



NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor Gerry M. Friedel

Vice Mayor Gayle Earle

Councilmember Brenda J. Kalivianakis

Councilmember Hannah Larrabee

Councilmember Peggy McMahon

Councilmember Allen Skillicorn

Councilmember Rick Watts

TIME: 1:00 PM - SPECIAL MEETING
WHEN: TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026
WHERE: FOUNTAIN HILLS COUNCIL CHAMBERS
16705 E. AVENUE OF THE FOUNTAINS, FOUNTAIN HILLS, ARIZONA

Councilmembers of the Town of Fountain Hills will attend either in person or by telephone conference call; a quorum of the Town's various Commission, Committee or Board members may be in attendance at the Council meeting.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to A.R.S. §1-602.A.9, subject to certain specified statutory exceptions, parents have a right to consent before the State or any of its political subdivisions make a video or audio recording of a minor child. If a child is present at the time a recording is made, the Town will assume that the rights afforded parents pursuant to A.R.S. §1-602.A.9 have been waived.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA**
 - a. **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Relating to Resolution 2026-19, declaring and adopting the results of the Primary Election held on July 21, 2026.
- 4. ADJOURNMENT**

Dated this 30th day of July, 2026.

Bevelyn J. Bender, Town Clerk

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TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: 8/4/2026
Meeting Type: Town Council Special Meeting
Submitting Department: Administration
Prepared by: Bev Bender, Town Clerk
Staff Contact Information: Phone: 480-816-5115
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Request to Town Council Regular Meeting (Agenda Language)

CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Relating to Resolution 2026-19, declaring and adopting the results of the Primary Election held on July 21, 2026.

Staff Summary (background)

Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 16-642, the Town Council is required to canvass the results of the July 21, 2026, Town of Fountain Hills Primary Election within 20 days of the Election and enter the canvass into the official record.

Maricopa County Elections conducted the election on behalf of the Town and has completed the official canvass of the election returns. The Maricopa County Elections Canvass Report is attached for the Town Council's review and is incorporated by reference into Resolution 2026-19 and this staff report.

According to the certified election results provided by Maricopa County Elections, the following candidates were elected:

Mayor: Gerry Friedel
Councilmember: Mathew Corrigan
Councilmember: Dan Kovacevic
Councilmember: Ben Larrabee

Approval of the attached resolution will officially canvass the results of the July 21, 2026, Town of Fountain Hills Primary Election in accordance with Arizona law and the Fountain Hills Town Code; accept the certified election results as provided by Maricopa County Elections; and authorize the Town Clerk to issue Certificates of Election to the successful candidates. Upon approval, each successful candidate will be declared duly elected, effective as of the date of the General Election, and will assume the duties of the respective office as provided by Arizona law and the Fountain Hills Town Code.

Related Ordinance, Policy or Guiding Principle

A.R.S. Title 16, including §§ 16-645, 16-647, A.R.S. § 9-821.01, and the Fountain Hills Town Code Chapter 2

Risk Analysis

N/A

Recommendation(s) by Board(s) or Commission(s)

N/A

Staff Recommendation(s)

MOVE TO APPROVE
Suggested Motion
MOVE TO APPROVE Resolution 2026-19

FISCAL IMPACT

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Budget Reference: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

ATTACHMENTS

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| 1. Resolution 2026-19_7_21_26_Primary Election Canvass_Final |
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**CERTIFICATE OF OFFICIAL ELECTION RETURNS FOR
THE JULY 21, 2026, PRIMARY ELECTION HELD IN THE
TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS, ARIZONA**

