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El Paso Zoo & Botanical Gardens Hosts Ribbon Cutting for New Penguin Exhibit

WHO: City of El Paso Capital Improvement Department and the El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens

WHAT: Ribbon-cutting ceremony for new Penguin Oasis Exhibit

WHEN: 3 p.m. Wednesday, December 13

WHERE: El Paso Zoo & Botanical Gardens, 4001 E. Paisano Dr.

The City of El Paso is hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate the completion of its newest exhibit at the Zoo & Botanical Gardens – a state-of-the-art penguin oasis exhibit.

The exhibit is now home to a colony of Magellanic penguins, a new animal species to the Zoo. The 6.25 million dollar investment is part of the voter-approved 2012 Quality of Life Bond. The investment emphasizes the City's commitment to providing exceptional recreational and educational opportunities for the community.

The space incorporates a rocky coast that will serve as a "natural habitat" setting for the penguins and include an incredible above and underwater viewing experience for visitors.

Magellanic penguins were selected for the exhibit because of their roots from the warm and temperate coastal regions of South America such as Argentina and Chile. Other key features include:

- Interactive space for penguins and visitors
- Outdoor stadium viewing
- Above and underwater viewing
- Web cameras for the exhibit
- Audio and visual educational tools
- Restrooms and a nursing room

About the El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens

The El Paso Zoo and Botanical Gardens stretch across 35-acres and house animals representing over 220 species, including critically endangered species. Accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums (AZA), the El Paso Zoo celebrates the value of animals and natural resources. It creates opportunities for people to rediscover their connection to nature. To learn more, visit www.ElPasoZoo.org

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