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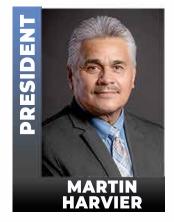
# 2022 SRPMIC GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, SEPT. 6, 2022

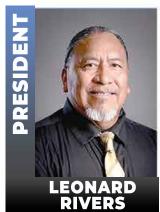
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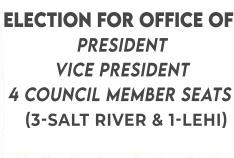
# NOTICE OF CANDIDATES FOR SRPMIC GENERAL ELECTION

On July 26, 2022 the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community held a Primary Election for the offices of President, Vice-President, (3) District I Council member seats and (1) District II Council Member seat.

The field has been narrowed for the General Election and the following candidates will appear on the SRPMIC General Election ballot:

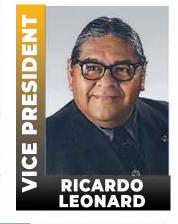










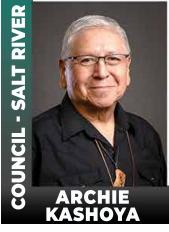
















# POLLING SITES:

# **DISTRICT I - SALT RIVER**Salt River Community Building 1880 N. Longmore Road 6AM-6PM

# **DISTRICT II - LEHI**Lehi Community Building 1231 E. Oak Street 6AM-6PM

FOR A SAFE VOTING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL, COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS WILL BE FOLLOWED.

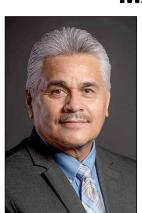
- Masks are recommended in and around the voting area.
- The Phase the Community is in will dictate the Precautions that will be used.

# **ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBER VOTERS**

WE, THE ELECTION BOARD ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOTE AT THIS YEAR'S PRIMARY & GENERAL ELECTION.

- If you are a SRPMIC enrolled member 18 or older on the day of election you are eligible to vote.
- If you have any questions about the upcoming elections please contact the Council Secretaries at (480) 362-7466 or (480) 362-7469

# MARTIN HARVIER



My name is Martin Harvier, and I've been married to Toni Harvier for 40 years now. We have five children and nine grandchildren.

I was honored to be first elected for 12 years as your

Vice-President, and then for the last four years I have carried on as your President. I feel privileged to have had the trust of the Community members throughout these years. I've always tried to be fair, even when decisions were hard. I've also done my best to be fair in the way I conducted myself in your view and to the outside public. My time has been spent in continuous work—coming in early, staying late, and traveling in my effort to represent

SRPMIC has been used as a positive influence for other tribes in Arizona and nationally. I've met with local and national politicians to speak on SRPMIC issues or at their request for consultation on Native issues.

This has been a rough period during the pandemic, and even more so for the families who've lost loved ones. Council is very concerned, and a COVID-19 Committee was created, in which I took

Housing is a priority, and we recently held groundbreakings for four upcoming housing projects in the Com-

After long negotiations with the Indian Health Service, we were finally able to open the beautiful new River People's Health Clinic.

I am proud that SRPMIC took the role in the main leadership during the gaming negotiations for our success and well-being. I met with the governor and other prominent leaders, as well as our legal teams, to discuss how we could work together, but I've always kept the SRPMIC uppermost in my

I would be grateful for your vote to continue as SRPMIC President. My continued commitment is to work hard, represent the O'odham and Piipaash well, and stay attentive to Native issues and other laws that affect us.

Please vote Harvier!

# LEONARD RIVERS



Greetings, my name is Leonard Rivers, and I am running for SRPMIC President.

My parents are Aaron Julian Rivers and Hazel Osif-Rivers. My maternal grandparents are Jessie Miguel-Osif/Waters and

Joseph Osif. My paternal grandparents are Jenny Roberts-Rivers and William Cleaver Rivers. I come from a family of eight children. I share four children with Cheryl Fulwilder—Julian, Zack, David and Hayden—and I have five grandchil-

I grew up in Lehi and moved to Salt River, where I currently reside. I grew up playing sports representing the Community, and later I coached Community children in T-ball, baseball and basketball.

I worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs for 14 years and for various Community departments such as the Tribal Court, Public Works and Transportation. I served as an SRPMIC Council member for six years and Vice-President for four

I am running for SRPMIC President because I believe that it is a pivotal time, and it is essential that every decision concerning our Community is made in consideration of preserving our culture, land and other resources for future generations. I believe that our Community government should first and foremost address the needs of our people, such as providing gainful employment opportunities, providing adequate housing,

ensuring safe neighborhoods and promoting healthy lifestyles. Here are some of my goals for the next four years:

- Ensuring that all tribal employment positions are filled by qualified Community members and that all employment selections are consistent with Community-member preference and the Underfill policy.
- Ensuring that quality childcare is available for all children, which allows parents and other caregivers the opportunity to pursue education or to work.
- Ensuring that affordable housing opportunities are available for all Community members.
- Ensuring that the tribal government is accountable by requiring data-driven decision-making, prioritized by Community member input, and independent audits/assessments/evaluations of all our enterprises and departments. Every department must have written policies and procedures, and these should be made available to the Community membership.
- Exploring ways to make the casinos more profitable to increase the per capita payouts.
- Putting more money into the higher education scholarship program and assessing the need for increasing the number of hours for educational leave.

Requiring more protections and man-

- agement of our Community's natural
- Ensuring that the SRPMIC government is transparent and accountable in all its activities.
- Believe In A Better Future, VOTE Leonard Rivers for SRPMIC President. I have the courage to do what is right for the Community.

# **RICARDO LEONARD**



Samai Masma, my name is Ricardo Juan Leonard but everyone calls me "Brusha." I am running for a second term as Vice-President of the

I am the son of Louella B. Leonard

SRPMIC.

\*bot and brother to Vickie (Leonard) Andrews, Anthony Leonard \*bot and Terrance Leonard \*bot. I am married to Annette (Manuel) Leonard and have five children: Bowie, Jason \*bot, Alyssa, Mavi and Ariana. I am a proud grandpa of two grandsons, Amias and Selby; two granddaughters, Deziray and Jayna; and one great-granddaughter Adalynn

My education includes a GED and two years at Scottsdale Community College studying American Indian Policy and Law.

I currently serve on the Saddleback/ ReInvent Communications Board, the 12% Committee, Tempe Desert Conservation Commission and the SRPMIC Audit Committee. I am also a Council Representative for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, the U.S. Interior Department Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee, and the Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board for the Phoenix-area Indian Health Service.

I am a 30-year life member and past commander of American Legion Post #114 Bushmasters, having served four years in the U.S. Army stationed

in Garlstedt, Germany and Ft. Hood, Texas. I continue to be involved as a member of the Post.

I speak the O'odham Niok and have been honored to learn the songs of the Onk Akimel O'odham from elders in our Community and the Gila River Indian Community. I am a traditional singer, having taken part in comingof-age ceremonies for many young women in Salt River, Gila River and the Tohono O'odham Nation. Since 1995, I have been the traditional lead singer and advisor to the youth who participate in the SRPMIC Traditional Dance Group and others who seek guidance to this day.

I plan to continue addressing important issues, such as education for our youth and young adults, improved housing availability for Community members, and facilitating a new building for Journey to Recovery-Detox, to name a few. I will continue to communicate with the Community and as always listen to all concerns and issues from fellow Community members and others.

For the past 24 years on Council, I have made decisions with the youth of our Community in mind. I will continue to show respect to all and uphold the Constitution to the best of my ability, morally and ethically. Above all, the traditional teachings from my elders will continue to guide my thoughts and actions so we as a Community never lose sight of our O'odham and Piipaash ways of life.

"Influenced by Elders, Inspired by Youth, Led by Tradition"

# **WI-BWA GREY**



My name is Wi-Bwa Grey, and I am running for vicepresident of the Salt River Indian Community.

I am the daughter of Little Fawn and Gerard Loring. My father is

Thomas Mann, and my paternal grandmother is Alva Gates. My maternal grandparents are the late Herman and Eunice Santeo/Grey.

I have served on the Tribal Council for the past four and a half years. It has been a great learning experience, and I want to say thank you to all the leaders, present and past, for taking time to mentor me.

While serving with my fellow Council members, I have advocated and moved forward with the following needs in our Community:

- 1. More housing in our Community. We just broke ground on four projects:
- \* The expansion of six new units in Lonely Cactus.
- \* 14 new units of the PALS housing for young adults.
- \* 18 Mesquite Trails rentals for residents with any level of income.
- \* 31 units for transitional/temporary/ emergency housing. We know we still need more, so this will be a continuous effort.

- 2. After more than 11 years, the tribe has now adopted the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which means non-Community members can now be prosecuted in our court for their crimes on our land.
- Pima-Maricopa 3. The adoption of May 5 as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples Day. I have also requested that all cases in our Community be reopened and re-examined, so as not to forget those who are still missing.
  - 4. Sustained the funding coming in for the River People Health Center.
  - 5. Advocated for a sober living home for Community members to reside in after accomplishing their sobriety.
  - 6. Supported the wellbriety programs such as the Red Road Talking Circles.

