

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: Community + Human Development

AGENDA DATE: 10/25/2021

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Nicole Ferrini, Director 915-212-1659

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL 8: Nurture and Promote a Healthy, Sustainable Community

SUBJECT:

Request for the Mayor to be authorized to submit the paperwork necessary for the City of El Paso to join the Cities of Service Coalition, including the attached Declaration of Service.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Cities of Service is a national nonprofit organization that supports mayors and city chief executives to engage local community and residents to tackle issues and solve problems together using impact volunteering. The Cities of Service organization provides technical assistance, programmatic support, planning resources, and funding opportunities to drive long-term, positive outcomes that help to improve the quality of life in cities. There is no cost to join and the level of engagement is at the discretion of the City—signing the Declaration of Service is a good-faith commitment to support service and volunteerism in our community.

This request is for the Mayor to sign the Declaration of Service, which would have the following benefits: 1) Membership in the Cities of Service Coalition; 2) Eligibility to apply for certain service and volunteerism grants and opportunities, and 3) the City of El Paso would receive training, programmatic support, print and online resources, and recognition. In September of 2021, El Paso was named one of eight cities for the Love Your Block grant which is a two year grant to support resident led efforts to address blight.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

2010 and 2015 the City of El Paso passed resolutions authorizing the Mayor to submit the paperwork necessary to join the Cities of Service Coalition including the declaration of service.


AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

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

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Abraham Gutierrez for 
Nicole Ferrini _____

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2010 and 2015, the City of El Paso passed a resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit the paperwork necessary for the City of El Paso to join the Cities of Service Coalition, including a Declaration of Service; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the City of El Paso was awarded grant funds for the Love Your Block program by Cities of Service; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Service Coalition requires the City of El Paso to be an active coalition member of the Cities of Service; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Coalition has requested the Mayor to re-submit the paperwork for the City of El Paso to join the Cities of Service Coalition and a Declaration of Service; and

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

That the Mayor be authorized to submit the paperwork necessary for the City of El Paso to join the Cities of Service Coalition, including the attached Declaration of Service.

APPROVED this ____ **day of** _____ **2021.**

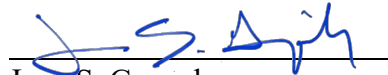
CITY OF EL PASO:

Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura D. Prine
City Clerk


APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Juan S. Gonzalez
Senior Assistant City Attorney

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Gutierrez
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Ferrini

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Nicole Ferrini, Director
Community and Human Development

CITIES OF SERVICE

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

WHEREAS Cities of Service brings together and supports mayors and city leaders to harness and focus the energies of our citizens to solve pressing public problems and build stronger communities;

WHEREAS cities, home to many of the world's most persistent challenges, are well-positioned to bring leadership, energy and innovation to tackle pressing public problems;

WHEREAS local government works better when it is open to the ideas and talents of citizens and engages them to help identify and solve public problems;

WHEREAS citizen contributions can take many forms, from defining and prioritizing problems to generating ideas and volunteering their time, creativity, and expertise;

WHEREAS citizens have deep expertise in their own lives and in what's best for their families and communities — and this expertise can be leveraged to deliver better services and solve public problems;

NOW, THEREFORE, we resolve to advance a coalition of mayors and city leaders from cities large and small to harness and focus the energies of our citizens. Cities of Service coalition members work together to increase authentic and robust opportunities for citizens to take action in our cities by:

- Developing comprehensive strategies focused on engaging citizens and established community partners to the areas of greatest local need to help create safer, healthier, thriving cities;
- Working with mayors and city leaders in other cities to spread best practices that accelerate citizen engagement, produce real and measurable results, and improve quality of life; and
- Calling on other mayors and city leaders to join this global movement to build stronger cities by changing the way local government and citizens work together.

Citizens are residents who actively participate in their community and who see themselves as integral partners in tackling emerging challenges and creating better places to live, work, and play.

MAYOR'S SIGNATURE

MAYOR'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

TODAY'S DATE

MAYOR'S OFFICE ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

MAYOR'S EMAIL ADDRESS

MAYOR'S TELEPHONE

STAFF CONTACT NAME

STAFF CONTACT TITLE

STAFF CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESS

STAFF CONTACT TELEPHONE



TO JOIN CITIES OF SERVICE

Please read and sign the Declaration of Service. Return the completed form to Cities of Service: info@citiesofservice.org