

Beth Van Duyne (TX-24) Research Report

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Texas' 24th Congressional District

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Key Findings

Van Duyne Put The Wealthy And Corporations Ahead Of Texans In Need

Van Duyne celebrated the GOP tax cuts that helped the wealthy and corporations... *Van Duyne celebrated Trump's tax bill, claiming it was "putting dollars back into the pockets of the middle class." In actuality, the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act included a "significant tax break for the very wealthy" and "a massive tax cuts for corporation" – all while raising taxes for the middle class. Separately, Van Duyne also supported a slate of tax policies that would primarily help the wealthiest Texans, like ending personal income tax and the estate tax, slashing corporate tax rates, and opposing any and all efforts to increase "the marginal income tax rates for individuals and/or businesses."*

...While fighting against health care reforms. *The tax cut was a loser for health care, as Republicans recommended paying for an increase in federal debt caused by the bill with cuts to Medicare and Social Security. Additionally, the tax bill would lead to more expensive health insurance and 13 million more uninsured Americans. Van Duyne expressed opposition toward the Affordable Care Act – saying it was "based on lies," funded dishonestly, and has done profound damage to American health care – and celebrated Trump's executive orders to scale back the ACA. Van Duyne supported Association Health Plans – plans which have a "long, well-documented history of fraud and abuse" leaving "hundreds of millions of dollars in unpaid medical bills" – and have allowed discrimination against individuals with pre-existing conditions. As mayor, Van Duyne saved the City of Irving \$1.5 million annually by cutting health care for city workers.*

...While supporting anti-immigration programs despite findings of racial profiling and proven harm to public safety. *In 2006, the Irving Police Department Partnered with ICE on the agency's "criminal alien program" (CAP). In 2007, as mayor, Van Duyne bragged about the program, noting that – under the program – if someone is arrested and cannot provide "documentation that they are a U.S. citizen," the police contact ICE. In 2009, a Berkeley School of Law report found "that police in Irving, Texas, arrested Hispanics in far greater number for petty offenses as part of a federal criminal alien program" and showed data indicating arrests of Hispanics for traffic violations substantially increased "relative to whites." In 2016, Van Duyne bragged that Irving police were "the first ones in the country" to participate in CAP and lamented that President Obama cut resources for the program. In 2019 and 2020, Van Duyne credited bringing ICE into her town with lowering crime rates and claimed that deporting "criminal illegal aliens" led to lower crime rates in Irving. Van Duyne supported Irving joining an ICE program that trained police officers to question people about their immigration status, which studies found harmed public safety by discouraging immigrants from reporting crimes or interacting with police. After disagreements with her colleagues and the Irving Chief of Police on the program, Van Duyne said it was their responsibility "to do what we can to protect our own," while later claiming the program was not about race or nationality.*

...And while fighting against resources for those in need. *In 2014, Van Duyne criticized the decision to use HUD funds to build a homeless shelter for teenage boys in Irving, saying the boys "should be at the prime of their health and able to work." Van Duyne added, "The city and the federal government should not be paying to provide apartments for these kids, for these men. Nobody did that for me when I was that age." Van Duyne also criticized cities for taking federal grants.*

Van Duyne Routinely Attacked Other Community Members And The Press

A community activist sued Van Duyne for defamation after she called him a "whore." *Irving community activist Anthony Bond sued Van Duyne for defamation after she called him a 'whore' to the Dallas Morning News. Van Duyne's comments stemmed from an affidavit from an unrelated lawsuit in which bond claimed city manager Tommy Gonzalez would often get him tickets to event. Bond did not sue for monetary damages but wanted Van Duyne to stop making defamatory comments. Van Duyne said she would have her personal attorney defend her."*

Van Duyne argued the media attention focused on a lawsuit filed against her by a neighbor for unpaid work was politically motivated. *Van Duyne was sued by neighbor and interior designer Karen Thurston for \$1,662 for unpaid work. Van Duyne claimed the media attention the dispute got was politically motivated.*

Van Duyne denied accounts she yelled at City Hall staffers. *In an interview, a journalist claimed to have heard several accounts of Van Duyne raising her voice or yelling at staffers in front of colleagues at City Hall. Van Duyne responded by saying, “I feel I have conducted myself in a civil and professional manner as would be expected of all city officials.” She also pointed to her approval of increased city salaries and said she was “proud of and find great value in the work of our city staff.”*

Van Duyne accused a county judge of lying about her heckling him. *On social media, Van Duyne accused Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins of lying about her heckling him at an event. She proceeded to attack the judge’s views on immigration, saying “even though we share different views – especially about his sanctuary county policies, where a single illegal immigrant that he release went on to murder a dozen or more elderly women in Dallas County – people expect more from their elected officials, starting with basic honesty.”*

A local journalist accused Van Duyne of spreading lies about him and “abusing” him in her speeches on a Tea Party speaking tour. *Steve Blow, a journalist with the Dallas Morning News, accused Van Duyne of spreading lies about him and “abusing” him in her Tea Party speeches. Following an article Blow wrote bemoaning an anti-Shariah vote taken by Irving’s City Council, Van Duyne called him, and during the call, she explained she initiated the anti-Shariah vote because two local family lawyers told her that Shariah had already interfered with their cases. Blow asked Van Duyne to have the lawyers give him a call but never heard back. Van Duyne later admonished Blow during her Tea Party speaking tour as a member of the “bad old news media” and claimed the lawyers did call him but he “never bothered to return their calls.” Blow claimed he asked for the names of the lawyers, to which she replied, “I disagree with your recollection.” Van Duyne later claimed Blow of going “ballistic” during phone conversations with her and added she “could have used other descriptions such as profoundly insulting and demeaning.”*

Van Duyne implied she believed in the Deep State and warned of media brainwashing and Socialism. *Van Duyne implied she believed in the “Deep State,” saying “there are deep state bureaucrats who deny the will of the American people and have undermined President Trump’s Administration.” Van Duyne lamented the lack of “fair and balanced media coverage” and the need to “tiptoe around” political correctness. Van Duyne posted an article accusing the media of brainwashing the public to her campaign Facebook page in 2015. Van Duyne later accused the Dallas Morning News of calling her a “far-right Tea Party lady” because it fit a narrative they wanted.*

Van Duyne Went From A Reluctant Trump Supporter To A Wannabe Fox News Star

In 2016, Van Duyne heavily criticized Trump but said she would still vote for him. *Van Duyne referred to Trump as an “egotistical vulgarian.” Van Duyne said she had many “face-to-palm moments” over things Trump said and facts he had “butchered.” Van Duyne said that Trump wasn’t the best Republicans had to offer, but that she would vote for him anyway. Van Duyne claimed the 2016 election wasn’t about picking the best candidate but was about “choosing the one who will do the least damage.” Van Duyne said she was “comparing Trump to Clinton, not to god.” Van Duyne called Trump’s blunders on the 2016 campaign trail “deeply insulting.”*

Van Duyne was vocally opposed to Trump’s impeachment. *Van Duyne criticized efforts to impeach President Trump, saying “you’re seeing a lot of people waste time and money and energy on trying to reverse the 2016 Presidency.” Van Duyne frequently posted on social media expressing her opposition to impeachment – blaming Speaker Pelosi, claiming opposition to the “sham” impeachment was bipartisan, and criticizing “extremists” for encumbering Congress from solving “issues that matter to Americans.” Van Duyne claimed, “the Left has been trying to [impeach Trump] ever since he was elected” and blamed Democrats for “forcing us further apart.”*

Van Duyne participated in an all-white “Conservative Squad,” a joint fundraising committee, appearing on Fox News to promote their efforts. *Van Duyne was part of a “Conservative Squad,” a joint fundraising committee, along with other GOP women challengers. Van Duyne touted her appearance on Fox & Friends leading up to the Conservative Squad interview. She later said she was “excited to have the opportunity to speak on Fox News.” Van Duyne criticized the “crazy Socialist Squad” as being interested solely in pushing a “Socialist agenda, an anti-America agenda.”*

Van Duyne schmoozed with conservative activists known for spreading conspiracy theories. *Van Duyne posted a photo with Charlie Kirk. Van Duyne posted a photo with Candace Owens. Van Duyne attended the wedding of conservative radio host Jacki Pick and conservative activist Doug Deason. Van Duyne attended the black history month celebration at the White House. Van Duyne posed for a photo with Diamond and Silk. Van Duyne posed for a photo with Kellyanne Conway. Van Duyne attended an event and posed for a photo with Judge Jeanine Pirro. Van Duyne posed for a photo with conservative commentator and radio host Dana Loesch at the NRA convention in Dallas.*

Van Duyne Gained Notoriety For Her Anti-Muslim Rhetoric

Van Duyne was well known for her anti-Muslim rhetoric. *The Dallas Morning News wrote Van Duyne “became a local and national lightning rod often for her outspoken positions on Muslim-related issues”*

Van Duyne claimed that a sharia court came to Irving, and asked the Irving City Council to vote to on a bill that forbade judges from being influence by “foreign laws.” *In a Facebook post, Van Duyne accused Irving’s Muslim community of having a separate “sharia law court.” Van Duyne then asked the Irving City Council to vote to on a bill that forbade judges from being influence by “foreign laws.” Van Duyne raised money off the backlash, shared false Facebook posts that she was being asked to “surrender” by Muslims, and went on an anti-Muslim speaking tour. Because of Van Duyne’s actions, many considered Irving to be a global symbol of Islamophobia. The Bureau of American Islamic Relations, a hate group, was bolstered by Van Duyne’s anti-Muslim bill. For years after the offering the resolution, Van Duyne continued to defend the law and spend misinformation about Islam. As recently as 2019, asked about her stance on the sharia law case, Van Duyne said that her stance was “a support of women’s rights”*

Van Duyne gained national notoriety her botching of the Ahmed Mohamed, “clock boy,” incident. *In September 2015, Van Duyne defended law enforcement’s decision to arrest 14-year old Ahmed Mohamed. The Mohamed family sued Van Duyne, along with Glenn Beck and Fox News, for \$100,000; Van Duyne reached an agreement with the plaintiffs to dismiss the case. Van Duyne was criticized by local officials and organizations, but Van Duyne blamed the media for the criticism, continued to defend herself months after the incident, and said it was difficult for her and her family.*

Van Duyne Hindered Local Development While Mayor

Under Van Duyne’s watch, the City of Irving lost the Dallas Cowboys. *Van Duyne voted against a study on the economic impact of Texas stadium and the benefits of a new Texas stadium in Irving. Van Duyne called the loss of the Cowboys stadium in 2005 a “tremendous opportunity.” The loss of the Cowboys headquarters and practice field cost Irving several hundreds of thousands of dollars in business taxes and a several dozen jobs. Van Duyne had a tense relationship with the Dallas Cowboys before becoming mayor. Van Duyne said she had made it clear she wanted the cowboys to stay in Irving but couldn’t give them the land they needed because the city council had already chosen a developer for the land she had in mind.*

Van Duyne had a public standoff with a developer over a multi-million dollar development project, costing the city time and money. *Van Duyne campaigned on auditing and stopping the construction of the Las Colinas entertainment center. Former mayor Gears had accepted more than \$500,000 in donations from Las Colinas’ developer. The head of Las Colinas accused Van Duyne of trying to sabotage the project. Las Colinas provided a*

report to the Dallas Morning News that supported that they spent their own money. Las Colinas ended up suing Irving for \$139 million.

Van Duyne blamed developers and previous administrations for the failures of other projects while she was mayor. *During an interview, Van Duyne was asked if she felt responsible for the failure of the Irving Convention Center deal – to which she responded by placing blame on shady developers. Van Duyne was also asked about opposing and attempting to obstruct the Music Factory project in Irving. She said she opposed the project because she believed the city would not receive any sales or property tax revenue from the development. When asked about the lack of progress on development at Water Street and North Shore, Van Duyne placed blame on past administrations. When asked what she regretted doing while in office, Van Duyne also placed blame on past administrations, saying “I wish we could have been more successful at stopping past administrations from getting the city engaged in wasteful and fraudulent development deals that cost our city tens of millions of dollars.”*

Thematics

Van Duyne Put The Wealthy And Corporations Ahead Of Texans In Need

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Van Duyne celebrated tax cuts that would help the wealthy and corporations...*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne supported the 2017 Republican tax bill, and claimed it helped the middle class, when it primarily benefitted the wealthy and corporations*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne supported tax policies that would overwhelmingly benefit the wealthiest Texans, including a ballot initiative to end personal income tax in Texas, slashing corporate tax rates, and ending the estate tax*
- ✓ *...while fighting against health care reforms*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne expressed opposition to the Affordable Care Act, saying the bill was enacted based on lies, funded via misappropriations, and damaging the health care of Americans.*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne supported association health care plans – which have provided coverage with a long history of fraud, abuse and discrimination against those with pre-existing conditions*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne celebrated Trump's executive orders to scale back the Affordable Care Act*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne saved Irving \$1.5 million annually by cutting health care for city workers*
- ✓ *...supporting anti-immigration programs despite findings of racial profiling and harm to public safety*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne repeatedly bragged about Irving's "Criminal Alien Program" that referred anyone arrested who could not provide documentation of citizenship to ICE, even years after a Berkeley School of Law Report found the program encouraged racial profiling*
 - ✓ *In 2007, Van Duyne called Irving's CAP Program "fantastic"*
 - ✓ *In 2009, a Berkeley School Of Law report found "that police in Irving, Texas arrested Hispanics in far greater numbers for petty offenses" due to CAP*
 - ✓ *In 2016, Van Duyne bragged that Irving was "the first ones in the county" to participate in CAP and lamented that President Obama cut resources for the program*
 - ✓ *In 2019 and 2020, Van Duyne claimed the program had lowered crime rates in Irving, and bragged that they city had deported "thousands of criminals"*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne supported Irving joining an ICE's 287g program to train police officers to question people about their immigration status; studies found the program harmed public safety*
- ✓ *...and fighting against resources for those in need.*
 - ✓ *In 2014, Van Duyne was against building a homeless shelter, claiming the inhabitants did not deserve it*

Van Duyne Celebrated Tax Cuts That Would Help The Wealthy And Corporations...

Van Duyne Supported The 2017 Republican Tax Bill That Benefitted The Wealthy And Corporations

Van Duyne Celebrated Trump's Success On Tax Reform

Van Duyne Celebrated Trump's Tax Reform, Claiming It Was "Putting Dollars Back Into The Pockets Of The Middle Class." "Absolutely, we have seen it work at a government level and we can do it again. You think about the things that Trump has been able to accomplish, not only and to me all of his conservative federal court appointments, but also things like trade agreements. Taking it on, looking at our tax reforms, these are things that are putting dollars back into the pockets of the middle class, basically every class, but also focusing on jobs. Realizing that it's not public sector, it's not government, citizen, taxpayer dollars that's going to solve everything it's getting the private sector dollars to get to be able to work to advance families and communities all across the country." [Debbie Georgatos, America Can We Talk?, [1/2/20](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Benefitted The Wealthy, Corporations, And Special Interests...

Washington Post: Final Tax Bill Included A "Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy" And "A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations." "A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over \$470,700. The GOP bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to \$500,000 for individuals and \$600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich. [...] A massive tax cut for corporations "A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big businesses' tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation's largest companies." [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

...While Millions Of Americans Would Pay More In Taxes

Politifact: GOP Tax Bill Would Raise Taxes For The Middle Class After Individual Tax Cut Provisions Expired In 2025. "Gillibrand said the Republican 'tax [plan] raises middle-class taxes.' That's not true during the first years of the new tax provisions. If not for the sunset for the tax changes for individuals, we likely would have rated Gillibrand's statement False or perhaps Mostly False. Middle-income taxpayers will either benefit or see no change in their tax liability through 2025. But her claim could hold up after the bill's individual provisions expire that year. There's no guarantee a future Congress will extend those parts of the bill." [Politifact, [12/22/17](#)]

Tax Policy Center: In 2018, 5 Percent Of Taxpayers Would Pay More In Taxes Under The GOP Tax Bill, But Would Increase To 53 Percent Of Taxpayers In 2027. "Some taxpayers would pay more in taxes under the proposal in 2018 and 2025 than under current law: about 5 percent of taxpayers in 2018 and 9 percent in 2025. In 2027, however, taxes would increase for 53 percent of taxpayers compared with current law." [Tax Policy Center, [12/18/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased The Federal Debt – And Republicans Planned To Pay For It With Cuts To Medicare And Social Security

Official CBO Estimate Found Final Tax Bill Would Increase The Federal Deficit By \$1.9 Trillion. "The GOP's signature tax law is projected to increase the national debt by \$1.9 trillion between 2018 and 2028, according to a new report by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). According to the report, the tax law would cost the government \$2.3 trillion in revenues, but economic growth would offset that figure by about \$461 billion." [The Hill, [4/9/18](#)]

After Passing A Tax Bill That Added Trillions To The Deficit, Speaker Ryan Said Medicare And Medicaid Would Need To Be “Reformed” In Order To Decrease The Deficit. “With his dream of tax reform now realized, Ryan is hoping to make progress on two other issues he’s targeted during his two-decade career in Washington: entitlement and welfare reform. ‘We’re going to have to get back next year at entitlement reform, which is how you tackle the debt and the deficit,’ Ryan, a former Budget Committee chairman, said in a recent interview this month on the Ross Kaminsky radio talk show. Medicare and Medicaid are the ‘big drivers of debt,’ Ryan said, suggesting Republicans could once again use the budget reconciliation process to avoid a Democratic filibuster. Medicare is the ‘biggest entitlement that’s got to have reform,’ Ryan added.” [The Hill, [12/27/17](#)]

HEADLINE: After Tax Overhaul, GOP Sets Sights on Medicare, Social Security [US News, [12/7/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Ryan says Republicans to target welfare, Medicare, Medicaid spending in 2018
[Washington Post, [12/6/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Paul Ryan Pushes to Keep Overhaul of Safety-Net Programs on GOP Agenda [Wall Street Journal, [2/4/18](#)]

AP: “A Wide Range Of Economists And Nonpartisan Analysts Have Warned That The Bill Will Likely Escalate Federal Debt, Intensify Pressure To Cut Spending On Social Programs And Further Widen America’s Troubling Income Inequality.” “The tax overhaul of 2017 amounts to a high-stakes gamble by Republicans in Congress: That slashing taxes for corporations and wealthy individuals will accelerate growth and assure greater prosperity for Americans for years to come. The risks are considerable. A wide range of economists and nonpartisan analysts have warned that the bill will likely escalate federal debt, intensify pressure to cut spending on social programs and further widen America’s troubling income inequality.” [Associated Press, [12/17/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Increase Incentives To Move Jobs Overseas

Tax Experts Said The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased Incentives For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas. “What happened to the workers in Clinton, tax experts say, will probably happen to more Americans if the Republican tax overhaul becomes law. The legislation fails to eliminate long-standing incentives for companies to move overseas and, in some cases, may even increase them, they say. ‘This bill is potentially more dangerous than our current system,’ said Stephen Shay, a senior lecturer at Harvard Law School and former Treasury Department international tax expert in the Obama administration. ‘It creates a real incentive to shift real activity offshore.’” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Lead To More Expensive Health Insurance; 13 Million More Uninsured

Final Tax Bill Eliminated Central Affordable Care Act Provision, Leading To 13 Million Fewer Americans With Insurance. “The individual mandate is part of the Affordable Care Act, and removing it was a top priority for Trump and congressional Republicans. The Congressional Budget Office projects the change will increase insurance premiums and lead to 13 million fewer Americans with insurance in a decade, while also cutting government spending by more than \$300 billion over that period.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

GOP Tax Bill Would Cause Health Insurance Premiums To Rise, And Could Lead Insurers To Drop Out Of Regional Markets. “The final GOP plan will repeal the Affordable Care Act’s individual insurance mandate, which would allow young and healthy people to leave the insurance pool, forcing insurers to compensate by raising prices due to the higher costs of insuring only less-healthy people. Not only would premiums likely rise, but many insurers could drop out of regional markets.” [Newsweek, [12/18/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Republican Tax Plan Will Make Health Insurance More Expensive [Newsweek, [12/18/17](#)]

