

CITY OF AVONDALE
2026
General Election
PUBLICITY PAMPHLET

Prop 418

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MUNICIPIO DE AVONDALE
ELECCIÓN GENERAL 2026
FOLLETO DE INFORMACIÓN
PARA LOS VOTANTES

ELECTION DAY IS
NOVEMBER 3, 2026
EL DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES ES
3 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2026

Avondale

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Key ELECTION DATES



**LAST DAY TO
REGISTER TO VOTE
BY MIDNIGHT**



**EARLY VOTING
BEGINS**



**LAST DAY TO
REQUEST A
REPLACEMENT
BALLOT BY 5 PM**



**RECOMMENDED
DATE TO MAIL IN
YOUR BALLOT**



**ELECTION DAY
BY 7 PM***

**Your completed ballot must be received by 7 pm on
Election Day (postmark dates are not used).*

A Message TO VOTERS



Dear Avondale voter:

Welcome to the 2026 Bond Election publicity pamphlet! Your household is receiving this publicity pamphlet because you or another member of your household is registered to vote.

The City of Avondale is holding a Bond Election on November 3, 2026. Within this pamphlet, you will find important information including:

- ▶ Helpful general information about voting in this election;
- ▶ A bond question to be voted on, including a sample of what your ballot will look like;
- ▶ The effect of voting "YES" or "NO" on the bond question; and
- ▶ Citizen arguments "for" and "against" the bond questions, if filed.

If you have additional questions, please contact the Avondale City Clerk's Office at (623) 333-1000 or Maricopa County Elections at (602) 506-1511.

Sincerely,

Marcella Sarmiento
City Clerk

Register TO VOTE BEFORE IT'S TOO Late!

October 5, 2026, at midnight is the deadline to register to vote for the November Election. Register to vote online at www.servicearizona.com (a valid Arizona driver's license or ID card is required to register online). If you prefer to use the paper form, voter registration forms are available at City Hall at 11465 W Civic Center Drive, Avondale, AZ 85323. To download a paper form or for more information on the registration process, including the qualifications for registering to vote, visit maricopa.vote.

About THIS ELECTION

WHO CAN VOTE IN THIS ELECTION?

All City of Avondale registered voters can vote in this election.

WHY IS VOTING IN THIS ELECTION IMPORTANT?

Voting in this Election is important because it allows voters the opportunity to approve or reject a city proposition that has been proposed by the City Council. The proposition will have a direct impact on Avondale voters' daily lives, so it is important for all eligible voters to participate to ensure a truly representative democracy.

WHAT WILL BE ON THE BALLOT?

The Avondale City Council has submitted a Public Safety General Obligation (GO) Bond proposition to voters for an election this November. Prop 418 invests in fire, emergency, police, and court facilities and improvements. Look at page 5 for more information!

FIND A VOTE CENTER NEAR YOU

Voters who are planning to vote in person can choose any Vote Center within Maricopa County to cast their ballot. Vote Centers can be located online at Locations.Maricopa.Vote.

All Vote Centers are open from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm on Election Day (Tuesday, November 3, 2026). Any qualified elector who is in line at 7:00 pm will be allowed to vote.

If you have additional questions regarding the location of a Vote Center, please contact the Maricopa County Elections Department at (602) 506-1511 or the Avondale City Clerk's Office at (623) 333-1000.

Vote ASSISTANCE

VOTERS WITH A DISABILITY

Voters who are confined as a result of continuing illness or physical disability may request a special election board to assist them. Submit a written or verbal request to the Maricopa County Elections Department by 5:00 p.m. on October 23, 2026. Their office is located at 510 South Third Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85003. For information about voting assistance for voters with disabilities, please call the Maricopa County Elections Department at (602) 506-1511 or TDD at (602) 506-2348.

UNIFORMED AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS ABSENTEE VOTING ACT (UOCAVA)

The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) ensures that U.S. citizens who are service members, their eligible family members and overseas citizens can vote in their home states. Requests for early/absentee ballots for military and overseas citizens can be made online at <https://recorder.maricopa.gov/earlyvotingballot/militaryoverseasrequest.aspx> or by contacting the Maricopa County Elections Department at (602) 506-1511.

ALTERNATIVE PAMPHLET FORMATS

Please contact the Avondale City Clerk's Office at **(623) 333-1000** or **TDD (623) 333-0010** for large prints of this Publicity Pamphlet. In compliance with Section 203 of the Federal Voting Rights Act, this publicity pamphlet has been prepared in both English and Spanish.

Provisional BALLOTS

Every person has the right to vote in any election and cannot be turned away. In certain situations, a voter may be required to vote using a provisional ballot. A provisional ballot will be counted if the County Recorder can determine the voter's eligibility. If you cast a provisional ballot, your ballot will be counted once it has been verified that you:

- ▶ Are an eligible voter in the City of Avondale; and
- ▶ You did not already vote in the election.

If you vote a provisional ballot, you can track the status of your ballot by visiting **maricopa.vote**.

Bond FACTS

Q: WHAT IS A BOND?

A bond is a way for the City to pay for large projects, like building a new fire station. The City can borrow money through a bond and pay it off over time, usually 20 to 30 years, similar to how a homeowner pays off a mortgage. This spreads out the costs across the residents who benefit from the project over its lifetime. Your vote helps decide whether the City can move forward with a bond and complete the proposed projects.

Q: WHY IS AVONDALE PROPOSING A BOND PROGRAM?

The City of Avondale held a General Obligation Bond Election in 2025 for Parks and Recreation and Public Safety. The Parks and Recreation bond passed, and the Public Safety bond failed by only 13 votes.