We still need to work on the re-entry program for our incarcerated, which would include housing, and the revamping of the Salt River Schools. including the reopening of the high school.

I would appreciate your vote on July 26 because I believe it is time for a new generation of leadership. I believe in serving our people, no matter what your background is. I am open minded and like to learn about your ideas and concerns. I am solution minded, a decisionmaker, and I believe in transparency. My strongest belief is looking out for our future while learning from the past. Thank you.

# DISTRICT I - SALT RIVER (3 - SEATS)

## **JACOB BUTLER**



Jacob Butler.
As a principle, I believe being of service to others is one of the single greatest qualities to strive for in life. I love the work that I do. Had I not been asked to stand for elec-

My name is

tion, I would have happily continued in my role as the Community Garden Coordinator for the Cultural Resources Department—a department I've worked in for 20 years.

During my time with CRD, I have consulted with many federal, state and local agencies in an effort to effect change in the ancestral lands of our people. I've supported representation of indigenous people, specifically the O'odham and Piipaash, through my nonprofit board positions and as an artist.

I am confident that I possess the characteristics that are vital to this position. I stand by my word, I am not afraid to speak up when I don't agree with what is happening, and I do not react emotionally when there are differences of opinion. Further, I am willing to listen to all perspectives and points

of view. When debating an issue, I present my position clearly and concisely, all the while being conscientious about remaining open to valid counterpoints. When merited by fact, I concede my argument.

I do not align myself with any specific group or special-interest organization. I feel it is important to listen to the concerns of all Community members, regardless of where those concerns originate. I believe listening is key to understanding the needs of our people.

I understand the importance of consensus. Decisions are made by the majority of the Council, not any one individual. I pledge to speak up for the residents of District I and will endeavor to form decisions that are well vetted and the best possible options for all. While I cannot promise change, I can promise I will be a voice for it as long as I am serving. If elected, I promise to offer suggestions; complaints without solutions bring no change.

If elected, my focus will be to find a balance—a balance between heritage and progress. We cannot move forward if doing so means losing our languages and cultures, the two key factors integral to our sovereignty.

Thank you for choosing to participate in the electoral process. I humbly ask for your vote for the position of District I representative.

# **MIKAH CARLOS**



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My name is Mikah Carlos, and I am honored to have the opportunity to run for a seat on the SRPMIC Tribal Council for District I.

I have been preparing to pursue this role since my time as a youth on the Young River People's Council, where our Council successfully implemented the "No Texting While Driving" ordinance that currently exists in the Community. I also had the opportunity to serve as an ambassador for the Community when I served as Miss Salt River 2017-2018. As Miss Salt River, I gained a greater understanding of our culture and history as a Community, and I grew in my ability to be an advocate on behalf of our people.

In 2016-2018 I served as copresident of the National Congress of American Indians Youth Commission. My work on the NCAI Youth Commission allowed me to learn how to

navigate federal policy, advocating on behalf of tribal communities, and most importantly it allowed me to advocate on behalf of Native youth throughout Indian Country. I continued my work for Native youth as the chairwoman for the Center for Native American Youth Advisory Board, and this opportunity helped me gain experience in protecting voting rights, advocating for more resources for Indian Country for substance use prevention and recovery, as well as advocating for mental health resources grounded in culture for our youth.

I graduated from Arizona State University with a B.S. degree in American Indian Studies with a concentration in tribal legal policy, community and economic development. My minor was in psychology. After graduation, I was fortunate to come work for the Community on substance use prevention for youth. I now serve as Assistant Director for Youth Services, and it is my goal to incorporate as many cultural activities as possible with the youth to implement protective factors and build strong, healthy youth who will continue to help this Community grow. If elected to Council, I would continue to do the work to provide resources for substance abuse prevention and harm reduction, education and career opportunities for our people, and I would continue to advocate for the best interest of our people.

Dai hegai.

## CHERYL DOKA



Hello, my name is Cheryl Doka. I come from the Collins family. My mother is Rebecca Collins and my father is Fredrick Doka Jr. I was born and raised here in the Salt River Pima-Maricopa

Indian Community, right next to the ballfield, and I still reside in the area today. My education consists of a Bachelors in Business with a minor in Human Resource and a Master's in Business Administration with an Emphasis in Management.

