

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

DEPARTMENT: Mayor & Council

AGENDA DATE: November 28, 2017

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: Cassandra Hernandez Brown – 915-212-0003
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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All districts

STRATEGIC GOAL: #2 – Set the Standard for a Safe and Secure City

SUBJECT:

Discussion and action on a Resolution in support of the County First Chance Program

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.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Discussion and action on a Resolution in support of the County First Chance Program

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?

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

Has the Council previously considered this item or a closely related one? No

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?

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the District Attorney of the 34th Judicial District ("District Attorney") is establishing a First Chance Program, which allows qualified individuals detained/arrested for misdemeanor level possession of marijuana offenses to avoid being arrested and charged with the offense if they sign up for and complete the First Chance Program; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the First Chance Program serves to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of local governments in their respective functions in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the First Chance Program permits the CITY's police officers to remain on the street for law enforcement purposes; and

WHEREAS, El Paso County will fully fund the First Chance Program, including the salaries of the staff in the criminal Justice Coordination Department; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso will not be required to make any monetary contributions in connection with the First Chance Program; and

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

The Mayor and City Council support the efforts of the District Attorney, the County of El Paso and the El Paso Police Department to increase efficiencies in the judicial system and to return law enforcement officers to the street by establishing the First Chance Program.

APPROVED this _____ of November 2017.

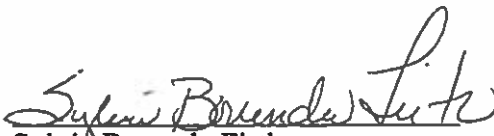
THE CITY OF EL PASO

Dee Margo
Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Laura D. Prine
Interim City Clerk


Sylvia Borunda Firth
City Attorney