WHEREAS, a Primary Election was held in and for the Town of Fountain Hills, Arizona (the “Town”), on July 21, 2026 (the “Election”), and the Town Clerk, as the officer in charge of elections, authorized the execution of an agreement with Maricopa County Elections under which Maricopa County's electronic voting system was used to tabulate the votes cast by qualified electors of the Town at the Election; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this agreement and under the authority of the Town Clerk, the electronic voting system, computer election tabulation programs, specifications, and voting equipment were tested prior to the Election and found to be in compliance with A.R.S. §§ 16-441 through 16-452; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the agreement and under the authority of the Town Clerk, election and tabulation boards performed the duties required by Title 16 of the Arizona Revised Statutes and prepared and delivered an abstract of the vote in accordance with A.R.S. §§ 16-616 through 16-623; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned Town Clerk, as the officer in charge of the Election, has caused the attached Official Returns to be prepared, reflecting all votes cast at the Election; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-646, the undersigned Town Clerk certifies that the attached Official Returns constitute a true and correct canvass of all valid ballots cast at the July 21, 2026, Primary Election.

Witness my hand and seal this 4th day of August 2026.

(SEAL)

Bevelyn J. Bender, Town Clerk

Attachments:

Resolution 2026-19

Maricopa County Elections Official Results

RESOLUTION 2026-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS, ARIZONA, DECLARING AND ADOPTING THE RESULTS OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION HELD ON JULY 21, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Town of Fountain Hills (the “Town”) held a Primary Election on the consolidated election ballot of July 21, 2026 (the “Primary Election”), for the purpose of nominating or electing a Mayor and three Councilmembers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-642, the Town Council is required to canvass the returns of the Primary Election no later than twenty (20) days following the election; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has canvassed the election returns and finds the results to be as set forth in this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS as follows:

SECTION 1. That the recitals above are hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. That the total number of registered voters was 18,383; the total number of votes cast was 9,979; the number of ballots rejected and returned late was 65; and the voter turnout was 54.28%;

SECTION 3. That the number of votes cast and the names of the persons voted for, including the number of votes received in each precinct by each candidate for Mayor and Councilmember, together with all write-in, provisional, and rejected ballots in each precinct, are set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference;

SECTION 4. Pursuant to A.R.S. Title 16, including A.R.S. §§ 16-645, 16-647, and A.R.S. § 9-821.01, and Chapter 2 of the Fountain Hills Town Code, the Town Council hereby finds, determines, and declares that the following candidates for Mayor and Councilmember received a majority of all votes cast by the qualified electors of the Town at the Primary Election, as reflected in the official election returns approved by the Town Council on August 4, 2026. Accordingly, each candidate is hereby declared duly elected, effective as of the date of the General Election, and shall assume the duties of the respective office in accordance with applicable Arizona law and the Fountain Hills Town Code. The Town Clerk is authorized and directed to issue Certificates of Election to the following candidates:

MAYOR:

Gerry Friedel	5,901
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COUNCILMEMBER:

Mathew Corrigan	4,890
Dan Kovacevic	5,116
Ben Larrabee	4,815

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

SECTION 6. The Mayor, Town Manager, Town Clerk, and Town Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Fountain Hills, Arizona, this 4th day of August 2026.

FOR THE TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS:

ATTESTED TO:

Mayor

Town Clerk

REVIEWED BY:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Town Manager

Town Attorney

RESOLUTION 2026-19

EXHIBIT A

Final Official Canvass - July 21, 2026 (Primary Election)