To continue meeting the needs of the expanding community and to support key projects, the City is seeking voter approval for a public safety bond, while keeping the overall property tax rate stable. Much like a home mortgage, bonds offer a secure and fiscally responsible way for cities to finance large scale projects. However, voter approval is required to issue General Obligation bonds for Public Safety.

Q: HOW DID AVONDALE DEVELOP THE BOND PROGRAM?

Avondale created the bond program with the help of local residents. The City Council formed a Citizen Bond Committee in 2024 made up of community members to review future improvement needs. From December 2024 to March 2025, the committee held public meetings to learn about different needs of the City, discuss priorities, and provide feedback. Their process was open to the public, and the committee carefully considered projects focused on parks, trails and public safety. Ultimately, the committee recommended holding an election to request additional funding for these community improvements.

The City Council unanimously supported placing the Public Safety bond question on the 2026 ballot.

Q: CAN BOND FUNDS BE USED FOR OTHER PROJECTS?

Under Arizona law, proceeds from bonds approved in a bond election must be used solely for the purposes outlined in the ballot question. In this case, the funds are allocated for public safety projects. They cannot be used for staff salaries, daily operations, events, or any other purpose beyond what is specified.

Prop 418 FACTS

Q: WHAT IS PROPOSITION 418?

Proposition 418 is a measure that seeks voter approval for the sale of up to \$55 million in general obligation bonds to fund public safety projects. The goal is to enhance emergency response times and provide first responders with facilities for training and operations, including in southern Avondale. Projects under Proposition 418 are expected to include:

- ▶ New Fire/Police Substation
- ▶ New Public Safety Headquarters
- ▶ Police Firearms Training Facility
- ▶ Main Police Station Expansion
- ▶ City Court Office Expansion

Q: WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FOR COMPLETING THESE PROJECTS?

This bond program aims to fund projects that will be completed over the next 20 years. If approved by voters, the projects will be reviewed and prioritized by the Avondale City Council, then incorporated into the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to establish their completion timelines. The CIP serves as the City's strategic guide for developing and maintaining essential infrastructure to support Avondale's ongoing growth and development. It provides residents and businesses with a clear vision of the City's long-term goals for capital improvements, along with insight into the City's infrastructure needs. The approved CIP reflects the priorities set by City Council and outlines the funding sources for these projects.

Q: WILL PROPOSITION 418 LEAD TO A TAX INCREASE?

The City of Avondale is dedicated to maintaining stable tax rates. This bond proposal is designed to improve public safety infrastructure without increasing the City's overall property tax rate. To achieve this, new bonds will be issued as older ones are retired. Based on current and projected property values and the City's plans for issuance of the bonds, it is expected that the combined property tax rate (primary and secondary) will remain unchanged. Based on the foregoing, the combined property taxes for every \$100,000 of assessed property valuation is expected to remain stable at about \$12.16 per month. Please note that the taxable value shown on your tax bill is the limited property value, which may differ from its market value. Please also note that projected property values and the City's current plans for issuance of future general obligation bonds are subject to change and that bonds to be authorized by the bond question would be payable from a property tax without limitation as to rate or amount.

Q: THE CITY IS PROPOSING A NEW FIRE STATION AND POLICE SUBSTATION IN THE ALAMAR AREA. WILL THIS IMPACT ME EVEN IF I DO NOT LIVE NEAR THERE?

Yes, all residents of Avondale will be impacted by these future projects. Adding more fire and police stations in the city is expected to help reduce response times throughout the entire city.

What IF

Q: WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PROPOSED PROJECTS IF THE BOND ELECTION DOES NOT PASS?

If Propositions 418 is not approved, some projects, including public safety facilities and improvements, may face delays, indefinite postponement, or scaling back due to available funding. As older bonds are paid off, property taxes would decrease. However, without the approval of new bonds, the City may need to prioritize which projects move forward. This could mean that some proposed bond projects are completed, but potentially at the expense of other infrastructure or public safety projects that also require funding.

Learn MORE

Q: HOW DO I LEARN MORE ABOUT PROP 418?

Avondale is planning upcoming events and open houses where voters can attend to ask questions and learn more. Voters can also visit www.AvondaleAZ.gov/Bond for more information.

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2026**



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LOCATION ON THE *Ballot*

Q: WHERE WILL THIS QUESTION BE ON THE BALLOT?

The November general election ballot could be on multiple pages, front and back. City bond elections are generally at the end of the ballot, including potentially on a second page or on the back side of the ballot. Please review all ballot pages.

CITY OF AVONDALE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2026

*Voters will be asked to vote on the following bond question.
If authorized, the bond money can be used only for the purposes specified in the ballot questions.*

TEXT OF BALLOT

General Provisions for all Bond Question

The following are general provisions that apply to the bond question.
Specific information for the authorized purpose is set out in the bond question.

- In addition to the authorized purposes, bond proceeds may be used to pay for bond insurance or other credit support for the bonds, all legal, accounting, financial, consulting, architectural, design, engineering and construction management costs, if applicable, and all other costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the bonds and the purpose set forth in the question. The City may contract for letters of credit, surety bonds, lines of credit or other credit or liquidity support in connection with any one or more series of bonds.
- Interest rates may be fixed or variable but shall not exceed 9% per annum.
- Interest may be evidenced by separate certificates and will be paid on July 1 and January 1 or such other dates as may be determined by City Council.
- Bonds will mature on the days of each year determined by City Council.
- The bonds may be refunded by the issuance of refunding bonds with a weighted average maturity less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the weighted average maturity of the bonds being refunded.

