration and early voting for City of Casa Grande elections?

Voter registration and early voting is conducted by the Pinal County Recorder's Office/ Elections Department. For information on voter registration, please contact the Pinal County Recorder's Office at 520-866-6830, email recorder@pinalcountyaz.gov, or access the below links for assistance:

[Register to vote](#)

[Update existing registration](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#) related to voting in Pinal County.

What is the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL)?

Registered voters may place their name on the [Permanent Early Voting List \(PEVL\)](#).

An early ballot will automatically be mailed to voters on the PEVL approximately 27 days prior to the City's August and November elections. For further information, please contact the Pinal County Recorder's Office at 520-866-6830, or visit the website at [Pinal County Recorder's Office](#).

What type of Candidate Committee/Campaign Finance forms do I need to file?

To register a new candidate committee, file a Statement of Organization within 10 days after qualifying as a candidate committee. A candidate qualifies as a Candidate Committee if the candidate receives contributions or makes expenditures, in any combination, of at least \$500 in connection with that candidacy.

Campaign finance reports must be filed in accordance with campaign finance laws as long as the candidate committee is active. All committees are subject to late filing penalties. Once a Committee Termination Statement is filed, campaign finance reports are no longer required to be filed.

Where can I find information on Candidate Committees and Campaign Finance?

- [Arizona Revised Statutes §16-901-16-938](#)
- [Arizona Secretary of State Campaign Finance Handbook for Candidate Committees](#)

What are the current campaign contribution limits?

In 2019, contribution limits increased and an individual, partnership or political action committee may give \$6,450.00 to a local candidate.

What are the Campaign Finance Filing Deadlines and Reporting Periods for Candidate Committees?

A.R.S. § 16-927. Campaign finance reporting period:

| Reporting Period | Report Due |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| 4 th Quarter: (varies) - December 31, 2019 | January 1, 2020 – January 15, 2020 |
| 1 st Quarter: January 1, 2020 – March 31, 2020 | April 1, 2020 – April 15, 2020 |
| 2 nd Quarter: April 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020 | July 1, 2020 – July 15, 2020 |
| Pre-Primary Election : July 1, 2020 – July 18, 2020 | July 19, 2020 – July 27, 2020 |
| Post-Primary Election : July 19, 2020 - September 30, 2020 | October 1, 2020 – October 15, 2020 |
| Pre-General Election: October 1, 2020 - October 17, 2020 | October 18, 2020 – October 26, 2020 |
| Post-General Election: October 18, 2020– December 31, 2020 | January 1, 2021 – January 15, 2021 |

What if I miss a Campaign Finance filing deadline?

The committee is liable for a late penalty fee of \$10.00 for each day the filing is late during the first 15 days after the deadline and \$25 for each subsequent day that the filing is late. Penalties accrue until the late report is filed.

This information is provided as a courtesy by the Casa Grande City Clerk's Office. It is intended to assist in meeting the requirements for candidacy. However, **it is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that all legal requirements have been met.** The City Clerk's Office cannot render legal, financial or other professional advice.