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**Press Release:**

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## **HOSPITAL DISTRICT STATEMENT ON PETITION SUBMISSION**

**EL PASO, TEXAS** – The El Paso County Hospital District very much appreciated going out to the community over the last several months to discuss this request and the great work done by the thousands of employees of the El Paso County Hospital District. This request is meant to address our critical capacity needs and ensure we can continue to provide the care our entire community deserves. We will continue to provide that care, regardless of the ultimate outcome. In the meantime, we will wait for the County to undergo their count and verification of those signatures before a final decision is made.

“We want to take this pause as an opportunity to thank all of the El Pasoans who attended our community presentations during our outreach efforts since the end of June. We have held 76 community meetings and, combined with our other outreach efforts, have reached hundreds of thousands of individuals. Along the way, El Pasoans shared their stories of illness, of support of our project, and of personal experience with the excellence in care at UMC and EPCH. We also thank the Commissioners Court for their consideration and direction regarding our request, and will await the County’s verification of the signatures submitted,” said Jacob Cintron, EPCHD President & CEO.

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