



Maricopa County primary election: Board of Supervisors, assessor, recorder and treasurer on ballot

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Voters on Tuesday will decide the outcome of several contested primaries in Maricopa County government.

The county government is responsible for a host of duties that you may take for granted — from sending out property tax statements to running elections and caring for stray dogs.

The county also serves as the public health agency for the region — something that's become increasingly important during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year, voters could choose to change up which elected officials oversee those responsibilities when they vote for their county supervisor, assessor, recorder and treasurer.

Two of the highest profile county races are for sheriff and county attorney.

Board of Supervisors

Only one of the Board of Supervisors districts has a contested primary.

The board oversees all county departments and agencies not controlled by other elected officials, including the public health department and animal care and control.

In District 2, which covers the northeastern part of the county, incumbent Supervisor Steve Chucri faces a Republican write-in opponent, Kyle Cloud.

In addition to his role on the board, Chucri is the president and CEO of the Arizona Restaurant Association.

Cloud has not submitted contact information or campaign finance filings with the Maricopa County recorder and does not have a campaign website.

The winner of the primary will face Democrat Deedra Abboud, a civil rights and social justice advocate, attorney and small-business owner, in November.

The remaining districts have only one member from each party running for the seat, setting up square-offs in the November general election.

Republican Supervisor Jack Sellers, who was appointed to the board in 2019, will face Democrat Jevin Hodge in District 1.

In District 3, incumbent Supervisor Bill Gates will face Democrat Whitney Walker.

Incumbent Supervisor Clint Hickman will face a write-in Democrat opponent, Suzanne Story, in District 4.

Incumbent Supervisor Steve Gallardo is running unopposed in District 5.

Assessor

Three candidates are vying for an important but little-known elected position: Maricopa County assessor.

The Assessor's Office determines the value of properties in Maricopa County, which dictates how much a property owner pays in taxes.

Republicans Eddie Cook and Rodney Glassman are facing off in the primary.

The Board of Supervisors appointed Cook to serve as interim assessor after former Assessor Paul Petersen resigned. Cook previously served as a Gilbert councilman.

Glassman is a former Tucson council member who has held and ran for a variety of political positions across Arizona in the past 15 years.

The primary winner will face Democrat Aaron Connor in November.

Connor is a first-time politician who has spent his professional career in the mortgage industry.

Recorder

Two Republicans are facing off in the recorder primary.

The Recorder's Office oversees voter registration and early voting and maintains the recorded documents for the county.

Stephen Richer is a lawyer in downtown Phoenix. He previously worked in business management and public policy, including for think tanks such as American Enterprise Institute and the Cato Institute.

Clair Van Steenwyk, who goes by Van, is a retired political talk show host and longtime member of the Republican Party. According to his campaign website, he served as a precinct and state committeeman in Legislative District 22.

The winner will face off with incumbent Democrat Adrian Fontes in November.

Two long-time politicians and a newcomer are competing to become the next Maricopa County treasurer.

The Treasurer's Office sends out property tax bills and collects and disperses the county's tax revenue.

Republican state Rep. John Allen is looking to switch to county government by taking on incumbent Royce Flora in a primary race for county treasurer.

Allen was first elected to the state Legislature in 2002 and has spent 11 of the past 17 years in the Arizona House of Representatives. He was the Republican Majority Leader in 2017 and 2018.

County Treasurer Royce Flora was elected in 2016, but he wasn't new to the office. He served as the chief deputy of the Treasurer's Office during the recession.

The winner will take on Daniel Toporek, a retired Army attack helicopter pilot and the only Democrat looking to take over the Treasurer's Office.