The City of Phoenix Charter requires that elections for the Mayor and City Council "shall be held on the first Tuesday in October and the Runoff Election shall be held on the [f]ourth Tuesday of November of every odd-numbered year." City Charter Ch. III, §6(B).

The City of Phoenix instead holds elections on the tenth Tuesday before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of every odd-numbered year. This has been the case since the Arizona Legislature enacted A.R.S. §16-204 in 1996. Consequently, the City of Phoenix violates the language of its Charter every time it holds an election.

Pursuant to the Phoenix City Charter, I am submitting this written petition to request that the City Council take action to amend the Charter to comply with the City's current election schedule and relevant state laws. City Charter Ch. IV, §22. I hereby certify that I am a citizen of the City of Phoenix. Under the Charter, this petition "shall be acted upon by the Council... within fifteen (15) days." *Id*.