Van Duyne Supported A Slate Of Tax Policies That Would Primarily Help The Wealthiest Texans

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Van Duyne Supported A Ballot Initiative To End Personal Income Tax In Texas. “NO Personal Income Tax in Texas: Vote FOR Proposition 4 to prevent a personal income tax in Texas! The last day to Early Vote is this Friday. There are other Constitutional Amendments for your consideration (<https://www.texasgop.org/2019-constitutional-election/>), make sure to read up and cast an informed vote.” [Beth Van Duyne Campaign Facebook, [10/30/19](#)]

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Van Duyne Signed The Taxpayer Protection Pledge, Opposing Any And All Efforts To Increase “The Marginal Income Tax Rates For Individuals And/Or Businesses.” “Last night, in front of a full house of students, precinct chairs and interested citizens, I signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. @GroverNorquist and @tgiovanetti were there to sign as witnesses. Government takes enough of our hard earned money. Enough is enough.” [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [10/15/19](#)]

Van Duyne Said That Middle Class Income Grew \$4,144 In Only 2.5 Years, Versus Only Growing \$1,043 In 7.5 Years. [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [10/8/19](#)]

...While Fighting Against Health Care Reforms

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Van Duyne Expressed Opposition Toward The Affordable Care Act, Saying The Bill “Was Enacted Based On Lies, Kept Afloat Through Misappropriation Of Funds, And Has Done Profound Damage To The Health Care Of Americans.” Q: “A U.S. appeals court recently ruled the “individual mandate” of the Affordable Care Act

is unconstitutional, but said other aspects of the law require further review. What changes, if any, would you make to this law?” A: “The ‘Affordable Care Act,’ more commonly known as Obamacare, was enacted based on lies, kept afloat through misappropriation of funds, and has done profound damage to the healthcare of Americans. We need to get rid of the regulations that are strangling doctor/patient relationships. Regulations are also preventing lower cost health care options with more comprehensive coverage from being offered to the American people. It is well passed time Congress allowed for Associated Health Care plans where individuals and small businesses can band together in order to have the same purchasing power as corporations and labor unions to select plans that best fit their individual needs. Additionally, we need to expand the use of health savings accounts, allow people to purchase insurance across state lines, and make healthcare plans portable so they follow the individual. The American people deserve more options, more freedom, and more choice in how they use their precious dollars to pay for their healthcare needs.” [Dallas Morning News – Voter Guide, accessed [5/13/20](#)]

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DOL: Associated Health Plans Worked By “Allowing Small Businesses, Including Self-Employed Workers, To band Together By Geography Or Industry To Obtain Healthcare Coverage As If They Were A Single Large Employer.” “Association Health Plans work by allowing small businesses, including self-employed workers, to band together by geography or industry to obtain healthcare coverage as if they were a single large employer.” [U.S. Department of Labor – About Association Health Plans, accessed [5/13/20](#)]

DOL: Associated Health Plans Will “Be Able To Strengthen Negotiating Power With Providers From Larger Risk Pools And Greater Economies Of Scale.” “Association Health Plans will also be able to strengthen negotiating power with providers from larger risk pools and greater economies of scale.” [U.S. Department of Labor – About Association Health Plans, accessed [5/13/20](#)]

AHPs Have A Long History Of Fraud And Abuse That Have Allowed Discrimination Against Those With Pre-Existing Conditions...

Protect Our Care: AHPs Have A “Long, Well-Documented History Of Fraud And Abuse.” “The fact of the matter is simple: association health plans (AHPs) are not required to cover the essential health benefits put in place by the Affordable Care Act and are allowed to charge people more based on their age, health status, and gender. This means that while AHPs are required to cover people with pre-existing conditions, they can refuse to cover any treatment associated with a pre-existing condition. Because these plans lack consumer protections, plans that do cover essential health benefits could scale back coverage at some point, and consumers wouldn’t know until it was too late. Fundamentally, association health plans open the door to coverage that is not comprehensive and have a long, well-documented history of fraud and abuse.” [Protect Our Care, [1/30/19](#)]

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‘summoning back demons from the deep.’ ‘Fraudulent association health plans have left hundreds of thousands of people with unpaid claims,’ he said. ‘They operate in a regulatory never-never land between the Department of Labor and state insurance regulators.’” [New York Times, [10/21/17](#)]

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Business Insider: Restaurants & Bars And Laundry & Personal Services (Including Dry Cleaning) Were Among The Top 10 Industries Hit Hardest By COVID-19. “Some industries have been more severely impacted

than others, with jobs in the restaurant and retail industries wiped out around the country. But a Business Insider analysis of recent unemployment data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that some industries that haven't received widespread attention — like dentist offices and movie production — have been hit hard by the shutdowns. Business Insider compiled a list of the 10 industries worst hit by the coronavirus pandemic, ordered by percent change to reflect the portion of jobs lost in each industry. [...] 7. Restaurants and bars [...] 4. Laundry and other personal services: Personal and laundry services, a Bureau of Labor Statistics category that includes laundry and dry cleaning; pet care; parking; dating services; and "death care," were severely impacted by the coronavirus shutdowns. " [Business Insider, [5/12/20](#)]

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Trump Signed An Executive Order In His First Weeks In Office To Scaled Back "As Many Aspects Of The Affordable Care Act As Possible." "In his first executive order, President Trump on Friday directed government agencies to scale back as many aspects of the Affordable Care Act as possible, moving within hours of being sworn in to fulfill his pledge to eviscerate Barack Obama's signature health care law. The one-page order, which Mr. Trump signed in a hastily arranged Oval Office ceremony shortly before departing for the inaugural balls, gave no specifics about which aspects of the law it was targeting. But its broad language gave federal agencies wide latitude to change, delay or waive provisions of the law that they deemed overly costly for insurers, drug makers, doctors, patients or states, suggesting that it could have wide-ranging impact, and essentially allowing the dismantling of the law to begin even before Congress moves to repeal it." [New York Times, [1/20/17](#)]

Trump's Executive Order Said That "Pending" Repeal Of The ACA The Executive Branch Needed To "Take All Actions Consistent With Law To Minimize The Unwarranted Economic And Regulatory Burdens Of The Act." "'In the meantime,' the order said, 'pending such repeal, it is imperative for the executive branch to ensure that the law is being efficiently implemented, take all actions consistent with law to minimize the unwarranted economic and regulatory burdens of the act, and prepare to afford the states more flexibility and control to create a more free and open health care market.' The order has symbolic as well as substantive significance, allowing Mr. Trump to claim he acted immediately to do away with a health care law he has repeatedly called disastrous, even while it remains in place and he navigates the politically perilous process of repealing and replacing it." [New York Times, [1/20/17](#)]

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residents to ICE.” [The C.A.P. Effect: Racial Profiling in the ICE Criminal Alien Program, Berkeley Law Policy Brief, [9/2009](#)]

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Data Showed Arrests Of Hispanics For Traffic Violations And Petty Misdemeanor Rose Substantially Relative To White During The Program. “The data on traffic arrests and arrests for petty misdemeanor offenses more generally, indicate that Hispanic arrests rose substantially — and relative to whites — beginning in the spring of 2007. This rise was matched by a shift in ICE referral policy in Irving from in-person consultation to 24/7 ICE access via remote consultation, and a sharp increase in ICE detainees. Together, these facts offer compelling evidence of racial profiling by the Irving Police Department between April and October of 2007.” [The C.A.P. Effect: Racial Profiling in the ICE Criminal Alien Program, Berkeley Law Policy Brief, [9/2009](#)]

Data Found That Only Two Percent Of Those Detained By Immigration Authorities Had Received Felony Charges, “Tacitly Encouraging Local Police To Arrest Hispanic Residents For Petty Offenses.” “The goal of the Criminal Alien Program is to improve community safety by targeting serious criminals for deportation, according to ICE, but the police data show that only two percent of those detained by immigration authorities in a fourteen-month time period received felony charges. In sum, the data show that CAP is not only failing to target serious criminal offenders, but it’s also tacitly encouraging local police to arrest Hispanic residents for petty offenses.” [Berkeley School of Law, Press Release, [9/16/09](#)]

NOTE: The full report on Irving’s Criminal Alien Program can be [found here](#).

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Irving Chief Of Police On Their Immigration Program: "I Feel Like The Process In Place Is Working. If It Wasn't, I'd Tell You." "As of April, ICE officials have been reviewing the residency status of Irving jail inmates over the phone. Irving officials say that method is effective because ICE can make a residency check 24 hours a

day. ICE officials still drop by the jail to pick up inmates, Irving officials say. Since April, when the phone method was implemented, an average of 130 illegal immigrants have been identified each month, city officials said. When the city first started working with ICE last fall, the monthly average was 52. Before working with ICE, the monthly average was 4. 'I feel like the process in place is working,' Chief Boyd told the council. 'If it wasn't, I'd tell you.'" [Dallas Morning News, 6/14/07]

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Van Duyne Routinely Attacked Community Members And The Press

Significant Findings

- ✓ *A community activist sued Van Duyne for defamation after she called him a “whore” to the Dallas Morning News*
- ✓ *Van Duyne argued media attention on a lawsuit against her for not paying her interior designer was politically motivated*
- ✓ *Van Duyne accused a county judge of lying about her heckling him*
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Anthony Bond Was Accused Of Providing City Manager Access To A Suite For Sporting Events; Van Duyne Said Of The Accusations: “I Would Argue He Is A Whore, And He Sells Out To Whoever Is Willing To Pay Him The Most.” “An Irving city contractor provided City Manager Tommy Gonzalez with access to an American Airlines Center suite for sporting events, concerts and a circus for years, a city activist says. Anthony Bond said in an affidavit that he shuffled the tickets between Martin Burrell and Gonzalez, who allegedly promised earlier this year to get The Burrell Group's contract renewed as it faced scrutiny from a new mayor. [...] He and Van Duyne said they don't know whether the allegations in the affidavit are true, but Van Duyne expressed doubts. She characterized Bond as someone who lobbies on behalf of various campaigns, companies and other entities based solely on money. ‘I would argue he is a whore, and he sells out to whoever is willing to pay him the most,’ Van Duyne said.” [Dallas Morning News, 9/18/12]

Bond Did Not Sue For Monetary Damages, But Wanted Van Duyne To Stop Making Defamatory Comments

Bond Requested Van Duyne To Stop Making Such Comments. “‘They also destroy my reputation in the community with my friends, constituents and clients,’ Bond said in the suit. He said he’s not seeking monetary damages but simply wants Van Duyne to stop making such comments.” [Dallas Morning News, 9/25/12]

Van Duyne Decided She Wanted To Have Her Personal Attorney Defend Her Case

Van Duyne Said She Would Have Her Personal Attorney Defend Her. “Van Duyne said she plans to have a personal attorney defend her in the suit. ‘This is nothing more than another distraction,’ she said. ‘I don’t want our city attorney’s office time or resources wasted on another distraction.’” [Dallas Morning News, 9/25/12]

Van Duyne Argued Media Attention On A Lawsuit Against Her For Not Paying Her Interior Designer Was Politically Motivated

Van Duyne Was Sued By Neighbor And Interior Designer Karen Thurston For \$1,662 For Unpaid Work

Van Duyne Allegedly Did Not Pay Neighbor Karen Thurston Nearly \$2,000 For Interior Design Work. “[Karen] Thurston, an interior decorator, said she coordinated kitchen renovations for Van Duyne and her husband, Casey Wallach, in 2010. She said she was abruptly told to stop working on the job in the middle of the process and was never paid for materials that were left at the couple’s home. Van Duyne declined to comment on details of the case, but in a countersuit said that Thurston was fired after cabinets weren’t painted to the standard promised.” [Dallas Morning News, 5/5/12]

Van Duyne Appealed Having To Pay Thurston \$1,662. “Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne has taken a dispute over renovations in her Las Colinas home to a Dallas County court. Van Duyne is appealing a justice of the peace’s order that she pay neighbor Karen Thurston \$1,662.” [Dallas Morning News, 5/5/12]

Thurston Said She Believed Van Duyne Was Still Doing A Good Job As Mayor Regardless Of The Court Case. “Both said this week that they regret the case has gone to court and affected what they both described as a close friendship. Despite the dispute, Thurston said she believes Van Duyne is doing a good job as mayor.” [Dallas Morning News, 5/5/12]

Van Duyne Claimed The Media Attention The Dispute Got Was Politically Motivated

Van Duyne Claimed The Media Attention Was Orchestrated By A Community Activist. “Van Duyne also said that sudden media attention of the case was orchestrated by community activist Anthony Bond, who notified The Dallas Morning News about the proceedings this week.” [Dallas Morning News, 5/5/12]

Van Duyne: ‘If That’s Not Politically Motivated, I Don’t Know What Is.’ “‘If that’s not politically motivated, I don’t know what is,’ Van Duyne said.” [Dallas Morning News, 5/5/12]

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In An Interview, Van Duyne Denied Accounts That She Had Raised Her Voice Or Yelled At Staffers In Front Of Colleagues At City Hall

In An Interview, A Journalist Claimed To Have Heard Several Accounts Of Van Duyne Raising Her Voice Or Yelling At Staffers In Front Of Colleagues At City Hall. “Avi Selk: ‘Have you ever raised your voice or yelled at staffers in front of colleagues at City Hall? (I’ve heard several accounts.) If you can recall any specific incidents, please explain.’ Beth Van Duyne: ‘I am proud of and find great value in the work of our city staff. Their professionalism has helped ensure that the City of Irving is often held up as a model of efficiency and outstanding customer service. That is why I was happy to approve increases to city salaries this past year. As Mayor, I feel I have conducted myself in a civil and professional manner as would be expected of all city officials.’” [Beth Van Duyne Questionnaire with Journalist Avi Selk, accessed [1/10/20](#)]

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NOTE: While the exact date of this interview is unclear, it occurred after her re-election in 2014, and while she was still mayor of Irving.

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Van Duyne Accused Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins Of Lying About Her Heckling Him At An Event. "Last night in front of a crowd @JudgeClayJ chose to bring up my name and then lie about me. He claimed that I "heckled" him as I was walking into the President's rally. If saying "Hello Judge, are you going in there?" counts as heckling, his standards are very confusing." [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [10/18/19](#)]

Van Duyne: "Even Though We Share Different Views– Especially About His Sanctuary County Policies, Where A Single Illegal Immigrant That He Released Went On To Murder A Dozen Or More Elderly Women In Dallas County– People Expect More From Their Elected Officials, Starting With Basic Honesty." "Even though we share different views– especially about his Sanctuary County policies, where a single illegal immigrant that he released went on to murder a dozen or more elderly women in Dallas County– people expect more from their elected officials, starting with basic honesty." [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [10/18/19](#)]

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A Local Journalist Accused Van Duyne Of Spreading Lies About Him In Her Speeches On A Tea Party Speaking Tour

Steve Blow, A Journalist With The Dallas Morning News, Accused Van Duyne Of Telling Lies About Him And "Abusing" Him In Her Tea Party Speeches

Steve Blow Accused Van Duyne Of Telling Lies About Him And "Abusing" Him In Her Tea Party Speeches. "I'm accustomed to seeing my name in the newspaper. But seeing my name in a news story? That's different - and somehow disconcerting. But there I was last week, smack-dab in the middle of a story about Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne's rise as a tea party star. And the experience was even more discomforting when I saw what big fat fibs she's telling. She's using me in her tea party speeches. Or abusing me, I should say." [Dallas Morning News, 8/6/15]

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Van Duyne At Later Speaking Engagements Accused Blow Of Going “Ballistic” In Phone Conversations With Her. “Van Duyne’s misrepresentations escalated as she went along. When she later told the same story to the NE Tarrant Tea Party, she not only said I had ignored calls from family lawyers but added that I ‘went ballistic’ in my phone conversation with her. That’s just nonsense. We disagreed but we were both polite from start to finish.” [Dallas Morning News, 8/6/15]

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Van Duyne Told Blow She “Could Have Used Other Descriptions Such As Profoundly Insulting And Demeaning” Instead Of “Ballistic.” “Here’s what she wrote to me on Wednesday: ‘With regard to me characterizing your reaction during our April 14 phone conversation as ‘ballistic,’ I suppose I could have used other descriptions such as profoundly insulting and demeaning.’ The poor thing. I didn’t record our conversation. I hope she did. I would love for you to hear it. Please ask her. This is all deeply troubling. I hope you’re as distressed as I am by politicians who seem more focused on ambition than truth. Let’s do give Van Duyne credit for telling the truth about one thing. She’s greeted as a hero in these tea party meetings for standing up to Muslims, but she charmingly protests, ‘There is nothing I did that was heroic.’” [Dallas Morning News, 8/6/15]

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Van Duyne On The Deep State: “There Are Deep State Bureaucrats Who Deny The Will Of The American People And Have Undermined President Trump’s Administration.” “Just another reason why I love Nikki Haley. She’s right, there are deep state bureaucrats who deny the will of the American people and have undermined President Trump’s Administration. Meaningful government reform would allow us to remove federal bureaucrats who are just holding on to a position to serve themselves rather than the people of our nation and our Constitution.” [Beth Van Duyne Campaign Facebook, [11/1/19](#)]

Van Duyne Lamented The Lack Of “Fair And Balanced Media Coverage” And The Need To “Tiptoe Around This Political Correctness”

Van Duyne Seemingly Blamed “White Guilt” For The Lack Of “Fair And Balanced Media Coverage” And The Need To “Tiptoe Around This Political Correctness.” “Beth Van Duyne: ‘You need to come up here! I want you right next to me! I mean it’s this common-sense kind of stuff and you’re like are you kidding me? How many of you have read that in the Dallas Morning News, D Magazine, throw it out there right because I’ve been all over them? Anybody seen that? Those are facts, and what it does is it puts into context all of my public statements, but why wouldn’t we want to talk about the context? why wouldn’t we want to be fair and balanced? Why are we so outwardly worried that we have to tiptoe around this political correctness? Anybody got an answer? I’m waiting.’ Audience Member: ‘White guilt.’ Beth Van Duyne: ‘White Guilt? [laughs] Do you feel guilty? You know. They don’t want to tip the apple cart.’” [Van Duyne Speech, Park Cities/Preston Hollow Leadership Forum, [4/18/16](#)]

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Van Duyne Said “The Moves Toward Socialism We See In The House Of Representatives Are Not What People Want.” “And the moves toward socialism we see in the House of Representatives are not what people want. The people of the 24th District want a strong and effective voice for them, their families, and their future.” [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [8/16/19](#)]

Van Duyne: “Let’s Be Clear - Democrats Have Created A Circus That Not Even They Can Navigate Anymore! They Continue To Change Their Own Standards To Match Their Narrative.” “Let’s be clear - Democrats have created a circus that not even they can navigate anymore! They continue to change their own standards to match their narrative.” [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [12/12/19](#)]

Van Duyne Went From A Reluctant Trump Supporter To A Wannabe Fox News Star

Significant Findings

- ✓ *In 2016, Van Duyne heavily criticized Trump, but said she would still vote for him*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne referred to Trump as an “egotistical vulgarian”*
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 - ✓ *Van Duyne said that Trump wasn’t the best Republicans had to offer, but that she would vote for him anyway*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne claimed the 2016 election wasn’t about picking the best candidate, but was about “choosing the one who will do the least damage”*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne was later reported to be “one of the few major city mayors to endorse Trump”*
- ✓ *While running for Congress, Van Duyne has leapt to defend Trump, made appearances on Fox News, and aligned herself with conservatives known for spreading conspiracy theories in defense of President Trump*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne opposed Trump’s impeachment and called it a “sham”*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne participated in an all-white “conservative squad” joint fundraising committee, appearing on Fox News to promote their efforts*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne schmoozed with conservative activists, including Charlie Kirk, Candace Owens, and Jeanine Pirro*