THE VOTER MAY VOTE "BOND APPROVAL, YES" OR "BOND APPROVAL, NO" ON THE BOND QUESTION.

SAMPLE OF OFFICIAL BALLOT LANGUAGE

A sample of the ballot text is shown below to help voters become familiar with the appearance of the City of Avondale ballot measure. Due to space limitations, the actual ballot may not contain the full text as shown below. The sample of the ballot text below is for reference and not for voting; only the valid votes cast on an official ballot by eligible registered voters will be counted. Therefore, do not return a voted page from this pamphlet.

NON-PARTISAN BALLOT

Candidates' names may appear in a different order on the Official Ballot.

AVONDALE COUNCILMEMBER (VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN XX)
CANDIDATE NAME ○
CANDIDATE NAME ○
CANDIDATE NAME ○
Print name of Write-In Candidate HERE
Print name of Write-In Candidate HERE
Print name of Write-In Candidate HERE

PROPOSITION 418**PURPOSE: PUBLIC SAFETY PROJECTS****AMOUNT: \$55,000,000**

Shall the City of Avondale, Arizona, be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds of the City in the principal amount of \$55,000,000 to provide funds:

Purposes: To design, acquire, construct, reconstruct and renovate fire station and training facilities; public safety and court facilities, to furnish, equip and improve fire station and training facilities; public safety and court facilities, and to acquire vehicles, equipment, electronic data, voice and communication equipment and land for fire, public safety, and court purposes; and to improve the grounds thereof?

Payment of Bonds: Generated funds will be used to pay for all necessary design, construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, renovation, equipment, and associated costs, including the acquisition of land or interests necessary for such purposes, all legal, financial, consulting, and other costs and fees in connection therewith. Such bonds will be issued in one or more series as tax-exempt or taxable bonds and may be sold at prices that include premiums not greater than permitted by law. Such bonds may have principal payable not later than 25 years from the date of issuance of each series. Such bonds will be issued as general obligation bonds, and the issuance of these bonds will result in a property tax increase sufficient to pay the annual debt service on the bonds.

A “yes” vote shall authorize the governing body of the City to issue and sell up to \$55,000,000 of general obligation bonds of the City to be repaid with secondary property taxes.

A “no” vote shall not authorize the governing body of the City to issue and sell such bonds of the City.

BOND APPROVAL, YES	☐
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BOND APPROVAL, NO	☐
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At the discretion of the County elections department, the question set forth above may be presented on the actual ballot in summary form, reading substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION 418

Purpose: Public Safety Improvement Bonds

Amount: \$55,000,000

Shall Avondale be authorized to issue and sell \$55,000,000 of general obligation bonds for public safety improvements?

BOND APPROVAL, YES	☐
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BOND APPROVAL, NO	☐
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The City of Avondale is requesting authorization to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$55,000,000 to fund the projects described in the ballot question herein. The maximum interest rate on the Bonds may not exceed 9%. As of July 1, 2026, the City had \$62,205,000 general obligation debt outstanding that applies towards the City's Constitutional debt limitations set forth below.

Under Arizona Law, cities and towns are subject to two debt limitations which are based on 20% and 6% of the City's secondary assessed valuation. Summarized below are the two debt categories and the debt limitations for the City. If authorized, the general obligation bonds will be issued against the City's debt limitations as shown below. No Bonds can or will be issued that, at the time of issuance, will cause the City to exceed either constitutional debt limitation. The City's capital improvement plan includes scheduled retirement of existing debt that will keep the amount of outstanding bonds below the constitutional debt limits.

CATEGORY	20%	6%
Eligible Projects	Water, Artificial Light, Sewers, Open Space Preserves, Parks, Playground and Recreational Facilities, Public Safety, Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency Services Facilities, and Street and Transportation Facilities	General City Purposes and Facilities
Existing General Obligation Bonds	\$54,928,065	\$13,746,793
Proposed General Obligation Bonds	\$55,000,000	\$0
Net Assessed Full Cash Value (2026/2027)	\$1,548,608,672	\$1,548,608,672
Constitutional Debt Limitation (2026/2027)	\$309,721,734	\$92,916,520

ESTIMATED ISSUANCE COSTS

The City currently estimates that six series of bonds will be sold over a period of fifteen years and that the total issuance costs for the bonds will be \$250,000 for each series of bonds. **The estimated total cost of the proposed bond authorization, including principal and interest, is \$90,595,000.**

SOURCE OF REPAYMENT

The anticipated source of repayment of the bonds is secondary property taxes.

ASSESSED VALUATION AND ESTIMATED AMOUNTS OF SECONDARY TAX BILLS PER A.R.S. 35-454(A)(1)(g)

The following information illustrates the estimated annual and monthly cost to taxpayers of the Bonds, including principal and interest for varying types of property and levels of limited property values and assessed limited property values. To determine your estimated tax impact, refer to your property tax statement which identifies the specific limited property value of your property for secondary tax purposes.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE TAX RATE PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION: \$0.2407

Based on the average annual tax rate estimated above, the following tables indicate the estimated average monthly cost of the property tax supported Bonds for various classes of property based on an assumed limited property value as set forth in Arizona law and as indicated below.

