

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

DEPARTMENT: City Manager

AGENDA DATE: February 28, 2012

CONTACT PERSON NAME AND PHONE NUMBER: David Almonte, Deputy City Manager, (915) 541-4853

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

Summary report on the Health, Safety and Community Services Legislative Review Committee meeting held on January 26, 2012. Submitted by City Representative Eddie Holguin, Chair. [David Almonte, Deputy city Manager, (915) 541-4853]

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

Report to the Mayor and Council of the Health, Safety and Community Services Legislative Review Committee meeting held on January 26, 2012.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

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**LEGISLATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE
Meeting Action Report**

Committee: Health, Safety and Community Services
Members: City Representative Eddie Holguin (Chair)
City Representative Emma Acosta
City Representative Carl Robinson
City Representative Michiel Noe
Date of Meeting: January 26, 2012

This Meeting Action Report includes agenda items where action was taken by the Health, Safety and Community Services Legislative Review Committee (LRC), and where City Council finalization of the direction received is necessary. Items postponed for future action of the LRC are not included in this Report.

1. Discussion and action to increase the number of meetings required for the Neighborhood Associations to be recognized. Currently required only once a year; requesting an increase of 3 times a year.

Summary:

The proposed ordinance presented by city staff required that the Neighborhood Associations hold at least two (2) meetings per year. Discussion was held and the LRC recommended that each recognized neighborhood association shall hold at least three (3) general membership meetings per year and make reasonable attempt to give prior written notice to residents and places of business within the boundary regardless of membership status. The LRC voted unanimously 4-0 to forward to the full Council for approval. Public comments were received.

2. Discussion and action on an ordinance amending Title 2 (Administration and Personnel), Chapter 2.102 (Neighborhood Association Recognition) of the El Paso City Code in its entirety. To provide a standardized recognition policy; to define terms; to provide criteria for recognition and registration of a neighborhood association or civic association as a recognized neighborhood association; to establish the responsibilities of a recognized neighborhood association; to clarify the process for suspension or revocation of recognition status; to clarify the services available to recognized neighborhood associations.

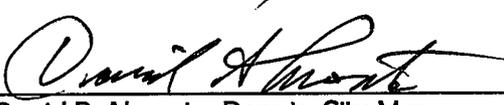
Summary:

An overview of the proposed ordinance was given by city staff which included the language to prohibit the recognition of associations that endorse political candidates, referendum petition drives, or ballot propositions as recommended by the LRC. Following discussion and legal consultation, the LRC approved the proposed amended ordinance and voted 3-1 to forward to the full council for adoption. Public comments were received.

SUBMITTED BY:



City Representative Eddie Holguin, District 6
Chair, Health, Safety and Community Services LRC



David R. Almonte, Deputy City Manager
Health, Safety and Community Services LRC