

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

DEPARTMENT: Mayor and Council

AGENDA DATE: Tuesday, May 10, 2022

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:

City Representative Henry Rivera, District 7- 915.212.0007

City Representative Aleksandra Annello, District 2- 915.212.0002 (co-sponsor)

City Representative Peter Svarzbein, District 1- 915.212.1002 (co-sponsor)

City Representative Cassandra Hernandez, District 2- 915.212.0003 (co-sponsor)

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL:

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

Goal 8 - Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community

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 protecting Women's Rights and to direct the City Manager to work with the City Council to establish a City of El Paso Women's Commission and/or Board focused on Women's equality and protecting their rights.

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?

On May 2nd, 2022, an initial draft majority opinion written by Justice Samuel Alito was leaked and stated that the Supreme Court has voted to strike down the landmark Roe vs. Wade decision. According to the draft, the U.S. Supreme Court intends to overturn Roe v. Wade, reversing nearly 50 years of constitutional protection for abortion, and let states set their own restrictions on the procedure. If this draft reflects the final decision of the Court, expected this summer, it would virtually eliminate abortion access in Texas.

This item is intended to protect **ALL** Women's rights, including, but not limited to, the right to make a decision about their bodies, and direct the City Manager to establish a City of El Paso Women's Commission focused on Women's equality and protecting their rights.

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*****