CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
AGENDA SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Mayor and Council

AGENDA DATE: 08/18/2026

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

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

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 State and Federal Legislative Agendas to include advocacy support for policies that promote utility affordability by strengthening consumer protections, reducing unnecessary costs borne by residential ratepayers, increasing transparency and accountability in utility rate-setting, expanding programs that assist households with utility affordability, encouraging investments and regulatory practices that reduce long-term utility costs, and strengthening opportunities for local governments to advocate on behalf of utility customers in regulatory proceedings.

COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH:

Council Offices have been receiving constituent correspondence regarding the high cost of their utility bills this summer.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Utility affordability for El Paso residents continues to be a priority for City Council. While the Council does not establish utility rates, it has an important role in advocating for greater transparency, accountability, consumer protections, and policies that support affordable utility services through its State and Federal Legislative Agendas.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

On March 3, 2025, City Council adopted the City of El Paso's Federal Legislative Agenda for the 119th US Congress.

On Feb. 17, 2026, City Council adopted the City of El Paso's State Legislative Agenda for the 90th Texas Legislative Session.

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

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