In the previous election I stated that I would like to focus on the Community's internal issues and the people's needs and slow down the development here in the Community. I was pleased to be part of a team that felt the same. The pandemic caused a shift in everyone's lives, but it gave us as a Community the opportunity to come together and support one another. It also allowed Council the time to focus on critical issues such as housing, healthcare, addiction, employment and communication. Most importantly, Council worked to ensure that the Community members were safe, secure and received the services that were needed.

If I'm given the opportunity to serve the Community for another term, I would like to continue to focus on more housing opportunities; education, drug prevention, employment or training opportunities; and public safety. A new issue I strongly feel needs more attention is services for behavioral/ mental health. The pandemic revealed an increase in people experiencing loneliness, anxiety, and PTSD. There has also been an increase—not just here in the Community but nationwide—in domestic violence, child abuse, addiction and suicide. I would like to let the Community members know that it's okay to not be okay, and I will work to have resources available to help them.

I will continue to make it a point to be visible in the Community, listen to the Community members and always make time for them. In a leadership position, I feel attending various Community events for the youth, elders, veterans, departments and enterprises is very important. It lets them know their important, appreciated, and supported by the community.

In closing, I would like to take the time to express my sincere appreciation to the Community for allowing me to serve for the last three and a half years as your Council Representative. Thank you for instilling your faith in me and allowing me to be your voice.

Authentic, Fair and Consistent Leadership.

## DIANE ENOS



On Akimel O'odham gewkdag,

My name is Diane Enos. My parents, the late Naomi and Johnson Enos, and our grandparents, greatgrandparents and so on were all On Akimel O'odham

and lived here on our land way back, through many changes. I am a product of our family and our people. I attended Salt River Day School, then Westwood High School and universities, including law school. I have heard many stories about our grandmother, who saw mil:gan for the first time as a young girl while out gathering wood, and even our father's repetition of the battle with the Yumans, as told to him. It is with the greatest respect for our history that I feel we must always prepare for our future, as individuals and as a people. The future is tomorrow and it is generations down our road as well.

We are, and always will be, seeing challenges to our land, our families, our government and our existence. Above all else, we must keep on believing in our children, ourselves and our gewkdag to hold onto who we are as O'odham and Piipaash (O'bab) first and foremost. Yes, it is up to us as families, but a courageous tribal government that respects and supports our ways, our himdag, can be so helpful. We will always need a strong Council to watch out for our land, our tribal sovereignty, our people's future and all good opportunities. We are fortunate to have many talented employees here to help us, but it is our job to lead our Community and to be accountable in doing so.

I am asking for your very important vote for me for Council, as I am dedicated to what I just described, and to our Community. I have always kept the only promise I ever made, and that is to do the very best that I can. Thank you! Sa pe!

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# DISTRICT I - SALT RIVER (3 - SEATS)

# **ARCHIE KASHOYA**



Hello and Blessing to you, the Onk Akimol People,

My name is Archie Kashoya, and I am O'othum and Hopi. My parents are the late Josephine Manuel and the late Harold

Kashoya Sr. My maternal grandparents are the late Ruth Burton Manuel and the late Joseph Gibson Manuel. My paternal grandparents are the late Anna Ruth Juan Rivers, my O'othum Vosk William Rivers Sr. and the late Archie Cashoya.

I was born and raised in Salt River and have lived here all my life. I am honored to accept the nomination for Council Representative. I look forward to the days ahead with a full and grateful heart. My quest always has been and always will be the same: to serve the Community and to devote my efforts to the safety and wellness of the O'othum people.

Historically and generationally, it hasn't been an easy road for us as a people. In the recent years, we have been shaken by the loss of our precious loved ones. Our families and extended families have expressed to me their growing fears and concerns over housing, finances, labor and education. They believe our best years are behind us. But I say that our best is still ahead. I believe that we have come through this time of being tempered in the fire stronger and more aware of what truly matters. We've had to adapt, come together and lean on each other for support.

It is never too late to honor and strengthen our families, our Community, our traditions, our culture and our customs. It is important that we come together, ready and willing to face these challenges head on, in hopes that we may heal and mend things for the generations to come.

As O'othum people, it is your right to decide who will best serve in a Council seat. To serve you as Council representative for the next four years, I humbly and respectfully ask for your vote.

