

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Mayor and Council

AGENDA DATE: Tuesday, August 30, 2022

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:

City Representative Henry Rivera, District 7- 915.212.0007

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL:

Goal 1 - Cultivate an Environment Conducive to Strong, Economic Development

Goal 4 - Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life Through Recreational, Cultural & Educational Environments

SUBJECT:

APPROVE a resolution / ordinance / lease to do what? OR AUTHORIZE the City Manager to do what? Be descriptive of what we want Council to approve. Include \$ amount if applicable.

Discussion and action on a resolution that the City of El Paso proudly honors and recognizes District 1 City Representative and Mayor Pro Tempore Peter Svarzbein for being elected the first Latino Chairman of Sister Cities International.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the what, why, where, when, and how to enable Council to have reasonably complete description of the contemplated action. This should include attachment of bid tabulation, or ordinance or resolution if appropriate. What are the benefits to the City of this action? What are the citizen concerns? N/A

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one? N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

How will this item be funded? Has the item been budgeted? If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer? N/A

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956, Sister Cities International is a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) nonprofit which serves as the national membership organization for individual sister cities, counties, and states across the United States; and

WHEREAS, this network unites tens of thousands of citizen diplomats and volunteers in nearly 500 member communities with over 2,000 partnerships in more than 140 countries; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Sister Cities International is to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation—one individual, one community at a time; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso has active Sister City partnerships with Ciudad Juarez, Mexico; Chihuahua, Mexico; and Hadera, Israel; and

WHEREAS, in February 2020, Representative Svarzbein led the Mexico-U.S. Sister Cities Mayors' Summit, which was hosted by El Paso and Juarez and brought over 400 people to the region to learn about the relationship between the two nations; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, July 16, 2020, Representative Svarzbein was elected Vice Chair of Sister Cities International; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, July 8, 2022, at the annual Summer Leadership Meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico, El Paso District 1 City Representative and Mayor Pro Tempore Peter Svarzbein made history by being officially sworn in as the first Latino Chairman of Sister Cities International; and

WHEREAS, Representative Svarzbein's first major event as Chairman will be held this October at the U.S. Sister Cities Mayors' Community Summit in San Diego and Tijuana.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. That the City of El Paso proudly honors and recognizes District 1 City Representative and Mayor Pro Tempore Peter Svarzbein for being elected the first Latino Chairman of Sister Cities International and wishes him a successful two-year tenure as Chairman. Congratulations!

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2022.

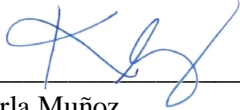
THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Karla Muñoz
Assistant City Attorney