

## Campaign Finance and Political Committees

**BEFORE** receiving or expending money, circulating nomination petitions or distributing campaign literature, candidates must file a political committee *Statement of Organization* or a *\$500 Threshold Exemption Statement*

### **What must I do first if I intend to receive or spend more than \$500?**

A candidate that intends to receive contributions or make expenditures of more than \$500, shall designate in writing a political committee and file a *Statement of Organization* with the City Clerk before making any expenditures, accepting any contributions, distributing any campaign literature or circulating nomination petitions to obtain signatures.

### **What if I will not receive or spend very much money?**

A candidate who intends to receive contributions or make expenditures of \$500 or less shall file a *\$500 Threshold Exemption Statement* before making any expenditures, accepting any contributions, distributing any campaign literature or circulating nomination petitions to obtain signatures.

### **After an election must I continue to file?**

Yes. A political committee must continue to file all reports as scheduled or required until a *Termination Statement* has been filed.

## Campaign Finance Reports: Reporting Periods and Filing Deadlines

- ❑ **June 30 Report**  
Filing deadline: June 30, 2009  
Reporting Period: January 1, 2009 through May 31, 2009
- ❑ **Pre-Primary Election Report**  
Filing deadline: August 20, 2009  
Reporting period: June 1, 2009 through August 12, 2009
- ❑ **Post-Primary Election Report**  
Filing deadline: October 1, 2009  
Reporting period: August 13, 2009 through September 21, 2009
- ❑ **Pre-General Election Report**  
Filing deadline: October 22, 2009  
Reporting period: September 22, 2009 through October 14, 2009
- ❑ **Post-General Election Report**  
Filing deadline: December 3, 2009  
Reporting period: October 15, 2009 through November 23, 2009
- ❑ **January 31 Report**  
Filing deadline: January 31, 2011  
Reporting period: November 24, 2009 through December 31, 2010

### **What if I miss the filing deadline?**

A Committee is liable for a late penalty of \$10.00 for each day the report is filed late. The City Clerk cannot accept a late report unless it is accompanied by the late penalty.

**Campaign finance information can be found in Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-901 et seq.**



## City of Yuma 2009 Election Information for Mayor, City Council and Municipal Judge

**Primary Election  
September 1, 2009**

**General Election  
November 3, 2009**



**City of YUMA**

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# City of Yuma 2009 Candidate Election Information

## Offices to be filled (incumbents):

- One (1) Mayor  
(Lawrence K. Nelson)
- Three (3) City Council seats  
(Ross Hieb, Paul Johnson,  
Ema Lea Shoop)
- One (1) Municipal Judge  
(Douglas Stanley)

## Term of Offices:

Four (4) years – term commencing January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2013

## Election Dates:

September 1, 2009: Primary Election for the purpose of nominating and/or electing candidates for the General Election.

November 3, 2009: General Election for the purpose of electing candidates.

Any candidate who receives at the Primary Election a majority of all ballots cast shall be declared to be elected as of the date of the General Election.

## Candidate Packet Information:

Candidate packets, which contain necessary forms and information, are available at the Office of the City Clerk, One City Plaza, Yuma, AZ, (928) 373-5035.

- ✓ **March 23, 2009**  
First day candidate packets are available.
- ✓ **May 4, 2009**  
First day to file nomination paper, nomination petitions and financial disclosure statement.
- ✓ **June 3, 2009**  
Last day to file nomination paper, nomination petitions and financial disclosure statement.

## Signature Requirements:

Nomination petitions must contain no less than 231 signatures and no more than 383 signatures of qualified electors of the City of Yuma.

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## Voter Registration Information:

Voter Registration is conducted by the Yuma County Recorder's Office, 410 S. Maiden Lane, Yuma, AZ, (928) 373-6034.

- ❖ August 3, 2009  
Last day to register to vote in the Primary Election
- ❖ October 5, 2009  
Last day to register to vote in the General Election

## Early Voting Information:

Early Voting is conducted by the Yuma County Recorder's Office, 410 S. Maiden Lane, Yuma, AZ, (928) 373-6034.

- ❖ July 30, 2009  
Early voting begins for the Primary Election
- ❖ October 1, 2009  
Early Voting begins for the General Election

A *Request for Early Ballot* form for both fall elections will be mailed to each registered voter prior to the start of Early Voting for the Primary Election.