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# City Hosts Additional Meet and Greet Events As Part of City Manager Selection Process

**EL PASO, Texas**—The City of El Paso will host three additional Meet and Greet events, for a total of four (4) opportunities in early August for the community to talk one-on-one with each of the finalists for the City Manager position.

The finalists are listed below in alphabetical order by their last name:

- Robert Cortinas, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy City Manager for Internal Services
- Mario D’Agostino, Deputy City Manager for Public Safety
- Nicole Ferrini, Community and Human Development Director
- Dionne Mack, Deputy City Manager for Quality of Life

## THE MEET AND GREETS

On July 29, the City Council voted to add three additional Meet and Greets in addition to a previously schedule Community Meet and Greet on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at the El Paso Convention Center. The schedules for all four Meet and Greet events are as follows:

**August 6, 2024**

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Nolan Richardson Recreation  
Center  
4435 Maxwell

**August 8, 2024**

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
The Beast Urban Park  
13501 Jason Crandall

**August 7, 2024**

5:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
El Paso Convention Center  
1 Civic Center Plaza

**August 12, 2024**

5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Sylvia A. Carreon Recreation Center  
709 Lomita

**In order to ensure the integrity of the hiring process no individual media interviews will be provided prior to the final selection.**

Residents will be able to individually meet and greet each of the candidates at any of the four events.

Residents who attend any Meet and Greet will be able to fill out a short bilingual survey to provide feedback on their experience with each of the candidates. Computers and a QR code will be made available during the reception.

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## NEXT STEPS

Following the Meet and Greet events there will be two, nine-member, Council-appointed community interview panels:

### **Citizen Advisory Committee Panel**

Panel Focus: Public perception, transparency, and the candidate's vision for community improvement.

### **Community Leaders/Stakeholders Panel**

Panel Focus: Community engagement, responsiveness to public needs, and the ability to build strong community relationships.

Lastly, the City Council will host a Special City Council meeting on Monday, August 19, during which the City Council will be able to interview each of the candidates during in an Executive Session meeting before publicly discussing and voting on the final selection.

## ABOUT THE PROCESS

In March 2024, the City opened a national search, which included the opportunity for local leadership to apply.

Prior to opening the search, the City selected the national recruitment firm, Baker Tilly, to conduct an extensive search that resulted in an impressive candidate pool of more than 80 applications during the principal deadline. The position remains open and continues to accept applications until the position has been filled.

As part of the process—in order to identify essential characteristics for the City's next City Manager—Baker Tilly hosted two community meetings, launched a bilingual online community survey, and conducted feedback sessions with the Mayor, Council, and key stakeholders.

The Mayor and Council reviewed 14 semifinalists who were selected based on the community's criteria, and each council member submitted their top four candidates and one alternate.

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