

# El Paso City Council – June 7, 2022



# WHO WE ARE

Moms on Board (MOB) started in 2017 to amplify the voice of families and their priorities to the City, ensuring that families were at the forefront of every discussion. We first started as a Facebook group of parents to share information about family-friendly places and programs in El Paso - a central place where families could ask questions, offer recommendations and get to know one another and everything our city has to offer.

## WHAT WE'VE DONE



Because of our support, the County will be able to build **3 all-abilities playgrounds** in our county!



We've advocated for the building of shade structures at local playgrounds in the City of El Paso. Since then the City of El Paso has built **18 shade structures**!



We've advocated for changing tables in City of El Paso facilities! Since then the City of El Paso has **increased the number of changing tables** in men/women's bathrooms in city-owned buildings!



We've provided **curbside child care** at early voting sites making it more convenient for working families to vote!



We have **advocated at the state level** for curbside voting to be an option for families with young children.

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*We've helped raise 1 million dollars to build an all-abilities playground at Ascarate Park where everyBODY has a safe place to play no matter their ability!*

# 10.5K Members

*Our social networking has grown from 300 followers to a following of 10.5k members! This means peer-to-peer connections, agency opportunities for families, civic engagement & participation. MOB's voice matters!*





# MORE THAN JUST PLAY



You learn to socialize

You learn teamwork

You learn how to take risks

You learn how to grow

You learn to stand up for yourself

You learn respect

You learn to get up and dust yourself off



# PLAY FOR ALL

Current standards in place from the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) means playgrounds must meet a certain level of accessibility.

**But accessibility is only part of an inclusive playground design.**

A truly inclusive playground will be usable by the widest range of abilities so every child can interact and do what all kids want to do: **play!**

**An inclusive playground environment offers many benefits, including:**

A safe place where children with and without disabilities can be challenged and have the option to choose how they engage in play.

Increased overall participation and usage in play and community recreational spaces.

A place where no one is left out, where all children – regardless of ability – can feel included and play side-by-side

A better atmosphere to meet the developmental needs of the whole child, including physical, cognitive, sensory, and social development

A multi-generational place where children and families are able to play together

**Choosing to create an inclusive play space benefits the entire community because it recognizes everyone as an important member who is valued.**

**Inclusive playgrounds become a space for everyone to enjoy, socialize, create healthy bodies and experience meaningful fun together.**



# WHAT CAN THE CITY DO



Upgrade 2-3 playgrounds at neighborhood or community parks to all rubber surfacing per budget cycle.



Add shade structures to 2-3 existing neighborhood or community parks in each district, in the highest utilized playgrounds per budget cycle.



Add restrooms in all community and regional parks. Start with the ones that already have plumbing/infrastructure in place.



Create a PR Campaign highlighting the Park Partners program and educating communities on how to take ownership of their neighborhood parks. Make some PSA's highlighting this program.



A relationship with the Parks and Rec department and MOB to provide opportunities for community meetings with the MOB community.



Parks and Rec to add to their website a grading system that lists all the amenities at each park, including shade, restrooms, water fountains, rubber surfacing etc..




With all these requests, please consider adequate staffing and allocating the proper amount of maintenance dollars.

\*\*\*MOB is requesting that these items be considered for the budget this year and into the future\*\*\*

**Finally, MOB would like Council to begin the planning process to ensure that there is one All Abilities Playground in each district, preferably located at Community or Regional parks.**

# WE ASKED MOB....



**Adrianne Elizabeth Moody**  
Admin Parent of young kid · April 28 at 5:08 PM · 🌐


How can parks in El Paso improve for families? What can MOB ask the City to change? What do you enjoy or not enjoy about your park visits? MOB is gearing up for another trip to City Council! Stay tuned 🙌🙏!

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**Susan Driscoll** Experienced parent  
There is shade on play scapes, but not on swings at many parks. ...

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**Susan Driscoll** Experienced parent  
Trees ...

Like Reply 3w

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“we would love to use (our park) more. However, there’s no cover so on hot days, it’s too hot for my kids to use it because the playground is boiling hot and there’s no restroom, which means that my daughter who is 3, has absolutely peed herself either at the park or on her way home because she cannot make it back the couple of blocks.”

“My children have burned their legs using the slides in the summer!”

“Restrooms and shade. A lot still have porta potty and no where to wash your hands. Try using a porta potty in this heat . With little kids.”

“Restrooms and shade are my number one. During hot summer times, I feel like I have to limit time at the park to the last evening hours because the equipment is too hot to even touch without shade. Even when we can go with shade, lack of a restroom will cut us short 9 times out of 10. “

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**Adrianne Elizabeth Moody**  
Admin Parent of young kid · May 26 at 9:17 AM · 🌐

Please give me some examples of why you don't necessarily use your neighborhood park to the fullest. I am looking for real life stories to share with City Council. One mom messaged me privately and said her daughter has wet her pants so many times because she can't make it home fast enough to use the restroom. I am looking for testimonials of why we need more shade, restrooms, and more all abilities playgrounds at our parks? You can also DM if you are more comfortable with that.

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**Jessica Villalva**  
 ---shade and clean bathrooms, but also the play surface...the wood chips are HORRIBLE ...

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