



Updated Sister Cities Agreement Between City of El Paso, Texas and Ciudad de Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico



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Discussion and action on a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute, in counterpart originals in both English and Spanish languages, an Updated Sister City Agreement between the City of El Paso, State of Texas, United States of America and the City of Chihuahua, State of Chihuahua, of the United Mexican States, in a form substantially similar to the attached after review and approval by the City Attorney's office



AGREEMENT HISTORY

2002 – Original Sister Cities Agreement

- Established the Sister Cities Relationship between El Paso and City of Chihuahua.
- Focused on economic, social, and cultural cooperation.

2008 – Expanded Cooperation

- Expanded the cooperation framework.
- Added trade, investment, tourism, education, and technology.

2026 – Priority Alignment

- Updates the agreement for current priorities.
- Aligns with the City's International Policy Agenda.
- Expands cooperation in economic development, innovation, workforce sustainability, and other strategic initiatives.



KEY UPDATES IN THE 2026 AGREEMENT

New or Expanded Areas of Cooperation

Builds on the 2002 and 2008 agreements while reflecting today's economic priorities.

- Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- Workforce Development
- Environmental Sustainability
- International Policy Agenda
- Stronger Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) & Business Collaboration



WHY THIS MATTERS

Supports the City's International Strategy

- Supports implementation of the International Policy Agenda
- Strengthens collaboration with City of Chihuahua
- Creates a framework for joint initiatives
- Positions both cities for economic growth



NEXT STEPS

1. Council Action

2. Final SRE and CAO clearance

3. Execution of the Agreement

- Official signing during the Mayor's visit to Chihuahua August 25, 2026.
- Mayor Pro tempore to sign as witness.

4. Implementation

- Continue collaboration through the framework established in the updated agreement.
- Advance joint initiatives consistent with the City's International Policy Agenda.



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MISSION



Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community.

VISION



Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government.



VALUES

Integrity, **R**espect, **E**xcellence,
Accountability, **P**eople