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# 2022 GENERAL ELECTIONS CANDIDATE FORUMS

ANDIDATES FROM DISTRICT I & II ARE INVITED TO PRESENT AT EACH FORUM



FORUM GUIDELINES AVAILABLE @TINYURL.COM/FORUMS2022

MEAL SERVED AT 5:30PM | ALL FORUMS AT 6:30-8:30PM

### **August 22** RESCHEDULED

Council Candidate Forum Lehi Community Building

# August 23

Council Candidate Forum
Salt River Community Building

# September 1

Council Candidate Forum Lehi Community Building

\*\*ALL GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATE FORUMS WILL BE RECORDED.
VIEWING WILL BE AVAILABLE THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS DAY @

TINYURL.COM/SRFORUMS2022

### FORUM INFORMATION

CommunityRelations@srpmic-nsn.gov (480) 362-7740

# DISTRICT II - LEHI (1 - SEAT)

## **CARLA BANUELOS**



My name is Carla J.
Banuelos, and I am a proud Piipaash woman. I am interested in serving as the SRPMIC Tribal Council candidate to represent Lehi (District II).

I am the daughter of

the late Lauretta Gates and the granddaughter of the late Ike and Sienna Gates of Lehi. As in our culture, I was raised by my mom, all of my loving aunts and our one uncle. All of them were very hard workers, and I was very grateful to learn the value of hard work and dedication so early. I was also glad to have those experiences of being connected to our Community, our land and what it takes to be committed to our Community. I have 10 siblings, and I fall right in the middle. I am blessed with three children and one beautiful granddaughter. Being raised in a large family, I have always appreciated the strong family values and connections that our Community has.

I currently serve as an Assistant Community Manager and have served in this capacity for approximately 18 years. Previous positions I held were as a Defense Advocate and then I was appointed by the Council as a Civil Court judge. Having these positions and experiences provided me the skills and ability to be a positive contributing Council Representative if elected. I've accepted my nomination with the hope of being a part of our Community's

continued progression and growth. I have always recognized what an honor it is to serve as an elected official.

I see many areas our Community can continue to focus on, and I will be committed to helping the residents of Lehi and the Community as whole to the best of my ability. I will make every effort to ensure our Community has access to more resources, and I commit to holding myself accountable.

If elected, I will recommend to the Council that we dust off the Council Code of Conduct and Ethics document and implement it. This document was drafted back in 2015 and has never been implemented. Accountability to the people should be the highest priority for every elected Council Member. I believe in communicating with our Community members, that it should be a two-way dialogue. The Council serves the people of the Community, and our people should contribute and guide the direction and future of our Community. One of the main issues I see is affordable housing, especially for young families just trying to start out. We should be proactive in supporting those who are working hard to make a good life for themselves and their families. I also believe in service accessibility and support, especially with rising inflation, and I want to continue to support ways we can help our membership through these tough economic times.

There are so many projects, tasks and important topics that should be considered by the Council, and I would like to be a part of getting these issues to the table and executed.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts in future interactions. Thank you.

# MICHAEL DALLAS, SR.



Hello, my name is Michael Dallas Sr. I want to thank the people of our Community for allowing me to serve as Lehi District Representative on the SRPMIC Council for the past years.

During the last two years we have experienced a worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, which had a tremendous impact on us as indigenous people. This significant event created a shift in our daily lives and has changed our perspective on our families and Community.

This unforgettable event will be memorialized in our history as we begin

to persevere. It is evident that the core foundation of our Community must remain strong and rooted for our future generations.

It would be an honor to continue in serving as your Lehi District Representative for another term.

God Bless,

Michael Dallas Sr.



# **AUGUST**



# DEADLINE FOR NON-RESIDENT AND RESIDENT VOTERS TO REQUEST AN ABSTENTEE BALLOT.

Non-Residents and Resident Voters may request an absentee ballot if away from the Community or unable to come to the polls on election day.

Make request by phone, email, or fax by deadline by contacting the Council Secretary at (480)362-7466.



# DEADLINE TO MAKE REQUEST FOR HOME VOTING.

If you meet the criteria for home voting (disabled or bedridden and within a 25 mile radius) and would like to receive a ballot and vote at home.

Contact Council Secretary to make this request at (480)362-7466.

Election Board Members will deliver the ballot and do the home voting process at your location.



# SRPMIC GENERAL ELECTION DAY POLLS OPEN: 6:00AM - 6:00PM

After polls close the Election Board will prepare results and count absentee ballots for Council certification.

First Tuesday in September.

The final tally and election results will be presented for Council certification.

# DEADLINE FOR GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES MUST TAKE DOWN ALL THEIR CAMPAIGN SIGNS.

Per Section 3-5 (b)(4)(e) of the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances.