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (Assessed at 10%)			
Value for Tax Purposes (a)	2026/27 Assessed Value	Estimated Average Annual Cost (b)	Estimated Average Monthly Cost (b)
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$24.07	\$2.01
160,473 (c)	16,047 (c)	38.63	3.22

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY (Assessed at 15.5%) (d)			
Value for Tax Purposes (a)	2026/27 Assessed Value	Estimated Average Annual Cost (b)	Estimated Average Monthly Cost (b)
\$1,878,222 (c)	\$291,124 (c)	\$700.77	\$58.40
750,000	116,250	279.83	23.32

AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER VACANT PROPERTY (Assessed at 15%)			
Value for Tax Purposes (a)	2026/27 Assessed Value	Estimated Average Annual Cost (b)	Estimated Average Monthly Cost (b)
\$187,063 (c)	\$28,059 (c)	\$67.54	\$5.63
75,000	11,250	27.08	2.26

The statements below are required to be included in the publicity pamphlet per the provisions of A.R.S. §35-454(A)(1)(g). The assumptions used both in the table on page 14 and in calculating the amounts listed below are as required by Arizona Revised Statutes.

Residential Property (Assessed at 10%)

The tax impact over the term of the bonds on an owner-occupied residence valued by the county assessor at \$250,000 is estimated to be \$72 per year for 28 years, or \$2,016 total cost.

Commercial Property (Assessed at 15.5%)

The tax impact over the term of the bonds on commercial property valued by the county assessor at \$1,000,000 is estimated to be \$429 per year for 28 years, or \$12,012 total cost.

Agricultural or Other Vacant Property (Assessed at 15%)

The tax impact over the term of the bonds on agricultural or other vacant property valued by the county assessor at \$100,000 is estimated to be \$43 per year for 28 years, or \$1,204 total cost.

- a. Value for tax purposes of the net limited assessed value of your property as it appears on your tax bill and does not necessarily represent the market value. Beginning with fiscal year 2015/16, this value cannot increase by more than five percent from the prior year if the property has not changed. For commercial property, only locally assessed property is subject to this limit.
- b. Cost based on the estimated average bond tax rate over the life of the bond issue and other financing assumptions which are subject to change.
- c. Estimated average value of owner-occupied residential properties, commercial properties or agricultural and vacant properties, as applicable, within the Issuer as provided by the Arizona Department of Revenue.
- d. Assessment ratio will phase down to 16.0% in tax year 2025 and will be further reduced to 15.0% for tax year 2027 and thereafter.
- e. Assumes the net limited assessed valuation of the property changes at the lesser of five percent or half the rate of the Issuer's total net assessed value shown on the projected debt service schedule.

ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULES

The following table indicates the debt retirement schedule for the current amount of bonds the City has outstanding and the estimated debt retirement schedule for the proposed bond authorization, in both cases showing the actual or estimated principal and interest payments, the current limited assessed valuation, and the current adopted and future estimated tax rates for the outstanding bonds and for the proposed bond authorization. The estimated limited assessed valuation for fiscal year 2026-27 is a preliminary amount as published in the Arizona Department of Revenue's Abstract of the Assessment Roll and for all subsequent years is based on growth levels dictated by the Arizona Revised Statutes.

CITY OF AVONDALE, ARIZONA

Estimated Debt Service Requirements and Projected Impact on the Secondary Tax Rate *

Fiscal Year	Projected Net Limited Assessed Value (a)	Bonds Currently Outstanding			Bonds Proposed to be Issued (b)				Projected Combined	
		Principal	Interest	Debt Service	Tax Rate (c)	Estimated Principal	Estimated Interest	Estimated Debt Service	Tax Rate (c)	Combined Debt Service (d) Rate (c)(d)
2026/27	\$785,673,308	\$4,035,000	\$2,799,037	\$6,834,037	\$0.87					
2027/28	843,829,450	4,145,000	2,632,775	6,777,775	0.80		\$375,000	\$375,000	\$0.04	\$6,834,037 \$0.87
2028/29	913,857,906	3,380,000	2,425,525	5,805,525	0.64	\$450,000	1,000,000	1,450,000	0.16	7,152,775 0.85
2029/30	989,745,305	3,615,000	2,265,313	5,880,313	0.59	1,000,000	977,500	1,977,500	0.20	7,255,525 0.85
2030/31	1,071,981,836	2,750,000	2,089,900	4,839,900	0.45	1,450,000	1,427,500	2,877,500	0.27	7,857,813 0.85
2031/32	1,161,098,701	2,960,000	1,970,150	4,930,150	0.42	2,150,000	1,355,000	3,505,000	0.30	7,717,400 0.85
2032/33	1,180,413,269	2,645,000	1,840,650	4,485,650	0.38	1,950,000	1,747,500	3,697,500	0.31	8,435,150 0.85
2033/34	1,200,051,029	3,190,000	1,727,600	4,917,600	0.41	1,800,000	1,650,000	3,450,000	0.29	8,183,150 0.85
2034/35	1,220,017,388	2,835,000	1,588,050	4,423,050	0.36	1,650,000	2,060,000	3,710,000	0.30	8,367,600 0.85
2035/36	1,240,317,845	2,960,000	1,454,300	4,414,300	0.36	1,550,000	1,977,500	3,527,500	0.28	8,133,050 0.85
2036/37	1,260,957,990	3,060,000	1,328,050	4,388,050	0.35	1,190,000	2,150,000	3,340,000	0.26	7,941,800 0.83
2037/38	1,281,943,508	3,155,000	1,211,500	4,366,500	0.34	1,250,000	2,090,500	3,340,500	0.26	7,728,050 0.82
2038/39	1,303,280,177	3,610,000	1,091,450	4,701,450	0.36	1,100,000	2,028,000	3,128,000	0.24	7,707,000 0.81
2039/40	1,324,973,873	3,070,000	935,100	4,005,100	0.30	1,300,000	1,973,000	3,273,000	0.25	7,829,450 0.80
2040/41	1,347,030,570	3,120,000	791,350	3,911,350	0.29	1,475,000	1,908,000	3,383,000	0.25	7,278,100 0.79
2041/42	1,369,456,343	3,255,000	645,500	3,900,500	0.28	1,425,000	1,834,250	3,259,250	0.25	7,294,350 0.79
2042/43	1,392,257,367	3,235,000	482,750	3,717,750	0.27	1,675,000	1,763,000	3,438,000	0.25	7,159,750 0.78
2043/44	1,415,439,921	3,360,000	321,000	3,681,000	0.26	1,850,000	1,679,250	3,529,250	0.25	7,155,750 0.78
2044/45	1,439,010,390	2,095,000	153,000	2,248,000	0.16	3,600,000	1,586,750	5,186,750	0.36	7,210,250 0.78
2045/46	1,462,975,264	1,730,000	69,200	1,799,200	0.12	4,150,000	1,406,750	5,556,750	0.38	7,434,750 0.78
2046/47	1,487,341,144					3,785,000	1,199,250	4,984,250	0.34	7,355,950 0.78
2047/48	1,512,114,738					4,375,000	1,010,000	5,385,000	0.36	4,984,250 0.78
2048/49	1,537,302,870					3,400,000	791,250	4,191,250	0.27	5,385,000 0.73
2049/50	1,562,912,476					3,350,000	621,250	3,971,250	0.25	4,191,250 0.61
2050/51	1,588,950,608					2,850,000	453,750	3,303,750	0.21	3,971,250 0.52
2051/52	1,615,424,437					3,150,000	311,250	3,461,250	0.21	3,303,750 0.50
2052/53	1,642,341,254					2,175,000	153,750	2,328,750	0.14	3,461,250 0.45
2053/54	1,669,708,471					500,000	45,000	545,000	0.03	2,328,750 0.34
2054/55	1,697,533,624					400,000	20,000	420,000	0.02	545,000 0.11
		\$62,205,000	\$27,822,199	\$90,027,199		\$55,000,000	\$35,595,000	\$90,595,000		420,000 0.09

