INFORMATION UPDATE 2007-01

TO: Candidates, Political Parties, and Political Committees
 FROM: Kathleen S. Detrick, City Clerk/Campaign Finance Administrator

DATE: February 9, 2007

From time to time this office distributes information regarding campaign finance and other election related issues which may be useful to you. We encourage you to contact the City Clerk's office with any questions you have regarding these issues.

Use of the Internet

On February 6, 2007 the Mayor and Council approved an amendment to the City Campaign Finance Administration Rules and Regulations (Attachment 1) regarding the use of the Internet by uncompensated volunteers. In 2006 the Federal Election Commission (FEC) reviewed the extent to which use of the Internet by uncompensated individuals should be regulated. Effective May 12, 2006, the FEC amended its regulations to address the issues of uncompensated Internet activity by volunteers.

The Internet has changed the way in which individuals engage in political activity by expanding the opportunities for them to participate in campaigns and grassroots activities at little or no cost and from remote locations. Accordingly the FEC's new rules extend the existing individual activity exceptions to the Internet to remove restrictions on the ability of individuals to use the Internet as a generally free or low-cost means of civic engagement and political advocacy.

Examples of Internet activities would be e-mailing, forwarding e-mail, posting links or hyperlinks to the candidates website, distributing banner messages, hosting a personal website and blogging. These would be exempt so long as the person remains unpaid.

It should be emphasized that, consistent with prior law, these new regulations do not exempt paid Internet advertising placed on another person's website.

Political Activities – Neighborhood Association Meetings and Newsletters

The attached memorandum (Attachment 2) from the City Attorney is being distributed in order to respond to inquiries concerning political activity of neighborhood associations registered with the City's Department of Neighborhood Resources. The memorandum covers both neighborhood association newsletters and meetings. We all recognize that neighborhood associations play an important role in advancing community discussion about important issues. At the same time, the City has a responsibility to define parameters that exist to ensure equity and fairness when public resources are involved in supporting these associations. The Department of Neighborhood Resources can distribute newsletters or meeting notices that announce a forum, so long as all candidates, or all persons/groups interested in a ballot issue, will be given equal opportunity to speak and present their position.

Campaign Finance Seminar Announcement

The City Clerk's Office has scheduled a campaign finance seminar for Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., in the Mayor and Council Chambers, of City Hall, 255 W. Alameda St. All candidates and political committees are invited to attend. Reservations for this free seminar can be made by calling the City Clerk at 791-4213. (Attachment 3)

Should you have any questions regarding the information contained in this update, please contact me or Suzanne Mesich, Management Coordinator, at 791-4213 or E-mail <u>cityclerk@cityoftucson.org</u>.

Attachments:

1) Resolution 20578 dated February 6, 2007

2) Memo from City Attorney dated January 24, 2006

3) Campaign Finance Seminar Notice

ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

February 6, 2007

RESOLUTION NO. 20578

RELATING TO ELECTIONS; PURSUANT TO TUCSON CHARTER CHAPTER XVI, SUB-CHAPTER B, SECTION 8, APPROVING THE AMENDMENT OF THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ADMINISTRATION RULES AND REGULATIONS TO EXEMPT FROM THE DEFINITIONS OF CONTRIBUTION AND EXPENDITURE CERTAIN UN-COMPENSATED INTERNET ACTIVITY BY INDIVIDUALS; APPROVING THE AMENDMENT OF PART 1, SECTION II, PARAGRAPHS L AND N OF THE CAM-PAIGN FINANCE ADMINISTRATION RULES AND REGULATIONS; AND DE-CLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUCSON,

ARIZONA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Tucson Charter Chapter XVI, Subchapter B, § 8(b), the Mayor

and Council approve the amendment of Part 1, Section II, Paragraphs L and N of the Campaign

Finance Administration Rules and Regulations to read as follows:

- L. Contribution:
 - (a) Contributions include monies, loans, gifts, subscriptions, debts incurred, property-in-kind, or advances or deposits of money or things having a monetary value incurred or received by a candidate or his/her agent or other person on behalf of the candidate for use in advocating or influencing the election of the candidate. Tucson Charter Chapter XVI, Subchapter A, Section 2(b)(1); Arizona Revised Statutes Section 16-901(5).
 - (b) Exception: Uncompensated Internet activity by individuals that is not a contribution.

