

# ***DEADLINES AND SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS***

Presently there are four (4) political parties (Democratic, Republican, Libertarian and Green) eligible to participate in the 2011 City of Tucson Primary Election. A qualified candidate may seek nomination by one of these political parties through the nomination petition process or as a Write-in candidate in the Primary Election.

## **METHODS OF NOMINATION**

### ***1. Name Printed on Primary Election Ballot***

**File: May 2 through 5 p.m. June 1, 2011**

File **all** of the following with the City Clerk between 120 and 90 days prior to the election:

- Nomination Petitions (the City Clerk will not accept partial filings, late filings, or supplements to petitions already filed); **[A.R.S. §§16-311(H), 16-314(A)]**
- A combined form which includes the Nomination Paper, Affidavit of Qualification, and Campaign Finance Laws Statement; **[A.R.S. §§16-311(A)(D), 16-905(K)(5)]**
- Financial Disclosure Statement; and **[A.R.S. §§38-543, 38-545, 16-311(H), Tucson Code 12-42]**
- Political Committee Statement of Organization or the \$500 Threshold Exemption Statement (if not previously filed). **[A.R.S. §16-311(H)]**

### ***Signature Requirements***

The number of valid signatures on the petition must be equal to at least five percent (5%), but not more than ten percent (10%) of the votes cast by the party for Mayor in the ward in the 2007 General Election. **[A.R.S. §16-322(A)(9)]**

	DEMOCRATIC PARTY		REPUBLICAN PARTY		LIBERTARIAN PARTY		GREEN PARTY	
	MIN.	MAX.	MIN.	MAX.	MIN.	MAX.	MIN.	MAX.
<b>MAYOR</b>	1642	3283	1060	2119	19	37	17	32
<b>WARD 1</b>	277	552	87	172	2	3	3	5
<b>WARD 2</b>	366	730	387	772	4	7	2	2
<b>WARD 4</b>	264	526	273	544	4	7	1	1

Successful candidates in the Primary Election will have their names placed on the General Election ballot.

## **2. Write-in Candidates for Primary Election**

**Filing deadline for Primary Election: 5 p.m. July 21, 2011 [A.R.S. §16-312(B)]**

An individual who is a member of a qualified party can become a write-in candidate in the Primary Election unless the individual filed a nomination petition for the August 30 Primary Election and failed to provide a sufficient number of valid petition signatures. **[A.R.S. §16-312(E)(3)]**

*File the following with the City Clerk not less than forty (40) days prior to the Primary Election:*

- A combined form which includes the Nomination Paper, Affidavit of Qualification, and Campaign Finance Laws Statement, and **[A.R.S. §16-312 (A)(C)]**
- A Financial Disclosure Statement, and **[A.R.S. §16-312(C)(2)]**
- A Political Committee Statement of Organization or the \$500 Threshold Exemption Statement (if not previously filed). **[A.R.S. §16-312(C)(1)]**

Note: Pursuant to State Law a write-in candidate in the Primary Election must get the number of votes equal to the minimum number of signatures required on nomination petitions for the same office in order to be placed on the General Election ballot. **[A.R.S. §16-645(E)]**

### **3. *Nomination Other Than by Primary for Placement on General Election Ballot***

**File: May 2 through 5 p.m. June 1, 2011**

A candidate who is not a member of a qualified political party may seek election through this method. This process shall *not* be used to place on the general election ballot **the name of: [A.R.S. §16-341 (B)]**

- A political party that fails to meet the qualifications specified for new political parties; or
- Any candidate representing such party; or
- An individual who filed a nomination petition as a candidate in the Primary Election, but failed to qualify as the result of an insufficient number of valid signatures.

#### ***Signature Requirements [A.R.S. §§16-341(E)(F)]***

The number of valid signatures on the “Nomination Other Than by Primary” petition must be equal to at least three percent (3%) of the total number of registered voters who are **not** members of a qualified political party (Democratic, Republican, Libertarian or Green). For Council Member candidates, the total is calculated using the total number of registered voters in the ward for which the candidate is seeking office. According to State law, the number of valid signatures required on Nomination Other Than by Primary petitions will be based on the voter registration figures for the City of Tucson as of March 1, 2011. The City Clerk will provide signature requirements after this date.

Any registered voter can sign the petition for an NOP candidate, as long as they have not already signed a petition for another candidate running for the same office. For Council Member candidates, the signer must live in, and be a registered voter of the ward for which the candidate is seeking office.

### **4. *Write-in Candidates for General Election***

**Filing deadline for General Election: 5 p.m. September 29, 2011**

An individual can become a write-in candidate for the General Election unless:

- The individual was defeated in the Primary Election; or **[A.R.S. §16-312(E)(1)]**
- The individual filed nomination petitions for the Primary Election but did not collect a sufficient number of valid petition signatures; or **[A.R.S. §16-312(E)(2)]**
- The individual filed a nomination petition for Nomination Other Than by Primary but did not collect a sufficient number of valid petition signatures. **[A.R.S. §16-312(E)(4)]**

*File the following with the City Clerk not less than forty (40) days prior to the General Election:*

- A combined form which includes the Nomination Paper, Affidavit of Qualification, and Campaign Finance Laws Statement, and **[A.R.S. §16-312(A) (C)]**
- A Financial Disclosure Statement, and **[A.R.S. §16-312(C)(2)]**
- A Political Committee Statement of Organization or the \$500 Threshold Exemption Statement (if not previously filed). **[A.R.S. §16-312(C)(1)]**