

# notes

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## **You can vote early in City Special Election on May 20**

Phoenix voters can vote by mail in the May 20 Special Election for voters to decide a ballot measure that would extend the existing sales tax for parks and preserves that is scheduled to expire in 2009.

In 2007, state law on early voting was amended to create a permanent early voting list for all elections. Previously, voters had to submit a mail ballot request for each election. Now, voters on this list will receive an election notice and automatically receive a ballot by mail unless they return the notice stating they do not want a ballot for that election by checking the "opt out" box. The election notices for the Special Election in May were mailed in February to all city of Phoenix voters who are on the permanent early voting list.

Voters not on the permanent list also can vote early by submitting a request for a ballot by mail. Mail ballot request forms are available at [phoenix.gov](http://phoenix.gov) and at city public service counters and city libraries. Your signed request must be received by the City Clerk no later than Friday, May 9.

Early ballots will be mailed beginning April 21.

The election is open to all Phoenix residents who are registered voters and reside within the city limits at least 29 days prior to the election.

In addition to voting by mail, residents may cast early ballots between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays beginning April 21 through May 16 at the City Clerk Department in Phoenix City Hall, 15th Floor, and at other early voting locations. For locations, refer to the Sample Ballot and Publicity Pamphlet mailed to all voters in April, visit [phoenix.gov](http://phoenix.gov) or call the City Clerk Department.

For voters who may need accommodations in the voting process, accessible voting devices that permit voters with disabilities to vote independently will be available at early voting sites.

For more information, visit [phoenix.gov](http://phoenix.gov) or call 602-261-VOTE (8683) or 602-534-2737/TTY.