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Van Duyne Claimed The 2016 Election Wasn't About Picking The Best Candidate, But Was About "Choosing The One Who Will Do The Least Damage." "This election is no longer about picking the best candidate, but choosing the one who will do the least damage. At the end of the day, I'm comparing Trump to Clinton, not to God. To that end, I am much less offended by an egotistical vulgarian than by an official whose Department of State ignored pleas of an American ambassador about to be killed, who brags about raising taxes on American businesses while her foundation collects millions of dollars from foreign governments, antagonizes race relations while undermining police departments across the country, risks our national security for her own convenience or seemingly nefarious purposes and defends her mistakes as not knowing any better while running on a campaign of experience. When trying to determine which of these two will do the least damage, there is simply no comparison — and that is where we need the wisdom to know the difference." [OZY, Beth Van Duyne piece, [10/27/16](#)]

Van Duyne Highlighted The Supreme Court As A Reason She Voted For Trump. "But perhaps the most important reason I support Trump is my belief and support of the fundamental principles our Founding Fathers recognized — that checks and balances are essential in maintaining a constitutional republic. With possibly three seats coming open on the Supreme Court, the next president will decide the makeup of the court for decades to come." [OZY, Beth Van Duyne piece, [10/27/16](#)]

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Van Duyne Called Trump's Blunders On The 2016 Campaign Trail "Deeply Insulting." "Make no mistake: Trump's blunders were deeply insulting and cost him millions. Clinton's, however, cost American lives and will undoubtedly continue to do so if elected." [OZY, Beth Van Duyne piece, [10/27/16](#)]

Van Duyne: "I Do Not Accept The Notion That Because Of Trump's Offensive Statements About Women, I, As A Woman, Must Not Vote For Him." "My perspective is that of a Christian, a conservative, a parent, the mayor of a top 100 city and a Republican who is disgusted with the way 'leaders' in Washington have conducted our nation's business for the past eight years. I do not accept the notion that because of Trump's offensive statements about women, I, as a woman, must not vote for him. Nor do I accept the notion that because Clinton and I are both women, I must therefore stop using my brain and turn my vote to her. While Clinton and I were both born with a set of ovaries, that's about where our similarities end. Can we not get beyond gender and race as reasons to support a candidate?" [OZY, Beth Van Duyne piece, [10/27/16](#)]

Van Duyne Was Later Reported To Be "One Of The Few Major City Mayors To Endorse Trump"

Dallas Morning News: "Van Duyne Was One Of The Few Big-City Mayors In America To Endorse Trump For President." "Van Duyne was one of the few big-city mayors in America to endorse Trump for president, and

she could be offered a post under Ben Carson, Trump’s nominee for housing secretary.” [Dallas Morning News, 2/16/17]

Van Duyne Was Vocally Opposed To Trump’s Impeachment

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Van Duyne On Impeachment: “You’re Seeing A Lot Of People Waste Time And Money And Energy On Trying To Reverse The 2016 Presidency.” “Former Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne, a GOPer who worked in the Trump administration, brought in more than \$347,000 since she launched her campaign. She attributed that early success to voters being ‘absolutely frustrated’ with the ‘circus’ she said Democrats are creating in D.C. ‘You’re seeing a lot of people waste time and money and energy on trying to reverse the 2016 presidency,’ she said, referring to the impeachment inquiry against Trump.” [Dallas Morning News, 10/20/19]

Van Duyne: “Opposition To Speaker Pelosi’s Sham Impeachment Is Now Bi-Partisan! Democrats Are Starting To Turn Against The Extremists Who Are Running Their Party & Openly Saying They Will Vote Against Pelosi’s Articles Of Impeachment. Keep The Pressure On Them Folks!” “Opposition to Speaker Pelosi’s sham impeachment is now bi-partisan! Democrats are starting to turn against the extremists who are running their party & openly saying they will vote against Pelosi’s articles of impeachment. Keep the pressure on them folks!” [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [12/6/19](#)]

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Dec. 2019: Van Duyne Was A Part Of “Conservative Squad,” A Joint Fundraising Committee, Along With Jessica Taylor, Nancy Mace, And Michelle Fischbach. “CONSERVATIVE SQUAD is a joint fundraising committee composed of Jessica Taylor for Congress, Inc., Fischbach for Congress, Beth Van Duyne for Congress and Nancy Mace for Congress (each, a “Participating Committee” and, together, the “Participating Committees”). Conservative Squad will allocate each contribution it receives, that is permissible under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, 52 U.S.C. § 30101 et seq., as amended (the “Act”), from a contributor who has not exceeded his or her applicable federal contribution limits, to the Participating Committees pursuant to the Act and this Allocation Formula.” [Conservative Squad, accessed [12/16/19](#)]

Van Duyne: “I Am Excited To Have The Opportunity To Speak On Fox News” As A Part Of The Conservative Squad. “I was excited to have the opportunity to speak on Fox News this morning about the new coalition that I and three other strong, conservative women are starting as an answer to the ‘socialist squad’ in Washington.” [Beth Van Duyne (via Twitter), [12/12/19](#)]

Van Duyne Touted Her Appearance On Fox & Friends Leading Up To The Conservative Squad Interview, Saying “Live From New York! Tune In Tomorrow To Fox & Friends For An Exciting Campaign Announcement!” “Live from New York! Tune in tomorrow to Fox & Friends for an exciting campaign announcement!” [Beth Van Duyne (via Twitter), [12/11/19](#)]



HEADLINE: “These Four Women Thought Forming An All White ‘Squad’ Was A Good Idea.” [Jezebel, [12/22/19](#)]

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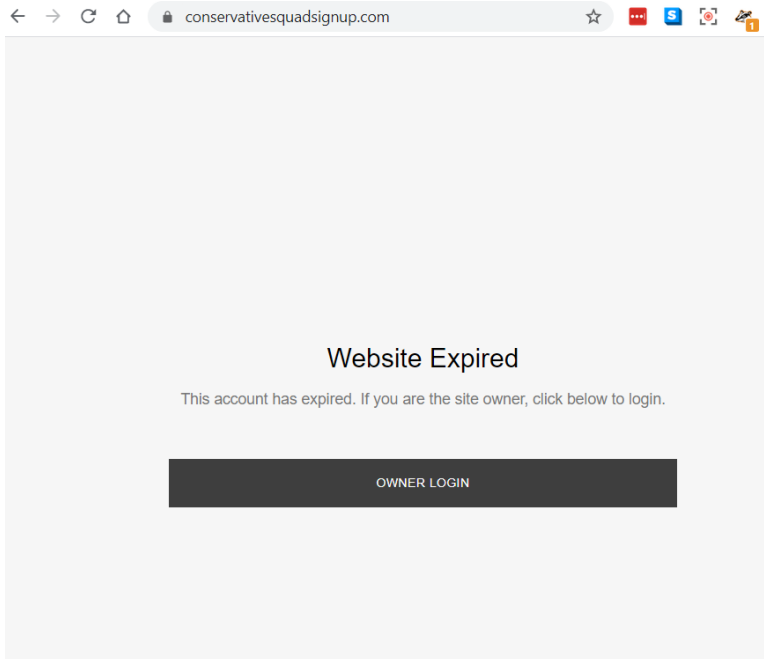
Van Duyne Said That Members Of The Democrat “Squad” Were Just Looking For “An Opportunity To Be In Front Of A Camera.” “Are we focused on those kinds of bills and what we see at the DC level right now by the radical socialists that are up there, specifically some of the members that you’ve just mentioned are you know focused on impeachment issues and things that people see as a push as a not really taking responsibility at all of what their jobs are. It’s an opportunity to be in front of a camera. It’s really anti-American. It is absolutely anti-American.” [Debbie Georgatos, America Can We Talk?, [1/2/20](#)]

The “Conservative Squad” Quickly Deteriorated

Roll Call: Four Months After The Conservative Squad Announcement, One Of The Candidates Failed To Make It Out Of Her Primary And The Other Three Posted “Modest Fundraising Numbers.” “In December, four female Republican candidates banded together to form the “Conservative Squad” as the antidote to the quartet of progressive women in the House known by a similar moniker. Four months later, one of those candidates failed to make it out of her primary, and the three other women posted modest fundraising numbers. Today, the group’s website isn’t even live anymore.” [Roll Call, [4/17/20](#)]

HEADLINE: Challenges confront self-described ‘Conservative Squad’. [Roll Call, [4/17/20](#)]

April 17, 2020: The Conservative Squad Website Was No Longer Live. “Today, the group’s website isn’t even live anymore. [...] Even though the WinRed page is still available, the initial website promoted by the group, ConservativeSquad.com, is no longer active and invites the Squarespace owner to log in.” [Roll Call, [4/17/20](#)]



[ConservativeSquadSignup.com (via ConservativeSquad.com), accessed [5/13/20](#)]

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Van Duyne Posted A Charlie Kirk Quote Saying “They’re Using Armed Guards For This Whole Thing Which I Think Is One Of The Greatest Ironies Of A Gun Control March.” [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [3/25/18](#)]



[Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [3/25/18](#)]

Kirk Ran Turning Point USA, A Conservative Student Group, And Was Known For Spreading Conspiracy Theories. “The tweets by Mr. Kirk, 26, who runs Turning Point USA, a conservative student group, hit just the right marks for the president. [...] Mixing, matching and twisting facts, Mr. Kirk has come to exemplify a new breed of political agitator that has flourished since the 2016 election by walking the line between mainstream conservative opinion and outright disinformation. It is a style that often seems modeled on that of Mr. Trump himself. Backed by prominent Republican donors, and with a powerful ally in the president’s eldest son, Donald Trump Jr., Mr. Kirk both amplifies the president’s message and helps shape it.” [New York Times, [4/19/20](#)]

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Candace Owens Was A Conservative Commentator. “In recent weeks, everyone from conservative commentator Candace Owens, to popular vloggers Diamond and Silk, to Trump booster and former Milwaukee Sheriff David Clarke Jr., to Fox News personalities have had tweets deleted for running afoul of Twitter’s coronavirus misinformation policy. Lockdown protesters frequently post fears that social media companies like Facebook will delete the group pages on which they organize.” [Politico, [5/12/20](#)]

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Van Duyne Posed For A Photo With Conservative Commentator And Radio Host Dana Loesch At The NRA Convention In Dallas

Van Duyne Posed For A Photo With Conservative Commentator And Radio Host Dana Loesch At The NRA Convention In Dallas. “Great to catch up with @DLoesch during #NRAAM2018 in Dallas. Miss seeing her around town but she is definitely staying busy. You go, girl!” [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [5/6/18](#)]



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Van Duyne Spent The Day With Dana Loesch And Allen West At A Patrio Mobile Event. “Great day for a race at Texas Motor Speedway with the amazing team at Patriot Mobile, Glenn P. Story, Dana Loesch, Jeremy Lock, Allen West, Chris Putnam, Gerald Kern and so many others!” [Beth Van Duyne Facebook, [11/4/19](#)]



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Van Duyne Gained Notoriety For Her Anti-Muslim Rhetoric

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Van Duyne was well known for her anti-Muslim rhetoric*
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 - ✓ *March 2015: Van Duyne asked the Irving City Council to vote to on a bill that forbade judges from being influence by “foreign laws”*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne raised money off the backlash, shared false Facebook posts that she was being asked to “surrender” by Muslims, and went on an anti-Muslim speaking tour*
 - ✓ *Because of Van Duyne’s actions, many considered Irving to be a global symbol of Islamophobia*
 - ✓ *The Bureau of American Islamic Relations, a hate group, was bolstered by Van Duyne’s anti-Muslim bill*
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 - ✓ *2019: Asked about her stance on the sharia law case, Van Duyne said that her stance was “a support of women’s rights”*
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 - ✓ *September 2015: Van Duyne defended law enforcement’s decision to arrest 14-year old Ahmed Mohamed*
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 - ✓ *Van Duyne was criticized by local officials and organizations*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne blamed the media for the criticism, continued to defend herself months after the incident, and said it was difficult for her and her family*
- ✓ *Van Duyne later participated in an summit with Muslim groups*

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February 2015: In A Facebook Post, Van Duyne Accused Irving’s Muslim Community Of Having A Separate “Sharia Law Court”

Van Duyne Accused The Muslim Community Of Irving Of Having “Sharia Law Court.” “It began with a February Facebook post by Mayor Beth Van Duyne responding to stories about a Muslim mediation panel comprised of arbitrators settling civil disputes using Sharia law in non-binding decisions, with reports that the panel was located in an Irving mosque. Van Duyne began referring to the tribunal as a ‘court’ and warned that foreign law can’t be applied when it ‘violates public policy, statutory, or federal laws.’” [Washington Post, [9/16/15](#)]

Van Duyne: American Citizens Need To Remember That Their Rights Are Guaranteed By The Constitution And I Believe No One Should Subjugate Themselves To Anything Less.”

**Beth Van Duyne**

February 6, 2015 · 🌐

Sharia Law Court was NOT approved or enacted by the City of Irving. Recently, there have been rumors suggesting that the City of Irving has somehow condoned, approved or enacted the implementation of a Sharia Law Court in our City. Let me be clear, neither the City of Irving, our elected officials or city staff have anything to do with the decision of the mosque that has been identified as starting a Sharia Court.

As Mayor of the City of Irving, I took an oath to uphold the laws of the State of Texas and the Constitution of the United States. I respect the freedoms guaranteed under the First Amendment and believe that protecting fundamental constitutional rights and ensuring that individual rights are not violated or denied is essential.

Currently, Texas Supreme Court precedent does not allow the application of foreign law that violates public policy, statutory, or federal laws. However, now that this issue has emerged in our community, I am working with our State Representatives on legislation to clarify and strengthen existing prohibitions on the application of foreign law in violation of constitutional or statutory rights.

American citizens need to remember that their rights are guaranteed by the Constitution and I believe no one should subjugate themselves to anything less. While I am working to better understand how this "court" will function and whom will be subject to its decisions, please know if it is determined that there are violations of basic rights occurring, I will not stand idle and will fight with every fiber of my being against this action. Our nation cannot be so overly sensitive in defending other cultures that we stop protecting our own. The American Constitution and our guaranteed rights reigns supreme in our nation and may that ever be the case.

[Facebook, Beth Van Duyne, [2/6/15](#)]

March 2015: Van Duyne Asked The Irving City Council To Vote To On A Bill That Forbade Judges From Being Influence By "Foreign Laws"

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The Bill Was Ratified. "As the discussion went on the subject of diversity inevitably came up, particularly concerning those who practice the Islamic faith. One of the opening questions on this topic involved the recent ratification of Texas House Bill 562, nicknamed American Laws for American Courts, because of the bill's intended effect of allowing Federal United States and Texas State laws to supersede foreign laws in domestic courts." [The Irving Rambler, 12/19/15]

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Van Duyne: ‘The City Council Looked At American Laws For American Courts Back In March, And It Was A Law That We Supported Because We Support American Laws.’ ““The city council looked at American Laws for American Courts back in March, and it was a law that we supported because we support American laws,’ Van Duyne said. ‘I think anybody who claims that’s anti-anything says a lot more about them than it says about the city council. We supported American Laws for American Courts. We supported fundamental human rights as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Texas. We take an oath when we take an office, and we state that we will defend and protect those rights, and as long as I’m elected I will continue to do that.’ [The Irving Rambler, 12/19/15]

The “Sharia Court” Van Duyne Railed Against Was A Mediation Panel

The “Sharia Court” Was An Islamic Mediation Panel. “While the bill does not mention religion, Leach has singled out the Islamic mediation panel as a ‘problem’ it will solve. The wording is largely identical to that in a previous bill pitched by another lawmaker as a way to stop the influence of ‘large populations of Middle Easterners.’” [Dallas Morning News, 3/20/15]

Van Duyne Incorrectly Told Conservative News Outlets That The Islamic Mediation Service Was A Separate Court

Van Duyne Incorrectly Told Then Fox Host Glenn Beck That The Islamic Mediation Service Was A Separate Court. “Van Duyne left out some details. Like when she incorrectly told former Fox News host Glenn Beck that the Islamic mediation service was a “separate court” creating new laws.” [The Dallas Morning News 7/29/15]

Van Duyne On Sharia Law Matter: “Well You Know And Whether Or Not It’s A Court, A Tribunal, A Mediation Service, An Arbitration Service. I’ve Kind Of Heard Everything That’s Gone On. The Fact Is That We Are Supportive Of American Laws And American Courts.” “Well you know and whether or not it’s a court, a tribunal, a mediation service, an arbitration service. I’ve kind of heard everything that’s gone on. The fact is that we are supportive of American laws and American courts.” [Blaze TV, Dana Loesch Van Duyne Interview, [5/5/15](#)]

Van Duyne Raised Money Off The Backlash, And Shared False Facebook Posts That She Was Being Asked To “Surrender” By Muslims

Van Duyne Raised Money Off Of Her Involvement In Sharia Law Controversy

Van Duyne Painted Herself As A Victim, And Fundraised Off Of Attacks On The Muslim Community. “Irving police have opened a harassment investigation. But when Van Duyne asked the police chief about the allegations of threats at Thursday’s meeting, he said none appeared to be criminal. Mayor on Facebook. Van Duyne has portrayed herself on Facebook as a victim of the dispute. ‘Recent events have put me under attack and I need your help now!’ the mayor posted last week, with a link to her political fundraising site. Asked who was attacking her, Van Duyne pointed to the media - including a Dallas Morning News report that labeled her ‘a hero among a fringe movement that believes Muslims ... are plotting to take over American culture and courts.’” [Dallas Morning News, 4/3/15]

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After Attempting To Pass An Anti-Sharia Law Resolution, Van Duyne Went On An Anti-Muslim Speaking Tour

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One Woman Described Van Duyne As A Servant Of God. “While they don’t always square with the facts, the mayor’s modest stories have had a powerful effect. Besides hero, her fans now call her a servant of God, a defender of women and one of the most exciting politicians to shoot out of the North Texas suburbs.” [Dallas Morning News, [7/29/15](#)]

The Chairman Of The Kaufman County Tea Party Advertised Her Speeches Claiming The Media And Democrats Are Protecting The Sharia Court System

Kaufman County Tea Party Chairman Ray Myers: ‘That Girl Is Quality.’ “‘That girl is quality, gushed Ray Myers, who chairs the Kaufman County Tea Party. ‘All she’s got to do is get her name out there and decide which position she wants to run for, and good people who care about this country will resonate.’”[The Dallas Morning News 7/29/15]

Meyers Said Van Duyne's Speech Was About How Journalists And Democrats Are Protecting Sharia Courts. "Myers said his website traffic doubled after he advertised Van Duyne's speech to his group, billed as "the inside story" of how Muslims, reporters and Democrats were protecting an illegal Sharia court. He worried, he said, when he found out the Web traffic was coming "from places where there are mosques." [The Dallas Morning News 7/29/15]

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Van Duyne Was Invited To Speak At The Center For Security Policy, The Group Who Accused President Obama Of Being A Secret Muslim. "A week later, Van Duyne was in New York at the invitation of the Center for Security Policy, an advocacy group whose leader has suggested that President Barack Obama might secretly be a Muslim." [Dallas Morning News, 7/29/15]

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criminal acts or the publication of literature. Those that appeared to exist exclusively online were not included.” [Herald Democrat, 2/19/16]

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Local Imam: “It Fuels Anti-Islamic Hysteria. Her Whole Point Was To Rile Up Her Supporters. ... The Problem Is We Become The Whipping Boys.” “The dispute has made Van Duyne a hero among a fringe movement that believes Muslims - a tiny fraction of the U.S. population - are plotting to take over American culture and courts. ‘It fuels anti-Islamic hysteria,’ said Zia Sheikh, imam at the Islamic Center of Irving. ‘Her whole point was to rile up her supporters. ... The problem is we become the whipping boys.’ The mayor stands by her statements, including an interview with former Fox News host Glenn Beck last month, when she said Sheikh and other imams were ‘bypassing American courts’ by offering to mediate disputes among their worshippers according to an Islamic code called Shariah.” [Dallas Morning News, 3/20/15]

