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## GILA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS

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To all Special Districts in Gila County

The following are enclosed for your review and action:

- List of those districts and governing board member positions which are up for election November 3, 2026.
- Special District Candidate Packet which includes:
- Non Partisan Candidate Filing Instructions
- Non Partisan Nomination Paper
- A Nonpartisan Signature Petition
- Special District Signature Requirements

Please review this list of positions and advise us as soon as possible if you have any questions or if changes need to be made to the list.

Each Board Member who is up for reelection or new individuals who are running for office should receive a candidate packet. Candidate packets are also available at the Gila County Elections Office located at 5515 S. Apache Ave., Ste. 900 in Globe or the Gila County Government Complex located at 610 E. Hwy. 260 in Payson. The Nonpartisan Nomination Paper and completed signature petitions must be submitted to the Elections Department by the filing deadline in order for the candidate to be recognized as an official candidate for election.

In all districts where incumbents or new candidates are running unopposed, the election will be cancelled and the Gila County Board of Supervisors will appoint those individuals, as if elected, to their respective Boards. This is provided for in A.R.S. 16-410. Cancellation and appointments saves the special districts money since they do not have to pay for an election.

If an election is required due to multiple candidates running for a single position on a governing board, you may contract with the Gila County Elections Department to provide election services. Such contracts are covered under Gila County's Policy with regard to District Elections. Governing boards should have a copy of this policy, if you do not, contact the Gila County Elections Department and we will provide you with one. Any request for election services must be delivered to the County within fifteen days following the call date for the election. The call date for November 3, 2026 General Election is **June 6<sup>th</sup> 2026**.

Gila County, Arizona

2026

GILA COUNTY SPECIAL DISTRICTS

A.R.S. 16-322 (A) (12) Nomination petitions shall be signed: ...If for a candidate for a governing body of a special district as described in title 48 by a number of qualified electors...equal to at least one-half of one percent of the vote in the special district but not more than two hundred fifty and not fewer than five signatures. ("The vote" is the number of votes cast in the last election.)

Special District	Signatures Required		No. to Elec.	Board Member up for Re-Election in 2026
	Minimum	Maximum		
<b>Water Districts</b>				
Beaver Valley DWID	5	250	2	Kevin Culp
				Steve King
Canyon DWID	5	250	3	Robert Bronson
				Sarah Bernstein
				Fred Barcon
Pine Creek Canyon DWID	5	250	5	Allan Johnson
				Dave Karr
				Steve Stevens
				William McClung
				Harry Jones
Pine-Strawberry WID	22	250	3	Sharon Hillman
				Roger Childers
				Brent Pruett
Pine Water Association DWID	5	250	2	Sally Randall
				Michael Ward
Rim Trail DWID	5	250	2	JT Driscoll
				Ray Tanner
Solitude Trails DWID	5	250	2	Roger Miotto
				Jeffery Stowe
Strawberry Hollow DWID	5	250	1	Loren Peterson
Sunflower Mesa DWID	5	250	1	Glenda Phillips
Tonto Village DWID	5	250	1	Dan Hampton
Whispering Pines DWID	5	250	2	Lisa Tan
				Don Manthe

3 Seats up for election

## 2026 IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

<b>PRIMARY ELECTION</b>	
First Date Partisan Candidates Can File Partisan Nominating Petitions including Precinct Committeemen (150 Days before election)	Mon, February 23, 2026
Last Date Partisan Candidates Can File Partisan Nominating Petitions including Precinct Committeemen (120 Days before election)	Mon, March 23, 2026, at 5 pm
Last Day Partisan <b>Write-in</b> Precinct Committeemen Candidates Can File (76 Days)	Wed, May 20, 2026, at 5pm
Last Day Partisan <b>Write-In</b> Candidates Can File (40 Days)	Thurs, June 25, 2026, at 5pm
Voter Registration Closes (29 Days)	Tues, June 22, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.
Early Voting Begins (27 Days)	Wed, June 24, 2026
Sample Ballots Mailed (11 Days)	Fri, July 24, 2026
<b>Primary Election</b>	<b>Tues, July 21, 2026</b>
<b>GENERAL ELECTION</b>	
First Date Candidates Can File "Nomination Other Than by Primary" or Independent (150 Days)	Mon, March 7, 2026
Last Date Candidates Can File "Nomination Other Than by Primary" (120 Days)	Mon, April 6, 2026, at 5 pm
First Date Non-Partisan (Special Districts, Schools, Community College) Candidates Can File (150 Days)	Mon, June 6, 2026
Last Date Non-Partisan (Special Districts, Schools, Community College) Candidates Can File (120 Days)	Mon, July 6, 2026, at 5 pm
Last Day <u>Write-in</u> Non-Partisan (Special Districts, Schools, Community College) Candidates Can File (76 Days)	Wed, Aug 19, 2026, at 5 pm
Last Day all other <u>Write-in</u> Candidates Can File (40 Days)	Thurs, Sept 24, 2026, at 5 pm
Voter Registration Closes (29 Days)	Mon, Oct 5, 2026, at Midnight
Early Voting Begins (27 Days)	Wed, Oct 7, 2026
Sample Ballots Mailed (11 Days)	Fri, Oct 23, 2026
<b>General Election</b>	<b>Tues, Nov 3, 2026</b>