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## Open House Meetings Announced for Climate Engagement Series

Community invited to share feedback on the region's climate action initiatives, prioritizing health, economic development and more.

El Paso, TX — The City of El Paso invites local residents to join a series of community meetings aimed at shaping the region's future climate action efforts as part of the ongoing Chihuahuan Desert Climate Collaborative (CDCC) Climate Action Plan. The public will have two in-person opportunities to attend, with the first meeting taking place Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Clubs of El Paso and the second on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Pavo Real Recreation Center.

These meetings will look to engage individuals, families and businesses to join forces in tackling climate change while ensuring that initiatives prioritize public health, economic development and the responsible use of taxpayer resources. The open houses will be aimed at empowering participants to share ideas, explore innovative solutions and discuss actionable strategies.

"It's crucial that we focus on climate action efforts that not only address environmental needs but also prioritize the well-being of our community's health and long-term economic growth," said Fernando Liaño Berjano, City of El Paso Senior Climate Program Manager. "We are excited to hear from residents and to work together toward creating a comprehensive plan that addresses our region's unique climate challenges. It's important that every voice is heard as we collectively build a sustainable and resilient future for our community."

These sessions are the third of five Climate Engagement Series designed to foster public participation in this critical regional initiative, including the intersection of climate change with health outcomes, economic opportunities and more.

## **Meeting Details:**

• Wednesday, February 26, 2025 5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Boys & Girls Clubs of El Paso 801 S. Florence St., El Paso, TX 79901

## • Wednesday, March 5, 2025

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Pavo Real Recreation Center 9301 Alameda Ave., El Paso, TX 79907

For those unable to attend the in-person meetings, a recording of the Climate Engagement Series will be available after the first open house. The online survey will be available from **February 18, 2025, to April 1, 2025**, at <a href="https://epclimate.org/">https://epclimate.org/</a> to ensure all community members have a chance to provide their input.

## About the Chihuahuan Desert Climate Collaborative Climate Action Plan:

The Chihuahuan Desert Climate Collaborative (CDCC) Climate Action Plan aims to create a unified approach to climate resilience across 10 municipalities, 2 counties, 15 census-designated places, unincorporated communities and a sprawling 5,585 square miles of territory in the El Paso region. Though led by the City of El Paso's Climate and Sustainability Office, this collaborative initiative will equitably benefit all communities within the region, ensuring that the voices of residents, businesses and stakeholders from across the area contribute to the plan's development and success.

For more information on the Chihuahuan Desert Climate Collaborative and the Climate Engagement Series, please visit <a href="https://epclimate.org/">https://epclimate.org/</a>.

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