

## City of El Paso Legislative Program

1. Were you and/or your staff provided with copies of the City of El Paso Legislative Agenda prior to the commencement of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislative session?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

2. During the legislative session, did you receive visits from any member of the City of El Paso Legislative team to discuss City of El Paso business?

Sylvia Borunda Firth                      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Patrick Haggerty                      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Snapper Carr                      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Brandon Aghamalian                      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

3. Did members of the El Paso Legislative team visit your office?

Not at all \_\_\_\_\_

Not enough \_\_\_\_\_

Enough \_\_\_\_\_

Too much \_\_\_\_\_

4. If you had questions or needed additional information regarding the City of El Paso legislative priorities, did you receive prompt and satisfactory responses to your requests for information?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

5. If you answered "no" to question number 4, please provide details:\_\_\_\_\_

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6. If you asked a member of the El Paso legislative team to assist you in working on El Paso legislative initiatives by checking on status in another chamber, working with a fellow member of the legislature, getting a bill on calendars, etc. were your requests promptly and adequately addressed?

Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_ N/A\_\_\_\_\_

7. If you answered "no" to question Number 6, please provide details:\_\_\_\_\_

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8. During the interim period, are there project you are interested in working on with the El Paso Legislative team in preparation for the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session?

Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

**If yes, please elaborate:**

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**9. Please provide any comments or suggestions you may have for the improvement of the El Paso Legislative program:**\_\_\_\_\_

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		Sylvia B. Firth	Patrick Haggerty	Snapper Carr	Brandon Aghamalian								
Senator Jose Rodriguez	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Enough	Yes	-/-	Yes	-/-	Yes	Infrastructure and transportation issues, development of solar and other renewable energy, and issues related to El Paso Electric Company and other utilities. Please contact my office if you require more specific information.	-/-
Senator Carlos Uresti	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Not enough	Yes	-/-	N/A	-/-	Yes	There are a number of issues that we hope to work closely with the City of El Paso on during the interim including sanctuary cities, undocumented immigration, education, ground water, EMT certification and EMS availability, funding for education, and border issues.	During the course of the 82nd session and thus far during the interim our office had little interaction with the El Paso lobbyists. Sylvia Firth proved to be very resourceful and was tremendously helpful. In addition to providing news clips she was great about sharing the city's position and concerns on various issues. She was also always available when called upon. Snapper Carr was helpful during session but we had limited to no interaction with Patrick Haggerty or Brandon Aghamalian. Here are a few suggestions: You all did a great job with El Paso Days. That event is a great way to showcase what El Paso has to offer. Please continue this tradition. And as a side note, the Mayors BBQ Sauce is FANTASTIC and the cause supported by it is admirable.

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		Sylvia B. Firth	Patrick Haggerty	Snapper Carr	Brandon Aghamalian								
Representative Dee Margo	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Enough	Yes	-/-	N/A	-/-	Yes	Dependent on city issues and needs.	Sylvia was very active and is a city employee. Others are outside contractors. How do you measure their performance? What specific outcomes were achieved or not achieved?
Representative Joe C. Pickett	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Enough	Yes	-/-	Yes	-/-	Yes	Funding for UMC, UTEP, Transportation funding, Utility issues, Fort Bliss BRAC related, General Land Office support, State Park improvements.	Agenda was reasonable. Need to maintain presence at different interim hearings, even if not specifically related. Should have the team working on what we and the City feel will be of importance now, to get in front of those committees or agencies that will influence the priorities of El Paso.
Representative Marissa Marquez	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Enough	Yes	-/-	Yes	-/-	No	-/-	-/-
Representative Chente Quintanilla	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Enough	Yes	-/-	Yes	-/-	No	-/-	The team that the city put together was the best since i have been in office. I know that not all issues were addressed. The city should be working now on those other issues, or on amendments for passed items, with the committees during the interim. Committees will be working on the off session hearings but are open to supplement the charges if there is a statewide impact. In any case, if there are items on your agenda from the last session which be filed again, i would suggest starting the dialogue now.

