

Preliminary unofficial General/Special Election results released in Tempe

Tempe, AZ – Tempe City Clerk Brigitta Kuiper has released preliminary unofficial results for early ballots cast in the city's May 15 General/Special Election. Updated results, which will include Tempe precincts from today's voting, will be released tonight by approximately 10 p.m. The number of early ballots cast was 17,000.

Unofficial tallies for Mayor – *early ballots only*:

Mark Mitchell – 8,164 votes (48.02 percent)

Michael Monti – 8,688 votes (51.11 percent)

Rick Carias* (write-in) – 0 votes (0.00 percent)

*Votes cast for write-in candidates are hand-counted and will be available after 5 p.m., Friday, May 18.

Unofficial tallies for one City Council seat – *early ballots only*:

Dick Foreman – 6,979 votes (41.05 percent)

Kolby Granville – 8,776 votes (51.62 percent)

Joel Navarro and Corey Woods were re-elected to City Council seats in the March 13 Primary Election.

Proposition 439, a proposed amendment to the Tempe City Charter, Article VII, Nominations and Elections, 7.01 city elections:

YES – 11,119 (73.10 percent)

NO – 4,092 (26.90 percent)

One ballot equals one vote. A voter only has one vote and one ballot, even though a voter may exercise a number of choices on each ballot. If there are three council seats to be filled at the election, each voter would have three choices on the ballot; however, in counting the total number of votes cast (ballots cast), it is the number of ballots, not the number of choices exercised on each ballot, which determines the majority. The minimum number of votes a candidate must receive to be elected to office under this provision is more than half the total number of valid ballots cast at the primary election for all offices. For example, if six persons are running for the office of councilmember and the total number of valid votes cast (ballots cast) for all offices is 500, then any individual, in order to be elected at the primary, must receive more than 250 votes, more than one-half of the total votes cast.