

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

DEPARTMENT: Mayor & Council

AGENDA DATE: November 1, 2016

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Rep. Limón, 212-0007

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 7

STRATEGIC GOAL: GOAL 4: Enhance El Paso's Quality of Life through Recreational, Cultural and Educational Environments

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on a Resolution supporting federal legislation that would establish a National Smithsonian American Latino Museum and designate the Arts and Industries Building as its future location in Washington, D.C.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

n/a

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

n/a

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

None

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate must establish within the Smithsonian Institution American Latino Museum; and

WHEREAS, the Congress has the power to designate the Arts and Industries Building on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., as the future location for the Smithsonian American Latino Museum; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso's commitment to the arts, to the principles of diversity and to building a more inclusive community recognizes and appreciates that the Latino community is vital to American life, art, culture, and industry as well as our neighborhoods and communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso desires to support the establishment of the proposed National Museum on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., among the other landmark Smithsonian Institutions to highlight the history, contributions and successes of the Latino community, the largest demographic minority population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso wishes to encourage the creation of a Smithsonian American Latino museum to honor Latinos and their significant contributions to our culture and society; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso's support will add impetus to Congress' effort, and also help the City to be seen as active in matters of cultural affairs at the local and national level.

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

That it endorses and offers its support of federal legislation that would establish a National Smithsonian American Latino Museum and designate the Arts and Industries Building as its future location in Washington, D.C.


THE CITY OF EL PASO:


Oscar Leeser
Mayor

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



 Sylvia Borunda Firth
City Attorney