

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.

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* with the City Clerk.

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.

\$500 Threshold Exemption Committees must file a *Termination Statement* no later than 90 days after the election cycle or be subject to a penalty of \$100.

Campaign Finance Reports: Reporting Periods and Filing Deadlines

- ❑ **June 30 Report**
Filing deadline: June 30, 2011
Reporting Period: January 1, 2011 through May 31, 2011
- ❑ **Pre-Primary Election Report**
Filing deadline: August 18, 2011
Reporting period: June 1, 2011 through August 10, 2011
- ❑ **Post-Primary Election Report**
Filing deadline: September 29, 2011
Reporting period: August 11, 2011 through September 19, 2011
- ❑ **Pre-General Election Report**
Filing deadline: October 27, 2011
Reporting period: September 20, 2011 through October 19, 2011
- ❑ **Post-General Election Report**
Filing deadline: December 8, 2011
Reporting period: October 20, 2011 through November 28, 2011
- ❑ **January 31 Report**
Filing deadline: January 31, 2013
Reporting period: November 29, 2011 through December 31, 2012

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 2011 Election Information for City Council and Municipal Judge

**Primary Election
August 30, 2011**

**General Election
November 8, 2011**



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City of Yuma 2011 Candidate Election Information

Offices to be filled (incumbents):

- Three (3) City Council seats (Cody T. Beeson, Leslie L. McClendon, Raul Mendoza)
- One (1) Municipal Judge (Nancy "Acuna" Davis)

Term of Offices:

Four (4) years – term commencing January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2015

Election Dates:

August 30, 2011: Primary Election for the purpose of nominating and/or electing candidates for the General Election.

November 8, 2011: 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, 2011**
First day candidate packets are available.
- ✓ **May 2, 2011**
First day to file nomination paper, nomination petitions and financial disclosure statement.
- ✓ **June 1, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.**
Last day to file nomination paper, nomination petitions and financial disclosure statement.

Signature Requirements:

Nomination petitions must contain no less than 246 signatures and no more than 410 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 1, 2011
Last day to register to vote in the Primary Election
- ❖ October 10, 2011
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.

- ❖ August 4, 2011
Early voting begins for the Primary Election
- ❖ October 13, 2011
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.