

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Goal 1.1 of the adopted Strategic Plan of the City of El Paso seeks to stabilize and expand El Paso's tax base by activating targeted development and investment in Downtown historic structures by expanding Downtown revitalization and redevelopment focusing on priority corridor development plans, infill growth strategies, and parking strategies while including streetcar corridor vibrancy, parking management plans, and the uptown area; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso Downtown 2015 Plan was adopted in November 29, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the "Downtown, Uptown, and Surrounding Neighborhoods Master Plan" (the "Plan") is a vision for 2040 with the objective of improving livability, equity, economic prosperity and housing for all ages and incomes; expanding public amenities; and improving pedestrian connectivity to existing neighborhoods for a more sustainable city center; and

WHEREAS, the Plan's mission is to unlock the potential for positive change, including enhanced livability, economic opportunity, equity, and resilience while preventing displacement across the study area, the City of El Paso, and the region; and

WHEREAS, a public engagement and outreach campaign was conducted consisting of both in person and virtual activities with neighborhood associations in the planning area, residents, core stakeholders, and City staff, including public open houses, online interactive public comment mapping tools, a dedicated project website, and online story maps; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the "Downtown, Uptown, and Surrounding Neighborhoods Master Plan" as defined by the community are: to 1) Promote affordability with expanded housing options; 2) Create and improve public areas that focus on health and safety infrastructure; 3) Increase economic activity and talent retention with a vibrant downtown; 4) Establish a virtuous cycle between public transit and existing neighborhoods, new development, and active public transportation; and 5) Celebrate El Paso's unique living culture, design heritage, and diverse community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of El Paso, at a regular meeting on March 13, 2023, was briefed on the Engagement, Planning Process, and Adoption Strategy of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of El Paso, at a regular meeting on April 10, 2023, was briefed on the major findings of the Plan and provided input in anticipation of the final draft of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission for the City of El Paso, at its regular public meeting on June 14, 2023, unanimously recommended the adoption of the "Downtown, Uptown, and Surrounding Neighborhoods Master Plan."

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

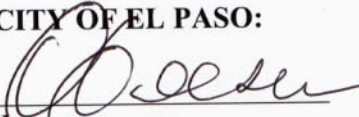
That the "Downtown, Uptown, and Surrounding Neighborhoods Master Plan" as attached hereto be adopted as the master plan for the Downtown, Uptown, and Surrounding Neighborhoods planning area;

That the City Manager be authorized to begin implementation of the Plan in a manner generally consistent with the recommended strategies and policies contained within the Plan and generally consistent with the recommended implementation matrix;

That adoption of the Plan shall not commit the City of El Paso to specific funding levels or implementation strategies, but shall provide guidance for the City's vision for the future growth of the "Downtown, Uptown, and Surrounding Neighborhoods Master Plan" planning areas.


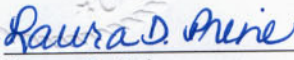
APPROVED this 5th day of July, 2023

THE CITY OF EL PASO:



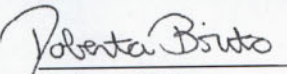
Oscar Leeser
Mayor

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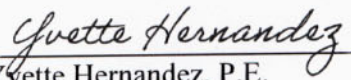
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City Clerk

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Assistant City Attorney

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