



**Gila River Indian Community**  
**SPECIAL 2021 CHIEF JUDGE ELECTION**  
**- Schedule -**  
**Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7**

DATE	EVENT
August 23 – 27, 2021	Vacancy of the Tribal Courts Chief Judge position is declared August 23, by the Gila River Indian Community Council. Declaration of Candidacy (DOC) forms can be requested at the Tribal Elections Office only: <a href="mailto:TEP@gric.nsn.us">TEP@gric.nsn.us</a>
AUGUST 30, 2021	Route DOC forms to Enrollment, Law Office and Human Resources to determine the qualifications of candidates
SEPTEMBER 1, 2021	Departments to return their written response regarding the declaration forms to the Tribal Elections office by the end of the day; 5:00 p.m.
SEPTEMBER 1, 2021	Election Board to verify residency qualifications of each candidate.
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021	<b>VOTER REGISTRATION CLOSES</b> for the Special Chief Judge Election
SEPTEMBER 15, 2021	Community Council to certify the qualifications of candidates for Chief Judge seat.
SEPTEMBER 23, 2021	<b>ABSENTEE VOTING opens</b> for registered voters unable to vote in person at a polling site.
<b>OCTOBER 22, 2021</b>	<b>SPECIAL CHIEF JUDGE ELECTION (Districts 1 -7)</b> <i>ABSENTEE VOTING CLOSES @ 6:00 PM</i>
OCTOBER 27, 2021	Protest period ends for the Special Chief Judge election; written protests must be presented to the Election Board Chairperson by 5:00 p.m.
NOVEMBER 17, 2021	Community Council to certify the election results of the special election.
DECEMBER 1, 2021	Newly elected Chief Judge to be sworn into office.

Any questions regarding this election schedule, please call the Tribal Elections office: (520) 562-9735