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Van Duyne On Foreign Influence In Family Courts: “You’re Not Talking About What The Law Stands For, What Is Happening In These Types Of Courts. You Stop That Discussion And Then You’re Just Put Into A Defensive Position.” “If you’re talking about, you’re in a defensive position, you’re not talking about what the law stands for, what is happening in these types of courts. You stop that discussion and then you’re just put into a defensive position. I’m not playing that game.” [Blaze TV, Dana Loesch Van Duyne Interview, [5/5/15](#)]

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Constitution didn't already do that, the vote was blasted in editorials as far away as Waco. 'I would never in a million years have expected the negative reaction I got,' Van Duyne told the crowd at the church, before reading her first Facebook post on the topic. Cheers filled the church as she recited her old lines: 'If it is determined there are violations of basic rights occurring, I will not stand idle and will fight with every fiber of my being.' 'This is what started the 'I'm a hateful, bigoted, racist Islamophobe,' she explained afterward.'" [Dallas Morning News, 7/29/15]

Van Duyne: "We Have A Civilized Society That The Rest Of The World Tries To Emulate And Wants To Come To, And At The Same Time Tries To Destroy. And What We're Seeing Is They Destroy From Within." "No one questioned Van Duyne's stories inside the church, though they asked plenty afterward. 'Will it ever be feasible for the imams and all to ever put Shariah law on an American-born woman like me?' Gayle Kinnart asked. Kinnart didn't entirely understand the mayor's answer, which meandered through a story about how she'd been forbidden to take a Bible to Saudi Arabia. 'We have a civilized society that the rest of the world tries to emulate and wants to come to, and at the same time tries to destroy. And what we're seeing is they destroy from within,' the mayor said.'" [Dallas Morning News, 7/29/15]

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Van Duyne Claimed That There Were A Number Of Different Cases Where Family Court Sided With Sharia Law Over American Law. "There's international laws that will reign, this was specific to family law because that is a much different animal when you're in the united states women have equal rights and there were a number of cases brought up that Rinaldi had sent me some and again this is, I research, I'm not necessarily an overly emotional person. Some people have claimed I'm a robot because I need to have my data in order to support something, but there were a number of different cases, case law examples, where a husband had said I divorce you, I divorce you, I divorce you, and he considered himself divorced. There was a case in new jersey where she was actually beaten and raped by her husband and she wanted to get a restraining order. When she went to trial court the

judge denied it, saying that he has no mens rea in this case because he doesn't know he's committing a crime because, in his understanding under your marriage, I don't know what country they were married in, but under sharia law, he's able to do that." [Van Duyne Speech, Park Cities/Preston Hollow Leadership Forum, [4/18/16](#)]

Van Duyne: "There Were Several Examples That I Was Given, Two Of Them Were In Texas And There's Actually A Third Going On In Austin Right Now." "Perhaps. Perhaps or they were saying that they were married here but they were married with this understanding. So, taking those things into account, now that woman did appeal it and it was turned over in appeal, however, a lot of women might not know that they can appeal it, they might not have their resources to appeal it and unless it's in an appeal you would never even hear about it. So those are examples and there were other, I mean there were several examples that I was given, two of them were in Texas and there's actually a third going on in Austin right now. That shockingly and my mom happens to be by the way a board-certified family attorney as well. And there are examples of that expectation and you as an attorney can turn those cases down, which she has. but if they're asking her it is happening around Texas." [Van Duyne Speech, Park Cities/Preston Hollow Leadership Forum, [4/18/16](#)]

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Van Duyne Said The Islamic Tribunal Disturbed Her Because It Claimed, "All Muslims In The United States Have To Practice Islamic Jurisprudence Or Sharia Law." "And then when you sort of go into why they're doing that they go into, all Muslims in the united states have to practice Islamic jurisprudence or sharia law, and that disturbed me a little bit. And I will fully admit that I was not fully aware, okay if I close this computer am, I going to lose that, is that okay, are you alright with that? [closes laptop] So I was concerned, so I started talking to some of my state reps. So, I talked to Matt Renaldi and Rodney Anderson and I asked for their input on it and there was a bill and it was the American laws for American courts and so we started talking, but in between, I posted this Facebook post and it's a little long, but I hope you'll entertain me." [Van Duyne Speech, Park Cities/Preston Hollow Leadership Forum, [4/18/16](#)]

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elected official you stand up there and you say you are going to uphold the laws of the constitution and that of the state of Texas and nobody should take that lightly. so, seeing a situation where that might potentially be threatened, I stood up and said that and you would have thought that I was the biggest racist in the world because the amount of condemnation that came down on my head from that statement was absolutely ridiculous.” [Van Duyne Speech, Park Cities/Preston Hollow Leadership Forum, [4/18/16](#)]

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Van Duyne Claimed That She Sent A Copy Of The State Law Affecting Foreign Influence On Courts To The Mosque Members And Never Got A Response. “In fact, the law that we’re talking about putting in and supporting the legislation at the state level we’d really like you to support. They asked what it was, I told them we’d get them a copy, and before we ever put it on the agenda, we were hoping to get their feedback. Three weeks went by never heard from them. Literally, the night before it was about 8:30 at night, the night before, I’m trying to think if I have any copies of it.” [Van Duyne Speech, Park Cities/Preston Hollow Leadership Forum, [4/18/16](#)]

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Van Duyne Agreed With An Audience Member That What The Imams At The Islamic Tribunal Were Doing Was “Fraud.” “Audience Member: ‘That’s also a violation of law, that’s fraud, right?’ Beth Van Duyne: ‘That’s what you’d think. But as far as I know, there’s been no investigation. So, but that’s the assumption that people make. By the way, the reason that [inaudible] was specific to family law is in things like contract law it’s whatever the law was that was entered into and I’m not an attorney and I’m not going to practice one, being one, pretend to be one. But my understanding is if you enter into a contract if it was based in sharia law, that is the expectation and those standards can be held, it happens in international business all the time.’” [Van Duyne Speech, Park Cities/Preston Hollow Leadership Forum, [4/18/16](#)]

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all of attorneys. Not only have they not supported it, but it was the family law associations lobbyist who killed the bill in Austin. I'm sure it's gonna come up again, I'm sure it's gonna come up again, so if you support that you need to let your state representatives know." [Van Duyne Speech, Park Cities/Preston Hollow Leadership Forum, [4/18/16](#)]

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Van Duyne Said She Took Issue With Her Sharia Law Interaction Being Called An "Attack" Because It In No Way Compared To Actual Acts Of Terrorism. "You know I have mentioned a couple of times in public settings that one of the things that disturbed me the most about the paper's description of my attack on this peaceful religious tribunal was the word attack and you look at what happened in Paris, you look at what happened in Brussels, you look at what happened in San Bernardino, you look at what happened in Boston and you look at what happened in Garland, those were attacks. I don't know if what we did in our city made a difference, I would like to think that it did. The tribunal and I'm sure there are others if it is purely religious in nature and if it is purely giving soul searching advice I god forbid I am not going to get involved between somebody and their god right but if we're talking about an attorney-client privilege that's not made public and simply gone to county court when you've got two signed signatures I don't know if it's happening in other, but I will tell you right now we've got enough case law that shows that it's happening in other jurisdictions and I would be really supportive of other cities passing resolutions that would support the state legislation getting past. So, if you don't live in the city of Irving or even if you do live in the city of Irving support it. and I am hopeful that it passes this year, I don't know what will happen I'm hopeful but without a doubt, we have other cities that are being affected in this way." [Van Duyne Speech, Park Cities/Preston Hollow Leadership Forum, [4/18/16](#)]

Van Duyne Blamed The Media For The Criticism Of Her Resolution, Said She Did Not Think What She Had Done Was Offensive, And Yelled At A Muslim Woman Who Confronted Her

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Van Duyne: “I Did Not Realize I Was Such A Divisive Or Controversial Speaker Until I Started Getting Calls About Bodyguards.” “Two Muslims tried to attack a contest to mock their religion in nearby Garland the month before, so Myers called the sheriff’s office. By the time Van Duyne pulled off the interstate on June 16, a row of American flags and nearly a dozen officers stood in front of the Trinity Family Church. ‘I did not realize I was such a divisive or controversial speaker until I started getting calls about body guards,’ the mayor said inside.” [Dallas Morning News, 7/29/15]

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2019: Asked About Her Stance On The Sharia Law Case, Van Duyne Said That Her Stance Was "A Support Of Women's Rights"

Van Duyne Was Asked About Her Stance On The Sharia Law Case During Her Tarrant County Endorsement Press Conference And Said That Her Stance Was "A Support Of Women's Rights." "Beth Van Duyne: When you say my stance, I supported everybody in my community. It was about the sharia law court. My stance was to put on a bill to support American laws. That was a support of women's rights. Women in foreign laws wouldn't have gotten the same representation." [Project Vantage, Van Duyne Speech, Tarrant County TX, Officials Endorsement Press Conference, [9/26/19](#)]

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Van Duyne Said That Mohamed, 14, Had Been "Non-Responsive" And "Passive Aggressive" In Interactions With Police. "A spokesperson for the Irving Police Department has said there have been multiple open records requests for the full police reporting, but that those requests remained in the hands of the city's legal advisor. The available police report describes the event only as, ' Arrestee being in possession of a hoax bomb at MacArthur High School.' Van Duyne said that according to the information she had seen, Mohammed had been 'non-responsive' and 'passive aggressive' in response to questions from police officers." [Newstex, 9/23/15]

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While Detained, Mohammed Was Even Refused A Phone Call

The Police Refused To Give Mohammed A Phone Call. "'I tried making a phone call to my father. They said, 'You're in the middle of an interrogation. You can't have a phone call,' he said. 'I really don't think it's fair, because I brought something to school that wasn't a threat to anyone. I didn't do anything wrong. I just showed my teachers something and I end up being arrested later that day.'" [KXAS, [9/15/15](#)]

Van Duyne Accused Mohamed Of Talking More To Reporters Than He Did To The Police

Van Duyne: "He Told A Lot More To The Reporters Than He Ever Told To The Police." "A week after the arrest, Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne told Glenn Beck that another side of the story was not being told. She referred to the item as a 'hoax bomb,' not a clock, and said that Ahmed was not cooperative during questioning by police. 'He told a lot more to the reporters than he ever told to the police,' Van Duyne said. 'There's a problem with that. If your child was in that school and you saw something like this come in, you would want to make sure it is our priority to make our children safe in school, period.'" [Washington Post, 11/23/15]

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Ahmed in the days ahead, skeptics wondered why the family wouldn't release his records. 'Is there any doubt in your mind ... that this is not what it appears now to be?' TV host Glenn Beck asked the mayor in an interview on Sept. 21, after another guest claimed the boy had 'staged' his arrest. 'The school district is put in a really bad position because the child is a minor,' Van Duyne said. 'A number of times [the district] has asked the family to release the records so you can have a balanced story out there.'" [Dallas Morning News, 10/6/15]

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Van Duyne Was Criticized By Local Officials And Organizations

The Islamic Association Of North Texas Blamed Van Duyne For Creating A “Climate Of Fear”

The Islamic Association Of Northern Texas Did Not Fault Police But Blamed Van Duyne For The “Climate Of Fear” From Her Rhetoric. “The Islamic Association of North Texas and Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne don’t fault school and law enforcement officials for the arrest and suspension this week of a Muslim teen who brought a homemade clock to school that was mistaken for a bomb.[...] But the group blamed political leaders like Van Duyne for espousing inflammatory anti-Muslim rhetoric and creating a “climate of fear” that would lead police and school officials to react as they did.” [Desert News, 9/19/15]

The Irving City Manager Urged Van Duyne To Not Give Interviews

The City Manager Told Van Duyne “No More Interviews, Let Fire Die Down And Don’t Provide Any More Oxygen.” “The texts, which The News requested from the city, describe how officials tried to manage the media as outlets around the world reported on Ahmed’s arrest - which many saw as Islamophobic despite officials’ insistence that police were right to initially suspect the clock. ‘Consultant said we were on the right track, continue to emphasize strong public safety, safety and security,’ City Manager Chris Hillman texted Van Duyne at one point. ‘No more interviews, let fire die down and don’t provide any more oxygen.’” [Dallas Morning News, 11/12/15]

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Dallas Morning News: “Van Duyne Seemed To Side With Conspiracy Theorists, Repeatedly Hinting That There Was More To The Story Than The Public Knew.” “Van Duyne seemed to side with conspiracy theorists, repeatedly hinting that there was more to the story than the public knew. No evidence to solidly support either side has surfaced. If form holds, the truth likely falls somewhere in between. One wonders if Ahmed’s odyssey would have drawn any attention had it not been for Irving’s political environment, which Van Duyne helped ripen for rancor. In February, she stirred false rumors that the Irving Islamic Center had established a Muslim Shariah court. The ‘court’ was in Dallas, and it’s actually just an arbitration panel, not unlike those run by other faith groups.” [Dallas Morning News, Editorial, 12/16/15]

Dallas Morning News: “The Dispute Has Made Van Duyne A Hero Among A Fringe Movement That Believes Muslims - A Tiny Fraction Of The U.S. Population - Are Plotting To Take Over American Culture And Courts.” “The intense national spotlight on Islam has shifted to Irving, where Mayor Beth Van Duyne has accused mosque leaders of creating separate laws for Muslims and the City Council voted Thursday to endorse a state bill that Muslims say targets their faith. The dispute has made Van Duyne a hero among a fringe movement that believes Muslims - a tiny fraction of the U.S. population - are plotting to take over American culture and courts.” [Dallas Morning News, 3/20/15]

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Van Duyne: "It Seems To Be An Underlying Habit That [President Obama] Is Going To Second Guess Police Officers Without Any Kind Of Information." "Van Duyne said she was 'shocked' when she saw the President's tweet to Ahmed Mohammed. 'It seems to be an underlying habit that [President Obama] is going to second guess police officers without any kind of information.' Van Duyne said that the Irving police chief, whom she called 'a wonderful man', was receiving death threats as a result of the case, as were other police officers, teachers and school administrators, in response to the controversy." [Newstex, 9/23/15]

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Van Duyne Blamed The Media For The Criticism, Continued To Defend Herself Months After The Incident, And Said It Was Difficult For Her And Her Family

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Van Duyne Blamed Coverage After The Clock Boy Incident On One Journalist Writing A "Nasty Story" And All Other Outlets Picking It Up. "We had one reporter who wrote a nasty story, again not based on the truth and other papers just picked it up and people based on one reporters thoughts on the subject just went to town and then all of the sudden made all sorts of radical assumptions on an entire city." [Robert Miguel, 104.9 Coyote Country, [12/14/17](#)]

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Van Duyne On The Clock Boy Incident: “It Was So Much More Dramatic To Make It Seem Like It Was Some Kind Of A Hateful Thing And It Couldn’t Have Been Anything More, It Was Simply A Student Brought Something In That Looked Like A Bomb And He Was Questioned On It And That Was It.” “It was so much more dramatic to make it seem like it was some kind of a hateful thing and it couldn’t have been anything more, it was simply a student brought something in that looked like a bomb and he was questioned on it and that was it. But in today’s’ PC culture where we’re constantly looking to be offended instead of looking at common sense, it’s a shame and I really hope we’re going to get over that soon.” [Robert Miguel, 104.9 Coyote Country, [12/14/17](#)]

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Van Duyne Claimed That She Felt The “Threat Of Violence” After Her Involvement In The Clock Boy Incident. “Well you know what and that threat of violence I’ve felt directly. We had an incident and you all know about it, happened in September right. several months after this, September 16th I woke up and I had work session, and I hate to admit it but usually at 5 or 5:30 in the morning the first thing I do is I reach for my phone and I look at my emails, I look at you know things people have posted. Sometimes people have posted things to my Facebook that I really don’t want on there and you have to clean it up, and I do all my own media, all my own social media, I don’t have staff members for that. But I’m reading and I pulled it up and it was like whoa, I mean 10s of thousands of Facebook posts, twitter posts, emails it was horrible. First thing I did was turn on the news, not only was it on the local news, but it was on national news. Then the first thing that I do is I read the story, now I tell you if I read this story as a third person not having the experience from the previous year that I had I might have read that story differently. And I’m going to give a lot of people around the world that read that story for the first time and thought wow what is that ISD, what is that police department thinking, but I knew better. So, the first thing I did was I

called our city manager and then I called our police chief.” [Van Duyne Speech, Park Cities/Preston Hollow Leadership Forum, [4/18/16](#)]

Van Duyne Said She Had To Get Security At Her Own Expense. “Since that time, I’ve had to get security at my own expense. It’s not right that the city has to pay for it. We had votes for American Laws for American Courts and in a nutshell, it said only in family court, so issues of child custody, issues of divorce, marital dispersions of assets, only in family courts where a foreign law would not be enforced when that foreign law violates fundamental human rights as provided by the constitution of Texas and the constitution of the united states.” [Van Duyne Speech, Park Cities/Preston Hollow Leadership Forum, [4/18/16](#)]

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Van Duyne Hindered Local Development While Mayor

Significant Findings

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Van Duyne Criticized Former Mayor Gears For Taking Contributions From A Developer Involved With the Project. “‘I also plan to explore putting an ethics policy in place. Dallas has a good policy and I’d like to see something similar. Our City Council members should not be able to accept money from anyone whose business would benefit from our rulings.’ During her campaign, Van Duyne had criticized ousted Mayor Gears for accepting a reported half million dollars in contributions from Billy Bob Barnett, a central figure in the planned Entertainment District.” [The Irving Rambler, 6/25/11]

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One Of Van Duyne’s First Acts As Mayor Was To Perform A Full Financial Audit Of The Entertainment Center. “Her first issue: a full financial audit of both the Entertainment District (a key point in the contentious campaign), and of the South Irving Heritage District. ‘My first priority is figuring out where the money has been going, and are we wasting it. Who has gotten paid and how much, and what did they do for it? What did the City get out of it? I need to look at the original contracts and intent and see what’s changed. Are we on goal? And if we’re not, how and why did we get off track, and how can we get back on track? Beth Van Duyne ‘I need to read the contracts,’ Van Duyne said. ‘It’s too early to tell right now. I need to be briefed on the various changes. But when we hear about deadlines after the fact? That’s a bad position to be in. The citizens need more updates, and they need to hear about things ahead of time so they can influence the outcome, rather than just react.’ Other priorities may be driven by public input.” [The Irving Rambler, 6/25/11]

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Irving Was Unable To Finance The \$175 Million Needed To Build The Entertainment Center. “Irving cannot finance all of the remaining \$175 million needed to build a Las Colinas entertainment center that has already cost \$25 million to plan, city officials learned Wednesday. The city’s financial advisers told City Council members that the amount they will be able to finance will leave Irving \$75 million to \$110 million short.” [Dallas Morning News, 7/21/12]

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Las Colinas Provided A Letter Stating That They Had At Least One Investor. “In a letter delivered to city staffers, Las Colinas Group chairman William Beuck identified only one investor, TDI Real Estate Acquisition. The letter also said that the group is working with other ‘qualified investors and institutions.’” [National Mortgage News, 4/2/12]

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Van Duyne Did Not Accept Los Colinas’s Letter. “Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne told the Dallas Morning News that the letter does not meet her requirements for proof of funding. “ [National Mortgage News, 4/2/12]

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The Head Of Las Colinas Accused Van Duyne Of Trying To Jeopardize The Project. ““Irving’s development partner in the Las Colinas entertainment center on Thursday accused Mayor Beth Van Duyne of jeopardizing the project. The Las Colinas Group chairman said Van Duyne’s attempts to negotiate contracts between the company and the city could make Irving the target of litigation that potentially could cost ‘taxpayers millions of dollars.’” [Dallas Morning News, 3/2/12]

