

Gila County, Arizona

NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE FILING PROCEDURE

1. The following documents are included with this packet:

- Important Election Dates
- Nonpartisan Nomination Paper
- Nonpartisan Nomination Petition
- Petition Signature Requirements

2. **Campaign Finance:**

- If you receive or make expenditures (of a combined total) greater than \$1,500.00 you will need to file a statement of organization with the Gila County Department of Elections within ten days of exceeding the \$1,500.00 limit.
- Filing may be done by mail or in person.
- Documents will be considered filed on the date received in the Election's office. Mail early to avoid delivery delays.
- For email correspondence contact: shicks@gilacountyaz.gov . .
- By regular mail: Gila County Elections Department, 5515 S. Apache Ave. Ste. 900, Globe, AZ 85501.

3. **Nomination Paper:**

- Make sure to answer every question and fill in every blank.
- Insert the candidate's name exactly how it is to appear on the ballot. The candidate's last name appears first, then the first name. A middle or nickname is optional. Nicknames are permissible if they do not suggest a title.
- Candidates must sign the form.

4. **Nomination Petitions:**

- The candidate must file at least the minimum, and no more than the maximum, number of signatures required. If there are too few signatures, the filing will not be accepted. If there are too many signatures, we cannot count those in excess of the maximum.
- **BEFORE** filing petitions, check each petition to ensure:
 - The circulator portion on the back side is complete and signed; notarization not required.
 - The elector signature lines on the front side of each petition are complete and that the elector signed the petition.
 - A petition page does not have to contain 10 signatures, but it cannot contain more than 10 signatures. Signatures written in margins will not be accepted.

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5. Filing:

- The **Nonpartisan Nomination Paper and the Nonpartisan Nomination Petitions** must be filed with the Gila County Department of Elections between the First and Last Dates Nonpartisan Candidates Can File as shown on the Important Election Dates form.
- Filing may be done **by mail or in person only**.
- Documents will be considered filed on the date received in the Election's office. Mail early to avoid delivery delays.
- Filing will not be accepted by email, fax or postmark.
- Partial filings **will not** be accepted.

6. Termination Statement

- If you filed a Statement of Organization for your campaign you will need to file a termination statement in accordance with A.R.S. 16-934.



**Nonpartisan Candidate
NOMINATION PAPER
DECLARATION OF QUALIFICATION
A.R.S. §§ 16-311, 16-341**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

You are hereby notified that I, the undersigned, a qualified elector, am a candidate for the office of _____ at the election to be held on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

I will have been a citizen of the United States for _____ years before my election and will have been a citizen of Arizona for _____ years before my election, and I will meet the Constitutional and/or statutory age requirement for taking said office. I have resided in _____ County for _____ years and in precinct _____ for _____ years before my election.

Actual residence address _____ City or Town _____ Zip _____
or description of place of residence (required)

Post office address (if applicable) _____ City or Town _____ Zip _____

Print or type your name on the following line in the exact manner you wish it to appear on the ballot, last name first.

_____,
LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the information in this Nomination Paper and Declaration of Qualification is true and correct, and that at the time of filing I am a resident of the county, district, or precinct, that I have no final, outstanding judgments against me of an aggregate of \$1,000 or more that arose from failure to comply with or enforcement of campaign finance law, and as to all other qualifications, I will be qualified at the time of election to hold the office that I seek.

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

DATE

Nonpartisan Nomination Petition

I, the undersigned, a qualified elector of the county of _____, state of Arizona, and of _____ hereby nominate _____ who resides at _____ to be voted at the _____ election to be held in the county of _____ for the office of _____, and I hereby declare that I am qualified to vote for this office and that I have not signed and will not sign any nomination petitions for more persons than the number of candidates necessary to fill such office at the next ensuing election. I further declare that if I choose to use a post office box address on this petition, my residence address has not changed since I last reported it to the county recorder for purposes of updating my voter registration file.

	Signature	Printed name	Actual residence address, description of place of residence or Arizona post office box address, city or town	Date of signing
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Instructions for Circulators

1. All petitions shall be signed by circulator.
2. Circulator is not required to be a resident of this state but otherwise must be qualified to register to vote in this state and, if not a resident of this state, shall register as a circulator with the secretary of state.
3. Circulator's name shall be typed or printed under the circulator's signature.
4. Circulator's actual residence address or, if no street address, a description of residence location shall be included on the petition.

I,

a person who is not required to be a resident of this state but who is otherwise qualified to register to

vote in the county of

, in the state of Arizona, hereby verify that each of the names on the petition was signed in my presence on the date indicated and that in my belief each signer was a qualified elector who resides at the address given as their residence on the date indicated.

Signature of Circulator

Typed or Printed Name of Circulator

Circulator's Actual Residence Address

(If no street address, a description of residence location shall be included on the petition)

City or Town and Zip Code