Projected Average Additional Tax Rate Per \$100 of Assessed Value: \$0.2407

* Per A.R.S. Sections 35-454(A)(1)(c) and (d). Tax rates stated per \$100 of net limited assessed value. Schedule does not include earnings, rebate, subsidy and delinquency adjustments.

(a) Fiscal year 2026/27 is preliminary as provided by the Arizona Department of Revenue and assumes 9.47% growth. Fiscal years 2027/28 through and including 2031/32 assume 8.37% growth. Subsequent fiscal years assume 1.67% growth. Includes the estimated Salt River Project in-lieu valuation.

(b) Assumes bond sale phases conducted through 2036 or as needed for capital improvements, and average annual interest at 5.00%.

(c) Estimated based on projected net limited assessed values per year as required by statute.

(d) Includes estimated future issuances of Proposition 404 bonds for which \$46,000,000 of voter authorization are authorized but unissued.

ARGUMENTS FOR PROP 418

ARGUMENTS WERE REPRODUCED AS SUBMITTED AND WERE NOT EDITED FOR SPELLING, GRAMMAR, OR PUNCTUATION. THESE ARGUMENTS REPRESENT THE OPINIONS OF THE AUTHORS AND HAVE NOT BEEN CHECKED FOR ACCURACY OF CONTENT.

Submitted by: Arizona Conference of Police and Sheriffs (David Stone - Marana, Arizona and Aaron Cross - Marana, Arizona)

As Avondale's population continues to grow, so does the demand placed upon our police officers, firefighters, and court system. Providing these dedicated public servants with modern facilities is not a luxury, it is a necessity. A new training facility will allow police and fire to train together in realistic, state-of-the-art environments, improving coordination, preparedness, and response during emergencies. High-quality training directly translates into safer neighborhoods, better decision-making under stress, and enhanced protection for the residents of Avondale.

Equally important are the proposed improvements to their court facilities. Efficient, modern courts are an essential component of the criminal justice system. Updated facilities will improve public access, enhance security for employees and visitors, and help ensure that cases are handled effectively and without unnecessary delay.

Investments in public safety infrastructure are long-term investments in their community. They demonstrate a commitment to supporting the men and women who risk their lives every day to protect us while ensuring they have the resources necessary to perform their duties safely and professionally. The proposition would fund improvements including a new public safety headquarters, police training facilities, expansion of the main police station, and city court improvements to meet the needs of a growing community.

Our first responders deserve facilities that match the professionalism and dedication they bring to their jobs every day. More importantly, the citizens of Avondale deserve a public safety system that is prepared to meet today's challenges and tomorrow's growth.

I respectfully urge the voters of Avondale to vote YES on Proposition 418. By supporting this measure, we are investing in safer neighborhoods, better-trained first responders, and a stronger, more secure future for our community.

Respectfully,

David N. Stone
Executive Director
Arizona Conference of Police & Sheriffs (AZCOPS)

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Submitted by: Avondale Professional Firefighters Association (Calen Smith – Phoenix, Arizona and Eric Folger, Mesa, Arizona)

Avondale Professional Firefighters: Vote YES on 418

Dear Voters,

The Avondale Professional Firefighters was founded in 1999 by 17 firefighters operating out of a single station. Today, we have grown to more than 80 members staffing five stations across the City of Avondale. We are dedicated to providing the highest level of service with professionalism, integrity, and a strong commitment to the residents, businesses, and visitors of our community.

Working hand in hand with fire and city administration, we strive every day to ensure that our first responders have the facilities, tools, and training necessary to respond quickly and effectively in any kind of emergency. That is why we are asking you to join us in voting Yes on Proposition 418.

