

NOTICE OF 2012 GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, September 4, 2012

6:00am – 6:00pm



The terms of Council Members Ricardo Leonard, Leonard Rivers and Deanna Scabby will expire this year. The general election will be held for the offices of 3 Council Member seats. District I (Salt River) will have 2 seats available and District II (Lehi) will have 1 seat available. Pursuant to Article VI, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) the election shall be held on the first Tuesday in September in each even numbered year.

Names of certified candidates that will appear on the ballot will be available after August 14th. Also, watch for information regarding the candidate's forums that will be held at each district.

GENERAL INFORMATION & DEADLINES

VOTER ELIGIBILITY. The SRPMIC Tribal Enrollment listing will be the registered voters' list for all elections, as indicated in the revised Election Ordinance. An eligible voter must be an enrolled member of the Community and must be 18 years or older on the day of the election, and who is not a prisoner in any jail or prison on the date of election, or has been declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be incompetent.

POLLING SITES. The polling sites are the Salt River Community Building for District I (Salt River) voters and the Lehi Community Building for District II (Lehi) voters. **The polls are open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on September 4, 2012.**

BOUNDARIES OF DISTRICT I AND DISTRICT II. Members who live West of North Mesa Drive are considered to be in District I (Salt River). Members who live East of North Mesa Drive are considered to be in District II (Lehi). If you have questions about which District you vote in, please contact the Office of Membership Services at (480)362-7618.

SRPMIC IDENTIFICATION OR APPROPRIATE EVIDENCE OF IDENTITY IS REQUIRED TO VOTE.

Community members must show a (picture) tribal ID card or appropriate evidence of identity at the polls before they will be given a ballot. Should you need a Tribal ID, contact the Office of Membership Services at (480) 362-7618.

VOTERS. Please make sure that information such as your name, tribal identification number, address are updated and are accurate with the Office of Membership Services prior to the election. (This is extremely helpful for those living off the community).

Monday, August 20, 2012 is the deadline for Non-Resident Eligible Voters to Request an Absentee Ballot.

Non-resident eligible voters may request an absentee ballot by telephone, by mail or by a signed facsimile to Erica Harvier, Council Secretary:

- Phone number (480) 362-7466
- Fax number is (480) 362-7593
- Mailing address: SRPMIC/Administration Department, 10,005 E. Osborn Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256

Tuesday, August 21, 2012 is the deadline for Residents who are Eligible Voters to Request an Absentee Ballot if away on election day. This deadline is for residents who will be away from the Community or unavailable to vote on election day and would still like to vote by absentee ballot.

Friday, August 31, 2012 is the deadline for those that are elderly or disabled or hospitalized or in a care facility to request to vote at home or at care center. Contact the Council secretary for special arrangements at (480) 362-7466.

For more Information, contact Erica Harvier at (480) 362-7466 if you have any questions about the upcoming General Election.

SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA INDIAN COMMUNITY

2012 GENERAL ELECTION - IMPORTANT DATES

DATES	MEETING	NOTES
Wednesday, July 18, 2012	COUNCIL APPOINTS A NOMINATING CHAIRPERSON FOR EACH DISTRICT.	Selected at least 45 days prior to election.
Tuesday, August 7, 2012	NOMINATION MEETING FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS (At least 21 days prior to election)	Meeting held at each district.
Tuesday, August 14, 2012	ELECTION BOARD CERTIFICATION MEETING FOR COUNCIL MEMBER NOMINEES.	Certifying of those nominated.
Monday, August 20, 2012	DEADLINE FOR NON-RESIDENTS TO REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT	Contact the Council secretary at (480)362-7466 by deadline to make request.
Tuesday, August 21, 2012	STARTING DATE FOR RESIDENTS WHO WILL BE AWAY ON ELECTION DAY TO TURN IN SEALED ABSENTEE BALLOTS.	Contact the Council Secretary at (480)362-7466 to request absentee ballot.
Tuesday, August 21, 2012	ALL CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR OFFICE MUST BE ON LEAVE FROM SRPMIC EMPLOYMENT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 5, 2012.	See SRPMIC Policy 2-11 (F).
Thursday, August 23, 2012	7:00pm-- SALT RIVER CANDIDATES FORUM at the Salt River High School Lecture Hall.	Contact Community Relations for more info at (480) 362-7740.
Thursday, August 30, 2012	7:00pm-- LEHI CANDIDATES FORUM at the Lehi Community Building.	Contact Community Relations for more info at (480) 362-7740.
Friday, August 31, 2012	DEADLINE FOR THOSE THAT ARE ELDERLY OR DISABLED OR HOSPITALIZED OR IN A CARE FACILITY TO REQUEST TO VOTE AT HOME OR AT CARE CENTER. (at least 3 days prior to election)	Contact the Council secretary at (480)362-7466 by deadline to make request.
Tuesday September 04, 2012	SRPMIC GENERAL ELECTION DAY POLLS OPEN: 6:00am – 6:00pm	For all enrolled Community members 18 years and older. ID required to vote.
Tuesday September 04, 2012	After polls close the Election Board will prepare results and count absentee ballots for the current Council to Certify.	The final tally and results will be presented for Council Certification.