# HOME DISTRICT FAQ'

- The office of Membership staff will be onsite at the voting polls to assist with first time voters or to assist voters if they do not know which district they are to vote in.
- · If you live on SRPMIC for at least a year, you should be on the voter list for that district.
- If you moved to a different district and lived there for less than a year, you may be listed in your previous district.
- · If you are a non-resident and have not declared a district to vote in you may see the Office of Membership staff to declare your voting home district.
- The Office of Membership will assist the Election Board for any membership / voting questions.

### 1. IF I DIDN'T VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION, CAN I STILL VOTE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION?

YES, you may still vote in the General Election.

### 2. IF I FORGOT TO MAIL IN MY ABSENTEE BALLOT, CAN I DROP IT OFF AT ONE OF THE POLLS?

YES, you may drop off your absentee ballot on Election Day at any polling site by 6:00pm

### 3. WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T HAVE A TRIBAL ID TO VOTE?

You will need to go to the Office of Membership, in the CDD Department located at Two Waters Building B, 3rd Floor, to get another Tribal ID. Currently, there is no cost for members to obtain a Community ID. The Office of Membership Services's phone number is (480) 362-7600.

### 5. IF I HAVE A TRIBAL ID BUT THE ADDRESS IS OUTDATED, CAN I STILL VOTE?

YES, you may still vote. However, it is recommended that you update your information with the Office of Membership.

### 6. CAN I USE ANOTHER FORM OF ID, IF I DON'T HAVE A TRIBAL ID TO VOTE?

NO, you may not use another form of ID, as it does not prove you are a member of SRPMIC. In addition, the SRPMIC Code of Ordinances at Section 3-6(g)(1) requires a Community ID be presented by the voter at the polling site.

### 7. CAN FELONS VOTE AT THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY?

YES, a felon who is NOT incarcerated on election day and is an eligible voter can vote on Election Day per the SRPMIC Constitution and SRPMIC Code of Ordinances.

# GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ELECTION

The terms of President Martin Harvier, Vice-President Ricardo Leonard and Council Members Cheryl Doka, Diane Enos, Thomas Largo Sr., and Michael Dallas, Sr. are expiring.

A Primary and General Election will be held for the offices of President, Vice President, and \*4 Council Member seats.

\*District I (Salt River) will have 3 Council Member seats available and District II (Lehi) will have 1 Council Member seat available.

You are able to vote in SRPMIC elections if you are: 1) an enrolled member of the Community,

2) 18 years or older on the day of the election, and 3) a resident of the relevant electoral district for at least one (1) year; or if you are a non-resident, declared a home district.

Persons who are in jail or prison on the date of election, or have been declared to be mentally incompetent are not eligible to vote.

## **POLLING SITES**

District I (Salt River) voters vote at the **SALT RIVER COMMUNITY BUILDING**. (Polls open from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

District II (Lehi) voters vote at the **LEHI COMMUNITY BUILDING**. (Polls open from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

### WHAT DISTRICT DO I VOTE IN?

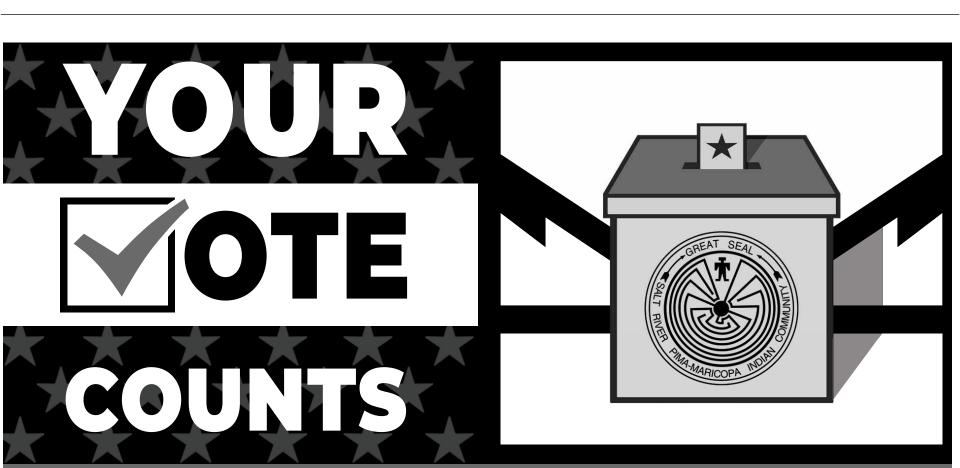
Members who live West of North Mesa Drive are considered to be a District I (Salt River) voter and should vote at Salt River Community Building.

