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OUR IMPACT ON 2020

CLEAN ELECTIONS
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THE IMPORTANCE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

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THE ROLE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

- Police
- Fire/Emergency Services
- Public Works (recycling/trash)
- Transportation
- Parks and Libraries
- Housing
- Economic Development
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

ELECTED OFFICERS

Mayor and Council

MUNICIPAL STAFF

Manager

Clerk

Police Chief

Engineer/Public Works

Finance

Attorney
ROLE OF THE CLERK

❖ Municipal clerks perform some of the most important tasks in a city or town.

❖ A municipal clerk ensures that citizens can participate in elections, request copies of public documents, learn about the proceedings of their city and town council, understand the history of their community, and feel confident that the day-to-day work of a city or town is done with professionalism and care.

❖ For local elections, clerks provide packets for candidates, recalls, and initiative and referendums.
CITY AND TOWN ELECTIONS
A.R.S. §§ 9-821.01, 16-204

- 91 incorporated cities and towns
- 82 municipalities hold elections on the state cycle (fall even-numbered years)
- Nonpartisan
- No primaries; runoff election, if necessary
- At-large v. District System

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LOCAL CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum of 18 years old;
- Qualified elector (A.R.S. §16-101)
  - U.S. Citizen;
  - Resident of the state for at least 29 days before the election;
  - Able to write name or mark;
  - No convictions of treason or a felony;
  - Not adjudicated an incapacitated person;
- Must reside within the city or town for at least one year before the election. A.R.S. § 9-232(A).
ORDER OF THE BALLOT
A.R.S. § 16-502

**Partisan Candidates**
- Electors for President/Vice President
- U.S. Senator
- Representative in Congress
- Governor
- Legislators
- Other Statewide Officers
- County offices and precinct offices

**Nonpartisan Candidates**
- Judges/Justices
- School District Officials
- Municipal Officials
- Ballot Measures
WHY YOUR VOTE MATTERS FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS

- Your vote makes a difference!
- Mayor and council members are making decisions directly impacting your daily life.
- Voter turnout dictates election signature requirements for the following elections.
LOCAL RESOURCES

General Government Information
- City or Town website
- League of Arizona Cities and Towns website: www.azleague.org

Election Information
- City or Town Elections webpage
- County Elections webpage
- Publicity pamphlet (ballot measures)
LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIRECTORY

City/Town
Title
Name

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Arizona City & Town Data

Below is a link to data on the cities and towns in Arizona for your use. This data is updated regularly.

If you have any questions, changes or updates please [email us].

Download the document (XLSX).
QUESTIONS?

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