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### County Judge Samaniego's Statement on President Trump's Visit to El Paso

**EL PASO, TX-** County Judge Ricardo Samaniego issued the following statement regarding President Trump's visit to El Paso:

*It is difficult to welcome the president to El Paso knowing he refuses to accept the reality that we have always been a safe community that is progressive and inclusive. El Paso is blazing into the future with a new found confidence and sense of identity. It is obvious that, while we would hope that his visit to our community would include meetings with our elected leaders, our Police Chief and Sheriff and those in our business community who understand the value of building and growing here, this not the case. There have been no requests for dialogue with our elected, business and law enforcement leaders. All we can conclude from this is that he has no interest in the truth as it conflicts with his political platform to promote unnecessary divisiveness.*

*We as a community must resist any and all misinformation and match it with the data and facts that paint an accurate picture of our border town. Any presence at this rally, by members of any political party, might be viewed as an endorsement of the damaging message being spread and drives us further away from our goals to be a leader in economic development and risks El Paso's economic growth.*

*The president's uninformed statements about our community only serve to further the division in our country. We cannot tolerate the exploitation and false narrative being spread by his rhetoric. El Paso has NEVER been classified as one of the most dangerous cities in the Country. And the wall that was built had no impact on our level of safety nor has it increased our level of security.*

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