(1) When an individual or a group of individuals, acting independently or in coordination with any candidate, authorized committee,

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or political party committee, engages in Internet activities for the purpose of influencing a City election, neither of the following is a contribution by that individual or group of individuals:

(A) The individual's uncompensated personal services related to such Internet activities;

(B) The individual's use of equipment or services for uncompensated Internet activities, regardless of who owns the equipment and services.

(2) Internet activities. For the purposes of this exception, the term "Internet activities" includes, but is not limited to: Sending or forwarding electronic messages; providing a hyperlink or other direct access to another person's Web site; blogging; creating, maintaining or hosting a Web site; paying a nominal fee for the use of another person's Web site; and any other form of communication distributed over the Internet.

(3) Equipment and services. For the purposes of this exception, the term "equipment and services" includes, but is not limited to: Computers, software, Internet domain names, Internet Service Providers (ISP), and any other technology that is used to provide access to or use of the Internet.

(4) Paragraph (1) of this exception also applies to any corporation that is wholly owned by one or more individuals, that engages primarily in Internet activities, and that does not derive a substantial portion of its revenues from sources other than income from its Internet activities.

(5) This exception does not exempt from the definition of contribution:

(A) Any payment for a public communication other than a nominal fee;

(B) Any payment for the purchase or rental of an e-mail address list made at the direction of a political committee; or

(C) Any payment for an e-mail address list that is transferred to a political committee.

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N. <u>Expenditures</u>:

- (a) As defined in Arizona Revised Statutes 16-901(8) "expenditure" is any purchase, payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit or gift of money or anything of value made by a person for the purpose of influencing an election. The term includes a contract, promise or agreement to make an expenditure resulting in an extension of credit and the value of any in-kind contribution received.
- (b) Exception: Uncompensated Internet activity by individuals that is not an expenditure.

(1) When an individual or a group of individuals, acting independently or in coordination with any candidate, authorized committee, or political party committee, engages in Internet activities for the purpose of influencing a City election, neither of the following is an expenditure by that individual or group of individuals:

(A) The individual's uncompensated personal services related to such Internet activities;

(B) The individual's use of equipment or services for uncompensated Internet activities, regardless of who owns the equipment and services.

(2) Internet activities. For the purposes of this exception, the term "Internet activities" includes, but is not limited to: Sending or forwarding electronic messages; providing a hyperlink or other direct access to another person's website; blogging; creating maintaining or hosting a website; paying a nominal fee for the use of another person's website; and any other form of communication distributed over the Internet.

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(C) Any payment for an e-mail address list that is transferred to a political committee.

SECTION 2. The various City officers and employees are authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary or desirable to give effect to this resolution.

SECTION 3. WHEREAS, it is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety of the City of Tucson that this resolution become immediately effective, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Tuc-

son, Arizona, February 6, 2007

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTORNEY

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REVIEWED BY:

CITY MANAGER



MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 24,2006

TO: Eliseo Garza, Director Department of Neighborhood Resources FROM: Mike Rankiy City Attorney x 4221

SUBJECT: Political Activities - Neighborhood Association Meeting Notices

One of the first issues that you are likely to encounter once you begin your new assignment is the propriety of using DNR resources to distribute neighborhood association newsletters and/or meeting notices that announce or advertise meetings that will involve discussion of ballot issues or political candidates.

One of the missions of the Department of Neighborhood Resources (DNR) is to support neighborhood associations in advancing community discussion about important issues. In this capacity, DNR currently mails newsletters and/or meeting notices, and sometimes arranges for meeting room space, for more than 100 registered neighborhood associations. As part of its role in providing this support, the City has a responsibility to define the limits to this support function to ensure compliance with applicable laws and policies related to the expenditure of public resources.

The City's primary responsibility is a statutory one. Under A.R.S. § 9-500.14(A), the City has a legal obligation to avoid the use of its resources "for the purpose of influencing the outcome of elections." This law prohibits the use of City resources to produce or disseminate messages or materials that either expressly advocate a particular position with respect to a ballot issue or candidate, or urge a person to vote in a particular manner. Per its statutory obligations, DNR cannot and does not expend its resources, either by mailing newsletters or by subsidizing meeting space, where the purpose of the newsletter or meeting is political advocacy.

