

Campaign Finance and Political Committees

State law requires candidates to account for all monies or things of value received and expended by them, their campaign committee or individuals on behalf of a person's candidacy for public office. It is important that candidates and campaign committees remember that it is their responsibility to comply with all campaign finance laws.

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 that receives or expends more than \$500 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, 2015
Reporting Period: January 1, 2015 through May 31, 2015
- ❑ **Pre-Primary Election Report**
Filing deadline: August 21, 2015
Reporting period: June 1, 2015 through August 13, 2015
- ❑ **Post-Primary Election Report**
Filing deadline: September 24, 2015
Reporting period: August 14, 2015 through September 14, 2015
- ❑ **Pre-General Election Report**
Filing deadline: October 30, 2015
Reporting period: September 15, 2015 through October 22, 2015
- ❑ **Post-General Election Report**
Filing deadline: December 3, 2015
Reporting period: October 23, 2015 through November 23, 2015
- ❑ **January 31 Report**
Filing deadline: January 31, 2017
Reporting period: November 24, 2015 through December 31, 2016

What if I miss the filing deadline?

A Committee is liable for late penalties beginning at \$10.00 for each business 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
2015 Election Information for
City Council and
Municipal Judge**

**Primary Election
August 25, 2015**

**General Election
November 3, 2015**



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City of Yuma 2015 Candidate Election Information

Offices to be filled (incumbents):

- Three City Council seats
(Cody Beeson, Leslie McClendon
and Edward Thomas)
- One Municipal Judge
(Jenny Farmer Umphress)

Term of Offices:

Four years – term commencing January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2019

Election Dates:

August 25, 2015: Primary Election for the purpose of nominating and/or electing candidates for the General Election.

November 3, 2015: 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.

- ✓ **April 27, 2015**
First day candidate packets are available.
- ✓ **April 27, 2015**
First day to file nomination paper, nomination petitions and financial disclosure statement.
- ✓ **May 27, 2015 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 242 signatures and no more than 403 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.

- ❖ July 27, 2015
Last day to register to vote in the Primary Election
- ❖ October 5, 2015
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, 2015
Early voting begins for the Primary Election
- ❖ October 8, 2015
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.