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# City of El Paso Announces New Director for Municipal Court

**EL PASO, Texas**—The City of El Paso is pleased to announce the appointment of Annabelle Casas as the new Director of the City's Municipal Court.

A native El Pasoan with more than 25 years of experience in public service and court administration, Annabelle will officially assume her new role on May 5, 2025.

In her new position, Annabelle will oversee the operations of the City's Municipal Court, which is responsible for the adjudication of Class C misdemeanor cases filed by various City departments. The court plays a vital role in delivering fair, efficient, and accessible justice services to the community, and under her leadership, the department will continue advancing its mission of service and accountability.

Annabelle has served with the City of El Paso for the past 10 years—seven of those with the Municipal Court and three with Environmental Services. She also brings valuable experience from her time with the County of El Paso, where she led court innovation efforts for seven years. Her background includes leadership roles in nonprofit organizations and higher education, giving her a broad and informed perspective on community needs and public systems.

“Annabelle’s depth of experience, collaborative leadership style, and strong connection to El Paso make her an excellent choice to lead the Municipal Court,” said City Manager Dionne Mack. “She has a clear vision for how the court can continue improving services, strengthening public trust, and supporting the City’s broader goals.”

During her time as Assistant Municipal Court Clerk, Annabelle led several key initiatives, including securing grant funding to support youth programs and expanding community service partnerships. She also completed a Lean Six Sigma Green Belt project in collaboration with the El Paso Police Department to improve officer attendance and resolve longstanding cases through improved coordination and use of technology.

Annabelle holds a Master’s Degree in Justice Management from the University of Nevada, Reno, and is a Certified Court Manager through the National Center for State Courts. She currently serves on national committees with the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the National Association for Court Management, reflecting her commitment to advancing innovation in court operations.

For more information about the City of El Paso Municipal Courts, visit [www.ElPasoTexas.gov/municipal-courts](http://www.ElPasoTexas.gov/municipal-courts).

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