Maricopa County Elections

Maricopa County Final Official Results

2026 Primary Election July 21, 2026

Fountain Hills

Registration and Turnout Category	Counting Group	Registered Voters	Turnout
Total Registration and Turnout	Total	18,383	9,979
Total	Early A.R.S. 16-579		170
Total	Early Vote		8,741
Total	Election Day		1,065
Total	Provisional		3
DEM Registration & Turnout	Total	3,729	3,109
DEM	Early A.R.S. 16-579		42
DEM	Early Vote		2,866
DEM	Election Day		200
DEM	Provisional		1
REP Registration & Turnout	Total	8,505	6,245
REP	Early A.R.S. 16-579		123
REP	Early Vote		5,376
REP	Election Day		744
REP	Provisional		2
LBT Registration & Turnout	Total	116	34
LBT	Early A.R.S. 16-579		1
LBT	Early Vote		26
LBT	Election Day		7
LBT	Provisional		0
GRN Registration & Turnout	Total	8	3
GRN	Early A.R.S. 16-579		0
GRN	Early Vote		3
GRN	Election Day		0
GRN	Provisional		0
NOL Registration & Turnout	Total	138	321
NOL	Early A.R.S. 16-579		3
NOL	Early Vote		264
NOL	Election Day		54
NOL	Provisional		0
NON Registration & Turnout	Total	5,887	267
NON	Early A.R.S. 16-579		1
NON	Early Vote		206
NON	Election Day		60
NON	Provisional		0

Fountain Hills-Mayor

Vote For:	1	
Votes cast for NON - FRIEDEL, GERRY	5,901	60.25%
Votes cast for NON - KALIVIANAKIS, BRENDA "K"	3,877	39.58%
Votes cast for Write-in	17	0.17%
Under Votes:	181	
Over Votes:	3	
Total Votes:	9,795	

Maricopa County Final Official Results

2026 Primary Election July 21, 2026

Fountain Hills

Fountain Hills-Councilmember

Vote For:	3	
Votes cast for NON - CORRIGAN, MATHEW	4,890	17.97%
Votes cast for NON - DEGENNARO, SUSAN	4,264	15.67%
Votes cast for NON - KOVACEVIC, DAN	5,116	18.80%
Votes cast for NON - LARRABEE, BEN	4,815	17.69%
Votes cast for NON - MIRICK, CATHERINE	4,028	14.80%
Votes cast for NON - TATE, JEFF	4,064	14.93%
Votes cast for Write-in	41	0.15%
Under Votes:	2,707	
Over Votes:	12	
Total Votes:	27,218	

Maricopa County Final Statement of Vote - Fountain Hills

2026 Primary Election July 21, 2026

Fountain Hills-Mayor										
Precinct	Counting Group	Registered Voters	Voters Cast	Turnout (%)	Votes cast for NON - FRIEDEL, GERRY	Votes cast for NON - KALIVANAKIS, BRENDA "K"	Write-ins	Over Votes	Under Votes	Total Votes
0289 FOUNTAIN HILLS	Total	3068	1682	54.82%	958	686	2	0	36	1646
0290 FOUR PEAKS	Total	4212	2124	50.43%	1256	831	4	0	33	2091
0324 GOLDEN EAGLE	Total	4282	2473	57.75%	1452	970	6	2	43	2428
0600 PALISADES	Total	2964	1652	55.74%	990	625	4	1	32	1619
0716 SAGUARO	Total	3857	2048	53.10%	1245	765	1	0	37	2011
Total - Early Vote		18383	8741	47.55%	5040	3524	14	3	160	8578
Total - Election Day		18383	1065	5.79%	737	305	3	0	20	1045
Total - Early A.R.S. 16-579		18383	170	0.92%	122	47	0	0	1	169
Total - Provisional		18383	3	0.02%	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Contest Total		18383	9979	54.28%	5901	3877	17	3	181	9795

