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**NEWS RELEASE**

## City of El Paso Issues Disaster Declaration

**EL PASO, Texas** – In light of the deadly mass shooting on August 3, 2019, El Paso Mayor Dee Margo has issued a Local Disaster Declaration. The declaration is effective immediately, August 4, 2019.

"This declaration of a local disaster activates the appropriate recovery efforts from the State necessary for the City to address the needs associated with this weekend's tragedy. Our community has been resilient and we will not be defined by this weekend's senseless act of violence," said El Paso Mayor Dee Margo. "We will stay united as we work through the long healing process. We are incredibly proud of all our local, state, and federal first responders."

The impact of the shooting left multiple deaths and injuries in addition to property damage. The City of El Paso faces an exhaustion of resources for long-term recovery, including mental health issues affecting the community and first responders.

Issuing a local declaration of disaster triggers financial and physical assistance, and activates the City and County of El Paso's emergency management plan.

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