CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM

REVISED
12:31 pm, Apr 21, 2026

DEPARTMENT: Mayor and Council

AGENDA DATE: 04/28/2026

CONTACT PERSON NAME Rep. Alejandra Chavez **PHONE NUMBER:** 9152120001

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 6- Set the Standard for Sound

SUBGOAL:

SUBJECT:

Discussion and Action to direct the City Manager to amend the City of El Paso's 90th Session State Legislative Agenda, as well as the 119th Congress Federal Legislative Agenda, to include advocacy support for policy proposals related to data center incentive and regulatory frameworks, including:

Support state legislation to refine sales tax exemption criteria so that recipients must demonstrate clear, measurable public benefits and remain accountable for delivering those outcomes;

Working with TML and other municipalities to support legislation that sets higher standards at the state for transparency, environmental protection, and accountability requirements for large-scale data center development. The intent is establishing state-level baseline standards for data center incentives while preserving municipal flexibility to structure Chapter 380 agreements, ensuring local governments retain control but operate within consistent guidelines that promote accountability and measurable public benefit.

Working with NLC and other municipalities to support federal legislation that strengthens public transparency, environmental protection, and accountability requirements for large-scale data center development.

COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH:

On the direction of Council, City Staff conducted 6 community meetings around the development of a data center policy framework, from March 23-April 8, 2026.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

City Council has a responsibility to ensure that economic development policy and legislative advocacy reflect long-term fiscal sustainability, infrastructure capacity, environmental stewardship, and community benefit. As data center development continues to increase across Texas and the nation, state and federal policy decisions are shaping the financial, environmental, and infrastructure impacts experienced by municipalities.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

City Council adopted the City of El Paso's State Legislative Agenda for the 90th Texas Legislative Session on 2-17-26.

Similarly, the City of El Paso's Federal Legislative Agenda for the 119th US Congress was adopted by Council on 3-3-26.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None.

This action establishes policy direction for inclusion in the City's State and Federal Legislative Agendas. Any future implementation resulting from state or federal legislative action would be evaluated separately for fiscal and operational