

2008 Unofficial General Election Results

Federal	
President	
Arizona results	
Bob Barr (L)	10,387
Cynthia McKinney (G)	2,776
John McCain (R)	1,012,262
Ralph Nader (None)	9,167
Barack Obama (D)	850,740
Congress District 2	
William Crum	2,970
Trent Franks (R)*	165,967
Powell Gammill (L)	6,529
John Thrasher (D)	104,047

*Denotes incumbent

State	
Corporation Commission	
Sam George (D)	757,144
Sandra Kennedy (D)	845,754
Marian A. McClure (R)	725,363
Paul Newman (D)	845,666
Bob Stump (R)	756,493
Barry Wong (R)	734,300
District 4 Senate	
Robert Boehlke (D)	39,111
Jack Harper (R)*	60,019
District 4 House	
Tom Boone (R)*	57,044
Judy M. Burges (R)*	57,475
Sue Dolphin (D)	34,999
Paula S. Forster (D)	32,359
District 9 Senate	
Robert "Bob" Burns (R)*	33,282
Karen Price (D)	26,341

District 9 House	
Shawn Hutchinson (D)	23,223
Debbie Lesko (R)	31,157
Rick Murphy (R)*	29,709
Sheri Van Horsen (D)	23,414
District 10 Senate	
Linda Gray (R)*	22,308
Martin Monroe (D)	17,810
District 10 House	
Margarite Dale (G)	1,822
Scott Gibson (L)	2,154
Lamont Lovejoy (D)	14,981
Doug Quelland (R)*	18,464
Jackie Thrasher (D)	17,801
Jim Weiers (R)*	18,727
District 12 Senate	
Angela Cotera (D)	37,257
John Nelson (R)	41,569

District 12 House	
Celeste M. Castorena (G)	4,549
Eve Nunez (D)	31,780
Steve Montenegro (R)	36,686
David Scanlon (D)	30,358
Jerry Weiers (R)*	37,123
County	
Assessor	
Rachel Kielsky (L)	256,905
Keith Russell (R)*	617,039
Attorney	
Michael Kielsky (L)	41,565
Tim Nelson (D)	428,404
Andrew Thomas (R)*	506,428
Healthcare District	
Elbert "Bick" Bicknell	89,322
Gerald Cuendet*	76,367
Community College District	
Randolph Lumm	110,083
Paul R. Srch	54,206

Recorder	
Earnest Hancock (L)	194,286
Helen Purcell (R)*	717,270
School Superintendent	
Don Covey (R)	588,222
David E. Hodges (L)	257,038
Sheriff	
Joe Arpaio (R)*	578,813
Dan Saban (D)	432,241
Chris A.H. Will (L)	27,147
Supervisor	
Leigh Strickman	106,805
Max Wilson	140,544
Sun City West Fire District	
Dennis I. Lake	10,303
Bill Hafeman (write-in)	0**
Dusty Rhodes*	11,139
Chuck Ullman (write-in)	0**
David Wilson*	10,685

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Obama faces tough task

Worst economy in generations to confront president-elect

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WASHINGTON — Now the hard part.

President-elect Barack Obama essentially came out of nowhere, beat the

ANALYSIS Democratic estab-

lishment,

conquered doubts about his experience and over-

came questions about his race to be elected the

first black president after a grueling campaign that

lasted nearly two years.

As president-elect, he faces three immediate

challenges: confronting the worst economic

conditions since the Great Depression, determining

the next steps in two lingering wars, and leading his Democrats, including

liberals expecting that the change he promises will come instantly.

It won't.

On the heels of a campaign in which cash wasn't a concern, Obama must tackle all of those

tasks with no room in the budget as the nation heads for a painful, per-

haps long-lasting, recession.

Even as he celebrated his victory before a sea

of supporters in Chicago, Obama acknowledged

"the enormity of the task that lies ahead," and offered a sobering assess-

ment.

"We know the challenges that tomorrow will

bring are the greatest of our lifetime — two wars, a

planet in peril, the worst financial crisis in a century," Obama said. "There's

new energy to harness, new jobs to be created,

new schools to build, and threats to meet, alliances

to repair."

He warned: "The road ahead will be long. Our

climb will be steep. We may not get there in one year or even in one

term."

No new president has faced so much since Franklin Delano Roos-

evelt — and even he didn't have two wars on his

plate.

Roosevelt had four months to come up with

programs to address the Great Depression before he took office on March 4,

1933.

Obama gets just 2 1/2 to put together his govern-

ment; his inauguration is Jan. 20.

He will chart the country's course against this

dreary backdrop: Unemployment is at 6.1 per-

cent and predicted to rise as high as 7.5 percent

next year; pessimistic consumers have curtailed

borrowing and spend-



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President-elect Barack Obama, his wife, Michelle, and two daughters, Malia, 7, and Sasha, 10, celebrate Tuesday night in Chicago.

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Sen. John McCain delivers remarks during an election night rally in Phoenix Tuesday, with his wife, Cindy McCain, at his side.

McCain moves forward

BETH FOURHY

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — With a gracious nod to Barack Obama, John McCain acknowledged defeat

and urged his supporters to move beyond partisan

differences to put country first — an echo of his campaign

theme.