Proposition 418 invests in public safety facilities to help our city keep up with growth. Building an additional fire and police station in the growing parts of our city will help reduce response times citywide. Our emergency responders will be able to stay closer to their home stations because they won't have to continue to expand their coverage. As our community continues to see significant population growth, we must offer the essential services necessary to protect our quality of life.

It is our honor to serve the residents of Avondale and strive constantly to provide excellent emergency and fire service. When every second counts, Proposition 418 will make a huge difference in responding to emergencies – and ensuring that Avondale firefighters can respond to Avondale emergencies. Help us continue to do our job by voting Yes on Proposition 418.

Sincerely,

Calen Smith

President of Avondale Professional Firefighters

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Submitted by: Avondale Police Department United (Nick Gonzales – Avondale, Arizona and Anthony Bradley, Avondale, Arizona)

Avondale Police Department United strongly encourages a vote in favor of Proposition 418. This proposition provides a critical opportunity to strengthen public safety infrastructure and services while not increasing the current property tax rate.

Currently, Avondale police officers must travel outside the city to complete required annual firearms and emergency vehicle operations training, utilizing outside agency training facilities. This results in either increased overtime costs or extended periods during which officers are unavailable for patrol duties. These unavoidable absences can sometimes reduce neighborhood policing and can contribute to longer emergency response times.

As the City of Avondale continues to grow, particularly with the expansion of the Alamar community, officers are responsible for patrolling a significantly larger service area. In addition, the Avondale Police Department has outgrown portions of its existing facilities, with the need for growth to house personnel, equipment, and training space. The Avondale Police Department continues to strive to effectively maintain the highest level of service to our community!

A vote in favor of Proposition 418 will allow the City of Avondale to make these critical investments in a fiscally responsible manner. These improvements include the construction of a state-of-the-art Public Safety Training Center, Police and Fire stations/facilities, and new modernized City Court facilities. Together, these projects will enhance public safety, improve Police/Fire/City operational efficiency, and ensure the city is well-equipped to meet the needs of a growing community for years to come!

Submitted by: Bryan Kilgore – Avondale, Arizona

As the father of a first responder, I have a deep appreciation for the dedication, courage, and sacrifice required to serve our community in times of need. I understand firsthand how essential it is for those who go above and beyond the call of duty to have the resources necessary to perform their jobs safely and effectively.

Our first responders deserve access to modern training facilities, reliable equipment, advanced technology, strong communication systems, and well-maintained facilities. These are not luxuries—they are critical investments that enable them to protect and serve our community at the highest level.

That is why I will be voting yes on Proposition 418. This measure represents a thoughtful commitment to strengthening public safety while maintaining fiscal responsibility. The City of Avondale has carefully structured this bond proposal to invest in vital infrastructure without increasing the overall property tax rate. By issuing new bonds as existing ones are paid off, and with the support of stable property values and continued growth, the city can meet its needs without placing additional burdens on taxpayers.

Supporting Proposition 418 means supporting the women and men who stand ready to protect us every day. It means ensuring they have the tools and facilities they need to serve with excellence.

I am voting yes on Proposition 418. I respectfully ask you to consider doing the same.

Bryan Kilgore
School Teacher
Father of a First Responder

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Submitted by: Daniel Guerrero – Avondale, Arizona

Dear Voters,

Serving as a Captain with Avondale Fire & Medical is one of the greatest honors of my life, but my most important role is being a husband and father. My wife and I are raising our two daughters here in Avondale, and like every parent, we want them to grow up in a safe community with outstanding public safety.

Every shift, my fellow firefighters and I have the privilege of protecting families across our city. We know that providing excellent service depends on more than dedicated people—it also requires modern facilities, ongoing training, and the right resources.

Proposition 418 will help strengthen Avondale's public safety system by investing in the infrastructure that allows first responders to continue serving our community as it grows. Preparing today means we're better equipped to protect our neighbors tomorrow.

As both a firefighter and a father, I believe planning for the future is one of the greatest responsibilities we have. I hope you'll join me in voting YES on Proposition 418.

Thanks,
Daniel Guerrero

Submitted by: Daniel Schuh – Avondale, Arizona

Argument for Proposition 418

As an active member of the Avondale Citizen Volunteer Community, I am excited to have an opportunity to vote on Proposition 418. I have been very active in serving on several volunteer Avondale Boards and Commissions. Additionally, I have graduated from all four Avondale Citizen's Academies. I know that we need to provide our Public Safety agencies the greatest support possible.

As Co-Chair of the 2025 Avondale Citizen's Bond Committee, I became acutely aware of the needs of our Police and Fire Departments. The Public Safety Proposition 405 bond proposal failed by the smallest of all margins in November of 2025.

Now, Proposition 418 gives us the opportunity to provide funding for Public Safety improvement projects and additional training facilities. The City of Avondale continues to grow, the Alamar Community is a perfect example of our growth to the south side of the city. Police and Fire response times suffer with additional growth so we need to make critical investments in a fiscally responsible manner to compensate for this ongoing growth.

A vote in favor of Proposition 418 will allow Avondale to construct a state-of-the-art Public Safety Training Center and a new Fire House with Police Facilities in South Avondale to serve Alamar and the surrounding areas. This will help tremendously with Public Safety response times. The Proposition will also help expand and modernize our Municipal Court Facilities.

I strongly encourage a YES vote for Proposition 418. The projects funded by this measure will improve public safety and enhance operational efficiency. We need to ensure that our community is well equipped to meet the needs of a growing population.

