

Election 2015, FAQs

When is the election?

The election will be held on Aug. 25, and voting centers will be open that day from 6 a.m.-7 p.m. If necessary, a runoff election will be held on Nov. 3.

What is on the ballot this year?

All voters in the city will elect a mayor and decide five ballot measures, including two proposed amendments to the City Charter related to pension reform and electronic payments. Other ballot measures relate to the General Plan, an Alternate Expenditure Limitation, and a Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Voters residing in City Council Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7 will elect councilmembers. There is no election for councilmembers in Districts 2, 4, 6, and 8 this year because the terms of those council districts are staggered.

To read more about the ballot measures, click here.

Am I eligible to vote?

To be eligible to vote, a person must be a registered voter and reside within the city at least 29 days prior to Aug. 25, 2015. Residents must register by Monday, July 27 and can do so in the following ways:

- In Person: Forms are available at most libraries and government facilities, including Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington St., 15th Floor. The forms must be mailed or delivered to the City Clerk Department.
- Online:
 - o servicearizona.com
 - Maricopa County Recorder's Office: recorder.maricopa.gov/elections/registrationform.aspx.

Questions about voter registration? Contact the Maricopa County Elections Department at 602-506-1511.

When will I receive my sample ballot and publicity pamphlet by mail?

A sample ballot and publicity pamphlet will be mailed the week of July 20, 2015 to each household with a registered voter, unless all voters within the household requested to obtain the pamphlet electronically. The pamphlet will show all voting locations and operating hours. The sample ballot and publicity pamphlet also is available online at phoenix.gov/elections or by calling the City Clerk Department.

Can I vote by mail?

Yes. The deadline to request an early ballot by mail is <u>Friday</u>, <u>August 14</u>. Request forms are available at phoenix.gov/elections and at city public service counters and <u>libraries</u> including <u>senior centers</u> and <u>recreation centers</u>.

Eligible voters on the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL) will begin receiving their early ballots by mail starting on Thursday, July 30, 2015.

Once you've filled out your ballot:

- Mail it: Completed early ballots must be received by the City Clerk no later than 7 p.m. on Election Day, Aug. 25. Voters should allow sufficient time for mail delivery by Election Day. The United States Postal Service advises to allow 3 - 5 days for delivery of first class mail.
- Drop off: Voters can also turn in their ballots to any voting location during voting hours.
- Do it early: Voters are encouraged to return the ballot as soon as it is completed which
 provides more time for signature verification and processing, allowing for final election
 results to be tabulated sooner.

Can I vote in person?

The voting centers for this election will be open for three days. Any registered voter residing in Phoenix can use any one of the 29 voting centers to cast a ballot. For voting convenience, the voting centers will be open the following dates and times. Accommodations will be made for disabled voters.

- Saturday, Aug. 22, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 24, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 25 (Election Day), 6 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Click here for more information about the voting centers and list of voting center locations.

In-person early voting begins July 30, 2015 and ends on August 21, 2015, on the 15th floor at Phoenix City Hall during normal business hours.

What's new with the ballot this year?

The ballot for this election will be longer than usual, as it must include the full text of two charter amendments – Propositions 102 and 103. The official ballot will be three double-sided pages, however, voters will be able to mark their choices for all races and ballot measures on the front and back of the first sheet of the ballot. Voters only need to return that first sheet of the ballot.

Click here to watch a short video explaining this year's ballot.

How do I find results?

Results will be posted on phoenix.gov on Election Day with preliminary results posting at 8 p.m.

I still have questions. Where can I go for answers?

More information about the August election is available by contacting the City Clerk Department at 602-261-VOTE (8683), or by using the 7-1-1 Relay System, following on Twitter @PHXElections or visiting phoenix.gov/elections.

