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Certified candidates announced for Tempe's March 13 Primary Election

Tempe, Arizona – Tempe City Clerk Brigitta Kuiper has confirmed that the names of three Mayoral candidates and five City Council candidates will appear on the city's March 13 Primary Election ballot.

The Primary Election is March 13 and the General Election is May 15. Offices to be filled include the Mayor and three City Council seats. Certified candidates for Mayor are (in alphabetical order by last name): Mark Mitchell; Michael Monti; and Linda Spears. Certified candidates for City Council are: Dick Foreman; Kolby Granville; Joel Navarro; Angie Taylor Thornton; and Corey Woods.

Prospective candidates were required to submit nomination paperwork and petitions containing a minimum number of signatures from registered Tempe voters in order to have their names placed on the Primary Election ballot. The deadline for submitting nomination paperwork and petitions was Dec. 14. Candidate contact information is available at the City Clerk's webpage, www.tempe.gov/clerk/election.

In order to vote in Tempe municipal elections, a resident must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen and a resident of Tempe for at least 29 days prior to the election. Interested residents can register or update existing registration at www.servicearizona.com. The last day to register to vote in the 2012 Primary Election is Feb. 13, and the final day to register to vote in the General Election is April 16.

Registered voters may place their name on a Permanent Early Voting List to receive an early ballot. An early ballot will automatically be mailed to the voter approximately 26 days prior to the specified election. For more information about the Permanent Early Voting List, contact the Maricopa County Elections Department at 602-506-3535, TDD 602-506-2348. Early voting for the 2012 Primary Election begins Feb. 16, and early voting for the General Election begins April 19.

Voter registration and early voting is conducted by the Maricopa County Elections Department. For further information, visit www.recorder.maricopa.gov/web/elections.aspx. The Tempe City Clerk's Office has posted a list of frequently asked election questions to www.tempe.gov/clerk under the "Elections" tab.

Tempe 11 will air five-minute remarks from each candidate before each scheduled City Council Issue Review Session from Jan. 19 through the elections. These "open mic" opportunities are the candidates' chances to tell you more about themselves. Check out their remarks by tuning in to Tempe 11, which is Channel 11 for Cox Communications cable subscribers in Tempe. You can also stream Tempe 11 live or view Video-on-Demand programming – just go to www.tempe.gov/tempe11.