At the same time, the City imposes no restrictions on neighborhood associations, either in the context of mailings or meetings, where the activity doesn't involve any City resources. In other words, if the association pays for its own meeting notices and mailings, and secures its meeting space without City subsidy, the City imposes no restrictions on political expression.

Additionally, DNR has a responsibility to comply with the policies of the Mayor and Council and the City's Administrative Directives ("A.D."). A.D. 1.06-22(V)(F)(1)(a), adopted at the direction of the Mayor and Council in 1991, precludes DNR from mailing any materials related to any ballot issues, regardless of whether the materials seem to be content-neutral or whether they advocate a particular position. Until just recently, based on earlier direction from the legislative body, this A.D. was applied in such a way that DNR could not use its resources to mail notices of Eliseo Garza, DNR Director Page 2 January 24,2006

neighborhood meetings that might be used as a "town hall" or other similar political forum where candidates are invited to speak or debate.

However, on December 13,2005, the Mayor and Council modified this policy. As described in the Administrative Action Report, attached, DNR may now use its resources (i.e., distribute meeting notices or newsletters) to allow an association to inform the community about a political forum the association is hosting, as long as the forum or the communication does not endorse an issue or a candidate. In other words, DNR can distribute newsletters or meeting notices that announce such a forum, so long as all candidates, or all persons/groups interested in a ballot issue, will be given equal opportunity to speak and present their position.

If you have any questions about the Council's action in December, or anything else related to this matter, don't hesitate to call me.

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c: The Honorable Mayor and Council Members Liz Miller, Assistant City Manager Andrea Ibanez, Deputy Director, DNR Mike Anderson, Principal Asst. City Attorney



CITY OF TUCSON Important Notice

FOR CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES

City of Tucson 2007 Elections

CAMPAIGN FINANCE SEMINAR

DATE: Thursday, March 8, 2007 TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Staff will be available to answer questions following the presentation.

PLACE: City Hall Mayor and Council Chambers 255 W. Alameda Street

> Entrance to the Mayor and Council Chambers is on the East Side of City Hall. Parking in the El Presidio Underground Parking Garage just east of City Hall will be validated. (Bring ticket for validation)

SUBJECT: State and Local Campaign Finance Laws

This seminar is presented by the City Clerk and City Attorney. All candidates, the chairperson and treasurer of each political committee participating in the 2007 City of Tucson elections, as well as other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

The following topics will be discussed:

- 1. State laws regarding campaign contributions and expenses including mandatory campaign contributions laws (A.R.S. 16-901, et. Seq.).
- 2. City of Tucson provisions regarding campaign contributions and voluntary expenditure limitations in exchange for public matching funds (*T.C.C. Chapter XVI, subchapter A & B*).

RSVP: Suzanne Mesich or Linda Haptonstal, 791-4213 or on-line: cityclerk@tucsonaz.gov

Questions? Information? Call the City Clerk at 791-4213, TDD 791-2639 Email to: cityclerk@tucsonaz.gov Fax to 791-4017

Visit our website at www.tucsonaz.gov/clerks

INFORMATION UPDATE 2007-02

TO: Candidates, Political Parties, and Political Committees

FROM: Kathleen S. Detrick, City Clerk/Campaign Finance Administrator

DATE: February 21, 2007

From time to time this office distributes information regarding campaign finance and other election related issues which may be useful to you. We encourage you to contact the City Clerk's office with any questions you have regarding these issues.

Campaign Contribution Limits

We were just notified that the campaign contribution limits were adjusted by the Secretary of State, in February 2007, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-905(J). See attached information chart.

Should you have any questions regarding the information contained in this update, please contact me or Suzanne Mesich, Management Coordinator, at 791-4213 or E-mail <u>cityclerk@cityoftucson.org</u>.

