

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

DEPARTMENT: Mayor and Council

AGENDA DATE: Tuesday, April 12, 2022

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:

City Representative Henry Rivera, District 7- 915.212.0007

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

STRATEGIC GOAL:

Goal 3 - Promote the Visual Image of El Paso

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

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 on a resolution commending the members of the El Paso Democratic Party and City of El Paso's Destination El Paso team for successfully securing that El Paso host the 2024 Texas Democratic Convention in the summer of 2024.

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 March 26th, 2022, a delegation made up of members of the El Paso Democratic Party led by Chairwoman Dora Oaxaca and the City of El Paso's Destination El Paso team led by Brooke Underwood successfully demonstrated why El Paso was the only choice to host the TX Dem State Convention in 2024 and won by a supermajority of 61 votes.

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*****

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it has been twenty years since the last Texas Democratic Convention was held in El Paso. The El Paso community has changed significantly since then and has received national attention. The city of El Paso is the first organization, across all sectors, to earn the Texas Award for Performance Excellence for two consecutive years, in 2019 and 2020. El Paso has also won the All-America City (AAC) Award three times, in 2018, 2020, and 2021, and has been named an AAC finalist four additional years in a row; and,

WHEREAS, El Paso has preserved and is still known to be one of the safest cities throughout the Nation. El Paso has also undergone significant downtown revitalization efforts and our city is thriving! We welcome the opportunity to showcase the growth of our region and all that El Paso has to offer; and,

WHEREAS, we have a new generation of voters who are eager for change. El Paso truly knows the importance of progress, the importance of diversity, and we believe our community can help to lead the way in healing the soul of our beloved country; and,

WHEREAS, the process to secure the 2024 Texas Democratic Party state convention began more than a year ago by a delegation made up of members of the El Paso Democratic Party led by Chairwoman Dora Oaxaca and the City of El Paso's Destination El Paso team; and,

WHEREAS, A sustainable environment can be achieved on the community level through education and outreach efforts to help our communities and democracy thrive by working together for the common good; and

WHEREAS, the team which includes Chair Dora Oaxaca, Emma Acosta, Isela Castañón-Williams, Michael Apodaca, and Destination El Paso's Brooke Underwood, Jose Garcia, and Valerie Garcia all traveled to Houston to compete against San Antonio, and to help demonstrate why El Paso was the only choice to host the next statewide convention and won by a supermajority of 61 votes; and,

WHEREAS, from the State Democratic Executive Committee of 84 individuals El Paso was awarded this prestigious convention on Saturday, March 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, this convention will be the first-of-its-kind on the US-Texas border in over 20 years in a Presidential Year. Congratulations to the El Paso Democratic Party and Destination El Paso, and other community leaders in El Paso!

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

1. Recognizes El Paso to host the 2024 Texas Democratic Convention in a Presidential Year the summer of 2024; and
2. Commends the members of the El Paso Democratic Party and City of El Paso's Destination El Paso team for securing a statewide convention; and,

3. Respectfully request that the City Clerk will make an executed copy of this resolution available to—
- a. El Paso County Democratic Party Chairwoman, Dora Oaxaca; and,
 - b. Destination El Paso Executive Director, Brooke Underwood.

APPROVED this ____ day _____ 2022.


THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Karla Muñoz
Assistant City Attorney