Las Colinas Claimed They Spent At Least \$1 Million In Pre-Development Expenses Based On The Pre-Development Agreement. “Las Colinas Group chairman William “Bill” Beuck said his company has proved to the city that it spent at least \$1 million in pre-development expenses, as required by the development agreement. He said the company is not required to show the city anything more than that. He also said that a financial review was done for potential investors, not the city.” [Dallas Morning News, 7/22/11]

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Las Colinas’ Chairman Bill Beuck Wrote A Letter To Van Duyne Saying Proposals Will Undermine The Agreement Made With Investors

Beuck Penned A Letter To Van Duyne Stating This Would Break Agreements Made To Investors. “In a letter to Van Duyne on Thursday, Las Colinas Group chairman William “Bill” Beuck II said discussing key terms of the agreements will undermine the company’s ability to hold on to its investors.” [Dallas Morning News, 3/2/12]

Las Colinas Ended Up Suing Irving For \$139 Million

Las Colinas Sued The City Of Irving. “It has come down to litigation for the Las Colinas Group and the City of Irving. Earlier this week, the Las Colinas Group LP filed a lawsuit in a Dallas County court against the City of Irving following a City Council meeting where a contract between the developer and city expired without an extension.” [Dallas Business Journal, 8/10/12]

The Lawsuit Was For \$139 Million Dollars. “The salvo was spurred by an affidavit from former real estate and development director Brenda McDonald that was included in Las Colinas Group’s \$139 million lawsuit against Irving. The city’s former development partner in the troubled \$252 million Las Colinas entertainment center project filed the breach-of-contract lawsuit this month.” [Dallas Morning News, 8/19/12]

Irving Business Leaders Wanted The Entertainment Center Because It Keep Business Travelers In The City

Business Leaders and City Officials Claimed The Las Colinas Center Was Needed Because It Will Keep Business Travelers In Irving. “Business leaders and city officials say that such a project is needed in the Las

Colinas Urban Center. They say it will help the city bring companies and events to the new Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas and will keep business travelers in the city when they're not working. 'We can't maximize it if everybody's leaving town every night to go do something,' said Maura Gast, executive director of the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau." [Dallas Morning News, 6/20/11]

The Council Found An Out Of State Developer To Finish The Project That Still Bothered Van Duyne

Irving's City Council Found Another Developer. "Now, though, Irving was trying to rescue the project with an out-of-state developer, Ark Group. Council members were working to find a resolution that would get the project back on track and simultaneously do away with the lawsuit LCG had brought against the city in the wake of Van Duyne killing their deal. Everyone was on board with that solution." [D Magazine, [8/2013](#)]

Van Duyne Did Not Want Ark Group To Progress Because She Claimed They Had Not Been Vetted. During the meeting, Van Duyne railed that the Ark Group deal shouldn't progress. The group hadn't been vetted! (In fact, it had.) The project should be put out to bid! (The judge in the LCG lawsuit had forbid the city from doing just that.) After Van Duyne successfully scuttled the vote, the mayor quickly left, leaving council members staring at an image of an empty chair in a public hotel space, wondering just who was listening in. [D Magazine, [8/2013](#)]

Van Duyne Blamed Developers And Previous Administrations For The Failures Of Other Projects While She Was Mayor

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When Asked If She Felt At All Responsible For The Failure Of The Irving Convention Center Deal, Van Duyne Pushed Blame Upon On Shady Developers. "Avi Selk: 'People with knowledge of the original convention center hotel deal have told me that you played a significant role in shaping the terms of that deal, convincing city negotiators that the private partner had to take on a larger financial burden that market research advised. How would you portray your role in run-up to that deal? Do you see yourself at all responsible for its failure?' Beth Van Duyne: 'As with many major development deals, economic issues that the city cannot control come into play – developers cannot find financing, decide to move onto other deals or overall economic factors prevent a deal from coming together. We remain committed to building a convention center hotel, however, we want to ensure the deal that ultimately comes together does not create undue debt or a cost burden for the city. Unfortunately, because developers have seen past actions by the city of Irving where millions of dollars were given away on truly failed projects, there exists a perception that we will enter into new contracts that put Irving at a disadvantage or entangle us with major long-term costs.'" [Beth Van Duyne Questionnaire with Journalist Avi Selk, accessed [1/10/20](#)]

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obligated to spend tens millions of dollars without any reassurance that we will get a return on our investment. Furthermore, \$44 million dollars of existing and future Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) monies have been tied to this project – these are dollars that could have been used to enable the development of the convention center hotel, Water Street and North Shore. Obviously, I did not think this was a good deal for our city. Nevertheless, I am working to help recruit restaurants and other tenants for this development.” [Beth Van Duyne Questionnaire with Journalist Avi Selk, accessed [1/10/20](#)]

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Van Duyne On Foreign Influence In Family Courts: “You’re Not Talking About What The Law Stands For, What Is Happening In These Types Of Courts. You Stop That Discussion And Then You’re Just Put Into A Defensive Position.” “If you’re talking about, you’re in a defensive position, you’re not talking about what the law stands for, what is happening in these types of courts. You stop that discussion and then you’re just put into a defensive position. I’m not playing that game.” [Blaze TV, Dana Loesch Van Duyne Interview, [5/5/15](#)]

Van Duyne Went On Fox News To Promote Being Part Of The Conservative Squad

Van Duyne Joined A Group Of Conservative Congressional Candidates To Form The “Conservative Squad” To Combat Socialism. “Four female conservative congressional candidates have banded together in a ‘conservative squad’ to combat Democratic socialist candidates across the United States. In a previous interview on ‘Fox & Friends,’ Alabama congressional candidate Jessica Taylor called for a new generation of conservatives to counteract the ideology of Democratic socialists like Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Ilhan Omar. Then, in a campaign video for her candidacy, Taylor said that she was “sick of arrogant socialists like AOC (Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez), who’ve never even run a lemonade stand, trying to tell us how to live in Alabama and that more government is the answer.” On Thursday, Taylor joined “Fox & Friends” once again with a newly formed “conservative squad,” made up of Minnesota congressional candidate Michelle Fischbach, South Carolina congressional candidate Nancy Mace, and Texas congressional candidate Beth Van Duyne.” [Fox News, [12/12/19](#)]

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Images



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[Gospel Herald, [3/24/15](#)]



[Texas Housers, [5/8/17](#)]

Personal & Professional History

Biography

This section provides background information on Van Duyne's personal life, including education, personal finances, criminal and civil record, and other areas. Searches were conducted with various local media in Dallas County, media outlets including the Dallas Morning News, The Irving Rambler, as well as a number of other online resources, including Lexis-Nexis.

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Career

The following provides a brief overview of Van Duyne's professional career:

Political

- **2017 - 2019:** US HUD, Regional Administrator overseeing Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Louisiana, and Arkansas
- **2011 - 2017:** Mayor, Irving Texas
- **2004 – 2010:** Irving City Council

Professional

- **2002 – 2011:** Co-owned a marketing and consulting firm, BCI Marketing Group, with her then-husband Chris "Casey" Wallach

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Akili Named Van Duyne VP Of Strategic Alliances In July 2013. [Dallas Morning News, 7/7/13]

Akili Was A Business And Technology Consulting Firm. "Akili (pronounced (uh • kē' • lē) meaning 'knowledge' in Swahili) is a business management and technology consulting firm founded in 1992. Our core purpose is to improve the business performance of our clients through the application of people, process and technology." [Akili, accessed 8/20/19]

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Van Duyne: “There Has Never Been A Report Of A Food-Borne Illness Outbreak Related To Our Facilities.” “Sky Chefs implemented a global quality and safety system “harmonizing food safety at all its kitchens” in 2002, says Van Duyne. Since then, the company has served more than 3 billion meals, and “there has never been a report of a food-borne illness outbreak related to our facilities,” she says.” [USA Today, 6/27/10]

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Company spokeswoman Beth Van Duyne would not comment on which airlines the company continues to serve at OIA, or which ones have recently reduced their demand for the company's meals. But she noted: 'It's a tough market right now. ... The market is tightly competitive.' She said the actual number of workers to be let go in Orlando probably would be 70 to 80. Last week, Continental Airlines announced it no longer would offer free meals in coach class on most of its domestic flights. Continental was the last major airline still offering such meals on domestic flights out of Orlando International. Sky Chef has a number of clients at OIA, from large, international airlines to private-jet operators, Van Duyne said." [Orlando Sentinel, 3/30/10]

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Criminal Record

Van Duyne Paid Court Fines Totaling \$517 For Speeding and Driving Without Insurance

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Judgments & Liens

No Evidence Of Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens

As of August 2019, Van Duyne is not associated with any bankruptcy, judgments, or liens. [Nexis Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens search, accessed 8/19/19]

NOTE: Further research necessary into whether Van Duyne or her associated entities had bankruptcies, judgments or liens.

Voter Registration & History

Van Duyne Was Registered To Vote In Irving, TX. [VoteBuilder, accessed 8/19/19]

Van Duyne's Address Was Located In Texas's 24th Congressional District. [House.gov, accessed 6/19/19]

According to Votebuilder, Van Duyne's voting history is depicted below:

Van Duyne Voting History								
	General	Primary	Muni Primary	Muni Runoff	Municipal	Pres Primary	Special	Special Primary
2018	X	X						
2017								
2016	X	X						
2015	X				X		X	
2014	X	X						
2013							X	
2012	X	X				X		X

[Van Duyne profile, Votebuilder, accessed 11/18/19]

Personal Finance

Van Duyne had an estimated net worth between \$101,004 and \$255,000, and personal property valued at \$394,000.

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Van Duyne's Federal Personal Financial Disclosure Summary

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Year	Earned Income	Asset Value		Unearned Income		Transactions		Liabilities	
		MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
2019	\$141,957	\$116,004	\$265,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$15,000

[Van Duyne 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/3/19](#)]

Political Career

This section provides an overview of Van Duyne's political career, from 2004 to 2019.

Significant Findings

- ✓ *August 2019: Van Duyne announced her bid for Texas's 24th congressional district*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne was endorsed by national Republicans, including Reps. McCarthy And Scalise*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne was a part of an all-white "conservative squad," a joint fundraising committee along with other Republican women running for Congress*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne's Communications Director posted offensive things on Facebook*
- ✓ *In 2011, Van Duyne defeated the incumbent mayor of Irving after a long and aggressive campaign*
- ✓ *Prior to serving as mayor, Van Duyne served on the Irving City Council*
- ✓ *Van Duyne attended 95% of city council meetings as Mayor.*
- ✓ *Van Duyne cut her staff by 10 percent*
- ✓ *In 2013, Van Duyne was elected to served on the United States Conference of Mayors Advisory Board*

Partisanship

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Van Duyne: "We Don't Run Necessarily As Republican And Democrat At That Level, But This Group Definitely Gets Involved In All Of Our Local Politics And Not Just At Campaign Time. I'm Looking Around, And I See Women Who Are A Staple At Our Council Meetings And Who Help To Set Us Straight When We Need It." "Chartered in 1962, the club is a political action committee that works to

actively support conservative candidates and encourage Republican women to run for office. Such was the case with Van Duyne, the City's first female mayor and former Republican Women's Club president. 'I want to thank this group, because you also recognize the local level,' Van Duyne said. 'We don't run necessarily as Republican and Democrat at that level, but this group definitely gets involved in all of our local politics and not just at campaign time. I'm looking around, and I see women who are a staple at our council meetings and who help to set us straight when we need it.'" [Irving Rambler, 12/15/12]

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2020 Campaign

August 2019: Van Duyne Announced Her Bid For Texas's 24th Congressional District

Van Duyne Announced She Would Run For Texas's 24th Congressional District After Rep. Marchant Announced His Retirement. "Former Irving mayor Beth Van Duyne has left her post at the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's office in Fort Worth. She confirmed she is running for the 24th Congressional District after Rep. Kenny Marchant announced he's retiring. Van Duyne said she'll make a formal announcement soon." [CBS, 8/5/19]

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Kevin McCarthy Endorsed Van Duyne For Congress. "Honored to have this strong support from @kevinomccarthy. Our momentum continues to grow! Join us TODAY! <http://bethfortexas.com>" [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, 10/10/19]

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Van Duyne Posted A Picture Of Her And Sen. Lindsey Graham In Honor Of His Birthday. “Happy birthday, Senator @LindseyGrahamSC. 🎂 Keep speaking your mind and fighting for truth. God bless you.” [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [7/9/19](#)]

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Rep. Elise Stefanik’s PAC Endorsed Van Duyne For Congress. “Rep. Elise Stefanik (R) “has made it her mission to increase the number of Republican women in the House by playing in primaries,” and she s unveiling the first 11 candidates who have the full backing of her recently rebranded leadership PAC, E-PAC, at the House GOP s conference meeting Tuesday morning : Genevieve Collins in TX-32; Maria Elvira Salazar in FL-27; Ashley Hinson in IA-01; Michelle Steel in CA-48; Young Kim in CA-39; Nicole Malliotakis in NY-11; Chele Farley in NY-18; Beth Van Duyne in TX-24; Nancy Mace in SC-01; Amanda Makki in FL-13; and former Rep. Karen Handel in GA-06.” [Hotline, 10/22/19]

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Alisa Maso Was Chief Of Staff At Alpine Group, A DC Lobbying Firm. “Chief of Staff - Alisa Jane Maso moved to Washington DC from Frisco, Texas, where she was born and raised. Before joining the Alpine Group, she worked on the hill for two different member offices, where she gained direct knowledge of the legislative process. Alisa initially became involved in politics at a young age when she first started campaigning for local candidates.” [Alpine Group, Alisa Jane Maso Bio, Accessed [1/7/20](#)]

Alpine Group Represents Facebook. “Facebook has added the Alpine Group to its roster of outside lobbying firms, expanding its presence in Washington, even as it draws criticism from presidential candidates and lawmakers from both parties. Ansley Erdel and Jared Weaver started lobbying on spectrum issues for Facebook last month, according to a disclosure filing. Facebook spent nearly \$17 million on Washington lobbying last year — more than any other company, according to a POLITICO analysis of disclosure filings — and now retains more than 20 Washington lobbying firms. Its federal lobbying spending has risen by more than 30 percent since 2018.” [Politico Influence, [1/23/20](#)]

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Dec. 2019: Van Duyne Was A Part Of “Conservative Squad,” A Joint Fundraising Committee Along With Jessica Taylor, Nancy Mace, And Michelle Fischbach. “CONSERVATIVE SQUAD is a joint fundraising committee composed of Jessica Taylor for Congress, Inc., Fischbach for Congress, Beth Van Duyne for Congress and Nancy Mace for Congress (each, a “Participating Committee” and, together, the “Participating Committees”). Conservative Squad will allocate each contribution it receives, that is permissible under the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, 52 U.S.C. § 30101 et seq., as amended (the “Act”), from a contributor who has not exceeded his or her applicable federal contribution limits, to the Participating Committees pursuant to the Act and this Allocation Formula.” [Conservative Squad, accessed [12/16/19](#)]

Van Duyne: “I Am Excited To Have The Opportunity To Speak On Fox News” As A Part Of The Conservative Squad. “I was excited to have the opportunity to speak on Fox News this morning about the new coalition that I and three other strong, conservative women are starting as an answer to the ‘socialist squad’ in Washington.” [Beth Van Duyne (via Twitter), [12/12/19](#)]

Van Duyne Touted Her Appearance On Fox & Friends Leading Up To The Conservative Squad Interview, Saying “Live From New York! Tune In Tomorrow To Fox & Friends For An Exciting Campaign Announcement!” “Live from New York! Tune in tomorrow to Fox & Friends for an exciting campaign announcement!” [Beth Van Duyne (via Twitter), [12/11/19](#)]

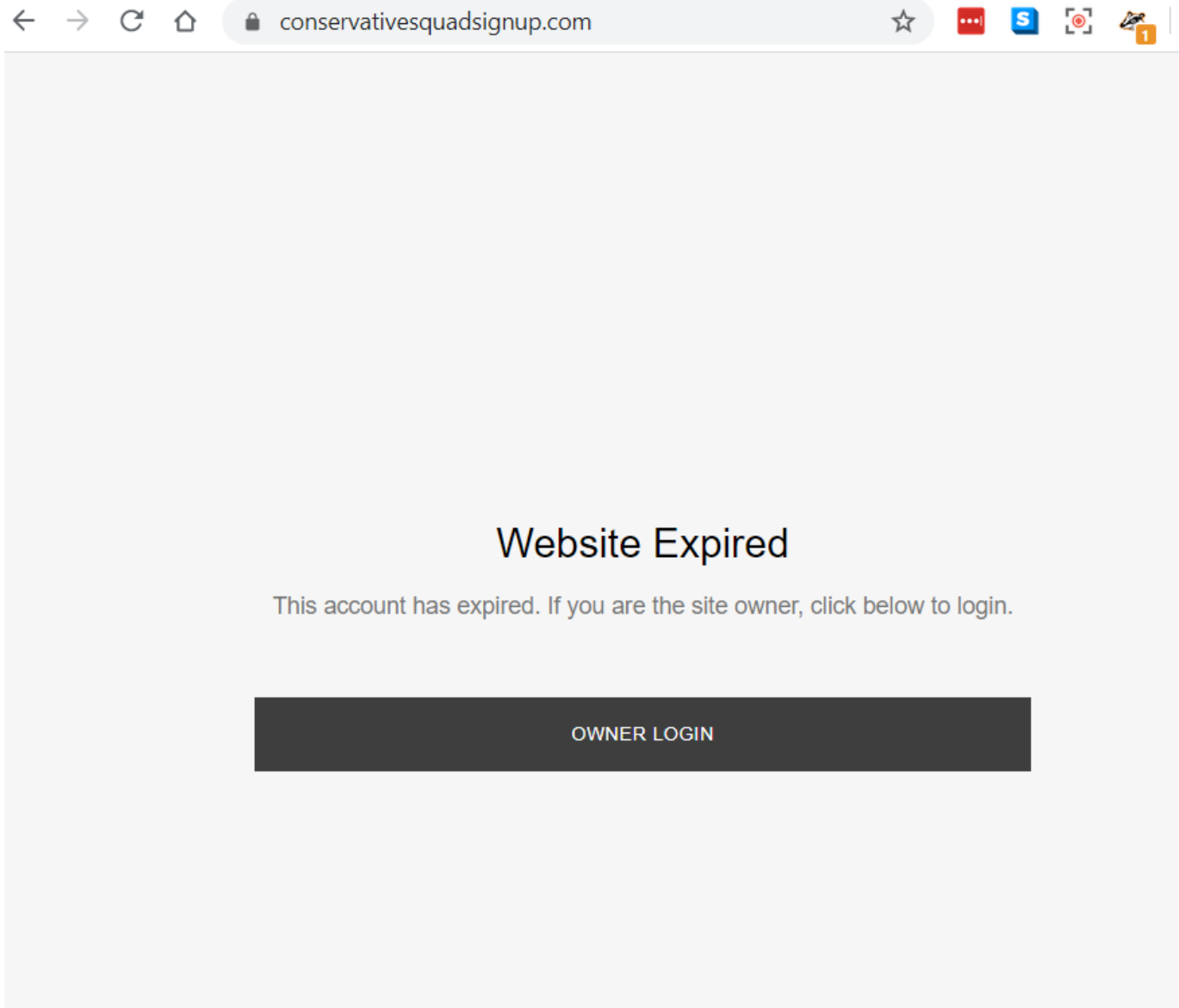


HEADLINE: “These Four Women Thought Forming An All White ‘Squad’ Was A Good Idea.” [Jezebel, [12/22/19](#)]

