



# Gila River Indian Community

## 2026 GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULE



### Districts 1-7

June 24, 2026	GRIC members who possess the qualifications defined in Article VI of the GRIC Constitution and Bylaws, may file a <b>DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY (DOC)</b> for the Office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Chief Judge or Associate Judge
July 15, 2026	<b>DEADLINE DATE</b> to submit a completed Declaration of Candidacy (DOC) forms to the Tribal Elections Office by 5:00 p.m.
July 16, 2026	Declaration of Candidacy (DOC) forms are routed to ascertain qualifications to Enrollment, Law Office and Human Resources Departments.
July 21, 2026	Special Election Board meeting to verify candidate residency requirements
August 5, 2026	At the first Council meeting in August, the Community Council shall certify that all candidates for General Office meet the qualifications set forth in the Community Constitution and Bylaws of the Gila River Indian Community
August 10, 2026	<b>VOTER REGISTRATION CLOSSES</b> 5:00 p.m. for the Primary Election
August 13, 2026	<b>ABSENTEE VOTING OPENS</b> for the Primary Election; absentee ballots will be available upon request from your District Judge or the Tribal Elections Office.
September 14, 2026	<b>ABSENTEE VOTING CLOSSES</b> for the Primary Election all absentee ballots must be received no later than 5:00 p.m.
September 15, 2026	<b>GRIC PRIMARY ELECTION DAY</b> <b>Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, &amp; 7; ALL POLLING SITES OPEN 6:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.</b>
September 16, 2026	<b>VOTER REGISTRATION OPENS</b> for the General Election November 3, 2026
September 21, 2026	<b>PROTEST PERIOD ENDS</b> any registered voter can file a protest to the election in writing to the Election Board Chairperson, by 5:00 p.m.
September 22, 2026	<b>VOTER REGISTRATION CLOSSES</b> 5:00 p.m. for the General Election
October 7, 2026	<b>Certification of the Primary Election results</b> shall be conducted by the Community Council
October 8, 2026	<b>ABSENTEE VOTING OPENS</b> for the General Election; absentee ballots will be available upon request from your District Judge or the Tribal Elections Office.
November 2, 2026	<b>ABSENTEE VOTING CLOSSES</b> for the General Election. All absentee ballots must be received no later than 5:00 p.m.
November 3, 2026	<b>GRIC GENERAL ELECTION DAY</b> <b>Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, &amp; 7; ALL POLLING SITES OPEN 6:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.</b>
November 6, 2026	<b>DEADLINE TO PROTEST THE ELECTION:</b> any registered voter can file a protest in writing to the Election Board Chairperson by 5:00 p.m.
December 2, 2026	<b>Certification of the General Election results</b> shall be conducted by the Community Council
January 1, 2027	Newly elected candidates for the Office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Chief Judge and Associate Judges are sworn into office.



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