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City and OEM Continue Working with Federal and Local Partners in Response to Migrant Surges

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso and Office of Emergency Management (OEM) continue to work with our Country, State and Federal partners to address the influx of migrants and the surge the region has begun experiencing.

As previously reported, the City and OEM initiated preparation several months ago in response to possible immigration policy changes at the federal level.

City and OEM staff have and continue to brief and communicate with City Council members, County, State and federal partners including Congresswoman Veronica Escobar.

Today, City staff requested the Mayor sign an emergency declaration to begin the process to obtain State and Federal funds and resources. The declaration requires City Council review and approval next week.

OEM staff have also obtained positive support from Congresswoman Escobar's Office to research additional assistance and solutions that are within the strict state and federal legal guidelines.

OEM and City officials, along with our County partners, have been looking to identify possible sites that NGOs, state and federal partners can utilize, and the City and OEM staff can augment.

"We are extremely grateful to all our partners including the NGOs, the County, State and Federal leaders who understand the extraordinary collaborative lift that is required," said Deputy City Manager Mario D'Agostino.

The City and OEM staff continues to monitor the fluid situation and are preparing to respond accordingly.

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