Members who live East of Mesa Drive are considered to be a District II (Lehi) voter and should vote at Lehi Community Building.

Non-resident voters must fill out a form to declare their "home district" for voting purposes, and they should contact the Community Development Department ("CDD") to obtain the form for declaring a home district.

## A SRPMIC TRIBAL ID IS REQUIRED TO VOTE

Community members must show a (picture) tribal ID card at the polls before they will be given a ballot. Contact the Office of Membership Services at (480) 362-7330 or 7600 (CDD Main line) if you need a new tribal ID card. The Community membership rolls determine voter eligibility and the district in which you vote in, so please make sure that your name, tribal ID number, and address are up-to-date with the Office of Membership Services in CDD.



THE POLLS OPEN ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 6<sup>TH</sup>, 6 A.M. - 6 P.M. at the salt river community building and lehi community building.

# Will you be in line to vote?

- ★ What are the issues that are most important to you? Healthcare? Education? Economic Development?
- ★ Do you plan to attend the candidate forums? Or spoken to a candidate face-to-face?
- $\bigstar$  Do they care about the same things as you?
- ★ More importantly, do you agree or disagree with the candidates?

Don't answer that last question now.

VOTE ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

## **Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community**

# **ARTICLE V. VIOLATIONS OF ELECTION PROCESS**

### Sec. 3-142. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to uphold and ensure the fairness and integrity of the Community election process.

### Sec. 3-143. Non-Partisan Government.

Non-partisan government. It is the public policy of the Community that government programs be administered in an unbiased manner and without favoritism for or against any political candidate, party or group in order to promote public confidence in government, governmental integrity and the efficient delivery of governmental services 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. Toward this end, any person or entity charged with the interpretation of this article shall take into account the policy of this article and shall construe any of its provisions accordingly.

### Sec. 3-144. Campaign costs.

Candidates and their supporters shall provide for the expenses of their own campaigns and events.

### Sec. 3-145. Applicability.

This article shall apply to all Community elections overseen by the Community election board.

(Code 1981, § 3-12(b); Code 2012, § 3-12(b); Ord. No. SRO-313-06, 6-28-2006; Ord. No. SRO-402-2012, § 3-12(b), 5-30-2012)

Sec. 3-146. Candidate forum responsibility.

Candidate forums are the responsibility of the Community relations departments and these forums are not under the management or oversight of the election board.

### Sec. 3-147. Permissible conduct.

The following acts are not considered to be violations of this article:

- $\begin{tabular}{ll} (1) Providing transportation to the voting polls for any voter; \end{tabular}$
- (2) Providing food, campaign literature or items of nominal value at a political rally or gathering on any date preceding election day, so long as the rally is open to the public;
- (3) Providing food, campaign literature or items of nominal value at a designated political campaign demonstration area on the day of an election so long as such food or literature is open to all and is not forced upon or denied to any person;
- (4) Making any campaign promise that does not conflict with section 3-121(d), or violate any law of the Community; or
- (5) Use of Community buildings to hold campaign meetings or rallies, in accordance with tribal building and administrative procedures.

### Sec. 3-148. Violation of election process.

It is a civil offense for any individual or group of individuals to knowingly attempt to circumvent any Community election or voting rule, requirement, regulation, procedure or law as set forth in this Community Code of Ordinances, regulations and/or election board guidelines or procedures.

# Sec. 3-149. Violations by actions of candidates or issue supporters.

- (a) Coercion of voter/supporter. It is a civil offense to use or to threaten force, or request another person to use or threaten force, in order to influence any person's vote in any election, to prevent any person from voting in any election or to influence a person to sign an initiative, recall or Constitutional amendment petition.
- (b) False statements/misrepresentation. It is a civil offense to knowingly by act or omission provide election board officials with false information that is relied upon to certify a candidate's eligibility to be a candidate in the Community election process.
- (c) Interference with or corruption of election official. It is a civil offense for any person to offer or give a bribe to any member of the election board, or to influence or attempt to influence any such officers in the performance of their official duties by means of force or threats or promises of any nature.
- (d) Bribery of voter. It is a civil offense to give or promise money, position of employment, business opportunity, or any other thing of value that exceeds \$10.00 to any person to vote or refrain from voting at any Community election or to vote or refrain from voting for any particular candidate or issue at any Community election for any of the following reasons:
- (1) For the purpose of influencing a person's vote;
- (2) With the intent that any part of the money or thing of value be used for bribery in connection with an election; or
- (3) Knowingly giving or promising as reimbursement for money or thing of value expended in whole or in part for bribery at any Community election.
- (e) Intimidation of Community member employees by employer. It is a civil offense for any employer to:
- (1) Threaten any employee with dismissal from employment, reduction of pay, loss of seniority, transfer, or less favorable working conditions, for the purpose of influencing the employee to vote or refrain from voting for any particular person or issue, in any Community election; or
- (2) Prohibit or attempt to prohibit, limit or restrict the political activities of any Community member employee beyond the scope of applicable Community administrative policies, law or regulations.

