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# El Paso City Council Appoints Adrian Serrano as Chief Internal Auditor

**EL PASO, Texas**—El Paso City Council has appointed Adrian Serrano as the City’s new Chief Internal Auditor following a national search to lead the City’s Internal Audit Department.

Serrano brings more than 13 years of internal audit experience in both the public and private sectors. His professional background includes serving as a Corporate Income Tax Auditor III with the Arizona Department of Revenue and as an Audit Manager with Ernst & Young LLP in San Antonio. He currently serves as Vice President of Internal Controls at Affinius Capital LLC, where he oversees internal control frameworks and risk management functions.

The Chief Internal Auditor reports functionally to the City Council through the Financial Oversight and Audit Committee and is responsible for planning and directing financial, operational, compliance, and performance audits of City programs and related agencies. The position oversees an approximately \$1.1 million budget and a professional audit staff, ensuring adherence to generally accepted governmental auditing standards and strengthening internal controls across City operations.

A native El Pasoan, Serrano earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Accountancy from Arizona State University and his Master of Science degree in Accountancy from the University of Texas at El Paso. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

“Adrian Serrano brings a strong blend of public sector experience and private sector expertise in internal controls and risk management,” said Mayor Renard U. Johnson. “His background will help the City continue to advance transparency, accountability, and strong financial stewardship.”

City Councilwoman and Financial Oversight and Audit Committee Chairwoman Alejandra Chávez emphasized the importance of independent oversight in the role.

“Adrian Serrano’s experience conducting complex audits and strengthening internal controls aligns with the City’s commitment to integrity and responsible governance,” Chávez said. “The Committee looks forward to collaborating with him to support rigorous, independent audit practices that serve our community.”

The Internal Audit Department plays a vital role in promoting good governance by providing independent, objective assurance and advisory services. Through comprehensive risk assessments and annual audit planning, the department supports effective operations, ethical practices, and responsible use of public resources.

For more information about the Internal Audit Department, visit [ElPasoTexas.gov/Internal-Audit](https://ElPasoTexas.gov/Internal-Audit).

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