

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

DEPARTMENT: Mayor and Council

AGENDA DATE: Tuesday, September 3, 2019

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

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.

Presentation & Update on Cielo Vista Walmart Community Memorial Clean-Up by City Representative Henry Rivera, District 7 & the Zaragoza Rotary Club of 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? N/A

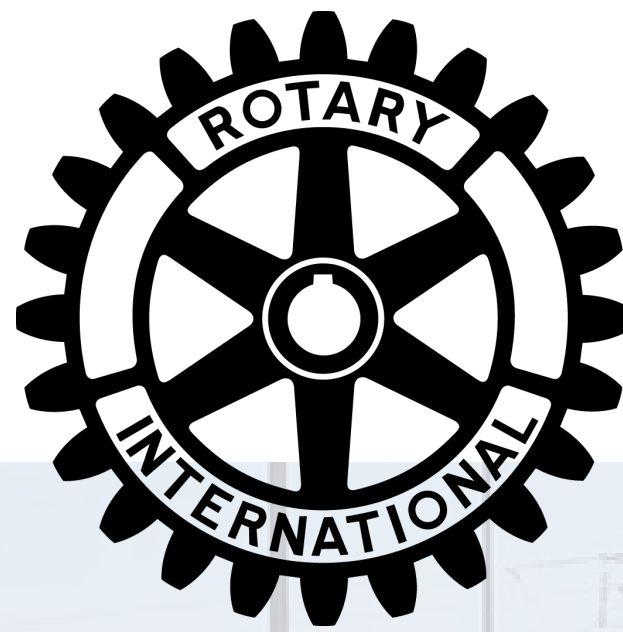
PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

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? N/A Has the item been budgeted? N/A If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. N/A Does it require a budget transfer? N/A

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



**CITY REP. HENRY RIVERA, DISTRICT 7 &
THE ZARAGOZA ROTARY CLUB OF EL PASO
INVITE YOU TO VOLUNTEER AT THE**

**CIELO VISTA
WALMART
MEMORIAL
CLEAN-UP**

DATE: EVERY FRIDAY

TIME: 6:30 AM

**LOCATION: CIELO VISTA WALMART MEMORIAL
(SUNMOUNT DR/ EDISON WAY INTERSECTION)**

BE A HERO, VOLUNTEER! #ELPASOSTRONG

For more information:

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City Rep. Henry Rivera, District 7 &
the Zaragoza Rotary Club of El Paso

CIELO VISTA WALMART MEMORIAL CLEAN-UP DO'S & DONT'S

DO:

- Pick up wilted flowers, broken glass & melted candles
- Remove any paper/plastic, plant food and rubberbands that may be attached to the wilted flowers
- Take sunscreen, a hat, eyewear, closed-toed shoes & an El Paso Strong t-shirt, if possible
- Return gloves once done participating

DON'T:

- Remove posters, plastic flowers, flowers that have not wilted, rosarys or any other decoration
- Place wilted flowers in same bag/bin as broken glass or paper/plastic
- Wear sandals, heels, boots, open-toed shoes
- Be disrespectful to any items placed by the community

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EL PASO CITY REP AND ZARAGOZA ROTARY CLUB TO MAINTAIN WALMART MEMORIAL

TRICIA

August 14, 2019

On August 3, 2019, the Cielo Vista Walmart became the scene of unimaginable terror when a man drove from the Dallas, Texas area and began shooting innocent people who were doing their Saturday shopping at the busy store.

In the days since the attack, people have created a memorial overlooking the Walmart parking lot. They have brought flowers, candles, signs, stuffed animals, and one man fashioned crosses with the names of each of the 22 people who were killed. Unfortunately, because of the El Paso heat and the fragile nature of fresh flowers, the memorial is in need of maintenance.

El Paso City Rep. Henry Rivera saw the need and has teamed up with the Zaragoza Rotary Club to keep the Cielo Vista Walmart temporary memorial maintained. Rivera's office said they want to make sure the community has a clean and well-kept memorial site.

The Rotary Club will remove wilting flowers from the commemorative site and take them to the El Paso Zoo. They will be recycled into compost and be used throughout the city. Rivera said that he is grateful to the Zaragoza Rotary Club because they came forward with the offer to maintain the Cielo Vista Walmart site. Rivera also gave credit to El Paso Zoo for their support to recycle the wilted flowers into compost.

Beginning this Friday, August 16, the Zaragoza Rotary Club will visit the site once a week to around 7 a.m. to keep the site maintained until City officials decide on a permanent memorial location.

I think this is a lovely gesture by the Zaragoza Rotary Club. Their efforts will help the site keep its purpose at the forefront by keeping the site from becoming filled with decaying flowers. It might be weeks before the Walmart site is returned to the company, and months or years before a permanent site for a memorial is settled. For the time being, the Rotarians help will help the Walmart memorial remain a place of honor to those who were affected by the tragedy, and help those who come to pay their respects to do so in an orderly, respectful space

Read More: [El Paso City Rep And Rotary Club To Maintain Walmart Memorial](https://kisselpaso.com/el-paso-city-rep-and-zaragoza-rotary-club-to-maintain-walmart-memorial/?trackback=fbshare_mobile&fbclid=IwAR10midD9stWURaMgGBMrUPNWTnwLmthTzW8JoBKnlzRYKdeUGAbYy5OsVM&utm_source=tsmclip&utm_medium=referral) | https://kisselpaso.com/el-paso-city-rep-and-zaragoza-rotary-club-to-maintain-walmart-memorial/?trackback=fbshare_mobile&fbclid=IwAR10midD9stWURaMgGBMrUPNWTnwLmthTzW8JoBKnlzRYKdeUGAbYy5OsVM&utm_source=tsmclip&utm_medium=referral

Volunteers needed to help clean up Walmart memorial site

by Mia Villanueva

Friday, August 23rd 2019

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El Paso to make permanent memorial following Walmart mass shooting (Source: KFOX14/CBS4)

City Representative Henry Rivera and the Zaragoza Rotary Club asked volunteers to help clean up the memorial site at the Cielo Vista Walmart.

Volunteers who come out to help with the clean up are asked to wear comfortable shoes and their "El Paso Strong" shirts, if they have them.

The clean up happens every Friday at 6:30 a.m.

Volunteers are asked to be respectful of any items placed at the site by the community.

Their job will mainly be to pick up wilted flowers, broken glass, and melted candles around the site.

All posters, plastic flowers, and flowers that have not yet wilted should not be touched.

Volunteers should also not place any wilted flowers they pick up in the same bag or bin as any broken glass or paper or plastic.

If you come out to help, make sure you take sunscreen, a hat, closed-toe shoes, and eye-wear with you.

Gloves will be provided at the site, but you're asked to return them once you're done.

There will be clean ups held every Friday moving forward or until they have a more permanent memorial put in place.