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El Paso Moves Forward with National Search for Animal Services Director and Future Public Input

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso is advancing its national recruitment for the next Director of Animal Services and preparing opportunities for residents to provide input as part of the selection process.

The position opened last week and will remain active until filled. Candidate interviews are targeted for early January 2026, allowing time to accommodate out-of-town applicants during the holiday season.

“As we search for the next leader of Animal Services, it is essential that the voices of our community help guide this process,” said City Manager Dionne Mack. “Community feedback will inform our priorities and ensure we identify a director who can advance animal welfare services in ways that matter most to El Paso residents.”

Planned Opportunities for Public Input

The City will expand engagement to include:

- **Community Survey:** Launching at the end of the month, the survey will ask residents to share the top priorities they believe the new director should focus on during the first 100 days. Responses will help shape the department’s strategic direction and inform the selection process.
- **Animal Shelter Advisory Committee (ASAC):** Members of the ASAC will be asked to participate in candidate interviews, using insights from the community survey to guide interview questions and candidate evaluations.

These steps strengthen the City’s commitment to transparency and ensure that the next Director of Animal Services is prepared to build on community priorities and expectations.

For details and to apply for the Animal Services Director position or to explore other career opportunities with the City of El Paso, visit ElPasoTexas.gov/careers/.

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