Roll Call: Four Months After The Conservative Squad Announcement, One Of The Candidates Failed To Make It Out Of Her Primary And The Other Three Posted “Modest Fundraising Numbers.” “In December, four female Republican candidates banded together to form the “Conservative Squad” as the antidote to the quartet of progressive women in the House known by a similar moniker. Four months later, one of those candidates failed to make it out of her primary, and the three other women posted modest fundraising numbers. Today, the group’s website isn’t even live anymore.” [Roll Call, [4/17/20](#)]

HEADLINE: Challenges confront self-described ‘Conservative Squad’. [Roll Call, [4/17/20](#)]

April 17, 2020: The Conservative Squad Website Was No Longer Live. “Today, the group’s website isn’t even live anymore. [...] Even though the WinRed page is still available, the initial website promoted by the group, ConservativeSquad.com, is no longer active and invites the Squarespace owner to log in.” [Roll Call, [4/17/20](#)]



[ConservativeSquadSignup.com (via ConservativeSquad.com), accessed [5/13/20](#)]

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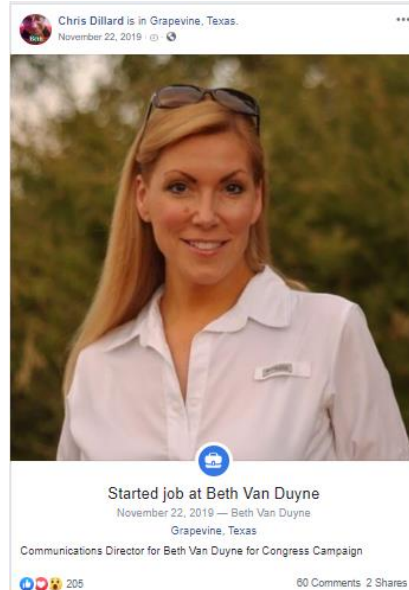
Van Duyne Said That Members Of The Democrat “Squad” Were Just Looking For “An Opportunity To Be In Front Of A Camera.” “Are we focused on those kinds of bills and what we see at the DC level right now by the radical socialists that are up there, specifically some of the members that you’ve just mentioned are you know focused on impeachment issues and things that people see as a push as a not really taking responsibility at all of what their jobs are. It’s an opportunity to be in front of a camera. It’s really anti-American. It is absolutely anti-American.” [Debbie Georgatos, America Can We Talk?, [1/2/20](#)]

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Local Endorsements

Van Duyne Was Endorsed By Many Tarrant County Leaders

Van Duyne Was Endorsed By Many Tarrant County Leaders. “Many Tarrant County Leaders Announce their endorsement for Republican Congressional Candidate Beth Van Duyne to serve the 24th district of North Texas. Tarrant County Judge, Glen Whitley; Tarrant County Clerk, Tom Wilder; Tarrant County Commissioner, Pct. 3, Gary Fickes; Fort Worth Mayor, Betsy Price; Arlington Mayor, Jeff Williams; Southlake Mayor, Laura Hill; and Bedford Mayor, Jim Griffin backed Van Duyne during a press conference Thursday afternoon. Van Duyne said having served as the former Mayor of Irving, she understands what citizens need and will continue to improve the quality of life here. ‘As a mayor and HUD director Beth knows how to get things done...She isn’t going to let partisan politics get in the way shes going to go to Washington to take care of business because she was trained that way, you can’t wait on things...they have to happen in your cities,’ said Fort Worth Mayor Price.” [WBAP, [9/26/19](#)]

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Van Duyne Was Endorsed By Sheriff Bill Waybourn

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Van Duyne Was Endorsed By Texas State Rep. Matt Rinaldi

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Previous Campaigns

Election History

2014 Irving Runoff Mayoral General Election Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Beth Van Duyne (R)	4,934	69.48%
Herbert A. Gears (D)	2,167	30.52%
Total	7,101	100%

[Dallas County Elections, Election Results, [5/10/14](#)]

2011 Irving Mayoral Runoff General Election Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Beth Van Duyne (R)	6,865	57.04%
Herbert A. Gears (D)	5,170	42.96%
Total	12,035	100%

[Dallas County Elections, Election Results, [6/18/11](#)]

2004 Irving City Council Place 2 General Election Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Beth Van Duyne (R)	3,646	57.00%
Herbert A. Gears (D)	2,750	43.00%
Total	6,386	100%

[Dallas County Elections, Election Results, [5/15/04](#)]

Van Duyne Raised A Total Of \$77,127.79 And Spent A Total Of \$108,303.89 In Her Runs For City-Level Office

According to the campaign finance reports listed on the city of Irving's website Van Duyne raised \$77,127.79 and spent \$108,303.89 in their run for both of her mayoral runs.

Van Duyne State Campaign Finance History			
Year	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Raised	Spent

2011	Beth Van Duyne For Mayor	\$29,280.90	\$35,630.02
2012	Beth Van Duyne For Mayor	\$1,485	\$4,177
2013	Beth Van Duyne For Mayor	\$20,000.00	\$3,137.27
2014	Beth Van Duyne For Mayor	\$24,431.89	\$49,926.00
2015	Beth Van Duyne For Mayor	\$1,930	\$12,589.25
2016	Beth Van Duyne For Mayor	\$0.00	844.35
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[City of Irving Texas, accessed 8/19/19]

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City Council Campaign

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Van Duyne Said She Loves Campaigning, Which Makes Her "Weird." "I love campaigning. Okay and that makes me weird. I fully admit you have to have a little bit of a screw loose to want to run for public office. I will never push anybody in this room to run, but I will encourage you and if you want it, you're doing it for the right reasons, you're dedicated I will support you and I don't care what gender you are, what race you are, what religion you are, if you're doing it for the right reasons, if you have the time, if you're dedicated I will support you." [Van Duyne Speech, Park Cities/Preston Hollow Leadership Forum, [4/18/16](#)]

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Van Duyne Said There Was Never A Good Time To Run For Office And That Her Kids Had To Grow Up Seeing All The “Crap That Was Thrown At Me In The Paper.” “And we need to make sure that we are holding not only them accountable, but we are holding higher level of expectations and not just for our elected officials but for ourselves. Anybody in this room can run for office, everybody in this room at some point should have run for office. There’s never a good time. I did not think having a child in diapers was a good time to run, but I tell you after this last year I call my kids native speakers because they grew up seeing all of the crap that was thrown at me in the paper and they didn’t think anything different. This was a little bit nastier I mean it was from people like the New York Times, and the LA Times, and I think even Australia and England, they didn’t think anything of it. In some ways it was a burden at the time, you know you miss a lot of t ball games, but in hindsight, it was actually a good thing. But I encourage everybody in this room not just to vote, everybody in this room votes. Not just to get people out and to campaign, but if you really want to help, run for office.” [Van Duyne Speech, Park Cities/Preston Hollow Leadership Forum, [4/18/16](#)]

Van Duyne Said She Loved Reading The Comments On Press About Her That Disagreed With The Article. “Bring those values that you hold so dear and waste the time campaigning. Spend the time to get in that position so that you can help, that you can see the people that are doing the right things first hand and you’re there not just supportive with emails, but that is really important, really important but you’re also there to help them on votes. You know Kenny had mentioned that those who do the right thing don’t always know that they have support. This last year was really weird, it was really hard. But between all of the emails and the Facebook posts and you know when I would go out in public and people would thank me that meant the world, it really did mean a tremendous amount. So, taking the time and writing your elected officials who are doing the right things is a good thing and you know what else I really loved? Seeing articles in The Dallas Morning News and then going down and reading the comments. Okay what is up with this rag, why are you picking up? don’t you know this? Those things help too.” [Van Duyne Speech, Park Cities/Preston Hollow Leadership Forum, [4/18/16](#)]

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NOTE: For more detail on Van Duyne's tenure as mayor, see the thematic sections on her anti-Muslim rhetoric and hindering local development and the Ethics chapter

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Van Duyne Did Not Attend A Rally Held In Her Honor In 2015. "Attendance at a rally Saturday to support Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne was a little on the low side. The mayor herself didn't show up. But the enthusiasm outside City Hall was abundant. 'Most young people don't know what the good America is,' rally organizer Valerie Villarreal said. 'The mayor has given us a taste of that America again, and we don't want to let that go.' Van Duyne has been a figure in the public debate over Islam and the treatment of Muslims since rumors of an illegal Shariah court at the Irving Islamic Center began spreading in January." [Dallas Morning News, 12/6/15]

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Van Duyne Cut Her Staff By 10%. "FRANCIS: Give me top three best things you did to win this award. I know one of them is that you decreased your workforce by 10 percent. How did you do that? Van Duyne: Yes. Well, you know, when people would quit or people would retire, instead of immediately filling their positions, what we did was we kind of realigned our staff. And what we found was that we could decrease our workforce by 10 percent, and yet, our customer service increased. We're actually able to do more with less." [Fox Business Network, Money Money, 12/18/12]

Van Duyne: "You Know, I Look At It, Government Is -- It's Competitive. We Have To Be Competitive. Cities Are Competitive With One Another. States Are Competitive. Regions Are Competitive. And If You Stop Looking At Your Constituents As Simply Taxpayers And You Look At Them As Customers, And You Say Are We Providing Them With What They Want?" "FRANCIS: I love that word you just used, customer service. I mean, you say that your taxpayers are your customers. I don't think I've ever heard a politician say that. Where did you get that from? Why do you believe in that? Van Duyne: You know, I look at it, government is -- it's competitive. We have to be competitive. Cities are competitive with one another. States are competitive. Regions are competitive. And if you stop looking at your constituents as simply taxpayers and you look at them as customers, and you say are we providing them with what they want?" [Fox Business Network, Money Money, 12/18/12]

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Van Duyne Claimed The Irving City Attorney Refused To Turn Over Documents Detailing Irving's Policies. "Council member Beth Van Duyne asked City Attorney Charles Anderson last week to investigate the city's planning and inspections policies. Anderson said he would not launch an inquiry unless a majority of council members echoed Van Duyne's request. Van Duyne said Anderson also declined to turn over documents detailing the city's policies. In a letter to Anderson last week, she asked for an explanation of why he was not providing them. Van Duyne said Tuesday that the city attorney has yet to respond." [Dallas Morning News, 7/22/09]

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Van Duyne Said That Her Work On The Council Of Mayors Gave Her Insight On Bond Projects, Influencing School Districts, And Bringing Volunteers In To Help Communities. "Well, the reason why I participate. When I first became mayor back in 2011 you know I had been on the city council 6 years prior to that and I had participated in the national league of cities and the national league of cities tends to be many council members coming together and it's a huge conference and you talk about what cities are doing for bond projects, what they're doing to influence the school districts and increase education opportunities. Talk about things that you can do to try and get more volunteers in your community." [Lone Star Tea Party, Robert Kecseg Interview with Van Duyne, [8/18/14](#)]

Van Duyne Said That The First Agenda At The Conference Of Mayors Was More Liberal Than Expected, As The Mayor Of Los Angeles Was The Leader. "It's a great organization, but what I heard about the US Conference of Mayors was that it took that but pinpointed it and was a little bit more focused on what the mayors' role in their community could be. And the first conference of the US Conference of Mayors I will admit the previous mayor of LA, Antonio Villaraigosa was the president, and the agenda was much more liberal than I was expecting but that being said they had the breakout sessions which is what they usually promote and while the breakout sessions are, tend to be more on the liberal democrat side you have to think about who's putting them together." [Lone Star Tea Party, Robert Kecseg Interview with Van Duyne, [8/18/14](#)]

Van Duyne Admitted That Most Major Cities Have Democratic Leaders As Mayor. "If you even look at the state of Texas, arguably one of the most conservative states in the union, the majority of large cities have Democratic mayors. If you look at Houston, San Antonio, Austin, Corpus Christi, Lerado, Dallas, they are all democrats who are their mayors and therefore it's not outrageous to believe that the leadership of the US Conference of Mayors turns out to be more democrat, it's just the case." [Lone Star Tea Party, Robert Kecseg Interview with Van Duyne, [8/18/14](#)]

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Van Duyne Claimed That Under Her Leadership She Convinced The Conference Of Mayors To Have More Bipartisan Work. “But I kind of took that to heart and what I did was one of the first leadership meetings I attended, the first leadership meeting that I attended and it was in January and DC I pooled that question and said look if we are only talking to people like Harry Reid and Nancy Pelosi and Joe Biden how can we expect any support from Republicans in getting our message across? And if we’re only pushing Obama’s agenda how can we expect any work or facilitation with the House right now? and this is a year later and mayor Nutter out of Philadelphia was the new president and he kind of took that suggestion because there was a number of us there, I gotta give snaps to Robert Cluck out of Arlington because he backed everything that I was saying. Nutter went back and said they were going to create a bipartisan committee and they did that. And what we found was that the next year, the next conference, that a lot of the sessions were much more geared to non-partisan issues that mayors could wrap their arms around. And those included from simple programs that we could support with partnerships with our schools to what we could do on our city website that got volunteer groups together. I mean just where the rubber hits the road kind of programs. That’s something that I get a lot out of it.” [Lone Star Tea Party, Robert Kecseg Interview with Van Duyne, [8/18/14](#)]

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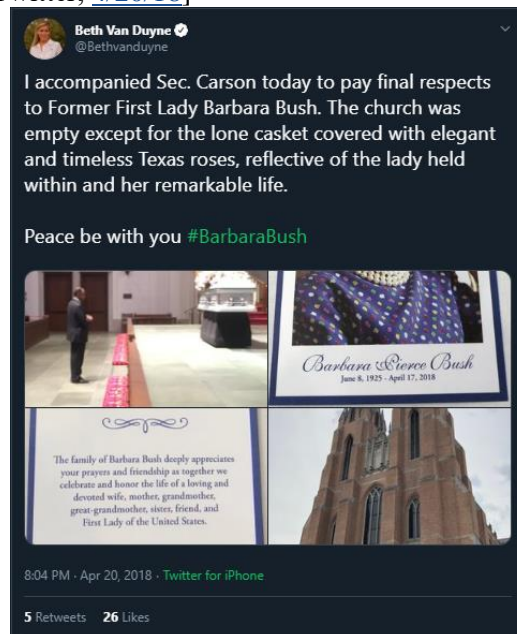
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according to four people present. So was another Obama rule that held lenders and landlords liable for policies that lead to discrimination even if none was intended, he added.” [Washington Post, [12/24/18](#)]

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Carson Was Charged Under The Law To Eliminate Discriminatory Housing Practices, While Personally Being A Skeptic Of Government Input In Ending Housing Inequality. “The scene illustrated the uncomfortable reality for Carson as he nears the end of his second year as HUD secretary. Though he is charged under the law with eliminating discriminatory housing practices, Carson is also a longtime skeptic of using government power to remedy such inequality.” [Washington Post, [12/24/18](#)]

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An NBC News Investigation Found That More Than 1,000 Out Of HUD’s Nearly 28,000 Federally Subsidized Multifamily Properties Failed Their Most Recent Inspection, 30% Higher Than In 2016. “From his earliest days in office, HUD Secretary Ben Carson has repeatedly said he joined the Trump administration to fix the ‘rats, roaches, bed bugs, mold, lead and violence’ that he witnessed as a surgeon in low-income communities. Under the Trump administration, the number of HUD apartments cited for unsafe, unhealthy and physically deteriorating living conditions has been on the rise. An NBC News investigation has found that more than 1,000 out of HUD’s nearly 28,000 federally subsidized multifamily properties failed their most recent inspection — a failure rate that is more than 30 percent higher than in 2016, according to an analysis of HUD records.” [NBC News, [11/14/18](#)]

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staff members in the wake of a hiring freeze mandated by President Donald Trump. HUD's enforcement office, tasked with going after the worst landlords, now has the lowest staff levels since 1999, according to a federal watchdog. At the same time, Carson has proposed raising rents on poor families, requiring them to pay a higher percentage of their income for housing, and the Trump administration has pushed — so far unsuccessfully — for steep budget cuts.” [NBC News, [11/14/18](#)]

Current HUD Official: “There’s No Urgency On Anything.” “The staff cutbacks have made it more difficult for the department to identify and fix problems quickly, current and former HUD employees say. While tenant advocates have long criticized HUD’s oversight as being too lax, a dozen current and former HUD officials — both political appointees and career staff — also describe a climate of inertia under Carson that they say is undermining the department’s work. ‘There’s no urgency on anything,’ said a current HUD official who asked not to be identified for fear of retribution.” [NBC News, [11/14/18](#)]

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Van Duyne: “I Don’t Want To Be In The Position Of Holding Up Funds, But Let’s At Least Know How They’re Going To Be Spent.” “Beth Van Duyne, the regional HUD administrator for Texas and four other states, said she understands Texans don’t want to have their lives put on hold for years as relief funds trickle through bureaucracy. ‘We have to make sure that we’re spending as a little time as possible’ on the process, Van Duyne said. But the federal assistance also has to be reviewed by a conglomerate of government agencies tasked with ensuring that taxpayer money is spent wisely. Van Duyne said that after Hurricane Katrina, houses rebuilt with HUD disaster relief funds in New Orleans were later damaged by water again because they were reconstructed in flood-prone areas. Because Harvey is Houston’s third catastrophic flood event in as many years, local officials are

trying to determine which houses should be bought out by the government rather than rebuilt. The state's water agency, meanwhile, is working on a new statewide flood plan. And several government agencies are pushing for congressional funding for long-planned flood control projects. HUD disaster relief funds can also go toward projects that would mitigate future flooding. 'I don't want to be in the position of holding up funds, but let's at least know how they're going to be spent,' Van Duyne said." [Texas Tribune, 10/5/17]

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Irving Provides Officials Up To 60 Days To Turn In Travel Receipts. “The city’s current travel policy gives employees 60 days to turn in their travel receipts. City Attorney Charles Anderson said Wednesday that the travel policy is not binding on council members because it was drawn up and approved by city staff, not the council.” [Dallas Morning News, 9/23/10]

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card. Entrance to the Christmas parade was charged to Van Duyne's room, according to city records." [Dallas Morning News, 6/14/11]

Van Duyne Was Notified That She Could Owe The City \$217 For Entry Fees To The Disney World Holiday Parade. "Irving mayoral candidate Beth Van Duyne could owe the city \$217 for entrance fees to a Disney World holiday parade that was charged to her hotel room when she attended a 2008 conference in Orlando, Fla., according to city officials and records." [Dallas Morning News, 6/14/11]

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The Chair Of Irving’s Public Safety And Community Service Committee Resigned After Accusing Van Duyne Of “Playing Politics With Her Power.” “The chair of Irving’s new public safety and community services committee abruptly resigned the position Wednesday after he and another council member accused Mayor Beth Van Duyne of playing politics with her power over the panels. But the mayor defended ‘a very thoughtful process’ to restructure the committees as necessary, because not enough council members were willing to attend the old ones. ‘Me and Allan [Meagher] find ourselves on committees that are meaningless ... so your influence can be done,’ Dennis Webb told the mayor in a public meeting. ‘To save myself and the citizens the grief ... you can just find yourself another chair.’ Webb used to chair the public safety committee, and Meagher chaired the community services committee. Van Duyne called the committees ‘two of the lowest-attended’ groups and recently combined them under Webb - which neither council member wanted.” [Dallas Morning News, 10/23/14]

Relationships

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Van Duyne was keynote speaker at a Pete Sessions even in 2013, and he campaigned for her mayoral run*
- ✓ *Van Duyne loved Nikki Haley*
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Pete Sessions Campaigned For Van Duyne During Her Mayoral Run. "Mr. Gears said he ran a positive campaign and doesn't mind stepping aside. But he expressed concerns that U.S. Rep. Pete Sessions, R-Dallas, recorded a phone message sent to voters in support of Ms. Van Duyne. Mr. Gears said it was inappropriate for Mr. Sessions to participate in a council race. Ms. Van Duyne said she was honored to have Mr. Sessions' support. Mr. Sessions gets involved in local elections when he feels strongly about a candidate, said Chris Homan, his campaign manager." [Dallas Morning News, 5/20/04]

