



# MAYOR & COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

March 7, 2023

Subject: Elections: Calling the 2023 Primary and General Elections as Vote by Mail Elections (City Wide) Page: 1 of 1

Issue – The Tucson Charter and Arizona Revised Statutes provide for the holding of the City Primary Election on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, and the General Election on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. The attached Ordinance formally calls both of these elections as Vote by Mail Elections.

City Manager's Office Recommendation – It is recommended that the Mayor and Council adopt the attached Ordinance as presented.

Background – Since 2011, the City of Tucson has conducted Primary and General Elections as Vote by Mail elections.

Present Consideration – As provided for in the Tucson Charter, candidates for the offices of Mayor and Council Members from Wards 1, 2 and 4 will be nominated by each qualified political party at the August 1, 2023, Primary Election. At the November 7, 2023, city-wide General Election, the Mayor and the Council Members for these respective Wards, will be elected to hold office. The term of office will commence on December 4, 2023, and extend to December 6, 2027.

Plan Tucson Considerations – This item relates to Chapter Four, Plan Implementation & Administration, and the City's ability to implement Plan Tucson by having the right foundational elements in place, such as resources, partnerships, procedures, agreements and other administrative elements.

Legal Considerations – Adoption of the attached ordinance is necessary to comply with the provisions of the Tucson Charter Chapter XVI, Section 6.

Financial Considerations – Election costs are included in the City Clerk's FY2023 and FY2024 budgets.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michael J. Ortega, P.E.  
City Manager

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Attachment: Ordinance

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