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## City Budget Season Starts Up Here's What Residents Need to Know to Chime In!

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**El Paso, Texas** – The City of El Paso's budget season is here, and once again El Paso residents are invited to share their views on which City of El Paso services are most meaningful to them.

The Chime In! public engagement campaign allows the City to develop a budget aligned with community priorities. Residents can now share their budget priorities for municipal services.

The survey is available in English and Spanish via the Chime In! banner on the City's homepage at <u>www.elpasotexas.gov</u>.

"Engaging the public early in the budget process is a best management practice allowing us to provide City Council with critical public insight on priorities identified by the community," Chief Financial Officer Robert Cortinas said. "Public engagement improves our understanding of the community's values and priorities."

The public will have ample opportunities to participate in the budget development process including social media polls, focus groups, and a series of public meetings that will be scheduled prior to the adoption of the new budget.

Survey responses will serve as a guide for prioritizing the City's budget for fiscal year 2024, which annually must be adopted by August 31.

For more information about the City of El Paso Office of Management and Budget, visit <u>www.elpasotexas.gov/omb/tax-and-budget/</u>.

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