Rick Perry

Van Duyne Posted A Picture With Secretary Rick Perry At A Conference

Van Duyne Posted A Picture With Secretary Rick Perry At A Conference. "Always good to welcome @SecretaryPerry back home to Texas. Great luncheon yesterday with the Secretary and Congressmen @RepKenMarchant, @JodeyArrington, @VanTaylorTX, @RepRatcliffe and Ron Wright. Go Texas!" [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [6/18/19](#)]

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Van Duyne Did An Event With Rick Perry For Announcement From Unitedhealth Group Adding 800 Jobs In Irving. “The scorching sun couldn’t keep the smile from Mayor Beth Van Duyne’s face, as she greeted Gov. Rick Perry for today’s announcement that UnitedHealth Group would add nearly 1,500 new jobs across Texas, including 800 jobs in Irving. The 800 jobs will be for a new Irving call center for Connexions, a subsidiary of UnitedHealth Group Inc.’s (NYSE: UNH) Optum health services business. ‘We could not be more pleased,’ Van Duyne said. ‘Earlier this year, we had a number of announcements of company’s closing offices and with announcement of these 800 new jobs combined with Christus Health’s announcement that will bring nearly 1,200 new jobs - I think it’s a fair assessment to say Texas is doing better, and the business environment in Irving is thriving.’” [Dallas Business Journal, 6/26/12]

Nikki Haley

Van Duyne Took Photos With Nikki Haley At A Christmas Luncheon

Van Duyne Took Photos With Nikki Haley At A Christmas Luncheon. “Glad to hear former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley speak about her new book @ Dallas County Republican Party Christmas Luncheon last week! Thank you Lane Sullivan, Rodney Anderson, Kathryn Dalke, Jacki & Doug Deason for organizing this great event! Joe Fox you’re an awesome host!” [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [10/10/19](#)]

Van Duyne Said She Loved Nikki Haley

Van Duyne On Nikki Haley: “God, I Love This Woman!” “God, I love this woman! @NikkiHaley” [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [6/5/19](#)]



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Van Duyne Attended A Groundbreaking Ceremony For A Local Plaza With Then South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley. “The ground breaking ceremony for ‘Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Plaza’ in Thomas Jefferson Park, Irving, Texas, took place May 3. It was the result of the work of numerous Indian-American organizations that have

been fundraising and lobbying government authorities to make it a reality. Close to 500 people attended the event which lasted for two hours, according to organizers. South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley joined the Mayor of Irving City Beth Van Duyne at the event. India's Consular General in Houston Parvathaneni Harish also participated in the ceremonial digging. So far \$250,000 has been raised for the project, according Prasad Thotakura, chair of the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial of North Texas (MGMNT), the umbrella organization that is leading the effort. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$700,000 said Thotakura." [News India – Times, 5/16/14]

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Hillary Clinton

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Van Duyne Shared A Meme On Facebook Depicting Monica Lewinsky Saying Hillary Clinton Had "Outsourced" Her "Meaningful" Job. "Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne is stirring the pot again. Thursday night, she shared a lewd Facebook post about Monica Lewinsky moments after Hillary Clinton made history as the first female presidential nominee of a major political party. The meme had Lewinsky's face and said Hillary "outsourced `` her" meaningful `` job to Lewinsky. Van Duyne added 'Hillaryous!!' The mayor has a personal Facebook page and also what she described as a "fan page," and she publicly shared the jab on both." [Dallas Morning News, 7/30/16]

Van Duyne Doubled Down On The Meme Because It Was Her Personal Page

Van Duyne Defended The Post Stating It Was Her Personal "Fan Page." "After comments about the post, Van Duyne replied on Facebook, 'This is not a city sponsored page but my own 'fan page' (Facebook's term, not mine) where I often post personal opinions, photos of my family and articles of interest you will not find on the City's official website. Just trying to provide more of a personal side to my life than you see in public meetings. Elected officials are people, too.'" [Dallas Morning News, 7/30/16]

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Nancy Pelosi

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Tulsi Gabbard

Van Duyne Spoke At A Sculpture Dedication Ceremony With Rep. Tulsi Gabbard

2014: Van Duyne Spoke At A Sculpture Dedication Ceremony With Rep. Tulsi Gabbard. “As the sponsoring organization, Mahatma Gandhi Memorial of North Texas (MGMNT) will host Irving city leaders along with dignitaries from around the globe on what would have been Gandhi’s 145th birthday for a monumental dedicatory.

Gandhi's granddaughter, Usha, will travel from Mumbai, India, to be part of the special dedication event, which culminates four years of behind-the-scenes work among city officials and sponsoring organizations. Other dignitaries scheduled to take part in the celebration include City of Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne, Consul General Parvathaneni Harish and Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard. Early arrival is suggested. Conceived by leaders of the Indian American Friendship Council (IAFC) and India Association of North Texas (IANT), the Gandhi memorial project is the first of its kind in the region and one of approximately 15 across the country." [US State News, 9/29/14]

George W. Bush

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Van Duyne Attended An Event For Wounded Warriors With President George W. Bush. "These golfers have war wounds. Some are missing a leg, or two. Some bear internal injuries. They've survived horrific explosions and have been shot at while serving their country. Their stories are both heartbreaking and inspiring. Twenty-two of these wounded warriors came to Irving Sept. 24-25 to play golf with former president George W. Bush in the Bush Center Warrior Open. It's the second year that Las Colinas Country Club has hosted the tournament. This year, sponsors brought the USO to the event so other members of the military could watch the golfing. Also, a group of Irving students came to watch as part of the First Tee and First Nine golf programs. [...] The players stayed in Irving at the Four Seasons Resort and Club. Many Irvingites who are members of Las Colinas Country Club served as volunteers. And Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne stopped to greet Bush and welcome the soldiers. To learn more, visit warrioropen.com." [Dallas Morning News, 9/28/12]

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Jim Mattis

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Van Duyne: “I Have Been Extremely Involved In Education With Irving Schools And Am Eager To Join This Distinguished Group Of Thought Leaders To Get A Deeper Understanding Of The Gates’ Plan. I Am Interested In Helping All Youth Excel And Believe This Is A Prime Opportunity To Share Ideas And Further Develop Programs That Have Proven To Be Successful.” “The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, in conjunction with the U.S Conference of Mayors, invited Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne to participate in an education meeting for select mayors on March 13 and 14 in Washington, D.C. The Gates Foundation works to dramatically increase the number of students who graduate from high school, truly ready for college or a meaningful career, and believes more progress can be made if mayors and educators work together to share ideas. Bill Gates will attend and will be involved in the conversation. ‘I have been extremely involved in education with Irving schools and am eager to join this distinguished group of thought leaders to get a deeper understanding of the Gates’ plan. I am interested in helping all youth excel and believe this is a prime opportunity to share ideas and further develop programs that have proven to be successful,’ Van Duyne said.” [Irving Rambler, 3/15/14]

Alan Dershowitz

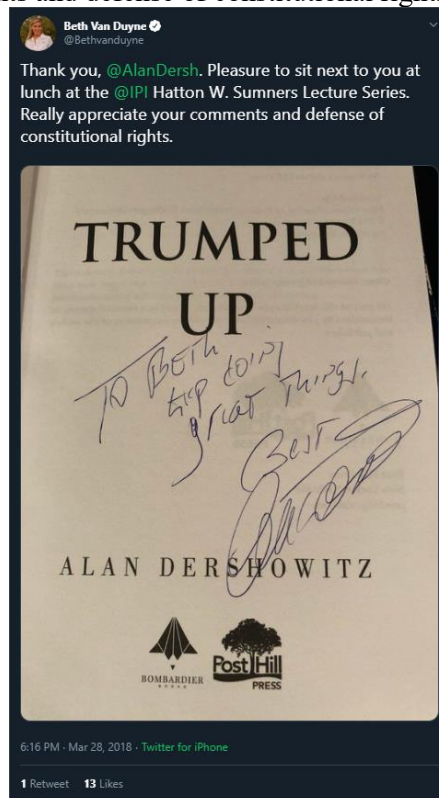
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Van Duyne Attended A Discussion On Social Justice With Noah Rothman Put On By The Institute For Policy Innovation. “Interesting discussion on social justice in today’s political environ @IPI HWS Series w/Noah Rothman, author of Unjust. ‘Nations exist only as long as their citizens are committed to their preservation.’ We all must ‘protest injustice committed in the name of tackling injustice.’” [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [4/16/19](#)]



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Trump, Constitution and legal system while condemning snowflakes, tribalism and hardcore left. ‘I’m a strict defender of justice and justice is on the side of Trump.’” [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [3/28/18](#)]



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Allen West

Van Duyne Attended A Luncheon With Col. Allen West

2015: Van Duyne Attended A Luncheon With Col. Allen West. “Attending Christians United For Israel (CUFI) luncheon with Pastor Lyndon Allen and Col. Allen West hosted in Irving, Texas. ‘Behold. how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity...For there the Lord commanded the blessing.’ Psalm. 133:1&3” [Beth Van Duyne Campaign Facebook Page, [3/31/15](#)]

Donald Trump

Significant Findings

- ✓ *In 2016, Van Duyne heavily criticized Trump, but said she would still vote for him*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne referred to Trump as an “egotistical vulgarian”*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne said she had many “face-to-palm moments” over things Trump said and facts he had “butchered”*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne said that Trump wasn’t the best Republicans had to offer, but that she would vote for him anyway*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne claimed the 2016 election wasn’t about picking the best candidate, but was about “choosing the one who will do the least damage”*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne called Trump’s comments “deeply insulting,” but said “I do not accept the notion that because of Trump’s offensive statements about women, I, as a woman, must not vote for him”*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne said that Trump’s words might be called “hate” and might incite “violence” but at least they’re creating a “conversation”*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne was later reported to be “one of the few major city mayors to endorse Trump”*
- ✓ *Van Duyne supported multiple other options during the 2016 Republican primary, including Scott Walker, Ted Cruz, and Carly Fiorina*
- ✓ *Van Duyne was vocally opposed to Trump’s impeachment*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne: “You’re seeing a lot of people waste time and money and energy on trying to reverse the 2016 presidency”*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne claimed critical issues were not being addressed because of impeachment*
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a campaign of experience. When trying to determine which of these two will do the least damage, there is simply no comparison — and that is where we need the wisdom to know the difference.” [OZY, Beth Van Duyne piece, [10/27/16](#)]

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Van Duyne Highlighted The Supreme Court As A Reason She Voted For Trump. “But perhaps the most important reason I support Trump is my belief and support of the fundamental principles our Founding Fathers recognized — that checks and balances are essential in maintaining a constitutional republic. With possibly three seats coming open on the Supreme Court, the next president will decide the makeup of the court for decades to come.” [OZY, Beth Van Duyne piece, [10/27/16](#)]

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Van Duyne: “I Do Not Accept The Notion That Because Of Trump’s Offensive Statements About Women, I, As A Woman, Must Not Vote For Him.” “My perspective is that of a Christian, a conservative, a parent, the mayor of a top 100 city and a Republican who is disgusted with the way ‘leaders’ in Washington have conducted our nation’s business for the past eight years. I do not accept the notion that because of Trump’s offensive statements about women, I, as a woman, must not vote for him. Nor do I accept the notion that because Clinton and I are both women, I must therefore stop using my brain and turn my vote to her. While Clinton and I were both born with a set of ovaries, that’s about where our similarities end. Can we not get beyond gender and race as reasons to support a candidate?” [OZY, Beth Van Duyne piece, [10/27/16](#)]

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Van Duyne Said You Could Call Trump’s Words “Hate” And That It Caused “Violence,” But “At Least There’s A “Conversation Happening Right Now.” “But any way you look at some of the statements that have been made, and for the vast majority of people now that the media’s not the one who’s defining the narrative right you’ve got a candidate who they’re giving all of the power but it’s his words. What’s the response to that, it’s a little visceral no doubt? People can say it’s hate and it causes violence but at least there’s a conversation that’s happening now.” [Van Duyne Speech, Park Cities/Preston Hollow Leadership Forum, [4/18/16](#)]

Van Duyne Was Later Reported To Be “One Of The Few Major City Mayors To Endorse Trump”

Dallas Morning News: “Van Duyne Was One Of The Few Big-City Mayors In America To Endorse Trump For President.” “Van Duyne was one of the few big-city mayors in America to endorse Trump for president, and she could be offered a post under Ben Carson, Trump’s nominee for housing secretary.” [Dallas Morning News, 2/16/17]

Van Duyne Supported Multiple Other Options During The 2016 Republican Primary

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Van Duyne Was A Member Of Carly Fiorina’s Texas Support Team In 2015. “Allies of former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina on Monday named more than two dozen Texas Republicans who are backing her presidential bid, making her the first 2016 candidate with a leadership team in Texas. Former Comptroller Susan Combs, who had previously endorsed Fiorina, is leading the 26-member team, the first of its kind for a White House hopeful in Texas. The team was announced by CARLY for America, a super PAC working to put Fiorina, an Austin native, in the White House. Among the team’s members are elected officials like state Rep. Patricia Harless of Spring and Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne as well as other prominent women in state politics, including Carolyn Hodges, former president of the Texas Federation of Republican Women. The team is also made up of Texas business leaders such as Paula Mann, founder of Sunbelt Telecommunications; Carol Nichols, founder of Circle C Ventures; and Kristin Kaufman, Founder of Alignment Inc. The announcement of the team came a day after Fiorina addressed a national meeting of women business owners in San Antonio. She was scheduled to visit the state Sunday to Tuesday, with private events in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.” [Texas Tribune, 9/28/15]

Van Duyne Was Vocally Opposed To Trump’s Impeachment

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Van Duyne: “Opposition To Speaker Pelosi’s Sham Impeachment Is Now Bi-Partisan! Democrats Are Starting To Turn Against The Extremists Who Are Running Their Party & Openly Saying They Will Vote Against Pelosi’s Articles Of Impeachment. Keep The Pressure On Them Folks!” “Opposition to Speaker Pelosi’s sham impeachment is now bi-partisan! Democrats are starting to turn against the extremists who are running their party & openly saying they will vote against Pelosi’s articles of impeachment. Keep the pressure on them folks!” [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [12/6/19](#)]

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Impeachment Process!” “Anyone else sick of NOTHING happening in DC to solve issues that matter to Americans? Instead, extremists are only forcing us further apart with this scam impeachment process!” [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [11/19/19](#)]

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claimed to be independent voices working to deliver solutions for Americans, are really just puppets for extremist, partisan attack-politics. Today, NOTHING was done to solve issues that matter to the American people: lowering the cost of healthcare, expanding job opportunities, passing trade agreements to sell more American products, or protecting our southern border. While there was a bi-partisan vote AGAINST continuing this scam impeachment process, sadly those voices were in the minority. Now, instead of doing the real work that matters to people here at home, extremists are only forcing us further apart. What a sad and shameful day.” [Beth Van Duyne Campaign Facebook, [10/31/19](#)]

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Van Duyne Criticized Rep. Schiff For Meeting With The Impeachment Whistleblower

Van Duyne Whistleblower: “To The Surprise Of ABSOLUTELY NO ONE, It Is Now Confirmed That The Latest Hoax/Impeachment Attack Against Donald Trump Was Coordinated And Contrived By The Thoroughly Dishonest Rep. Adam Schiff. Schiff’s People Met With The ‘Whistleblower’ Before The Complaint Was Even Filed.” “To the surprise of ABSOLUTELY NO ONE, it is now confirmed that the latest hoax/impeachment attack against @realDonaldTrump was coordinated and contrived by the thoroughly dishonest @RepAdamSchiff. Schiff’s people met with the ‘whistleblower’ before the complaint was even filed.” [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [10/2/19](#)]

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Russia Investigation

Van Duyne Said James Comey Should Face Jail Time

Van Duyne Claimed That James Comey Admitted He Was “Wrong” And Said He Should “Face Criminal Charges And Jail Time.” “Two years too late! Jim Comey finally admits he was WRONG. Not just wrong pal, you need to face criminal charges and jail time.” [Beth Van Duyne Campaign Facebook Page, [12/15/19](#)]



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White House Events

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Issues

Abortion & Women's Health Issues

Significant Findings

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- ✓ *Van Duyne was “honored” to receive the endorsement of anti-choice group Susan B. Anthony List*
- ✓ *Van Duyne was endorsed by Texas Right To Life*
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Abortion

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Van Duyne Posted A Ronald Reagan Quote Speaking Out Against Abortion. [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [10/26/19](#)]

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Van Duyne Voiced Concern About Supreme Court Justices Who Would “Champion Liberal Policies Such As Gun Control, Abortion, Amnesty And Unchecked Labor Unions.” “During the past debate, Clinton was very clear that she would nominate progressive justices who champion liberal policies such as gun control, abortion, amnesty and unchecked labor unions. In other words, she’s advocating the Supreme Court become a lawmaking body, marginalizing Congress and making three judges nominated by her and two nominated by President Obama, none of whom were elected by the people, responsible for dictating public policy. Supreme Court justices have lifelong appointments specifically to remove them from making decisions based on politics. Trump’s prospective Supreme Court nominations include strict constructionists who will uphold the Constitution and not legislate from the bench.” [OZY, Beth Van Duyne piece, [10/27/16](#)]

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[Beth Van Duyne Campaign Facebook Page, [12/30/19](#)]

Van Duyne Attended The Birth Choice Of Dallas Gala, Which Is An Anti-Abortion Group. “Heartbreaking, heartwarming, uplifting and motivating - @BirthChoiceTX Gala. This group has saved 1,026 lives from being aborted by offering women hope and a choice. Thank you, @MattRinaldiTX for the invitation! @MarkDavis - great job getting folks to donate to this worthy cause.” [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [9/27/19](#)]

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Crime & Public Safety Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Van Duyne launched the HIGH FIVE Police Appreciation Program to highlight the community's relationship with the local police department*
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- ✓ *Van Duyne said the need for criminal justice reform stemmed from prosecutors "systemically pleading down cases or refusing to prosecute cases because they simply do not want to put criminals in jail."*
- ✓ *Van Duyne called attention to victims of domestic violence*

Law Enforcement

Van Duyne Launched The HIGH FIVE Police Appreciation Program To Highlight The Community's Relationship With The Local Police Department

Van Duyne Launched The HIGH FIVE Police Appreciation Program To Display The Relationship Between Local Law Enforcement And The People Of Irving. "Join Mayor Van Duyne, 10 a.m., Aug. 19, at the Irving Convention Center, 500 West Las Colinas Bl Van Duyne., 4th floor as she announces her new appreciation campaign called HIGH FIVE Irving 5-0, 5-0 representing an informal code some use for police. The program highlights the community relationship the Irving Police Department engenders as well as the trust officers build and the assistance they give to those in need. Dallas County Commissioner Elba Garcia, Irving Police Chief Larry Boyd, and numerous residents who have benefited from the outreach programs, including children, will attend." [The Office of the Mayor of Irving, press release, 8/19/15]

Van Duyne: "It Is So Important To Join Hands Across City Lines And To Tell Our Police Thank You. Let's Share These Stories. I Encourage Residents In Irving And Across The Metroplex To Share These Positive Stories About Local Law Enforcement." "Mayor Van Duyne expressed the importance of the campaign and posed a challenge to other mayors. 'It is so important to join hands across city lines and to tell our police thank you. Let's share these stories. I encourage residents in Irving and across the Metroplex to share these positive stories about local law enforcement,' she said. 'Let these officers in your community know that you support them,' Van Duyne said. 'Mayors: my challenge stands with you, to support your police officers and inspire your community members to recognize and applaud the often difficult job for law enforcement officers. We must all recognize that these men and women are all carrying their oath to serve and protect.'" [Irving Rambler, 8/29/15]