Attachments: 1) 2007 Primary and General Elections Contribution Limits

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2007 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

Adjusted by the Secretary of State February, 2007 -- Pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-905(J)

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS	CITY OF TUCSON OFFICES
	Candidate or Authorized
	Candidate's Committee
Individual's contribution to a candidate	
A.R.S. §16-905(A)(1)	\$390
A.R.S. §16-905(B)(1)	
Political Committee's contribution to a candidate	
A.R.S. §16-905(A)(2)	\$390
A.R.S. §16-905(B)(2)	
Committees certified by the Secretary of State to give at the upper limit " Super PAC "	
A.R.S. §16-905(I)	\$2,000
A.R.S. §16-905(A)(3)	
A.R.S. §16-905(B)(3)	
Combined total from all Political Committees other than political parties	\$10,020
A.R.S. §16-905(C)	
Nominee's total from political party and all political organizations combined	\$10,020
A.R.S. §16-905(D)	
Total contributed by an individual to candidates	
And committees who give to candidates	\$3,740 in a calendar year
A.R.S. §16-905(E)	



INFORMATION UPDATE 2007-03

TO:	Candidates, Political Parties, Political Committees and Individuals Who Have Received Candidate Information Packets
FROM:	Kathleen S. Detrick, City Clerk/Campaign Finance Administrator
DATE:	March 23, 2007

The following information is provided regarding the 2007 City of Tucson election process. If you have any questions, please contact me or Roger Randolph, Chief Deputy City Clerk at 791-4213 or E-mail cfa@tucsonaz.gov.

Reporting of Violations

Following is an outline of the process to be followed for reporting potential violations of election laws.

I. The City Clerk focuses on compliance, not punishment, whenever possible.

Whenever possible, the City Clerk's response to complaints will focus on compliance with the law, not punishment. The City Clerk operates from the premise that the City and State election provisions, and particularly their campaign finance component, form a complex web of regulations that are not always easy to understand. Accordingly, the City Clerk's fundamental goal is not to punish, but rather to assist candidates and campaigns to achieving a common understanding of, and compliance with, these provisions.

II. Complaints to the City Clerk must be signed under oath by persons with knowledge.

Persons wishing to report violations that are within the City Clerk's jurisdiction must file a complaint, signed under oath by a person who witnessed the activity, indicating specific facts that lead that person to believe that a violation has occurred. The City Clerk will not act on emailed, phoned, or anonymous reports, hypothetical complaints, or those that generalize as to the person(s) or misconduct involved.

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III. The City Clerk will handle complaints within the City Clerk's jurisdiction as required or permitted by law.

- A. The City Clerk will apply the penalties fixed in the charter to violations of the City's public matching funds requirements. For example, in addition to any other penalties provided by law, any public funds candidate who fails to comply with the requirements of Sub-Chapters A and B of Chapter XVI of the Tucson Charter or the conditions of a properly executed campaign contract is ineligible to receive further funds until in compliance [Tucson Charter, Chapter XVI, Sub-Chapter B, § 9(b)]. Any public funds candidate who exceeds the contract expenditure limitation must immediately return to the appropriate city account three dollars for each dollar overspent in that election. [Tucson Charter, Chapter XVI, Sub-Chapter B, § 9(b)].
- B. Where the City Clerk has reasonable cause to believe there has been a violation of A.R.S. Title 16, Article 1 (§§ 16-901 to 16-925), the City Clerk's priority and focus will be obtaining compliance with the law as quickly and efficiently as possible so as to assure a fair election process to all candidates and voters. A.R.S. § 16-924 empowers the City Clerk to notify the City Attorney, who may serve compliance orders and assess civil penalties where necessary to assure compliance with state election laws.
- C. Occasionally, the City Clerk may conclude that what has been reported to the City Clerk requires police investigation to determine if there exists:
 - 1. Reasonable cause to believe A.R.S. Title 16, Article 1 has been violated [A.R.S. § 16-924]; or
 - 2. A knowing or intentional failure or refusal to comply with the requirements of Tucson Charter, Chapter XVI, Sub-Chapters A and B, resulting in a misdemeanor [Charter Chapter XVI, Sub Chapter B, Section 9(a)]; or
 - 3. Any other criminal violation(s).

In those cases, the City Clerk will refer the matter to the Tucson Police Department for investigation. Referral for police investigation does not mean the Clerk has decided there has in fact been a violation of Title 16, Article 1 or any criminal statute(s).

Where the police referral is pursuant to C(1) above, any police finding of reasonable cause will be referred back to the City Clerk for action. Where the referral is pursuant to C(2) or C(3) above, and the police investigation concludes that a criminal violation has occurred, the police will refer the matter to the appropriate prosecuting agency for review.

