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City Invites Residents to Hybrid Community Meetings About Proposed Charter Amendments and a Citizen-Led Petition

City Provides Virtual Option for Residents Unable to Attend In-Person Meetings

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso will host three (3) community meetings this week to discuss proposed amendments to the City of El Paso’s Charter. The City has added a virtual option for the three remaining meetings.

The City Council approved placing ten (10) proposed amendments (Propositions A through J) to the City Charter on the May 6th ballot. An eleventh (11th) amendment (Proposition K) was added to the ballot as part of a citizen-led petition to add climate policy to the City Charter.

Residents wishing to learn more about the proposed policy and potential financial impacts are encouraged to learn more about the ballot items by visiting the [City’s Charter website](#) (www.elpasotexas.gov/EPCharter) or participating in any of the following public meetings:

Monday, April 17, 2023

6 p.m.

In Person:

Northeast Regional
Command Center
9600 Dyer

Virtual (Microsoft Teams):

<https://tinyurl.com/mr2d4eds>
Meeting ID: 213 131 733 33
Passcode: ixMXCD

Phone:

(915) 213-4096
Conf. ID: 507 174 206#

Thursday, April 20, 2023

11 a.m.

In Person:

Greater El Paso Assoc. of
Realtors Offices
6400 Gateway Blvd. East

Virtual (Microsoft Teams):

<https://tinyurl.com/5an3p3s5>
Meeting ID: 259 529 335 676
Passcode: jse5y5

Phone:

(915) 213-4096
Conf. ID: 446 574 57#

Thursday, April 20, 2023

5 p.m.

In Person:

El Paso Chamber of
Commerce Offices
303 Oregon Street; Ste. 610

Virtual (Microsoft Teams):

<https://tinyurl.com/mt52dmfz>
Meeting ID: 243 333 571 577
Passcode: qwWw36

Phone:

(915) 213-4096
Conf. ID: 552 718 8#

The Microsoft Teams meetings will be recorded and uploaded onto the [City’s YouTube channel](#) the following day.

Early voting will take place from Monday, April 24 to Tuesday, May 2, 2023, and Election Day will be on Saturday, May 6, 2023.

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The City Charter serves to define the City's organization, powers, functions, and essential procedures. The Charter is comparable to the Constitution of the United States and serves as the municipality's foundational legal document.

A high-level summary of the proposed amendments is as follows:

- **Prop A**
Section 3.1: to allow District Representatives to appoint and remove District Office Staff
- **Prop B**
Section 3.18: to allow City Council to authorize leases for an initial term of 40 years or less by Resolution or Ordinance
- **Prop C&D**
Section 3.5A: to allow Council to reschedule meetings for holidays and allow the Mayor to cancel a Council meeting if required due to a Declared Emergency (2 measures)
- **Prop E**
Section 3.9B, 3.10B, and 6.1-12: to align to State law and update obsolete references
- **Prop F**
Section 3.11: to remove the requirement for a second petition in initiatives and provide a procedure for citizens to Initiate City Ordinances
- **Prop G**
Section 6.1-4: to authorize the City to create a policy regarding appointments to the Civil Service Commission to reflect the community and City Workforce
- **Prop H**
Section 6.7-1 and 6.8-1: to allow the City to establish more flexible policies in hiring employees, removing the requirement for exams
- **Prop I**
Section 6.13-11D: to establish the City contribution to the Police and Fire Pension Fund of no less than 18% of the wages of the participants, and remove the limit on the City's contribution
- **Prop J**
Section 3.20B: to change the reporting structure for the Chief Internal Auditor to report directly to City Council
- **Prop K**
Article IX: Citizen-led petition to create a climate policy requiring the City to use all available resources and authority to accomplish three goals outlined in the petition

For more information, visit www.elpasotexas.gov/EPCharter.

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