Item 1

# CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting Date: November 20, 2026

General Plan Element: ***Community Involvement***

General Plan Goal: ***Distribute city information in ways relevant to the community***

## ACTION

**November 3, 2026 General Election Canvass.** Adopt Resolution No. 13833 as the official canvass of the City of Scottsdale November 3, 2026 General Election.

## BACKGROUND

On February 5, 2026, the Fifty-Seventh Arizona State Legislature passed House Bill (HB) 2022, which Governor Katie Hobbs signed into law on February 6, 2026. Among other changes, the bill changed the Primary Election date from Tuesday, August 4, 2026, to Tuesday, July 21, 2026. The bill had an emergency clause, which means it went into effect immediately upon being signed by the Governor.

On February 24, 2026, the Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 13590 calling a Primary Election for Tuesday, July 21, 2026, and a General Election, if necessary, for Tuesday, November 3, 2026, for the purpose of electing three Councilmembers.

The Charter provides that any candidate who receives a majority of all the legal votes cast in that candidate's race shall be declared to be elected to that office. On July 21, 2026, having received a majority of all the legal votes cast in the Primary Election for the office of councilmember, Solange Whitehead was reelected to a four-year term. The next four candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the Council race (Barry Graham, Bob Littlefied, Michelle Ugenti-Rita, and Raoul Zubia) qualified to advance to the November 3, 2026 General Election Ballot.

On August 4, 2026, Bob Littlefield formally withdrew his candidacy and did not appear on the General Election ballot. Under Article 9, Section 6, of the City's Charter, the three remaining candidates (Barry Graham, Michelle Ugenti-Rita and Raoul Zubia) appeared on the General Election ballot.

A Candidate Information Pamphlet was mailed to every registered Scottsdale voter household approximately 35 days prior to the November 3, 2026 General Election to provide the community with information about voting, voter identification requirements at the polls, as well as a 300-word statement from each of the candidates.

Action Taken _____

On November 3, 2026, having received the first and second highest number of votes cast in the General Election for the office of Councilmember, Michelle Ugenti-Rita was elected to a four-year term and Barry Graham was reelected to a four-year term.

Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-642 requires the Council to publicly declare the election returns to be official. The results reported in Resolution No. 13833 are an exact and true representation of the election returns as recorded and reported by the Optical Scan Voting System used by the Maricopa County Elections Department to tally the ballots cast.

Resolution No. 13833 will be published in the local newspaper, recorded with Maricopa County, and posted in all the required public places, as mandated by law, to serve as the official announcement of the results of the General Election.

## RESOURCE IMPACTS

There is no fiscal impact directly related to adoption of this resolution.

## OPTIONS & STAFF RECOMMENDATION

**Recommended Approach.** Adopt Resolution No. 13833 as the official canvass of the City of Scottsdale November 3, 2026 General Election.

## RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT(S)

Office of the City Clerk

## STAFF CONTACT

Ben Lane, City Clerk. blane@scottsdaleaz.gov

## APPROVED BY

Ben Lane

Ben Lane, City Clerk
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November 18, 2026
Date

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. 13833

RESOLUTION NO. 13833

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, DECLARING THE OFFICIAL CANVASS OF VOTES CAST IN THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE GENERAL ELECTION HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2026; AND DECLARING THE ELECTION OF TWO COUNCILMEMBERS.

WHEREAS, one candidate, Solange Whitehead, received at the July 21, 2026 Primary Election, a majority of the legal votes cast for the office of Councilmember and was elected for a four-year term;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 9, Section 1 of the Scottsdale City Charter, the City of Scottsdale held a General Election on November 3, 2026 for the purpose of electing two Councilmembers to fill the remaining open seats.

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 16-642 requires that the City Council canvass the returns of the election no later than twenty (20) days following the election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, having canvassed the returns of the November 3, 2026 General Election, finds the returns to be as stated in this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Scottsdale as follows:

1. The results of the canvass having been determined, the official canvass of the City of Scottsdale General Election held on November 3, 2026, is as follows:

   a) A summary of the number of votes cast in each precinct for each candidate for the office of Councilmember is shown on Exhibit A, which is attached and incorporated by this reference.

   b) A precinct group detail of the number of rejected ballots by precinct is shown on Exhibit B, which is attached and incorporated by this reference.

