

## **Frequently Asked Questions about the Special Election Process**

### **What happens when the Mayor resigns from office?**

The Vice Mayor will serve as Acting Mayor. Within 12-15 days after the resignation, the Phoenix City Council will select a Mayor Pro Tempore (interim Mayor).

### **Who can serve as the Mayor Pro Tempore?**

The Mayor Pro Tempore (interim Mayor) is a member of the City Council chosen by the remaining Councilmembers. This person will serve as both Mayor Pro Tempore and Councilmember for their district.

### **How long will the Mayor Pro Tempore serve?**

The Mayor Pro Tempore will serve until a Special Election is held. He/she will stay in the position until the election results are official. At that time, the winner of the election will become the new Mayor.

### **Can the Vice Mayor be chosen as Mayor Pro Tempore? If so, does the Council elect a new Vice Mayor?**

Yes, the Vice Mayor can be chosen as Mayor Pro Tempore. The Council can select a new Vice Mayor from the remaining Councilmembers.

### **When can a Special Election be held?**

Special Elections are called by the City Council as required by law. State law permits Special Elections to be held on only four dates each year. The first available date for the Special Election for Mayor is Nov. 6, 2018.

### **What will the Special Election cost the City of Phoenix?**

Since the election would be conducted as part of the State General Election, the cost will be about \$500,000.

### **What are term lengths and limits for council and mayor?**

Mayor can serve two consecutive four-year terms while Councilmembers can serve three consecutive four-year terms.