

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

DEPARTMENT: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

AGENDA DATE: August 1, 2022

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:

City Representative Aleksandra Annello, 212-0002

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: (Goal 1: Cultivate An Environment Conducive To Strong, Economic Development)

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 to approve a resolution recognizing Dr. Gullermina G. Núñez-Mchiri and honoring her contributions to her students, faculty, staff, community and higher education in El Paso.

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?

Dr. Núñez-Mchiri is leaving El Paso to become a Dean at San Diego State University – Imperial Valley campus as she serves as the first Chicana/Latina dean in the school's 125-year history.

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, Dr. Gullermina G. Núñez-Mchiri began her career at the University of Texas at El Paso as a visiting assistant professor in 2004-2005, eventually earning tenure, and becoming the Director of Women and Gender Studies and an Associate Professor of Anthropology where she exhibited the passion for her career through the manner in which she taught her courses, incorporating research and community engagement opportunities to further student success in higher education earning her the UT Regents Outstanding Teaching Award in 2012 for her dedication and innovation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Núñez-Mchiri made a difference within the classroom and beyond, working in the community to empower Latinas, challenge stigmas of aging, and conduct research on the U.S.-Mexico border region as she served as an academic partner to Wise Latina International, as Co-Chair for the L.E.A.D. project, partnered with the City of El Paso's Park and Recreation Department, and specialized in ethnographic research in topics related to immigration and Latinas; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Núñez-Mchiri served as Vice President (2018-2020) and President of The University of El Paso's faculty senate (2020-2022), and has received numerous awards and honors throughout her time at as she was named a Texas Compact Faculty Fellow, an IMPACT Faculty Leadership Fellow, a Kauffman Foundation Faculty Fellow, a Junior Faculty Fellow by the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education, an Emerging Scholar/Professor of Purpose by Diverse Issues in Higher Education Magazine, a UTEP Faculty Fellow for Civic Engagement by the Provost's office, received a Fellowship for Innovation and Change by the Southern Education Foundation, and was one of fourteen top Hispanic Professors Making a Difference in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Guillermina G. Núñez-Mchiri will extend the transformative influence she has made in El Paso to the San Diego State University – Imperial Valley campus as she serves as the first Chicana/Latina dean in the school's 125-year history; and

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

That the City of El Paso is proud to support Dr. Núñez-Mchiri as she provides opportunities for a new community and university and the City of El Paso urges all citizens to acknowledge the work Dr. Núñez-Mchiri has done for her students, faculty, staff, community and higher education in El Paso.

(Signatures on following page)

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2022.


THE CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Karla Muñoz
Assistant City Attorney