Daniel Schuh

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Submitted by: Felix “Buddy” Contreras Jr. – Litchfield Park, Arizona

This November, we are encouraging a YES vote on Avondale’s Proposition 418. This proposal is designed to fund public safety and court facilities within the city of Avondale without creating any extra financial burden on taxpayers.

Voting YES on Proposition 418 will support public safety and help Avondale keep up with our growing population. Investments in emergency departments will allow for faster response times and increased skills, ensuring safety remains a priority for the community.

As an Avondale Fire and Medical engineer with over 25 years of service, I have seen firsthand how important proper staffing and training is for responding quickly and effectively. Moreover, as real estate agents, we have both seen the important role that public safety plays in quality of life and the impact it has on property values and the decision to buy a home in a community.

From crime rates to response times, buyers want to know that the neighborhood they are buying into is safe and will be for many years to come. Proposition 418 helps address these concerns which will help maintain property values – while keeping taxes low.

The funds generated from Proposition 418 will go to new fire and police substation, a public safety headquarters, a new training facility, and much more that will enhance our city’s security. It’s a smart investment that helps Avondale continue to be a vibrant place to live, work, invest, and start a family.

We urge you to vote YES on Proposition 418 to support everyone who chooses to call Avondale home – now and in the future.

Buddy and Liz Contreras

Submitted by: Jovanny Gomez – Avondale, Arizona

To the Voters of Avondale,

As an Avondale Fire and Medical firefighter, I know firsthand that being close by is crucial when you’re trying to save lives. But as a Resident of Alamar, this initiative is close to heart. My wife and I, as well as my parents, call Alamar home. When I am out on a shift, I want the peace of mind that comes with knowing the highest level of emergency protection is close to the people I love.

Proposition 418 makes this a reality. Building a new joint operations station in southern Avondale puts life-saving resources directly in our neighborhood, drastically cutting response times for Alamar families and cascading the effects of safety across Avondale. By absorbing the demand in the south, it allows stations in northern neighborhoods like Garden Lakes to stay closer to their home territories, improving citywide coverage.

This bond is an investment in the safety of our neighbors, our parents, and our children. Please join me in voting YES on the Avondale bond this November.

Sincerely,

Jovanny Gomez

Avondale Firefighter and Alamar Resident

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Submitted by: Mike Pineda – Avondale, Arizona

As Mayor of Avondale, I am proud to support Proposition 418 because it is a responsible investment in the safety and future of our community.

Avondale has experienced tremendous growth, and with that growth comes the responsibility to ensure our first responders and public safety professionals have the facilities, equipment, and technology they need to protect our residents. Proposition 418 will provide funding for essential public safety infrastructure, including fire stations, firefighter training facilities, public safety and court facilities, communications technology, equipment, and land for future public safety needs.

Just as importantly, Proposition 418 has been carefully structured to fit within the City's existing property tax rate. Approval of this bond will not increase the City's property tax rate, allowing us to address critical infrastructure needs while remaining committed to sound fiscal stewardship.

This measure is about planning ahead rather than falling behind. Investing in public safety infrastructure today helps ensure faster emergency response, improved service to residents, and the capacity to meet the needs of our growing community for decades to come.

Proposition 418 represents a thoughtful, fiscally responsible approach to protecting the quality of life that Avondale residents value. Therefore, I encourage voters to stand with me and support Proposition 418 and help us continue building a safe, resilient, and well-prepared community for current and future generations.

Mayor
Mike Pineda

Submitted by: Oscar Lopez Coronel - Avondale, Arizona

Dear Avondale residents,

Every time the alarm sounds, my job is to respond without hesitation. As a firefighter with Avondale Fire & Medical, I've seen firsthand how important it is for public safety to keep pace with a growing community. Proposition 418 will help Avondale prepare for the future by:

- Investing in modern public safety facilities as our community grows.
- Helping firefighters and police officers continue providing excellent service.
- Supporting faster, more effective emergency response throughout the city.
- Strengthening the quality of life that makes Avondale such a great place to live.

My wife and I are proud to call Alamar home, and we've watched this part of Avondale welcome more families every year. By building a new facility in Southern Avondale, it not only helps me and my neighbors, it also reduces the burden on other stations which helps response times citywide. Proposition 418 is an investment in Avondale's future, and I hope you'll join me in voting YES on the bond.

Oscar Lopez

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Submitted by: Patti Nielson – Avondale, Arizona

Throughout my years as a nurse, I learned that the best outcomes begin long before an emergency happens. They depend on planning ahead, investing wisely, and making sure the right resources are available when they're needed most. Those lessons have stayed with me, and they're why I believe Proposition 418 is an important investment in Avondale's future.

In healthcare, we don't wait for a crisis before preparing for it. The same principle applies to public safety. Proposition 418 will provide the facilities and resources our firefighters, police officers, and emergency personnel need to continue delivering the highest level of service our community depends on. These investments will help ensure Avondale is prepared to meet today's needs while planning responsibly for tomorrow.

Proposition 418 also reflects responsible financial planning. It allows the City to invest in essential public safety infrastructure without increasing Avondale's overall property tax rate. Preparing today means protecting our families tomorrow. I hope you'll join me in voting YES on Proposition 418.

Patti Nielson

Submitted by: Paul Adams - Avondale, Arizona

To my fellow Avondale voters,

During my 22 years as Fire Chief for Avondale Fire and Medical, ensuring our resources kept pace with the city's growth was one of my top priorities. While I have since retired I still choose to continue to call Avondale my home. Now, as a resident of Garden Lakes, I look at our public safety infrastructure through not only a professional perspective but that of a neighbor, community member and taxpayer. From all perspectives, it is clear to me that Avondale needs Proposition 418.

