



**CITY OF TUCSON
2021 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS
CAMPAIGN FINANCE ADMINISTRATION**

INFORMATION UPDATE 2021-01

TO: Candidates, Political Parties and Political Committees
FROM: *R. Randolph*
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From time to time, this office distributes information regarding campaign finance and other election related issues that may be of interest to you. We encourage you to contact the City Clerk's Office with any questions you have regarding these issues.

State of Arizona v. City of Tucson, CV-20-0244-SA

The Arizona Attorney General filed a Petition for Special Action in Case No. CV-20-0244-5A, challenging the City of Tucson Charter and Ordinance 11731. The Special Action asserts that Ordinance 11731 calling the 2021 Primary and General Elections, is a possible violation of Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-204.01.

A.R.S. § 16-204.01 requires the City of Tucson to hold its elections on statewide election dates. The City of Tucson maintains the position that the statute violates the Tucson Charter. The Arizona Supreme Court heard the case on January 12, 2021. We are currently waiting for the ruling.

Until the ruling is issued, the City will continue to proceed with preparations to hold elections in 2021. Should the Court rule against the City and require the elections to move to 2022, my office will work with candidates to resolve any issues that arise from a change in election dates.

**City of Tucson Preliminary Expenditure Limitations
Public Matching Funds - 2021**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Tucson Charter Chapter XVI, Subchapter B, pertaining to Campaign Finance Administration expenditure limitations, the **preliminary expenditure limits** for candidates who sign campaign contracts are listed below. These amounts are based upon the Consumer Price Index and the number of registered voters (315,593) residing in the City as of June 30, 2020. The final expenditure limits which will be available mid-July 2021 may increase or decrease depending upon the voter registration in the City as of June 30, 2021.

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PRELIMINARY EXPENDITURE LIMITS — 2021	COUNCIL MEMBER
Preliminary expenditure amount per voter	\$0.4543
Maximum amount a candidate may spend through the end of the campaign period	\$143,373.90
Maximum amount a candidate may spend through the day of the Primary Election	\$107,530.42
Maximum amount a candidate may receive in public matching funds	\$71,686.95
Maximum amount of public funds that may be released prior to calculation of final expenditure limits	\$53,765.21
Maximum amount a candidate may contribute to their own campaign	\$4,301.21

Should you have any questions regarding the information contained in this update, please contact me or Suzanne Mesich, Chief Deputy City Clerk, at 791-4213 or e-mail cityclerk@tucsonaz.gov.