

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM  
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**AGENDA DATE:** June 8, 2021

**PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** N/A

**CONTACT PERSON(S) NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** Sam Rodriguez, 915-212-7301  
Paul Albright, 915-212-1654

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** ALL

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** No. 1: Create an Environment Conducive to Strong, Sustainable Economic Development

**SUBGOAL:** N/A

**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.

Resolution that it hereby supports the stationing of the United States Army's newest Air Defense Artillery Battalion at Fort Bliss, Texas, and that the City of El Paso welcomes these soldiers and their family members into our community with open arms.

**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?

In support of Ft. Bliss, this resolution will be submitted to the DOD.

**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


**HAVE ALL AFFECTED DEPARTMENTS BEEN NOTIFIED?**  YES  NO

**PRIMARY DEPARTMENT:** El Paso International Airport/ Veteran and Military Affairs

**SECONDARY DEPARTMENT:** N/A

\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**

  
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(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso is proud to be home to Fort Bliss Texas, America's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest military installation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso supports military expansion in the region and recognizes the importance and economic impact of the U.S. Department of Defense's stationing decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bliss is home to the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, America's only armored tank division; as well as the 32<sup>nd</sup> Air and Missile Defense Command, an Air Defense Headquarters with oversight of four Air Defense Brigades; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bliss is one of the Army's largest power projection platforms and is the largest joint mobilization force generation installation in the Army; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bliss has 1.12 million acres of training space and abuts White Sands Missile Range, the largest Department of Defense military installation; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bliss supports a variety of training programs with 54 training areas, 29 villages and towns, 58 live-fire ranges, 1,700 miles of tank trails, three base camps and rail-head facilities; in addition to 343 million cubic acres of airspace to allow training on every weapons platform in America's arsenal; and

**WHEREAS**, El Paso is a welcoming, diverse community with exceptional quality of life, ranked as the fifth safest large city in America. El Paso is proud to have five exceptional schools located on the installation and multiple universities, colleges and technical schools in the community that welcome soldiers and their family members; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bliss possess a new state-of-the-art 1.13 million square foot medical facility and the community has numerous hospitals and care clinics able to support any and all types of specialty care; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bliss and the City of El Paso maintain a strong and supportive relationship as seen by the more than 57% of the military assigned to Fort Bliss who live in the El Paso community with their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso works closely with the military community to ensure that military spouses are able to find meaningful employment during their time at Fort Bliss; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso has 202 Community Partnership Agreements with Fort Bliss to support a variety of programs including the Women’s Business Counseling Services in collaboration with the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; Citizen Immigration Services; ACES/UTEP Internship Program with The University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP); Hiring our Heroes Corporate Fellowship Program with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation; Workforce Center for Military, Military Spouses and Family Members with Workforce Solutions Borderplex (WFSBP); The Frontera Land Alliance and Child & Youth Services, which provides students exposure to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) strands specific to environmental education, conservation efforts, and animal sciences.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO** that it hereby supports the stationing of the United States Army’s newest Air Defense Artillery Battalion at Fort Bliss, Texas, and that the City of El Paso welcomes these soldiers and their family members into our community with open arms.

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021


**THE CITY OF EL PASO**

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Oscar Lesser  
Mayor


**ATTEST:**

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Laura Prine  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Josette Flores  
Senior Assistant City Attorney

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

  
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Samuel Rodriguez, P.E.  
Director of Aviation