IV. Some violations are not within the jurisdiction of the City Clerk and should be reported to other agencies.

The City Clerk is not an agent of any of the following agencies for reporting or enforcement purposes. However, we will provide assistance in identifying the appropriate reporting agency.

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- A. All violations of A.R.S. § 16-905's contribution limitations that are not related to a candidate's use of personal monies (A.R.S. §§ 16-905 (F) and (G) must be reported to the Attorney General or Pima County Attorney. State law (A.R.S. § 16-905 (M) makes the Attorney General or Pima County Attorney responsible for investigating all violations of A.R.S. § 16-905's contribution limitations except those related to a candidate's use of personal monies (A.R.S. §§ 16-905(F), (G), which should be reported to the City Clerk (A.R.S. § 16-905 (P)). When a qualified elector files a sworn complaint, the Attorney General or Pima County Attorney investigates it (A.R.S. § 16-905(M)). If the Attorney General or Pima County Attorney fails to institute an action within 45 days after receiving the complaint, the individual filing the complaint may bring a civil action in his own name and at his own expense (A.R.S. § 16-905(N)).
- B. *Criminal violations must be reported to the Tucson Police Department*. Arizona statutes and the City's Charter make certain violations criminal in nature. An individual who has personal knowledge that an intentional or knowing violation of a criminal statute has occurred must file a long-form complaint with the Tucson Police Department (TPD) for investigation by that agency. The City Clerk has no legal authority to receive reports of crimes, conduct criminal investigations, or act as a surrogate criminal complainant.
- C. Sign Code violations must be reported to the City's Department of Neighborhood Resources. Persons wishing to report election-related sign code violations must call the City's Department of Neighborhood Resources at 791-4605. Enclosed is a brochure describing the guidelines for placement of political election signs within the City of Tucson.

Family Contributions

The following information is provided in order to clarify state and local laws regarding "Family contribution" for those candidates who have signed Campaign Contracts with the City.

- Arizona Revised Statutes, §16-901(10) defines "Family contribution" as any contribution that is provided to a candidate's campaign committee by a parent, grandparent, spouse, child or sibling of the candidate or a parent or spouse of any of those persons.
- Tucson City Charter, Chapter XVI, Subchapter A, which applies to candidates who have signed Campaign Contracts, states that no candidate for Mayor or Council shall accept or receive a campaign contribution of more than \$500 from any person. The City will match each "family contribution" up to the \$500 limit in the same manner as contributions from other individuals are matched. All "family contributions" must be reported on Schedule A-1.

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INFORMATION UPDATE 2007-04

TO: Candidates, Political Parties, Political Committees and Individuals Who Have Received Candidate Information Packets FROM: Käthleen S. Detrick, City Clerk/Campaign Finance Administrator

DATE: April 4, 2007

Should you have any questions regarding the information contained in this update, please contact me or Roger Randolph, Chief Deputy City Clerk, at 791-4213 or E-mail <u>cityclerk@cityoflucson.org</u>.



Recently, we have received several inquiries regarding participation by employees of the City of Tucson in the 2007 City Elections. Provisions in the Tucson Charter prohibit employees of the City from contributing money or things of value to City candidates or candidate committees. It also prohibits employees from soliciting other persons to make such contributions.

Attached is an excerpt from the City Employee Political Activity Guidelines which summarizes permitted as well as prohibited activities.

Attachment: 1) Excerpt from City Employee Political Activity Guidelines

SUMMARY OF PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

Summary of Permitted and Prohibited Political Activities for Officers and Employees in the City of Tucson's Classified Service, Effective July 1, 2002. All City employees belong to its classified service except employees appointed directly by Mayor and Council and certain employees appointed directly by the City Manager.

