

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

**DEPARTMENT:** Mayor & Council

**AGENDA DATE:** September 29, 2020

**CONTACT PERSON NAME+NUMBER:** Representative Peter Svarzbein (915-212-1002)  
Representative Dr. Sam Morgan (915-212-0004)  
Representative Cassandra Hernandez (915-212-0003)

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All Districts

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** n/a

**SUBJECT:**

Discussion and action on a resolution endorsing Compassion 2020, a campaign for empathy and action, and endorses the Compassion Contract, and calls on other cities across the State of Texas and the country to join in this timely and needed movement.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The Compassion Contract is an agreement with yourself and with society. It creates a relationship, an understanding, and paves the way for

**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? No

If so, identify funding source by account numbers and description of account. Does it require a budget transfer?

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso is a proud multicultural and binational city that celebrates its people's differences; and

**WHEREAS**, the August 3, 2019 tragic domestic terror attack motivated by white supremacy showed the world how strong and compassionate the people of El Paso are; and

**WHEREAS**, the El Paso community continues to heal from this hateful attack and to lift up survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, the El Paso community is united against hate, racism, and xenophobia; and

**WHEREAS**, a global pandemic and racial unrest has led this nation to an inflection point; and

**WHEREAS**, the manner in which we treat our neighbors and our most vulnerable during hard times is a reflection of a community's values; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of El Paso is committed to demonstrating compassion in the policies it adopts and the programs it implements; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the polarization playing out on the national stage, the El Paso community rises above; and

**WHEREAS**, compassion is a call to action to both care and take action; and

**WHEREAS**, Compassion 2020 is a national movement to unite people around our shared humanity and encourage thoughtful community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, Compassion 2020 is a partnership between United Way of Texas and Citizen Discourse; and

**WHEREAS**, Compassion 2020's Compassion Contract embodies values shared by the people of El Paso such as: Be respectful; Listen to understand; Act with good intentions; Support ideas with evidence and experience; Disagree without being disagreeable; Critique the idea not the person; and Invite wonder; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no better suited city for a campaign for compassion to launch.

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

**THAT** the City of El Paso proudly endorses Compassion 2020, a campaign for empathy and action, and endorses the Compassion Contract, and calls on other cities across the State of Texas and the country to join in this timely and needed movement.

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2020.

**CITY OF EL PASO:**

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Dee Margo  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Laura D. Prine  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



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Roberta Brito  
Assistant City Attorney