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Tempe releases updated preliminary unofficial General/Special Election results

Tempe, AZ – Tempe City Clerk Brigitta Kuiper has released updated preliminary unofficial results for the city's May 15 General/Special Election. These results include early ballots dropped off at the polls on Election Day, as well as most of the provisional ballots cast on Tuesday.

Mark Mitchell has been elected Mayor and Kolby Granville has been elected to the City Council.

Write-in votes will be counted by about 5 p.m. Friday. Three conditional provisional ballots – cast by voters who did not bring ID to the polls – will be finalized by 5 p.m. Friday. A final canvass of the votes is scheduled for the City Council's approval at its May 31 meeting – at that time, the results will be official. Estimated voter turnout was 26.7 percent, with the majority casting early ballots. Tempe has 85,181 registered voters and the total number of ballots cast is 22,753.

Updated preliminary unofficial tallies for Mayor:

Mark Mitchell – 11,351 votes (49.89 percent)

Michael Monti – 11,212 votes (49.28 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.

Updated preliminary unofficial tallies for one City Council seat:

Dick Foreman – 9,383 votes (41.24 percent)

Kolby Granville – 11,698 votes (51.41 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 – 14,667 (72.04 percent)

NO – 5,692 (27.96 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.