NAME	Copies of Agenda prior to session?	During the legislative session, did you receive visits from any member of the City of El Paso Legislative team to discuss City of El Paso business?				Did members of the team visit your office?	If questions, did you receive prompt & satisfactory responses?	If request for info not satisfactory, provide details	Were your requests promptly & adequately addressed?	If request for info not satisfactory, provide details	Any projects for next session in the interim?	Projects	Comments or suggestions for improvement of the El Paso Legislative program
		Sylvia B. Firth	Patrick Haggerty	Snapper Carr	Brandon Aghamalian								
Representative Naomi Gonzalez	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not enough	No	Pat Haggerty was very responsive but it took Brandon and Snapper longer to respond	No	Again, Pat was good with follow up Brandon and Snapper needed to work on communicating what they were doing in terms of following up on requests	Yes	No details at this time	The communication needs to improve. In addition, what is helpful to our office is catching bills that might impact El Paso though not specifically outlined in the bill. It would also help to know who in the lobby team is responsible for what bills.
Senator Royce West	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Enough	Yes	-/-	Yes	-/-	Yes	It is difficult to determine at this time but the IGR committee traditionally has jurisdiction over legislation impacting all cities.	-/-
Senator Tommy Williams	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Enough	Yes	-/-	Yes	-/-	No	-/-	-/-
State Representative Todd Hunter	Yes	-/-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Enough	Yes	-/-	Yes	-/-	Yes	Any city issues and gaming.	Good program and good team.

<b>ID</b>	12
<b>Date</b>	9/20/2011
<b>name</b>	Senator Jose Rodriguez
<b>office</b>	Texas Senate District 29
<b>provided_copies</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_silvia_firth</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_patrick_haggerty</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_snapper_carr</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_brandon_ghamalian</b>	Yes
<b>visit_your_office</b>	Enough
<b>requestforinfo_satisfactory</b>	Yes
<b>requestforinfo_satisfactory_details</b>	-/-
<b>billoncalendar_satisfactory</b>	Yes
<b>billoncalendar_satisfactory_details</b>	-/-
<b>projects_interested</b>	Yes
<b>projects_interested_details</b>	Infrastructure and transportation issues, development of solar and other renewable energy, and issues related to El Paso Electric Company and other utilities. Please contact my office if you require more specific information.
<b>comments</b>	-/-

<b>ID</b>	14
<b>Date</b>	9/20/2011
<b>name</b>	Jason Hassay
<b>office</b>	Senator Carlos Uresti
<b>provided_copies</b>	No
<b>visit_from_silvia_firth</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_patrick_haggerty</b>	No
<b>visit_from_snapper_carr</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_brandon_ghamalian</b>	No
<b>visit_your_office</b>	Not enough
<b>requestforinfo_satisfactory</b>	Yes
<b>requestforinfo_satisfactory_details</b>	-/-
<b>billoncalendar_satisfactory</b>	N/A
<b>billoncalendar_satisfactory_details</b>	-/-
<b>projects_interested</b>	Yes
<b>projects_interested_details</b>	There are a number of issues that we hope to work closely with the City of El Paso on during the interim including sanctuary cities, undocumented immigration, education, ground water, EMT certification and EMS availability, funding for education, and border issues.
<b>comments</b>	<p>During the course of the 82nd session and thus far during the interim our office had little interaction with the El Paso lobbyists. Sylvia Firth proved to be very resourceful and was tremendously helpful. In addition to providing news clips she was great about sharing the city's position and concerns on various issues. She was also always available when called upon.</p> <p>Snapper Carr was helpful during session but we had limited to no interaction with Patrick Haggerty or Brandon Aghamalian.</p> <p>Here are a few suggestions:</p> <p>You all did a great job with El Paso Days. That event is a great way to showcase what El Paso has to offer. Please continue this tradition. And as a side note, the Mayors BBQ Sauce is FANTASTIC and the cause supported by it is admirable. That type of unique thinking and creativeness needs to be highlighted for all of Texas to see.</p> <p>Sylvia's emails with the news clips in and around El Paso is also tremendously helpful. I would suggest that you add to the clips any and all positive developments you'd want to high light (Chamber of commerce events/data/statistics, ISD information, possibly updates from the COG, etc.) Send these clips out to all legislative staff but also send it to the Lt. Gov, the Gov, and Speaker.</p> <p>Develop a policy book of legislative items you want/need accomplished and identify the support for these ideas. If there is legislation that is needed we can work with you to draft the legislation but help identify who will testify on the bills and the implications to of the legislation to the rest of the state.</p> <p>Please keep pestering legislative offices and let us know what you need from us.</p> <p>I hope this is helpful, if not please feel free to contact our office and we'll do our best to better facilitate.</p>

