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City Council Approves Anti-DWI Strategy and Data Review Initiative

EL PASO, Texas—The El Paso City Council approved an item directing the City Manager, in coordination with the City Attorney, to strengthen the City’s response to impaired driving through a coordinated, data-driven Anti-DWI initiative.

The approved item directs the City Manager to prepare and present a comprehensive overview of Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) data in El Paso within 45 days and develop a citywide Anti-DWI Strategy with recommendations to return to City Council within 90 days.

The action also amends the City of El Paso’s 90th Session State Legislative Agenda to include anti-DWI advocacy priorities.

“Every life lost or forever changed by impaired driving is one too many,” said Mayor Renard U. Johnson. “This action gives us a clear path to better understand the data, strengthen prevention and enforcement efforts, and advocate for policies that help protect families across El Paso.”

The effort follows a meeting convened by Mayor Johnson and District 5 City Representative Ivan Niño with state and local community leaders, public safety officials, residents, and community advocates, including the Sober Streets Movement and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), to discuss DWI concerns and hear directly from families impacted by impaired driving.

“Impaired driving is preventable, and our community deserves a focused strategy that reflects the real experiences of families, residents, and first responders,” said Representative Niño. “By starting with the data and working with our public safety partners and advocates, we can identify meaningful steps to make our roads safer.”

Representative Niño also participated in a night shift ride-along with the El Paso Police Department’s DWI Task Force to better understand enforcement operations and the challenges officers face on the front lines.

Available data and recent reporting indicate DWI activity remains a serious concern in El Paso. Impaired driving affects families, neighborhoods, public safety resources, and City infrastructure, underscoring the need for a coordinated, data-informed response.

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