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City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department Earns National Reaccreditation

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department has once again joined the ranks of elite park and recreation agencies across the nation and internationally by earning reaccreditation through the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

The prestigious distinction was awarded during the 2025 NRPA Annual Conference held in Orlando, Florida.

“Being reaccredited by CAPRA is a reflection of our team’s dedication to providing exceptional parks, programs, and recreational opportunities for the people of El Paso,” said Parks and Recreation Department Director Pablo Caballero. “This recognition reaffirms our department’s commitment to maintaining the highest standards of service, safety, and innovation for our community.”

CAPRA accreditation is the only national recognition for park and recreation agencies, serving as the benchmark for excellence in operations, management, and service delivery. With only 222 accredited agencies nationwide, representing fewer than 3% of approximately 12,000, the City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department remains among an elite group committed to the highest professional standards and community service.

As part of the reaccreditation process, the department demonstrated compliance with 154 rigorous standards encompassing every aspect of parks and recreation management, including planning, safety, community engagement, programming, and facility operations. The process includes a detailed self-assessment, an on-site evaluation by CAPRA assessors, and a formal review hearing.

First accredited in 2018, the City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department continues to set a national example in excellence, accountability, and innovation in the management of public spaces and recreational services.

To learn more about the City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department, visit EIPasoTexas.gov/parks.

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ABOUT THE NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is a leading nonprofit dedicated to strengthening communities through the power of parks and recreation. With over 60,000 members, NRPA supports park professionals and promotes parks for all, environmental resilience, and community well-being.



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