



2020 City of Tempe Elections: Televised Candidate Opportunities on Tempe 11

Televised Candidate Open Mic Guidelines

Certified candidates for Mayor and City Council have opportunities to videotape five-minute messages to community members.

- These opportunities start on the day of the first scheduled Regular City Council meeting in January of the election year. They conclude on the day of the last Regular City Council meeting prior to the Primary Election, or the General Election, if a General Election is necessary. For the 2020 elections, the open mic events are scheduled to begin on the day of the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Jan. 16, 2020.
- Videotaping occurs at 3 p.m. on the dates of Regular Council meetings (typically held at 6 p.m.) and videotaping schedules are posted on the city's website; check the agendas posted for that date by visiting www.tempe.gov/MeetingAgendas. If a change to the City Council's schedule is necessary, candidates will be notified at least 24 hours in advance.
- Participating candidates shall arrive 10 minutes before the scheduled time at the Tempe History Museum, 809 E. Southern Ave., to draw numbers for presentation order. If a candidate arrives after the videotaping has started, that candidate will not be allowed to participate on that particular date but may do so on the next scheduled open mic taping.
- Videotaping is live, and there are no retakes. No editing is done for any candidate.
- Each session will be available for viewing at www.tempe.gov/tempe11 usually by 10 p.m. on the same day. These sessions will be catalogued on Tempe 11's website.
- Each session will air on Tempe 11 intermittently until the next Regular Council Meeting. It also will be posted to the city's social media accounts.
- The City of Tempe reserves the right at all times not to broadcast or rebroadcast any language, information or materials that are considered threatening, defamatory, or otherwise unlawful. The city also reserves the right to disclose any information or produce any material as required by law.
- The following disclaimer will be run at the beginning and end of each videotaped message: "The City of Tempe and Tempe 11 broadcast this message as a public service and are not responsible for the content of this message. The candidates are responsible for their specific views."

Televised Candidate Debate/Forum Guidelines

As a community service, and within available time and resources, Tempe 11 provides interested organizations/groups with the opportunity to host televised debates or forums to which all certified candidates for Mayor and/or Council have been invited to participate.

- Starting Nov. 1, submit requests via email to Nikki Ripley at nikki_ripley@tempe.gov AND Greg Wolfe at greg_wolfe@tempe.gov. Specify your organization and your preferred date to host a televised forum. Requests will not be accepted prior to Nov. 1.
- Dates available for televised candidate forums/debates before the March 10, 2020, PRIMARY (or GENERAL, if there are no more than two certified candidates for each vacancy) city election are below. One televised debate or forum is possible on each of these dates. All are within the temporary Council Chambers at the Tempe History Museum:
 - Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020, from 6-9 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2020, from 6-9 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2020, from 6-9 p.m.
- Additional possible forum/debate dates will be offered if the May 19, 2020, GENERAL election is needed.
- Requests are granted on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- There is a time limit of three total hours for each televised forum/debate. If the format of the forum/debate is to include both Mayoral candidates and Council candidates, the hosting organization will host its Mayoral forum at one hour maximum and its Council forum at two hours maximum.
- Access to the Tempe History Museum in advance of 6 p.m. for decorating or other preparations by the hosting organization will depend on other programming and activities in the temporary Chambers space and in the rest of the museum, and will be granted at the discretion of museum management.
- Groups/organizations must invite all certified candidates to participate. A minimum of 51 percent of all candidates must be in attendance in order for the debate/forum to be taped and televised. Prior to Tempe 11 televising the debate/forum, the sponsoring group/organization must provide written confirmation to Nikki Ripley AND Greg Wolfe that all candidates have been invited to participate.
- Each group/organization is solely responsible for debate/forum content and process. The city encourages every group/organization to conduct each debate/forum in an

equitable and fair manner. However, it is every group's/organization's responsibility to achieve this goal.

- Videotaping is live, and there are no retakes. No editing is done for any forum/debate. Each forum/debate airs live on Tempe 11 on Cox cable and via live streaming at www.tempe.gov/tempe11.
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- Tempe 11 will use reasonable efforts to replay each debate/forum a minimum of three times during the week following the taping. The videos will be viewable at www.tempe.gov/tempe11 until after the election(s).
- The following disclaimer will be run before and after each televised debate/forum: "The City of Tempe and Tempe 11 are not responsible for debate/forum content and process. The sponsoring organization is responsible for the process and general content while candidates are responsible for their specific views."