

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
AGENDA ITEM  
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

**DEPARTMENT:** Community & Human Development

**AGENDA DATE:** January 5, 2010

**CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER:** Bill Lilly, 541-4241

**DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED:** All

**SUBJECT:**

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit the paperwork necessary for the City of El Paso to join the Cities of Service Coalition, including the Declaration of Service and amending the City of El Paso Federal Legislative Agenda to include the goals contained in the Serve America Act.

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:**

The Declaration of Service is an attached requirement for the submission of a \$200,000.00 Cities of Service grant funded by the Rockefeller Foundation. The purpose of the grant is to hire a service professional to coordinate volunteer services to increase English literacy and basic education in targeted distressed neighborhoods throughout El Paso. The Declaration of Service is a commitment to forward volunteer efforts that meet some of El Paso's greatest needs and to be a national partner for volunteerism

**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:**

No

**AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

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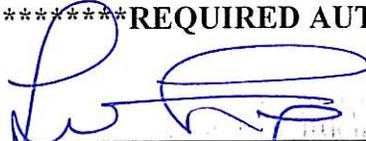
**BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:**

N/A

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\*\*\*\*\*REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION\*\*\*\*\*

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:**



(If Department Head Summary Form is initiated by Purchasing, client department should sign also)

*Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager*

## RESOLUTION

### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

That the Mayor be authorized to submit the paperwork necessary for the City of El Paso to join the Cities of Service Coalition, including the attached Declaration of Service and amending the City of El Paso Federal Legislative Agenda to include the goals contained in the Serve America Act.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2010.

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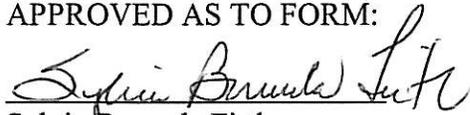
John F. Cook  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Richarda Duffy Momsen  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Sylvia Borunda Firth  
Senior Assistant City Attorney



*El Paso, Texas*  
*The International City*

**JOHN F. COOK**  
MAYOR

Teresa Pratt  
Cities of Service Program Officer  
City of New York

I am submitting a signed copy of the Declaration of Service for the Cities of Service Coalition.

Please note that the Declaration of Service will be presented to the El Paso Council on January 5, 2010, for ratification.

If you should have any questions please feel free to contact my office at 915 541-4443.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John F. Cook". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

John F. cook  
Mayor of El Paso



## CITIES OF SERVICE

### DECLARATION OF SERVICE

WHEREAS America has a proud tradition of service and volunteerism that dates back to the colonial era and today can be found in communities across the fifty states;

WHEREAS the bipartisan Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, signed into law by President Barack Obama on April 21, 2009 builds on this tradition, encouraging all Americans to serve their communities in new ways;

WHEREAS cities, home to many of the nation's most persistent challenges, are positioned to bring new leadership, facilitation, and innovation to the service movement;

WHEREAS the current need for public-spirited residents to help address increased hardship resulting from the global financial and housing crises is clear;

WHEREAS service enriches the lives of Americans of all ages, and each new generation of young Americans must be engaged to tackle emerging challenges;

NOW, THEREFORE, we resolve to develop a coalition of mayors from cities large and small to work together to harness and focus the energies of our citizens. Cities of Service coalition members will support efforts to increase service opportunities in our cities by:

Developing a comprehensive service plan and a coordinated strategy focused on matching volunteers and established community partners to the areas of greatest local need;

Working with other mayors and elected officials to advance strategies and best practices that accelerate the service movement and produce measurable results;

Encouraging other mayors to join this national effort to engage our citizens; and

Ensuring that the voice of cities is heard in federal legislative, policy, and program discussions related to service, which will help the country achieve the ambitious goals of the Serve America Act.

  
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(Signature)

John Cook  
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(Mayor's Name - please print)



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To join *Cities of Service*, please sign the Declaration of Service, fill in the information above, and return this form to the coalition, attention Teresa Pratt, via fax at 212.788.3286 or by email to [citiesofservice@cityhall.nyc.gov](mailto:citiesofservice@cityhall.nyc.gov).