

December 27, 2021

Re: Candidate requirements and election process for the Primary Election – August 2, 2022 and the General Election – November 8, 2022

The Town of Guadalupe is a nonpartisan municipal jurisdiction with a Mayor and six Councilmembers elected at-large. The Town of Guadalupe participates in the consolidated fall election cycle during even numbered years per Arizona Revised Statute. Per the Guadalupe Town Code of Ordinances, candidates who receive the majority of votes cast for an open seat will win the Primary Election and be seated on the Council. Candidates will only run in the General Election if all of the seats are not filled at the Primary Election.

For candidates interested in running for Council, an individual must be 18 years of age, lived in the Town of Guadalupe for one year preceding the election, and be a qualified elector in the State of Arizona. A person convicted of a felony cannot serve as a councilmember until their civil rights have been restored.

In Arizona, persons are nominated to run for office in the Primary Election by a petition process for nomination. The petition process allows any qualified voter the opportunity of seeking public office. All candidates must file a Statement of Interest with the Clerk's Office before collecting signatures. Any signatures collected before the Statement of Interest is filed will not be valid. The Nomination Paper is a formal notification to the Town Clerk that the individual intends to seek municipal office. Three forms must be completed: The Nomination Paper which includes a candidate declaration (no longer an affidavit that requires notarization), a Financial Disclosure Statement, and Nomination Petitions with the requisite number of signatures (at least 5% and not more than 10% of the total votes cast for mayor in the last preceding election at which a mayor was elected). Candidate packets will be available February 1, 2022.