

Mesa faces big turnover, Surprise seeks recall in Tuesday elections

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Voters in eight Valley cities and towns head to the polls today to elect mayors, council members and to decide key issues.

In Mesa, the council is facing its biggest turnover in decades, with four of six council seats as well as the mayor's post open. The new council will face the daunting task of digging the Valley's second-largest city out of a deepening financial hole. The city has seen high interest in the election, with a record number of early ballots returned.

In Surprise, a council member is facing recall. Councilwoman Gwyn Foro faces off against former planning and zoning Commissioner Skip Hall in a vote-by-mail election that ends today.

Leaders of the recall effort claim Foro is rude to her constituents and has repeatedly misspent funds.

If Foro loses, Surprise will have replaced all but one of its council members in less than a year.