

# 2014 Primary Election



## ALL-MAIL BALLOTS

- Ballots will be mailed — All registered voters will receive a ballot in the mail from the Maricopa County Elections Department. This allows all voters to vote early.
- Convenient for voters to cast their votes — Voters do not have to locate polling places and no waiting in line.
- Secure form of voting — Every signature on the sealed ballot is checked against a voter's registration form for verification.
- Cost effective — Taxpayers save because cost is less to City for all-mail ballots. Voters also save because ballots are postage paid.
- Voter participation — Statistics show that all-mail balloting increases voter participation making it easier for voters who work, or are disabled, elderly, homebound or students.
- Ballot stations — Ballots can either be mailed or dropped off at any number of ballot stations including El Mirage City Hall.

## IMPORTANT VOTING INFORMATION

### ALL-MAIL ELECTION!

The 2014 Primary Election will be an ALL-MAIL election. Every registered voter will receive a ballot in the mail from the Maricopa County Elections Department prior to the election.

### AM I QUALIFIED/REGISTERED TO VOTE?

If you do not know if you are qualified to vote, or wish to register to vote, please contact the Maricopa County Recorder's Office at 602-506-1411 (TDD 602-506-2348) or visit the Maricopa County Recorder Elections website at [www.recorder.maricopa.gov](http://www.recorder.maricopa.gov).

### UPDATE VOTER REGISTRATION

Registered voters who need to update their voter registration information including a change of address, a name change, etc. should do so at [www.servicearizona.com](http://www.servicearizona.com).

### REPLACEMENT BALLOTS are available at:

Maricopa County Recorder's Office:

111 S. 3rd Avenue, Phoenix

510 S 3rd Avenue, Phoenix

222 Javelina Drive, Mesa

El Mirage City Clerk's Office:

12145 NW Grand Ave., El Mirage

### IMPORTANT DATES

**DATE OF ELECTION:** 8/26/2014 T

Last Day to Register to vote: 7/28/2014 M

First Day Ballots Mailed: 7/31/2014 TH

Last Day to Return Ballot: 8/26/2014 T

## Proposition 468

### PERMANENT BASE ADJUSTMENT

Cities have changed dramatically since FY 1979/80 (July 1, 1979 — June 30, 1980) when the State of Arizona imposed the Base Expenditure Limitation, which set limits on how much a city can spend each year. The State, however, provided ways for cities to adjust the amount over the years to reflect more current circumstances.

Two methods are allowed to adjust the base expenditure limitation and both require voter approval:

- 1) "Home Rule" (currently in place) OR
- 2) Permanent Base Adjustment (PBA).

The PBA resets the FY 1979/80 expenditure base to expense levels that maintain current services and saves the expense of a Home Rule election process every four years. Cities must still produce and adopt annual balanced budgets. Setting a permanent base adjustment DOES NOT IMPACT REVENUES OR INCREASE TAXES.

Your 2014 Primary Election ballot will ask you to vote YES or NO on whether the City should permanently adjust its expenditure base to maintain existing and planned City services and programs.

**PRIMARY ELECTION  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2014**



**REMEMBER TO VOTE ON...**

**TWO EL MIRAGE BALLOT ITEMS**

**1) COUNCIL CANDIDATES**

Voters will elect the following Council positions:

One (1) Mayor  
Three (3) Council Members

*(Each seat will be for a term of 4 years.)*

**2) PERMANENT BASE ADJUSTMENT**

A “YES” vote shall have the effect of allowing the City to adjust its base expenditure limit.

A “NO” vote shall have the effect of (i) not allowing the City of El Mirage to adjust its base adjustment limit, and (ii) reducing the City’s annual budget capacity by approximately 68% by allowing the State imposed base limit to govern the City of El Mirage.



**PLEASE NOTE**

**Publicity Pamphlet**

A publicity pamphlet explaining information about Proposition 468, the Permanent Base Adjustment question, will be mailed to each household where a registered voter resides. Please make the pamphlet available to all registered voters in the household.

**Ballot Items**

The ballot you receive will also include voting on State and County issues. Please be sure to read all the way to the **bottom of the ballot** and cast your vote on the two El Mirage ballot items.



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