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City of El Paso Public Art Program Unveils *Guardians of the Southwest*

New Mural Marks Public Art Program's 100th Project

- WHO:** City of El Paso Public Art Program; Lagartos Doodle Works, LLC; and El Paso Parks and Recreation
- WHAT:** Ribbon cutting for *Guardians of the Southwest* and celebration of the Public Art Program's 100th completed project
- WHEN:** 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 22
- WHERE:** Marty Robbins Recreation Center
11620 Vista del Sol Dr.

The City of El Paso Public Art Program invites members of the media to the ribbon-cutting ceremony unveiling *Guardians of the Southwest*, a new mural at the Marty Robbins Recreation Center.

Created by Lagartos Doodle Works, LLC, the mural celebrates the unique landscapes, wildlife, and cultural identity of the Paso del Norte region. Its vibrant design features the endangered Mexican gray wolf alongside iconic El Paso landmarks and symbols, including Los Lagartos by Luis Jiménez and the Franklin Mountains Star.

The artist team behind the mural, Ivan Ortega, Miguel Picos, and Julian Vidales, are accomplished muralists and local high school art teachers whose work reflects a deep connection to the El Paso community.

The unveiling also marks a significant milestone for the City of El Paso Public Art Program as it celebrates the completion of its 100th public art project since the program was established by City Council in 2006.

For nearly two decades, the Public Art Program has enriched public spaces throughout El Paso by commissioning and preserving diverse works of art, integrating public art into community infrastructure and private development, and expanding access to arts and culture for residents and visitors alike.

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