For the purposes of this subsection, the term "employee" means any person, association of persons or agent of such person or persons who acts in a supervisory capacity, including but not limited to Community government officials, Community enterprise officials, independent contractors, corporation officials, or other business officials operating within the SRPMIC boundary employing one or more Community members or engaging their services under contract.

- (f) Campaigning in and around the workplace during Community business hours, except for Community schools. It is a civil offense for any person to solicit votes, signatures, campaign contributions or participate in election campaigning activities within and directly outside of any Community government, division or enterprise building which serves as a workplace during the business hours of that particular government department, division or enterprise.
- (g) Use of Community property for election campaigning. It shall be a civil offense for any person to use Community property, including but not limited to Community photocopiers, fax machines, computers, vehicles, and other property to advocate for or against a Community election candidate or a Community recall, initiative or Constitutional campaign.
- (h) Campaigning in and around Community school buildings and campus. It is a civil offense for a person to solicit votes, signatures, campaign contributions or participate in election campaigning activities in or around a Community education building or school campus unless they are participating at an official Community administered election forum. This provision does not apply to student council election activities or other official school activities.

# Sec. 3-150. Violations by action of election officers.

It is a civil offense for any member of the Community election board to knowingly and willfully fail or neglect any duty under any part of this article in any manner prescribed by this article or to accept any money or other thing of value from any candidate or from anyone acting or purporting to act on behalf of any candidate.

## Sec. 3-151. Violations by voters.

It shall be a civil offense:

- (1) For any person who does not possess the qualifications for voter eligibility to knowingly vote in a Community election.
- (2) For any person to vote more than once in any Community election.
- (3) For any voter to knowingly vote in any district except the district to which the person has been assigned or declared and is officially recorded with the Community enrollment office.

- (4) For any person who is a member of any other tribe other than or in addition to the Community to vote in a Community election.
- (5) For any person to tamper with or alter in any way any election ballots, voting machines, tallies, voting materials, or any other compilations of summaries, or totals of voting results by destroying, defacing, writing on, changing marks or totals on any such ballots or voting materials or results.

### Sec. 3-152. Penalties.

Civil penalties. Any person who is found guilty of a provision in this article maybe fined an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 per civil offense.

### Sec. 3-153. Reported incidents.

Any alleged violations of this article must be reported to either the election board or the Community police department for investigation as soon as reasonably possible.

# Sec. 3-154. Violators prohibited from holding office.

Any person who has been elected, upon having been found to violate a provision of this article, shall be immediately removed from his or her elected office pursuant to article IX, section 1 of the Community Constitution.

### $C\_E\_R\_T\_I\_F\_I\_C\_A\_T\_I\_O\_N$

This Ordinance is hereby enacted pursuant to the authority contained in Article VII, Section 1(c)(1) of the Constitution of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community ratified by the Tribe, February 28, 1990, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, March 19, 1990, and amended by the Tribe, February 27, 1996, and approved by the Secretary April 23, 1996, the foregoing Ordinance was adopted this 18th day of November, 2020, in a duly called meeting held by the Community Council in Salt River, Arizona at which a quorum of 8 members were present by a vote of 8 for; 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 excused.

# Sec. 3-6. Conduct of elections.

- (e) Seventy-five foot limit ("campaign free zone") and 150-foot limit ("designated campaign area").
- (1) Campaign free zone; 75 foot limit. To preserve the integrity of the voting process, prevent voter intimidation and election fraud, no electioneering or campaigning shall be allowed within 75 feet of the entry way of the polling site as determined by the Marshall.
- The election board shall place notices identifying the 75-foot limit at each polling place.
- b. No persons except election board members, election staff and persons actually voting shall be allowed to remain within 75-feet of any polling place.
- No campaign posters, signs or other campaign literature may be displayed on or

inside any polling place or within the 75-foot limit.

(2) Election marshals are authorized to act as tribal peace officers within the 150 foot limit for purposes of enforcing election laws and maintaining order at the polls.



QUESTIONS? Contact SRPMIC Administration at (480) 362-7466 or 362-7465 or 362-7400.