Maricopa County Final Statement of Vote - Fountain Hills

2026 Primary Election July 21, 2026

Fountain Hills-Councilmember														
Precinct	Counting Group	Registered Voters	Voters Cast	Turnout (%)	Votes cast for NON - CORRIGAN, MATHEW	Votes cast for NON - DEGENNARO, SUSAN	Votes cast for NON - KOVACEVIC, DAN	Votes cast for NON - LARRABEE, BEN	Votes cast for NON - MIRICK, CATHERINE	Votes cast for NON - TATE, JEFF	Write-ins	Over Votes	Under Votes	Total Votes
0289 FOUNTAIN HILLS	Total	3068	1682	54.82%	771	748	812	779	705	706	10	0	515	4531
0290 FOUR PEAKS	Total	4212	2124	50.43%	1034	930	1057	1038	842	874	7	0	590	5782
0324 GOLDEN EAGLE	Total	4282	2473	57.75%	1264	1082	1281	1201	1012	986	14	9	570	6840
0600 PALISADES	Total	2964	1652	55.74%	792	697	846	775	688	688	8	0	462	4494
0716 SAGUARO	Total	3857	2048	53.10%	1029	807	1120	1022	781	810	2	3	570	5571
Total - Early Vote		18383	8741	47.55%	4182	3858	4384	4095	3676	3683	37	12	2296	23915
Total - Election Day		18383	1065	5.79%	597	354	623	614	306	336	4	0	361	2834
Total - Early A.R.S. 16-579		18383	170	0.92%	109	51	107	104	45	44	0	0	50	460
Total - Provisional		18383	3	0.02%	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted	Redacted
Contest Total		18383	9979	54.28%	4890	4264	5116	4815	4028	4064	41	12	2707	27218



PRECINCT #0289

Reason Code	Description	Count
BS	Bad Signature	6
L	Returned Late	1
PRECINCT #0289 TOTAL		7

PRECINCT #0290

Reason Code	Description	Count
BS	Bad Signature	7
NS	No Signature	1
L	Returned Late	8
PRECINCT #0290 TOTAL		16

PRECINCT #0324

Reason Code	Description	Count
BS	Bad Signature	7
NS	No Signature	1
L	Returned Late	6
PRECINCT #0324 TOTAL		14

PRECINCT #0600

Reason Code	Description	Count
BS	Bad Signature	5
NS	No Signature	1
L	Returned Late	8
PRECINCT #0600 TOTAL		14

PRECINCT #0716

Reason Code	Description	Count
BS	Bad Signature	6
NS	No Signature	4
L	Returned Late	4
PRECINCT #0716 TOTAL		14



SUMMARY - ALL PRECINCTS

Reason Code	Description	Count
BS	Bad Signature	31
NS	No Signature	7
Total Rejected		38
L	Returned Late	27
Total Rejected + Late		65



PRECINCT #0289

Counted	Reason Code	Description	Count
Yes			
	A	ACCEPTED	1
Total Yes			1
No			
	B12	YOU WERE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION	1
	B13	YOUR EARLY BALLOT WAS SENT. RETURNED AND COUNTED	1
Total No			2
PRECINCT #0289 TOTAL			3

PRECINCT #0290

Counted	Reason Code	Description	Count
No			
	B10	YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE	1
	B12	YOU WERE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION	1
	B17	CONDITIONAL PROVISIONAL - SUFFICIENT ID NOT PROVIDED BY DEADLINE	1
Total No			3
PRECINCT #0290 TOTAL			3

PRECINCT #0324

Counted	Reason Code	Description	Count
Yes			
	A	ACCEPTED	2
Total Yes			2
No			
	B10	YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE	2
	B12	YOU WERE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION	1
Total No			3
PRECINCT #0324 TOTAL			5



PRECINCT #0600

Counted	Reason Code	Description	Count
No			
	B10	YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE	1
Total No			1
PRECINCT #0600 TOTAL			1

PRECINCT #0716

Counted	Reason Code	Description	Count
No			
	B12	YOU WERE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION	4
Total No			4
PRECINCT #0716 TOTAL			4



SUMMARY - ALL PRECINCTS

Counted	Reason Code	Description	Count
Yes			
	A	ACCEPTED	3
Total Yes			3
No			
	B10	YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE	4
	B12	YOU WERE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION	7
	B13	YOUR EARLY BALLOT WAS SENT. RETURNED AND COUNTED	1
	B17	CONDITIONAL PROVISIONAL - SUFFICIENT ID NOT PROVIDED BY DEADLINE	1
Total No			13
Cumulative Total:			16