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Native El Pasoan to Lead City of El Paso's New Climate and Sustainability Office

El Paso, Texas— The City of El Paso is pleased to announce the creation of its Office of Climate and Sustainability, and the appointment of Nicole Alderete-Ferrini as the City's Climate and Sustainability Officer.

As the Climate and Sustainability Officer, Ferrini will work to address the specific impacts of the global climate crisis as they relate to the urban desert environment and vulnerable populations of the Chihuahuan Desert while ensuring consistent and transparent collaboration, inclusive of all stakeholders assuring tangible results and appropriate public accountability.

Ferrini joined the City of El Paso in 2014 as the City's Chief Resilience Officer and in 2017 she was appointed Director of Community and Human Development.

"During her 8 years of service, Nicole has led her team with skill and compassion to provide solutions to some of our community's biggest challenges," said Deputy City Manager Dionne Mack. "She has been instrumental in addressing homelessness and tackled various challenges throughout her time with the City."

In her role as the Chief Resilience Officer, she and City leadership developed the City's first resilience strategy. The strategy was integrated into the City Strategic Plan and helped serve as a guideline to address housing, homelessness, climate change, social justice, civic empowerment, and economic prosperity.

As Director of Community and Human Development, Ferrini worked with the multidepartment COVID-19 Cross-Functional Team on the transformation of policy and process enhancing municipal efforts to advance equity, reduce poverty and build sustainability for the community.

Over the course of the COVID-19 crisis, she worked with the Vulnerable Population Support Task Force to deploy more than \$77 million dollars in aid to thousands of El Paso's most vulnerable residents. The team continues to focus on grassroots initiatives, emphasizing dynamic solutions to the challenges of climate instability, urban development, housing, homelessness, economic prosperity, and social justice.

Prior to joining the City, Nicole spent over a decade as a community advocate focused primarily on environmental issues while working in leadership roles across a number of local architecture and design firms.

Nicole has a bachelor's degree in architecture and a bachelor's degree in interior design, both from Texas Tech University.

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