

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

DEPARTMENT: Mayor & Council

AGENDA DATE: 2.26.24 Work Session

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Representative Cassandra Hernandez ~ 915.212.0003
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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL

Goal 2 - SET THE STANDARD FOR A SAFE AND SECURE CITY

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 on the lawsuit brought by the Texas Attorney General against El Paso non-profit Annunciation House, to include Annunciation House's response and what steps the City can take to protect the network of NGOs supporting the City in the migrant response.

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?

The TX Attorney General's office launched an investigation into Annunciation House on Feb. 7, 2024 demanding the release of documentation within one day. The Annunciation House requested an extension but was denied. The Annunciation House's received a temporary restraining order the next day from 205th District Court Judge, which blocked the attorney general from enforcing the order. The Attorney General's office filed a counter-claim against Annunciation House, seeking to overturn the temporary restraining order alleging the Annunciation House is violating state law by refusing to turn over the requested records, and should be subsequently be shut down.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one?

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?

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