



Gila River Indian Community 2026 Community Council Election Schedule

Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, & 6

DATE	SCHEDULED EVENT
February 5, 2026	Declaration of Candidacy (DOC) Opens in Districts 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6. Any Qualified elector of the Gila River Indian Community who has attained the age of twenty-five (25) years may file for the Office of Councilman for the District in which he resides. DOC forms can be requested through email: TEP@gric.nsn.us or forms can be picked up at the Tribal Elections Office, 291 W. Casa Blanca Rd., Building 9, Sacaton, Arizona.
February 19, 2026	Declaration of Candidacy (DOC) CLOSSES for Office of Community Council Representatives in Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, & 6 @ 5:00 p.m.
February 20, 2026	DOC forms are routed to Enrollment & Office of General Counsel to ascertain qualifications of all applicants running for a Community Council seat.
March 4 , 2026	Special Election Board meeting to verify residential qualifications of all Community Council candidates.
March 18, 2026	Community Council to certify qualifications of candidacy for Community Council seats in Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, & 6.
March 24, 2026	Voter Registration CLOSSES for the election in May, 2026
April 3, 2026	Absentee Voting period begins , for registered voters unable to vote in person on Election Day.
May 5, 2026	GRIC 2026 COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTION DAY Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, & 6 Absentee Ballots not returned by mail, can be dropped off at any polling site until 6 p.m.
May 8, 2026	Protest period ends for this election. Protests must be in writing, submitted to the Election Board Chairperson before 5:00 p.m.
May 20, 2026	At their second meeting in May, the election results are certified by Community Council.
June 3, 2025	All newly elected/re-elected candidates are sworn into Office in order to fill Community Council seats in Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, & 6

For questions regarding this schedule, call the Tribal Elections Office at (520) 562-9735, 9758 or email at TEP@gric.nsn.us