Proposition 418 is essential for the entire city, from Garden Lakes in the north to Alamar in the south and everything in between. Right now our public safety resources are spread thin as the city has continued to expand and call load increases. By building a new station in the southern portion of the city this bond will help restore a balance, which takes pressure off our existing crews and helps ensure that the first responders in the northern stations remain within their critical first response areas. For Garden Lakes residents that means more consistent coverage and faster emergency response times when it matters most. It also ensures that the highly trained Avondale first responders respond to Avondale emergencies -not relying as much on other communities for their support through Automatic Aid.

Proposition 418 is a smart, essential and wise investment that protects all Avondale neighborhoods, from north to south. Please join me in supporting our first responders and voting YES on the Avondale public safety bond, Proposition 418, this November.

Sincerely,

Paul Adams

Retired Fire Chief, Avondale Fire and Medical & Garden Lakes Resident

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Submitted by: Ramon Camarena – Avondale, Arizona

Voters,

Serving as a firefighter has taught me that excellence doesn't happen by accident. It comes from preparation, training, and making sure you have the right people, equipment, and facilities in place before an emergency ever occurs. Because my wife and I proudly call the Alamar community home, I have a personal stake in ensuring Avondale remains prepared to serve our residents today and well into the future. That is why I proudly support Proposition 418.

When someone calls 911, they expect first responders to arrive ready to perform at the highest level. That level of service begins long before an emergency. It requires thoughtful planning and continued investment in the facilities where firefighters, police officers, and emergency personnel train, coordinate, and prepare to protect our community. Proposition 418 helps ensure Avondale's first responders have the resources necessary to continue delivering the excellent service residents deserve.

Preparing for the future is one of the smartest investments a community can make. Proposition 418 strengthens public safety while helping ensure Avondale remains a safe place to live, work, and raise a family. I hope you'll join me in voting YES on Proposition 418.

Ramon Camarena

Submitted by: Ramon Sanchez – Avondale, Arizona

Helping families buy and sell homes has shown me what people value most when choosing a community. They want safe neighborhoods, strong city services, and the confidence that their investment will continue to grow. Those are just a few of the reasons I proudly support Proposition 418.

A safe community doesn't happen by chance. It requires thoughtful planning and continued investment in the services that protect our families, businesses, and neighborhoods. Proposition 418 will strengthen Avondale's public safety system by providing the facilities and resources needed to support our police officers and firefighters for years to come. These improvements will help preserve the high quality of life that makes Avondale such a special place to call home.

Supporting Proposition 418 is an investment in our community's future. By maintaining safe neighborhoods, protecting property values, and creating an environment where families and businesses can thrive, we are ensuring Avondale remains a city people are proud to call home. I hope you'll join me in voting YES on Proposition 418.

Ramon Sanchez

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Submitted by: Safer Avondale Political Action Committee (Calen Smith – Phoenix, Arizona)

Vote Yes for a Safer Avondale

Dear Fellow Avondale Voter,

Safer Avondale PAC is a coalition of community leaders, individuals, organizations, and businesses formed to help promote and sustain our city for the future – for our children and our grandchildren. Many of us have lived here for many years and we have seen the changes in our community over time. Our city is heading in the right direction, but we need to make sure we continue to protect our public safety and our quality of life.

As such, Safer Avondale is encouraging you to vote Yes on Proposition 418 to invest in Avondale and continue its tradition as a great community. Our city needs to invest in these critical bond items to keep up with growth and protect our essential city services. Proposition 418 will help us:

- Invest in public safety
- Keep response times low
- Maintain our quality of life – without raising taxes

This is the right investment for public safety and will not result in a tax rate increase. By building new fire and police facilities, investing in training, and supporting our courts, we can ensure that Avondale continues to be a great city to work, live and raise a family. We encourage you to learn more about the bond and join our coalition at www.SaferAvondale.com.

The future of our community is in our hands. Join us in making a difference and building a better and safer Avondale by voting Yes on Proposition 418.

Sincerely,
Safer Avondale Committee

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Submitted by: Shari Weise – Avondale, Arizona

Avondale's safety depends on having well-equipped first responders and reliable public safety facilities. Proposition 418, Avondale's 2026 Public Safety Bond, will provide funds that strengthen our police, fire, and emergency services without raising the property tax rate. It will ensure our first responders have the resources they need to respond quickly and efficiently to protect families, neighborhoods, and local businesses. Join us in making public safety a priority, vote YES on Avondale's 2026 Public Safety Bond.

Former Avondale Mayor, Kenn Weise & Current Avondale Councilmember Shari Weise

Submitted by: Simon Luo – Avondale, Arizona

To the Voters of Avondale,

As an Avondale Fire and Medical firefighter and an Verde Trails resident, I see firsthand how crucial Proposition 418 is for our community. At present, our crews are covering large areas, which can stretch response time when multiple emergencies happen at once. When every second counts, unnecessary delays threaten our success.

This bond directly addresses that gap by building a new station right here in Southern Avondale. For my fellow neighbors in Alamar and Verde Trails, a new station would mean having life-saving resources closer to home. Moreover, the benefits extend citywide. By building this station, firefighters and our crews will be closer to their communities. This improves overall coverage and cuts down response times for every part of our community.

My family chose south Avondale as our home. My goal is to invest in this community's future, creating a safer and more secure environment for my family and everyone around us. This bond is an essential investment in this city's future, please Join me in voting YES on Proposition 418 this November.

Sincerely,

Simon Luo

Avondale Firefighter and Verde Trails Resident

ARGUMENTS AGAINST PROP 418

No arguments against Proposition 418 were filed.