PERMITTED ACTIVITIES

- May express a private opinion.
- May cast a vote in any election.
- May join, give money to, and participate in, political parties and political-party-sponsored clubs or groups.
- May, in any election, while off-duty, out-side City facilities, and <u>not</u> wearing a City uniform, badge, insignia or identifying item:
 - Wear or display political buttons, signs, banners, stickers, badges, etc.
 - Sign or circulate nomination or recall petitions.
 - Engage in activities advocating a candidate's election or defeat.
 - Solicit or canvass for votes.
 - Act as a recorder, watcher, challenger, or similar poll officer.
 - Drive voters to the polls.
 - Endorse or oppose a candidate.
 - Address a caucus, rally or gathering.
- May, in any election not for City office:
 - Give money to support or oppose candidates or ballot measures.
 - Participate in fund-raising from persons who are not officers or employees in the City's classified service.
- May run for non-City, non-partisan office.
- May run for non-City, partisan office, UNLESS federal law prohibits the employee's candidacy because the employee's principal employment is in connection with an activity financed in whole or in part by federal funds.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

- May not take any active part in securing, or contributing, money toward the nomination or election of any candidate for City office.
- May not command, solicit, or receive contributions from other employees in the classified service for any candidate, ballot measure, or political party or organization.
- May not manage a partisan or nonpartisan campaign or recall effort.
- May not be a candidate for nomination or election to City office.
- May not engage in political activity during working, duty or service hours (except voting under A.R.S. § 16-402 and City ADs).
- May not engage in political activity while wearing any City uniform, badge, insignia, or other identifying item (except voting under A.R.S. § 16-402 and City ADs).
- May not use any City property or resource for political activity.
- May not solicit or coerce a fellow employee to engage, or not engage, in political activity.
- May not retaliate against a fellow employee for political activity or inactivity.
- May not seek or use a political endorsement to get an appointment or promotion to a position in the classified service.
- **May not** use or attempt to use official authority or influence to secure an appointment or advantage in the classified service for any person to influence that person's vote or other political action.
- May not favor or discriminate against any person on political grounds with respect to appointment to, or employment in, the classified service.



INFORMATION UPDATE 2007-05

TO: Candidates, Political Parties, Political Committees and Individuals Who Have Received Candidate Information Packets

FROM: Kathleen S. Detrick, City Clerk/Campaign Finance Administrator

DATE: May 1, 2007

Should you have any questions regarding the information contained in this update, please contact me or Roger Randolph, Chief Deputy City Clerk, at 791-4213 or E-mail cfa@tucsonaz.gov.

GREEN PARTY SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

On, March 15, 2007, the City Clerk certified that petitions for recognition as a new party in the City of Tucson filed by the Green Party contained sufficient signatures. Accordingly, the Green Party will therefore be recognized as a political party and shall be represented by an official party ballot at the next ensuing City of Tucson Primary Election, September 11, 2007.

Candidates representing a new party are subject to the same qualifications and filing requirements as those established for other candidates. In primary elections, the signature requirements for new party nominees is at least one-tenth of one percent (1/10 of 1%) of the total vote for the winning candidate for Governor on November 7, 2006 within the City (for Mayoral candidates) or within the ward (for Council candidates.) Signatures must be obtained from qualified electors who are eligible to vote for the candidate whose nomination petition they are signing.

GREEN PARTY MAYORAL CANDIDATE – 2007 ELECTION

	MAYOR
Signatures required	111

GREEN PARTY COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDATE – 2007 ELECTION

	WARD 1	WARD 2	WARD 4
Signatures required	18	25	21

QUALIFIED POLITICAL PARTIES

Attached is the notice of political parties qualified for the September 11 Primary Election Ballot.

NOMINATION OTHER THAN BY PRIMARY SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS

A candidate who seeks election by the "Nomination Other Than By Primary" process must collect valid signatures equal to at least three percent of the total number of registered voters who are not members of a qualified political party. For Mayoral candidates, the total is calculated using the total number of registered voters in the City of Tucson. For Council Members, 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, 2007.

OFFICE	SIGNATURES REQUIRED (as of March 1, 2007)
Mayor	2,241
Ward 1 Council member	360
Ward 2 Council member	410
Ward 4 Council member	384

Attachment: Notice of Qualified Political Parties.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and appointed City Clerk for the City of Tucson, Arizona, do hereby give notice that pursuant to the provisions of the Arizona Revised Statutes, §§ 16-802 and 16-804(E), I have determined that the following political parties have qualified for placement on the ballot for the City of Tucson Primary Election to be held September 11, 2007.

Democratic Party Republican Party Libertarian Party Green Party

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Tucson, this <u>24th</u> day of <u>April</u>, 2007.

