

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

DEPARTMENT: Community + Human Development

AGENDA DATE: September 17, 2019

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Nicole Ferrini, 915-212-1659

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

STRATEGIC GOAL: Goal 2

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.

Update regarding the activity of the One Fund Initiative since the event on August 3, 2019.

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 El Paso Community Foundation (EPCF) and Paso del Norte Community Foundation (PDNCF) have announced a partnership to create One Fund El Paso, a non-profit agency dedicated to developing and implementing a fund distribution plan for donations intended to support victims and survivors of those directly impacted in the August 3rd mass shooting at the El Paso Walmart.

Led by former Executive Director of the Center Against Sexual and Family Violence, Stephanie Karr, One Fund El Paso has contracted with the National Compassion Fund (NCF) and has established a task force to set policies and oversee the distribution of funds in the most fair and transparent manner. NCF has been instrumental in the logistics of fund distribution associated with mass casualty incidents, including donations for victims and survivors of the September 11th terrorist attacks, as well as the shootings at the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Santa Fe High School, and Las Vegas. Utilizing best practices learned from these past events, the involvement of NCF will assure that the donations received by EPCF and PDNCF are appropriately and equitably distributed. The administrative costs associated with the operation of One Fund El Paso and NCF are being covered entirely by EPCF and PDNCF so that victims and survivors receive 100% of donations.

The One Fund El Paso task force consists of the following community members:

- Ruben Vogt, former El Paso County Judge (task force chair)
- Nicole Ferrini, Chief Resilience Officer, City of El Paso
- Betsy Keller, El Paso County Chief Administrator
- Patricia Bylicki, Victim Advocate, El Paso County Sheriff's Office
- Yvonne Whitaker, Supervisor, District Attorney's Victim Services
- Omar Villa, Assistant El Paso County Attorney/Chief Legal Officer, University Medical Center of El Paso
- Beto Mesta, Managing Attorney, Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, Inc., El Paso office
- Ricardo Hernandez Lecanda, Deputy Consul General, Mexican Consulate
- Rene Hurtado, Chief of Staff, Emergence Health Network
- Stancy Stribling, PLLC, estate planning/probate/elder law attorney
- Idahli Huizar-Mendoza, Director of Therapy Services, Center Against Sexual and Family Violence

- Deborah Zuloaga, CEO, United Way of El Paso County
- Eric Pearson, CEO, El Paso Community Foundation
- Tracy Yellen, CEO, Paso del Norte Community Foundation

One Fund El Paso will convene a town hall on September 26, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Bonham Elementary School Multipurpose Center, 7024 Cielo Vista Drive, to discuss the process and obtain input from members of the community. Victims, survivors and the general public are encouraged to attend this meeting as well as to visit <http://www.nationalcompassionfund.org> to sign up for updates regarding the application and distribution process.

To date, \$5.6 million has been raised and donations continue to be accepted at the above website, the website of the El Paso Community Foundation (<http://www.epcf.org>), or the website of the Paso del Norte Community Foundation (<http://www.pdnfoundation.org>). As of August 23rd, EPCF and PDNCF have distributed approximately \$1,500 to each victim or survivor to assist with basic needs.

"One Fund El Paso and the National Compassion Fund are uniquely positioned to best serve the victims of this act of terrorism, and the community at large," said Eric Pearson, President and CEO of the El Paso Community Foundation.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

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

On August 20, 2019, City Council authorized designation of One Fund El Paso as a vehicle to receive and distribute contributions relating to victims relief stemming from the El Paso mass shooting of August 3, 2019.

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*****

DEPARTMENT HEAD:



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