



El Paso Delegation Statement on Meeting with State Leaders

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State Sen. José Rodríguez released the following statement on behalf of the El Paso delegation:

We had a productive initial meeting. The state is providing \$5.6 million in immediate state agency assistance, and Gov. Abbott is working to find additional resources to support our community, including services for first responders and victims.

State leaders pledged to work with the El Paso delegation to address gun violence driven by white nationalism. We all agreed that gun violence and white nationalism are pressing issues. Gov. Abbott, in his remarks, was frank about calling the shooter a white supremacist and his actions domestic terrorism. All leaders, from local to state to federal, must reject the ideology of white supremacy.

The Governor's office will announce further actions soon, including round table discussions on policy solutions. We are #ElPasoStrong, and as our community heals, we will work to find solutions so this does not happen anywhere else.

José Rodríguez represents Texas Senate District 29, which includes the counties of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, and Presidio. He represents both urban and rural constituencies, and more than 350 miles of the Texas-Mexico border. Senator Rodríguez currently serves as the Chairman of the Senate Democratic Caucus, and is a member of the Senate Committees on Agriculture (Vice Chair); Natural Resources & Economic Development; Transportation; and Water & Rural Affairs.