"I wish godspeed to the man who was my former

opponent and will be my president," McCain said

as he conceded the presidency he has sought for a

decade.

The four-term Arizona senator added: "These

are difficult times for our country. And I pledge to

him tonight to do all in my power to help him

lead us through the many challenges we

face."

Flanked by his wife Cindy and his running

mate Sarah Palin, McCain stepped before

supporters at the Biltmore Hotel on a balmy

Tuesday evening shortly after telephoning Obama

to offer his congratulations and concede the race.

He implored his backers to fall in line behind

Obama and put aside partisan bickering.

West Valley incumbents prevail

STAFF REPORT

Sen. Jack Harper led a Republican sweep of all West Valley legislative races Tuesday, capturing more than 60 percent of the vote to win re-election in District 4.

Harper's resounding victory over Democrat Robert Boehlke was the most lopsided race in the region, although none of the Republicans running for the state Senate or House or Representatives in Districts 4, 9, 10 and 12 had much to worry about shortly after the polls closed.

"It means that people send their representatives to the Legislature to stand up for the values citizens believe in and that's the job they expected their representatives to do. I think I've done that," Harper said of his victory.

Harper said he wants the Legislature to focus on curtailing spending in his next term.

"It's important that the Legislature look long and hard at wasteful spending," he said. "One of my pet peeves is that people in every level of government take trips on the taxpayers' dollars."

With 99 percent of precincts reporting, District 4 incumbents

Judy Burges, 57,475 votes, and Tom Boone, 57,044, joined Harper in victory, defeating Democrats Sue Dolphin, 34,999, and Paula Forster, 32,359.

In District 9, incumbent Sen. Bob Burns defeated Karen Price. Burns received 33,282 votes to Price's 26,341.

Debbie Lesko and incumbent Rick Murphy defeated Sheri Van Horsen and Shawn Hutchinson for District 9 House seats. Lesko received 31,157 votes, and Murphy captured 29,709. Van Horsen and Hutchinson received 23,414 and 23,223, respectively.

Linda Gray retained her Senate seat in District 10 by defeating Martin Monroe, 22,308 votes to 17,810.

In the House race, incumbent Jim Weiers and Doug Quelland were elected with 18,727 and 18,464 votes, respectively. Incumbent Jackie Thrasher received 17,801 votes and her fellow Democrat, Lamont Lovejoy garnered 14,981. Libertarian Party candidate Scott Gibson and Margarite Dale of the Green Party had 2,154 and 1,822 votes, respectively.

The District 12 race saw John

Nelson outdistance his Democratic challenger, Angela Cotera, with 41,569 votes to Cotera's 37,257 votes.

With 99 percent of precincts reporting in the House race, incumbent Jerry Weiers, 37,123 votes, and newcomer Steve Montenegro, 36,686, defeated Democrats Eve Nunez, 31,780, and David Scanlon, 30,358. Green Party candidate Celeste Castorena, 4,549 votes, trailed the field in District 12.

Burns said he is anxious to get back to work following his win over Price, who lives in Sun City.

"I felt very good about the campaign," Burns said. "You do the things you hope will work, get your message out to voters, and see what happens. I have been serving this community for many years, and I think this shows that they are happy with what I've done for them."

Burns said he has not stopped working during the campaign.

"We have a critical budget problem facing us right now and in 2009," Burns said. "I will continue to work with my counterparts in the House to come up with a solution."

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SCW challengers await outcome

ERIN TURNER

DAILY NEWS-SUN

Two incumbents and a newcomer running for three seats on the Fire District of Sun City West governing board appeared to be headed to victory this morning over a pair of write-in candidates, but final results may not be available for several days.

The candidates on the ballot — incumbents Dusty Rhodes and David Wilson and newcomer Dennis Lake — are running against Bill Hafeman and Chuck Ullman, who entered the race as a write-in ticket.

Rhodes received 11,139 votes, while Wilson and Lake earned 10,685 and 10,303, respectively.

The district has 22,000 registered voters, making Hafeman's and Ullman's task an uphill battle.

Hafeman said he wouldn't concede the election until he saw some write-in totals.

"I don't know anything yet," he said. "Am I concerned about it? Not at this point because I don't have figures."

But Rhodes, who is the current board president, said he didn't see how the outcome could be different.

"If all 22,000 registered voters voted and I've already got over 11,000 votes, what's left," he said. "I think the three of us are going to come through."

"It's not definite yet, we know that but I've got all the confidence. I'm still celebrating."

Deputy Chief Jim Heger said it may take several days before the figures become available because they must be hand counted.

"Until we start seeing some of

those numbers, we can't really say (who won)," he said.

Heger conceded it was unlikely for the two write-in candidates to garner a majority of the votes necessary to win. Still, he said it was possible.

"I don't want to discount it yet," he said.

Wilson said he was relieved to have earned so many votes.

"I was extremely worried, the two people who were write-ins are relatively powerful in Sun City West," he said. "I'm convinced if they were on the ballots legally that the results could be much different."

The write-in totals will be available on the county recorder's Web site after they are counted. Visit <http://recorder.maricopa.gov/electionresults/> and click on state propositions/special districts to view results.

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