Kathleen S. Detrick City Clerk



INFORMATION UPDATE 2007-06

TO: Candidates, Political Parties, Political Committees and Individuals Who Have Received Candidate Information Packets

FROM: Kathleen S. Detrick, City Clerk/Campaign Finance Administrator

DATE: May 4, 2007

Following is information regarding filing of nomination papers and petitions.

It would improve the efficiency of the filing process if a candidate or their representative would call any of the following three individuals: Suzanne Mesich, Management Coordinator; Dana DeLong, Management Assistant or Linda Haptonstal, at 791-4213, with the date and time you expect to file. In addition, you may also email this information to cfa@tucsonaz.gov. Should you have any questions regarding the information contained in this update, please contact me or Roger Randolph, Chief Deputy City Clerk, at 791-4213 or E-mail cfa@tucsonaz.gov.

NOMINATION PETITION FILING PERIOD APPROACHING

Dates to File:	May 14 through June 13
Office Hours:	Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Office will be closed Monday, May 28 in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.)
Where to File:	City Clerk's office City Hall, 9 th Floor 255 W. Alameda Street

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR FILING NOMINATION PETITIONS

Attached is an excerpt from the City of Tucson Candidate Information Pamphlet regarding practical tips when filing nomination petitions and papers.

Attachment: as stated

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INFORMATION UPDATE 2007-08

TO: Candidates, Political Parties, Political Committees and Individuals Who Have Received Candidate Information Packets
FROM: Kathleen S. Detrick, City Clerk/Campaign Finance Administrator
DATE: October 11, 2007

CAMPAIGN FINANCE PROGRAM

Pursuant to the City of Tucson Campaign Finance Rules and Regulations, Part 3, Section II.A., candidates who wish to qualify to receive public funding must file a report to establish eligibility no later than 14 days prior to the end of the campaign period. For all General Election candidates who signed campaign contracts and have not already established eligibility, the deadline to file is 5 p.m., October 29. For those candidates who have established eligibility to receive funds, the deadline to request funds is 5 p.m., November 16.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Attached you will find a Calendar of Events which contains information regarding the November 6 Election.

Attachment: as stated

City of Tucson 2007 General and Special Election Calendar of Events

DATE		ACTIVITY
Oct 4		Mail Early Ballot Request Postcards to those qualified electors that have not requested a ballot for the November 6, 2007 election.
Oct 8		Voter registration cut off.
Oct 11		Anticipated date to mail early ballots. This is the date we will also start on site early voting at City Hall and Wilmot Library.
Oct 15 – 17		Anticipated dates to mail the official voter information pamphlet "The Choice is Yours" to each household with a qualified elector.
Oct 18		Mail Request for Early Ballot postcard to new residents.
Oct 22 – Nov 6		Anticipated dates for our Special Election Boards to process early Ballots prior to the Election.
Oct 25 - 26		Official Inspection and Sealing of the AccuVote optical scan devices.
Oct 26		Last day to request that an Early Ballot be mailed for the General and Special Election.
Oct 30		Official Logic and Accuracy Test of the voting equipment and programs.
Oct 31		Mail polling place postcards to voters who have not requested an early ballot for the General and Special Election. This postcard may also be used as one form of non-photo ID at the polls.
Nov 1	*	This is the first date we anticipate that early ballots will be tallied.
Nov 2		Last day to vote in person at an on-site Early Voting location.
Nov 3 – 5	*	Potential additional days for tallying early ballots, depending on the volume received.
Nov 6		ELECTION DAY – polls open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

DATE	ACTIVITY
Nov 7 –11	Potential days for Special Election Boards to process early ballots dropped off at the polling places and provisional ballots.
Nov 9 – 11	Potential days for tallying ballots not processed on November 6 th .
Nov 13	Mayor and Council canvass returns and declare the results of the General and Special Election.

NOTE:

* Pursuant to A.R.S. 16-550 (B), tallying of ballots shall not begin any earlier than seven days before Election Day. Pursuant to A.R.S. 16-550(C) any person who unlawfully releases information regarding vote tallies or who possesses a tally sheet or summary without authorization from the recorder or officer in charge of elections is guilty of a Class 6 felony.

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