2. The following named candidates, having received the first and second number of votes cast for the office of Councilmember in the November 3, 2026 General Election were elected to four-year terms:

   Michelle Ugenti-Rita
   Barry Graham



**ATTACHMENT 1**

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Scottsdale this 20th day of November, 2026.

CITY OF SCOTTSDALE,
an Arizona municipal corporation

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Lisa Borowsky, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ben Lane, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Karen Tyler
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Luis Santaella, City Attorney
By: Karen Tyler, Principal Assistant City Attorney

November 20, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 13833 / RESOLUCION NO. 13833
EXHIBIT "A" / DOCUMENTO DE PRUEBA "A"
OFFICIAL CANVASS / EXAMEN OFICIAL DE VOTAS
CITY OF SCOTTSDALE / CIUDAD DE SCOTTSDALE
NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION / 3 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2026 ELECCION GENERAL

| Council | 0051 | 0062 | 0078 | 0088 | 0122 | 0129 | 0144 | 0167 | 0199 | 0202 | 0203 | 0212 | 0238 | 0331 | 0332 | 0388 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GRAHAM, BARRY | 580 | 303 | 1,391 | 935 | 606 | 1,006 | 579 | 664 | 946 | 262 | 1,163 | 1,333 | 773 | 2,552 | 892 | 1,010 |
| UGENTI-RITA, MICHELLE | 549 | 288 | 1,455 | 976 | 640 | 1,069 | 569 | 669 | 934 | 229 | 1,107 | 1,378 | 787 | 2,430 | 930 | 987 |
| ZUBIA, RAOUL | 798 | 394 | 973 | 803 | 842 | 1,073 | 490 | 1,007 | 703 | 263 | 1,103 | 783 | 817 | 1,174 | 620 | 879 |

| Council | 0389 | 0432 | 0440 | 0459 | 0488 | 0501 | 0502 | 0504 | 0521 | 0525 | 0532 | 0539 | 0543 | 0599 | 0619 | 0625 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GRAHAM, BARRY | 441 | 1,072 | 579 | 870 | 631 | 1,717 | 232 | 237 | 708 | 875 | 384 | 1,673 | 1,383 | 721 | 453 | 1,223 |
| UGENTI-RITA, MICHELLE | 410 | 1,113 | 572 | 878 | 647 | 1,748 | 255 | 240 | 720 | 893 | 380 | 1,694 | 1,304 | 735 | 431 | 1,187 |
| ZUBIA, RAOUL | 677 | 815 | 506 | 534 | 874 | 1,964 | 325 | 510 | 786 | 1,200 | 342 | 927 | 1,295 | 1,064 | 389 | 702 |

| Council | 0628 | 0642 | 0643 | 0644 | 0645 | 0659 | 0662 | 0663 | 0671 | 0679 | 0685 | 0689 | 0719 | 0727 | 0728 | 0734 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GRAHAM, BARRY | 808 | 673 | 1139 | 2,117 | 1,197 | 318 | 746 | 623 | 659 | 739 | 360 | 872 | 614 | 439 | 705 | 921 |
| UGENTI-RITA, MICHELLE | 897 | 702 | 1,170 | 2,103 | 1,220 | 354 | 753 | 625 | 707 | 759 | 361 | 854 | 580 | 402 | 708 | 990 |
| ZUBIA, RAOUL | 1,040 | 877 | 1,011 | 1,260 | 912 | 290 | 517 | 912 | 744 | 1,074 | 422 | 758 | 891 | 505 | 747 | 961 |

| Council | 0737 | 0742 | 0753 | 0760 | 0791 | 0807 | 0819 | 0823 | 0829 | 0876 | 0902 | 0906 | 0934 | 0944 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GRAHAM, BARRY | 617 | 585 | 1,294 | 1,530 | 697 | 712 | 658 | 544 | 2,254 | 549 | 1,422 | 83 | 440 | 1,061 |
| UGENTI-RITA, MICHELLE | 609 | 588 | 1,316 | 1,594 | 708 | 756 | 584 | 553 | 2,192 | 584 | 1,399 | 78 | 444 | 1,069 |
| ZUBIA, RAOUL | 718 | 628 | 1,105 | 1,395 | 626 | 768 | 1,035 | 644 | 1,479 | 888 | 1,305 | 119 | 685 | 1,188 |

| Council | Legal Votes | Percent Votes Cast | Percent Ballots Cast |
|---|---|---|---|
| GRAHAM, BARRY | 53,570 | 33.78% | 44.34% |
| UGENTI-RITA, MICHELLE | 53,863 | 33.97% | 44.58% |
| ZUBIA, RAOUL | 51,136 | 32.25% | 42.32% |
| **Total Council Candidate Votes** | **158,569** | | |

