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# Community Meetings Offer Information about Proposed Charter Amendments Approved by City Council and a Citizen-Led Petition

**EL PASO, Texas**—The City of El Paso will host eight (8) community meetings to discuss proposed amendments to the City of El Paso’s Charter, beginning Tuesday, April 4, and offering the community information online at [www.EIPasoTexas.gov/EPCharter](http://www.EIPasoTexas.gov/EPCharter).

The City Council approved placing ten (10) proposed amendments (Propositions A through J) to the City Charter to the May 6 ballot. An eleventh (11th) amendment (Proposition K) was added to the ballot as part of a citizen-led petition to add climate policy to the City Charter.

Residents wishing to learn more about the proposed policy and potential financial impacts are encouraged to learn more about the ballot items by visiting the [City’s Charter website](http://www.elpasotexas.gov/EPCharter) ([www.elpasotexas.gov/EPCharter](http://www.elpasotexas.gov/EPCharter)) or participating in any of the following meetings:

**Tuesday, April 4, 2023**

6 p.m.

**In Person:**

City Hall (300 N. Campbell)  
Main Conference Room, 2nd Floor

**Virtual:**

<https://tinyurl.com/2p8psncx>  
Meeting ID: 249 490 891 629  
Passcode: c7i7ET

**Phone:**

(915) 213-4096 905 414 555#

**Wednesday, April 5, 2023**

5:30 p.m.

Clardy Fox Library  
5515 Robert Alva

**Thursday, April 6, 2023**

6 p.m.

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Offices  
4141 Pinnacle, Ste. 120

**Monday, April 10, 2023**

6 p.m.

Eastside Regional Command Center  
10780 Pebble Hills

**Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

6 p.m.

Westside Regional Command Center  
4801 Osborne

**Thursday, April 13, 2023**

6 p.m.

Mission Valley Regional Command Center  
9011 Escobar

**Monday, April 17, 2023**

6 p.m.

Northeast Regional Command Center  
9600 Dyer

**Thursday, April 20, 2023**

11 a.m.

Greater El Paso Assoc. of Realtors Offices  
6400 Gateway Blvd. East

The City Charter serves to define the City’s organization, powers, functions, and essential procedures. The Charter is comparable to the Constitution of the United States and serves as the municipality’s foundational legal document.

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A high-level summary of the proposed amendments is as follows:

- **Prop A**  
Section 3.1: to allow District Representatives to appoint and remove District Office Staff
- **Prop B**  
Section 3.18: to allow City Council to authorize leases for an initial term of 40 years or less by Resolution or Ordinance
- **Prop C&D**  
Section 3.5A: to allow Council to reschedule meetings for holidays and allow the Mayor to cancel a Council meeting if required due to a Declared Emergency (2 measures)
- **Prop E**  
Section 3.9B, 3.10B, and 6.1-12: to align to State law and update obsolete references
- **Prop F**  
Section 3.11: to remove the requirement for a second petition in initiatives and provide a procedure for citizens to Initiate City Ordinances
- **Prop G**  
Section 6.1-4: to authorize the City to create a policy regarding appointments to the Civil Service Commission to reflect the community and City Workforce
- **Prop H**  
Section 6.7-1 and 6.8-1: to allow the City to establish more flexible policies in hiring employees, removing the requirement for exams.
- **Prop I**  
Section 6.13-11D: to establish the City contribution to the Police and Fire Pension Fund of no less than 18% of the wages of the participants, and remove the limit on the City's contribution
- **Prop J**  
Section 3.20B: to change the reporting structure for the Chief Internal Auditor to report directly to City Council
- **Prop K**  
Article IX: Citizen-led petition to create a climate policy requiring the City to use all available resources and authority to accomplish three goals outlined in the petition.

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