

What is the Primary Election at the local level in Oro Valley?

In Oro Valley, the Primary Election (Aug. 26 election day) is the first round of voting where all initial candidates have the potential to receive votes in order to advance to the General Election or win outright. Registered voters will select a candidate for each open seat, and in the case of this year's local election, residents will select one candidate for the open Mayoral seat and three candidates for the three open Councilmember seats. If the candidates do not win outright, then the candidates receiving the highest amount of votes (candidates per remaining open seat) move on to the General Election (Nov. 4 election day). Oro Valley has non-partisan elections, which means that candidates are elected regardless of their political affiliation.

WHAT IS THE PRIMARY ELECTION AT THE STATE LEVEL?

The Primary Election occurs within each party, such as Republican, Democratic or Libertarian. Your respective affiliated party consists of the only candidates you may consider. If you are registered as an Independent and are on the Permanent Early Voter

List (PEVL), then you must choose a certain party's ballot by notifying the county if you wish to vote by mail for state candidates. Otherwise, you will not receive a ballot in the mail if you do not notify them of whether you want to just vote in the local election or for a certain party at the state level; however, you will still be eligible to vote at your polling place on Election Day by selecting one of the parties.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WIN "OUTRIGHT"?

Winning outright means that a candidate receives at least the minimum required number of total votes in the Primary, resulting in him/her winning the seat at that point and not needing to move on to the General Election. For Mayoral elections, the simple majority is required to win outright, while Oro Valley Councilmember seats require the use of a particular calculation.

HOW ARE THE MAJORITY OF TOTAL VOTES CALCULATED?

The total number of votes cast is divided by the number of seats available. That number is then divided by two (2)

to calculate the number of votes required for the majority. This form of calculating the majority of votes applies to the primary elections in Oro Valley. The following provides an example:

Six candidates are running for three council seats and their vote totals are as follows:

John Smith	100
Mary Smith	90
John Doe	90
Mary Doe	70
John Jones	55
Mary Jones	40

The total is then divided by three, the number of seats to be filled, which comes to 148.3. That result is then divided by two and rounded up to a whole number, which means that a candidate receiving 75 or more votes would win at the primary. So, John Smith, Mary Smith and John Doe would fill the three seats. If there were more candidates receiving 75 votes or more than there were open seats, then the three candidates receiving the highest vote totals would be declared winners.

WHO IS RUNNING FOR MAYOR?

Mayor Satish Hiremath and Patrick Straney are running for Mayor.

WHO IS RUNNING FOR COUNCIL?

Donald Bristow and incumbents Joe Hornat, Mary Snider, and Lou Waters are running for Council.

WHO ARE RUNNING FOR OUR HOUSE, SENATE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS?

The Congressional candidates for District 1 are Ann Kirkpatrick, Gary Kiehne, Adam Kwastman, and Andy Tobin. Within Congressional District 2, the candidates are Ron Barber, Shelley Kais, Martha McSally, and Chuck Wooten. For Legislative District 9, the Senate candidate is Steve Farley and the House candidates are Ethan Orr, Dr. Randy Friese, and Victoria Steele. For Legislative District 11, the Senate candidates are Jo Holt, Steve Smith and Scott Bartle, with the House candidates consisting of Holly Lyon, Mark Finchem, Jo Grant and Vince Leach.

WHO IS RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR?

Scott Smith, Christine Jones, Fred DuVal, Frank Riggs, Andrew Thomas, Doug Ducey and Ken Bennett

are running for Governor.

HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?

If you recently moved, would like to change your political affiliation, recently changed your name, would like to register to be on the Permanent Early Voter List (PEVL) or if you don't remember if you are registered to vote, then you can do it online by visiting the Pima County Recorder's Office website at www.recorder.pima.gov/regvote.aspx.

WHEN CAN I VOTE?

If you are on the PEVL, then you can send in your ballot as early as July 31 for the Aug. 26 Primary Election and as early as Oct. 9 for the Nov. 4 General Election. If you request an absentee ballot, it must be received by the Pima County Recorder's Office by the end of polling at 7 p.m. on Election Day.

WHAT IS AN EARLY BALLOT?

Arizona has a method for any eligible voter to cast a ballot before Election Day, either during the early voting period or by requesting an absentee ballot. The early Primary ballots will be mailed around July

31, and the early General ballots around Oct. 9.

DO YOU HAVE TO BE ON THE PERMANENT EARLY VOTE LIST (PEVL) TO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?

You can request an absentee ballot by contacting the Pima County Recorder's Office by calling 724- 4330 or by visiting their website <http://www.recorder.pima.gov/regvote.aspx>. You can request your ballot as early as 90 days before the election. If the election includes both a Primary and a General Election, you may request both ballots at the same time beginning 90 days prior to the Primary Election.

WHERE CAN I VOTE?

To locate your designated polling place to vote, enter your address by visiting the Pima County Recorder's Office website at www.recorder.pima.gov/voterweb/voter_info.aspx.

(Editor's Note: The above information was provided by Assistant to Oro Valley Town Manager Chris Cornelison.)