<b>ID</b>	8
<b>Date</b>	9/13/2011
<b>name</b>	Dee Margo
<b>office</b>	State Rep Dist 78
<b>provided_copies</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_silvia_firth</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_patrick_haggerty</b>	No
<b>visit_from_snapper_carr</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_brandon_ghamalian</b>	Yes
<b>visit_your_office</b>	Enough
<b>requestforinfo_satisfactory</b>	Yes
<b>requestforinfo_satisfactory_details</b>	-/-
<b>billoncalendar_satisfactory</b>	N/A
<b>billoncalendar_satisfactory_details</b>	-/-
<b>projects_interested</b>	Yes
<b>projects_interested_details</b>	Dependent on city issues and needs
<b>comments</b>	Sylvia was very active and is a city employee. Others are outside contractors. How do you measure their performance? What specific outcomes were achieved or not achieved?

<b>ID</b>	7
<b>Date</b>	9/13/2011
<b>name</b>	Joe C. Pickett
<b>office</b>	State Representative
<b>provided_copies</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_silvia_firth</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_patrick_haggerty</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_snapper_carr</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_brandon_ghamalian</b>	Yes
<b>visit_your_office</b>	Enough
<b>requestforinfo_satisfactory</b>	Yes
<b>requestforinfo_satisfactory_details</b>	-/-
<b>billoncalendar_satisfactory</b>	Yes
<b>billoncalendar_satisfactory_details</b>	-/-
<b>projects_interested</b>	Yes
<b>projects_interested_details</b>	Funding for UMC, UTEP Transportation funding Utility issues Fort Bliss Brac related General Land Office support State Park improvements
<b>comments</b>	Agenda was reasonable. Need to maintain presence at different interum hearings, even if not specifically related. Should have the team working on what we and the City feel will be of importance now, to get in front of those committees or agencies tht will influence the priorities of El Paso.

<b>ID</b>	11
<b>Date</b>	9/16/2011
<b>name</b>	-/-
<b>office</b>	-/-
<b>provided_copies</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_silvia_firth</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_patrick_haggerty</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_snapper_carr</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_brandon_ghamalian</b>	Yes
<b>visit_your_office</b>	Enough
<b>requestforinfo_satisfactory</b>	Yes
<b>requestforinfo_satisfactory_details</b>	-/-
<b>billoncalendar_satisfactory</b>	Yes
<b>billoncalendar_satisfactory_details</b>	-/-
<b>projects_interested</b>	No
<b>projects_interested_details</b>	-/-
<b>comments</b>	-/-

