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City Appoints Longtime El Pasoan as Permanent Purchasing Director

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso is proud to announce the appointment of Claudia A. Garcia as the new Purchasing Director, effective February 23, 2025.

A longtime El Pasoan and dedicated public servant, Claudia brings extensive experience and leadership to the position, which will support the City’s commitment to ethical procurement practices and transparency.

“Claudia’s commitment to excellence and her extensive knowledge of procurement make her an ideal choice to lead this critical department,” said City Manager Dionne Mack. “Her leadership will continue to strengthen our procurement processes and ensure that the City of El Paso remains dedicated to transparency, efficiency, and fiscal responsibility.”

In her new role, Claudia will provide innovative solutions that maximize value for the City and the community while fostering strong relationships and ensuring the highest standards of public procurement.

Since joining the City in 2010, Claudia has significantly advanced procurement strategies, driven process improvements, and enhanced operational efficiency. During her tenure, she has consistently demonstrated dedication and expertise in public procurement, which led to her promotion to Assistant Director in 2019. In FY 2024, she played a pivotal role in managing \$256.2 million of the City’s \$427 million annual expenditure, collaborating closely with key departments such as the Capital Improvement Department, Streets and Maintenance, Airport, Sun Metro, and the Office of Emergency Management.

As the lead of the Purchasing & Strategic Sourcing Department, she will manage critical initiatives such as the Cooperative Purchasing Expo, Vendor Management, and the Hiring El Paso First Program. Her leadership will also extend to developing workshops on contract administration, bid preparation, and vendor outreach.

Claudia holds both a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration with concentrations in Management and International Business, and a Master’s Degree in Finance from The University of Texas at El Paso. Her robust academic foundation, combined with over a decade of professional experience, positions her as a highly capable leader in public procurement.

Garcia holds two distinguished certifications from the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council: the Certified Public Procurement Officer and the Certified Professional Public Buyer. These certifications reflect her unwavering commitment to professional growth and excellence in public procurement. In recognition of her exceptional contributions to the field, she was honored with the prestigious Byron Johnson Memorial Purchasing Award by the City of El Paso.

For more information about the City’s Purchasing Department and the upcoming Cooperative Purchasing Expo, visit ElPasoTexas.gov/purchasing/.

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