2012 SRPMIC GENERAL ELECTION NOMINATION MEETINGS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

District I – Salt River

(For 2 Council Member Seats)

Tuesday, August 7, 2012

6:00pm

SRPMIC COMMUNITY BUILDING

District II – Lehi

(For 1 Council Member Seat)

Tuesday, August 7, 2012

6:00pm

LEHI COMMUNITY BUILDING

**Meetings held simultaneously and will start
at each district promptly at 6:00pm.**

QUALIFICATIONS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS:

(SRPMIC Constitution, Article IV, Section 3)

1. An enrolled member of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.
2. Has physically resided in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community for at least one (1) year and in District I for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the election date.
3. Is at least twenty five (25) years of age.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Anyone planning to be nominated, please make sure you are nominated in the district you are registered.

Boundaries of District I and District II: Those members who live West of North Mesa Drive are considered to be in District I (SR). Those members who live East of North Mesa Drive are considered to be in District II (Lehi).



Things to Consider

When Campaigning for a Council Member Position.

- **SRPMIC EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE LEAVE PRIOR TO THE ELECTION.** In order to promote public confidence in government and to ensure that all employees are free from any express or implied requirement or any political or other pressure of any kind to engage or not engage in any political campaigning activity, a SRPMIC Government employee seeking an elected position within the Community Government **shall apply for a leave of absence** prior to engaging in such activity. *See* Administrative Policy 2-11(F) and Section 3-12(f)(6) of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances.
- **SRPMIC COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE PROHIBITED FROM BEING AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT AND ITS DIVISIONS AND ENTERPRISES.** If you are a SRPMIC employee and elected for an official position you will be required to resign within (7) days from the certification of election. *See* SRPMIC Constitution Section IV(5) and Section 3-3 of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances.
- **SRPMIC COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETINGS, WORK SESSIONS, EXECUTIVE SESSIONS, COUNCIL STRATEGY SESSIONS, SENIOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS, COMMUNITY MEMBER-ONLY MEETINGS, DISTRICT MEETINGS AND OTHER MEETINGS NECESSARY.** These meetings are both during and after normal business hours.
- **SRPMIC COUNCIL MEMBERS, AT TIMES, ARE REQUIRED TO TRAVEL BY AIR OR VEHICLE ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY.**
- **SRPMIC COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE SALARIED POSITIONS:** Salary is determined by the SRPMIC Council.
- **IF ELECTED, A SRPMIC COUNCIL MEMBER WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT.**
- **IF ELECTED, A SRPMIC COUNCIL MEMBER IS SUBJECT TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES RANDOM DRUG TESTING PROCESS.**

CAMPAIGNING FAQ'S

- **What do I need to know If I want to campaign on Election Day at the polls?** Candidates will be provided notice regarding where the campaign designation area will be at the relevant polling sites on the day of the election. *See* Section 3-6(c) of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances.
- **What do I need to know about Campaign signs?** A political sign is a temporary sign and the responsible party that posts a political sign also has the responsibility of removing the sign within (10) days after the election. *See* SRPMIC Zoning Ordinance at Section 11.600(E).

Posting signs on private property requires the permission of the homeowner and/or landowner(s).