<b>ID</b>	15
<b>Date</b>	9/21/2011
<b>name</b>	Inocente "Chente" Quintanilla
<b>office</b>	State Representatvie District 75
<b>provided_copies</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_silvia_firth</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_patrick_haggerty</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_snapper_carr</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_brandon_ghamalian</b>	Yes
<b>visit_your_office</b>	Enough
<b>requestforinfo_satisfactory</b>	Yes
<b>requestforinfo_satisfactory_details</b>	-/-
<b>billoncalendar_satisfactory</b>	Yes
<b>billoncalendar_satisfactory_details</b>	-/-
<b>projects_interested</b>	No
<b>projects_interested_details</b>	-/-
<b>comments</b>	<p>The team that the city put together was the best since i have been in office. I know that not all issues were addressed. The city should be working now on those other issues, or on amendments for passed items, with the committees during the interim. Committees will be working on the off session hearings but are open to supplement the charges if there is a statewide impact. In any case, if there are items on your agenda from the last session which be filed again, i would suggest starting the dialogue now.</p> <p>Chente</p>

<b>ID</b>	16
<b>Date</b>	9/22/2011
<b>name</b>	Naomi R Gonzalez
<b>office</b>	State Representative
<b>provided_copies</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_silvia_firth</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_patrick_haggerty</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_snapper_carr</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_brandon_aghamalian</b>	Yes
<b>visit_your_office</b>	Not enough
<b>requestforinfo_satisfactory</b>	No
<b>requestforinfo_satisfactory_details</b>	Pat Haggerty was very responsive but it took Brandon and Snapper longer to respond
<b>billoncalendar_satisfactory</b>	No
<b>billoncalendar_satisfactory_details</b>	Again Pat was good with follow up Brandon and Sanpper needed to work on communicating what they were doing in terms of following up on requests
<b>projects_interested</b>	Yes
<b>projects_interested_details</b>	No details at this time
<b>comments</b>	The communication needs to improve. In addition, what is helpful to our office is catching bills that might impact El Paso though not specifically outlined in the bill. I would also help to know who in the lobby team is responsible for what bills.

<b>ID</b>	13
<b>Date</b>	9/20/2011
<b>name</b>	Julie Frank
<b>office</b>	Senate IGR
<b>provided_copies</b>	No
<b>visit_from_silvia_firth</b>	No
<b>visit_from_patrick_haggerty</b>	No
<b>visit_from_snapper_carr</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_brandon_ghamalian</b>	Yes
<b>visit_your_office</b>	Enough
<b>requestforinfo_satisfactory</b>	Yes
<b>requestforinfo_satisfactory_details</b>	-/-
<b>billoncalendar_satisfactory</b>	Yes
<b>billoncalendar_satisfactory_details</b>	-/-
<b>projects_interested</b>	Yes
<b>projects_interested_details</b>	It is difficult to determine at this time but the IGR committee traditionally has jurisdiction over legislation impacting all cities.
<b>comments</b>	-/-

<b>ID</b>	9
<b>Date</b>	9/14/2011
<b>name</b>	Jason Baxter
<b>office</b>	Senator Williams
<b>provided_copies</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_silvia_firth</b>	No
<b>visit_from_patrick_haggerty</b>	No
<b>visit_from_snapper_carr</b>	Yes
<b>visit_from_brandon_ghamalian</b>	Yes
<b>visit_your_office</b>	Enough
<b>requestforinfo_satisfactory</b>	Yes
<b>requestforinfo_satisfactory_details</b>	-/-
<b>billoncalendar_satisfactory</b>	Yes
<b>billoncalendar_satisfactory_details</b>	-/-
<b>projects_interested</b>	No
<b>projects_interested_details</b>	-/-
<b>comments</b>	-/-

ID	10
Date	9/15/2011
name	todd hunter
office	state representative
provided_copies	Yes
visit_from_silvia_firth	-/-
visit_from_patrick_haggerty	Yes
visit_from_snapper_carr	Yes
visit_from_bradon_ghamalian	Yes
visit_your_office	Enough
requestforinfo_satisfactory	Yes
requestforinfo_satisfactory_details	-/-
billoncalendar_satisfactory	Yes
billoncalendar_satisfactory_details	-/-
projects_interested	Yes
projects_interested_details	any city issues and gaming
comments	good program and good team