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| TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS | 168,789 |
| TOTAL BALLOTS CAST | 120,821 |
| VOTER TURNOUT | 71.58% |
| TOTAL REJECTED BALLOTS* | 531 |
| OVER VOTES | 62 |
| UNDER VOTES | 83,011 |
| UNQUALIFIED WRITE-INS** | 640 |

* 364 Bad Signatures, 68 No Signatures, 99 Returned Late
** There were no qualified write-in candidates for this Election

RESOLUTION NO. 13833 / RESOLUCION NO. 13833
EXHIBIT "B" / DOCUMENTO DE PRUEBA "B"
OFFICIAL CANVASS / EXAMEN OFICIAL DE VOTAS
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REJECTED BALLOTS / BOLETAS RECHAZADAS

| Precinct | Bad Signature | No Signature | Returned Late | Precinct | Bad Signature | No Signature | Returned Late |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0051 / BARNES | 4 | 2 | 6 | 0625 / PEAK VIEW | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 0062 / BISHOP | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0628 / PECOS | 5 | 0 | 4 |
| 0078 / BRONCO | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0642 / PIMA | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| 0088 / CACTUS GLEN | 7 | 1 | 2 | 0643 / PINE VALLEY | 14 | 1 | 3 |
| 0122 / CHAPPARAL | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0644 / PINNACLE PEAK | 7 | 3 | 4 |
| 0129 / CIELO | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0645 / PINNACLE WEST | 12 | 1 | 6 |
| 0144 / COCOPAH | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0659 / POWDERHORN RANCH | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 0167 / CORONADO | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0662 / PRINCESS | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| 0199 / DC RANCH | 17 | 0 | 6 | 0663 / PUEBLO | 7 | 1 | 1 |
| 0202 / DEERVIEW | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0671 / RAINTREE | 4 | 0 | 1 |
| 0203 / DEL JOYA | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0679 / REDWING | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| 0212 / DESERT HIGHLANDS | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0685 / RHODES | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| 0238 / DREYFUS | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0689 / RIO MONTANA | 4 | 0 | 5 |
| 0331 / GRANITE MOUNTAIN | 10 | 1 | 2 | 0719 / SALT RIVER | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| 0332 / GRAYHAWK | 9 | 3 | 3 | 0727 / SAN SIMON | 3 | 0 | 1 |
| 0388 / HUALAPAI | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0728 / SAN VICTOR | 9 | 2 | 3 |
| 0389 / HUBBELL | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0734 / SANTO | 10 | 0 | 4 |
| 0432 / LANE | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0737 / SCOTTSDALE | 5 | 0 | 2 |
| 0440 / LAUREL | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0742 / SENTRY | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| 0459 / LOMA VERDES | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0753 / SIERRA HILLS | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| 0488 / MARICOPA | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0760 / SILVER SPUR | 13 | 3 | 1 |
| 0501 / MCCORMICK RANCH | 10 | 4 | 3 | 0791 / STONEGATE | 6 | 0 | 1 |
| 0502 / MCDONALD | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0807 / SUNDOWN | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| 0504 / MCKELLIPS PARK | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0819 / SUPAI | 6 | 2 | 2 |
| 0521 / MIRADA | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0823 / SUTTON | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 0525 / MOHAVE | 6 | 4 | 2 | 0829 / TERRAVITA | 15 | 1 | 3 |
| 0532 / MONTEROSA | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0876 / VIRGINIA | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 0539 / MOUNTAINSIDE | 8 | 2 | 1 | 0902 / WESTWORLD | 9 | 2 | 3 |
| 0543 / MUSTANG | 16 | 2 | 1 | 0906 / WHITTON | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 0599 / PAIUTE | 9 | 0 | 3 | 0934 / YUMA | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| 0619 / PARK MEADOWS | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0944 / COSMOS | 7 | 2 | 3 |
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| | | | | Totals | 364 | 68 | 99 |

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