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Van Duyne: “It Is With Great Pride That We Acknowledge Another Year Of Reduced Crime, Irving Police Officers Put Their Lives On The Line Every Day To Protect And Serve Our Great Community. Through Their Dedicated Efforts, We Are Able To Keep Irving Residents Safe.” “The 2015 calendar year was no exception to this decrease. The overall crime rate dropped by 6.6 percent since the 2014 calendar year, according to data from the Uniform Crime Reporting. The crime rate was compared to other U.S. cities with populations of more than 100,000. Irving’s current population sits at more than 231,000 residents. The City of Irving also has been nationally recognized in past years for its commitment to safety standards. ‘It is with great pride that we acknowledge another year of reduced crime,’ said Mayor Beth Van Duyne. ‘Irving police officers put their lives on the line every day to protect and serve our great community. Through their dedicated efforts, we are able to keep Irving residents safe.’” [US State News, 3/1/16]

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Domestic Violence**Van Duyne Called Attention To Victims Of Domestic Violence**

Van Duyne On Domestic Violence: “It’s So Hard To Think About The Number Of Victims That Actually Qualifies, One In Three Women - It’s Pretty Incredible. I’m Thankful We That We Are Here Today ... To Bring Attention To It And Put A Face On It. Unless We Feel It, We’re Not Going To Be Moved To Action.” “Domestic violence survivor Tricia Johnson shared her story to encourage the estimated one in three women involved in abusive relationships to find the strength to come forward. ‘It’s so hard to think about the number of victims that actually qualifies,’ said council member Beth Van Duyne before she read a proclamation from the mayor. ‘One in three women - it’s pretty incredible. I’m thankful we that we are here today ... to bring attention to it and put a face on it. Unless we feel it, we’re not going to be moved to action.’” [Dallas Morning News, 10/17/04]

Education Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Van Duyne posted a cartoon mocking the student debt crisis*
- ✓ *Van Duyne met with education secretary Betsy DeVos in 2017 to discuss school choice and early childhood education*
- ✓ *Van Duyne didn't disagree with an interviewer who said that schools had not improved since the creation of the Department of Education*
- ✓ *Van Duyne didn't disagree with an interviewer who criticized schools for providing breakfast to students as well as pre-k education*

College Affordability

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Election Law & Campaign Finance Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *In 2020, Van Duyne was concerned with Texas turning “blue” because of how it would affect redistricting*
- ✓ *Van Duyne, and fellow city councilmember Tom Spink claimed a 2010 election plan that would have created single-member districts was racial gerrymandering*
- ✓ *Van Duyne supported tighter restrictions on contribution limits, and Irving passed stricter campaign finance rules in a major victory for Van Duyne*
- ✓ *Van Duyne said that she was a big supporter of term limits*

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“Because Bloomberg I don’t know if you knew this or not is going to be opening up a number of offices across the state and he is getting that not just to be able to push a campaign for presidency, but last year as Pete Sessions race last year he put in over \$1 million in the last few weeks in negative ads targeting Pete Sessions. The focus is not just on his presidency, but it really is to make Texas blue and think about what’s going to happen at the state level. You’re going to have redistricting and who’s going to be doing that. If they can take over 8 seats at the state house that absolutely affects redistricting moving forward and the entire future of Texas.” [Debbie Georgatos, America Can We Talk?, [1/2/20](#)]

2010: Van Duyne And Fellow City Councilmember Tom Spink Claimed Creating Single-Member Districts Was Racial Gerrymandering

Van Duyne And Spink Penned A Letter To Judge Jorge Solis Opposing An Election Plan. “In an order filed this week, Judge Jorge Solis gave both sides until Tuesday to reply to a letter that council members Tom Spink and Beth Van Duyne sent him. Their letter opposes the proposed election plan the U.S. Justice Department approved last week.” [Dallas Morning News, 1/14/10]

Van Duyne: “I’m Hoping The Judge Will Realize It’s Racial Gerrymandering That He’s Agreeing To And That It’s Very Harmful.” ““I’m hoping the judge will realize it’s racial gerrymandering that he’s agreeing to and that it’s very harmful,” Van Duyne said.” [Dallas Morning News, 11/12/09]

The Plan Called For Six Council Members To Be Elected From Single-Member Districts. “The plan calls for six council members to be elected from single-member districts. The mayor and two other members still would be elected at large, or by all voters in the city.” [Dallas Morning News, 1/14/10]

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2009: Van Duyne Mentioned She Would Not Be In The District She Was Elected To Represent After Redistricting

Van Duyne Pointed Out She Would No Longer Be In The District She Was Elected To Represent After Redistricting. “The proposed district’s boundaries don’t include Spink’s residence, so if the plan is approved, he will not be able to run for his seat again. He would have to run for the proposed at-large seat that Van Duyne holds. The letter also says Van Duyne would no longer live in the district to which she was elected. But Van Duyne’s Place 2 seat would be an at-large post under the new system, meaning she could live anywhere in the city and still run.” [Dallas Morning News, 11/12/09]

Campaign Finance

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Van Duyne Claimed Irving’s Ethics Policy Helped Air “Past Transgressions” And Create More Transparency For Residents. “Avi Selk: ‘What effects has the new ethics policy had on City Hall so far?’ Beth Van Duyne: ‘Passing an updated ethics policy was important for many reasons. It helped our city have a discussion about past transgressions and air those problems. By putting the ethics policy in place, it is our hope that it will provide more transparency for residents and more accountability for office holders.’” [Beth Van Duyne Questionnaire with Journalist Avi Selk, accessed [1/10/20](#)]

Van Duyne Supported Tighter Restrictions On Contribution Limits

Van Duyne Pushed For Contribution Limits After A Candidate Took Nearly \$1Million In Donations From A Developer. “The Irving City Council could vote Thursday to limit campaign donations, banning many people connected to city business from writing checks at all. Mayor Beth Van Duyne began pushing for new ethics rules three years ago as she battled a candidate who took nearly \$1 million in donations from a city developer.” [Dallas Morning News, 8/07/14]

Term Limits

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Energy Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Van Duyne's mayoral campaign was largely funded by oil executive Ralph Ellis*
- ✓ *Van Duyne criticized Biden for saying he'd "blow up thousands of jobs in the oil and gas industry" which would cost "thousands of jobs" in Texas*
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Fracking

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and secure additional state assistance to fund a study. Van Duyne traveled to Austin in early May to testify before the Energy Resources Committee.” [Irving Rambler, 6/6/15]

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2015: Irving Experienced An Earthquake Hitting A 2.8 Out Of 10 On The Richter Scale. “The last time Audie Tarpley felt an earthquake in Irving, he was in his second-floor apartment home and thought his upstairs neighbor had dropped a box on the floor. That’s because the flurry of earthquakes near the former Texas Stadium site rank fairly low on the Richter scale, with the last tremor hitting a 2.8 on the 10-point scale. The tremor could cause hanging objects to swing, but likely didn’t quite have the power to break anything. For Irving, the seismic activity might be a concern since Mayor Beth Van Duyne and other city boosters would like the former Texas Stadium site to become a corporate magnet to lure a major company to the city. The project could include hundreds of homes and thousands of square feet of commercial real estate.” [Dallas Business Journal, 1/2/15]

Green Energy

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- ✓ *Van Duyne supported partnering with water suppliers in Texas to propose new lakes in Texas*
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Van Duyne: “The Fact That Our Climate Is Changing Is Undeniable. Indeed It Has Been Changing Since The End Of The Last Ice Age And On A Warming Trend Since The End Of The Little Ice Age Hundreds Of Years Ago.” “[QUESTION:] What is your view on the science of man-made climate change? What solutions, if any, do you support to address climate change? [VAN DUYNE:] The fact that our climate is changing is undeniable. Indeed it has been changing since the end of the last Ice Age and on a warming trend since the end of the little ice age hundreds of years ago. As a person who believes in conservation and as a former Mayor who had a

principal responsibility to ensure the people of Irving had a reliable and sustainable supply of water, I want our country to continue making advances in technology that reduce emissions, have a smaller footprint for energy generation, and contribute to cleaner air, water, and soil.” [Dallas Morning News – Voter Guide, accessed [5/13/20](#)]

Van Duyne: “Continuing To Move Our Nation Toward Strong, Reliable Energy Production That Produces Less Emissions Would Also Help Show Countries Like China And India That There Are Better Ways Forward For Energy Development Than More Coal Plants.” “Given the remarkable transformation in technology, especially here in Texas, that has allowed our country to become nearly energy independent and driven the development of more clean burning natural gas power plants, we are enjoying a period where emissions are reducing and air is cleaner. Certainly, we can do more by supporting the further development of more sources of baseload power. I am particularly interested in next generation nuclear reactors that are smaller, safer, can be sited virtually anywhere and create much less waste. They are emission free and provide the kind of reliable baseload power that wind and solar simply cannot do. Continuing to move our nation toward strong, reliable energy production that produces less emissions would also help show countries like China and India that there are better ways forward for energy development than more coal plants.” [Dallas Morning News – Voter Guide, accessed [5/13/20](#)]

Water

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and a year-round watering schedule that promotes saving water, residents will find it easier to curb their use. ‘There is a limited number of sources within reach,’ Van Duyne said.” [Dallas Morning News, 3/24/12]

Equal Rights & Workplace Fairness

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Van Duyne: “Just because I have a set of ovaries doesn’t mean I’m going to agree with women, I also have a brain”*
- ✓ *Van Duyne said as “far back” as she could remember she had been a “fierce advocate for women’s rights, equality, and empowerment”*
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- ✓ *Van Duyne said “new feminists” didn’t want women to be “independent, empowered and self-sufficient”*
- ✓ *Van Duyne pointed out sexual harassment and chauvinism in the workplace were issues for women*
- ✓ *Upon being asked her thoughts on sexual harassment in Hollywood and Washington DC, Van Duyne said “I don’t think there’s ever been a better time to be a female and to be in a position of authority or power”*
- ✓ *Van Duyne tweeted an image of black football players kneeling during the anthem atop american soldiers writhing in a pool of blood*

Feminism

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Van Duyne Claimed To Mentor Multiple Women. “I have control over my future, I've got power when I'm in a room and I have power because I am prepared, I believe in being outspoken, I'm consistent and I think you need to support that in women and I have always, I mentor a number of different women. I, we started an entrepreneurial center in Irving, there was a focus on women-owned businesses.” [Robert Miguel, 104.9 Coyote Country, [12/14/17](#)]

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Van Duyne Wrote Her Honors Dissertation In College On “Victim Mentality Vs. Survivor Mentality.” “I worked in rape crisis when I was in college, so this is something, I mean I wrote my honors dissertation focused on victim mentality vs. survivor mentality and to see this all coming full circle 25 years later is kind of shocking. But you know as a woman we need to lead and never fall into that victim mentality.” [Robert Miguel, 104.9 Coyote Country, [12/14/17](#)]

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Van Duyne Again Bragged That She "Not Once Ever Talked About My Gender As A Reason Why I Should Be Elected." "I was the first woman who was elected mayor of the city of Irving. I'm the only woman who's ever been elected mayor of the city of Irving, I've not once ever talked about my gender as a reason why I should be elected. I said vote for me because I'm dedicated, I have a vision that you can get behind, I have the best interest imaginable for our city and it's something that you can believe and that you're willing to fight for. I got elected even though I was outspent 6 to 1 against an incumbent, but I got elected based on the message, based on my ability to be prepared and to fight for what I think is right for my constituents. women are willing to do that, but everybody's willing to do that. When we sit here, and we divide up our population it is the exact opposite of what we should be doing. We are Americans at the end of the day. we should all be fighting for values, it doesn't matter if you're a woman or a man, if you're black or you're white, if you have come here from a different country, if you are a different religion, we all have things that make us Americans and those are the things that we should concentrate on and stop trying to divide up the country." [Debbie Georgatos, America Can We Talk?, [1/2/20](#)]

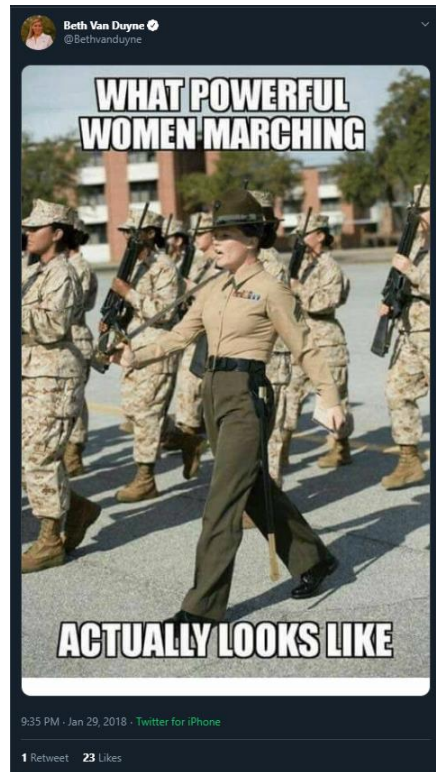
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Van Duyne Criticized The Women's March Saying That "If Pro-Abortionists Want To Have A March, Fine, But Don't Do So In The Name Of An Entire Sex." "Women are over half the population in America. We come from different backgrounds, socioeconomic levels, religions, cultures, experiences — you name it. As diverse as we are, so are our political interests. If pro-abortionists want to have a march, fine, but don't do so in the name of an entire sex. You don't get to speak for all of us." [OZY, Van Duyne Op-Ed, [2/24/17](#)]

Van Duyne Said That The Message That The Women's March Wanted To Promote Was About Fear And Victimization. "Well I'll tell you when I was in DC with my daughter when president trump got, his inauguration and the next day was the women's march and I wrote about it. I actually on my way to the airport, we went downstairs and I saw a woman wearing a sign that said 'I am afraid' and that was the big message that they wanted

to promote for the women's march and I remember having this long conversation with my daughter on the way to the airport about you know this is not what the women's movement was ever meant to portray. Women are strong, we are fierce, we are independent, and we are a force of nature, it is not we are afraid. It is we are fighters. and we have the ability, we have the intelligence, and the commitment, and the dedication to be able to do these things and be able to compete on a basic level at any level with anybody." [Debbie Georgatos, America Can We Talk?, [1/2/20](#)]

Van Duyne Criticized The Women's March With A Meme About Women In The Military. [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [1/29/18](#)]



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Sexual Harassment

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Van Duyne Pointed Out Sexual Harassment And Chauvinism In The Work Place Were Issues For Women. "Why do these disparities exist? Lack of quality child care, elderly care for sick parents and flexibility to manage competing demands have certainly contributed to a less-than-compatible work environment for women everywhere. Access to affordable career training, safe yet sustainable housing and a supportive ecosystem could make a tremendous difference. Women still have to deal with chauvinism and bigotry from both their supervisors and subordinates — for just the latest high-profile example, check out engineer Susan Fowler's recounting of her Kafkaesque experiences with harassment and HR at Uber. And don't even get me started on the double standards (i.e., what passes for 'passion' in men is seen as 'overly emotional' in women)." [OZY, Van Duyne Op-Ed, [2/24/17](#)]

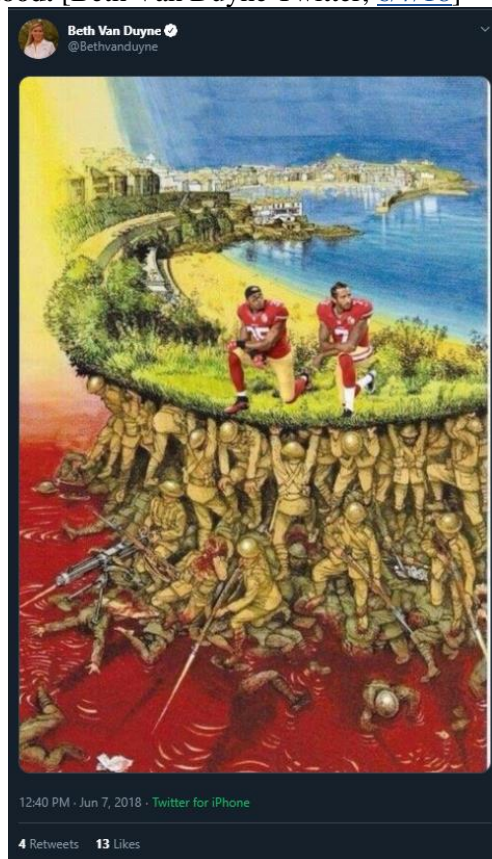
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FEMA & Disaster Relief Issues

Significant Findings

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Van Duyne Said Too Many Agencies Involved In Disaster Recovery Resulted In “Too Many Cooks In The Kitchen.” “Van Duyne said the number of agencies involved in disaster recovery can lead to a problem of ‘too many cooks in the kitchen’: ‘All of them want to have a say in what happens, and they should. From the federal perspective, is to try to empower at the most local level possible. You don’t want -- especially in Texas -- you don’t want D.C. coming in and telling you what your recovery is gonna look like.’” [Texas Tribune, 8/30/18]

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Van Duyne Said Her Focus Was On Hurricane Harvey And Helping Communities Rebuild. “Well you know, I think the assumption that a lot of people have is that the only thing we do is work on public housing. The fact is that there’s so much more, we’re trying to help cities with economic development opportunities, looking at housing as a need for a community and how to help them build their cities around that need but we

don't own properties, we don't own public housing we just kind of act as coordinators to try to help them help themselves and help those who most need it in their communities. So, my focus the last few months not surprisingly has been on Hurricane Harvey and helping those cities and those communities to come up with their plans for recovery and rebuilding." [Robert Miguel, 104.9 Coyote Country, [12/14/17](#)]

Van Duyne Claimed She Was "Trying To" Make The "Time Periods In Between" FEMA Aid Fund Disbursements "As Tight As Possible, Realizing People Need Help Today"

Van Duyne: "What We're Trying To Do Is Make Those Time Periods In Between As Tight As Possible, Realizing People Need Help Today." "State officials told lawmakers that immediate FEMA payments are for homes that are up to 50 percent damaged. Long-term HUD disaster relief funds cover homes damaged beyond that threshold, they said. Beth Van Duyne, the regional HUD administrator for Texas and four other states, said the agency is working to fast-track all processes. 'What we're trying to do is make those time periods in between as tight as possible, realizing people need help today,' she said in an interview with The Texas Tribune last month." [Longview News-Journal, 10/3/17]

Foreign Policy Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Van Duyne referred to Iranian General Qassim Soleimani as “decisive action against a murderous, state sponsor of terrorism,” and agreed with the suggestion he was in hell*
- ✓ *Van Duyne praised Trump on the death of Al Baghdadi*
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 - ✓ *While in Saudi Arabia, Van Duyne convinced a Saudi delegation to seek investment opportunities in Irving*
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Mexico

Van Duyne Said Mexican Drug Cartels Should Be Treated Like “Terrorist Organizations” For Poisoning Communities With Drugs And Targeting Children For Sex Trafficking

Van Duyne Immigration: “The Cartels Poison Our Communities With Lethal Drugs, Target Children For Human Sex Trafficking, And Have Slaughtered Thousands Of People. It’s Time The Cartels Are Treated Like The Terrorist Organizations That They Are.” “The cartels poison our communities with lethal drugs, target children for human sex trafficking, and have slaughtered thousands of people. It’s time the cartels are treated like the terrorist organizations that they are.” [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [11/5/19](#)]

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2016: Van Duyne Met With Then-Prime Minister Of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu. “Had an opportunity to meet with Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu today. I shared with him the bill that was introduced in Texas yesterday about blocking discriminatory trade practices against Israel. Also shared with him Governor Abbott’s message, ‘Don’t Mess With Israel. Anti-Israel policies are anti-Texas policies.’” [Beth Van Duyne Campaign Facebook, [11/17/16](#)]



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transportation. Representing Irving at national and global conferences, Van Duyne said, has granted Irving access to a network of leadership.” [Irving Rambler, 2/11/17]

Saudi Arabia

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2014: Van Duyne Travelled To Saudi Arabia As Part Of A Delegation Of 7 US Mayors. “A delegation of seven U.S. mayors, including Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne, recently took a trip to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia during which they toured the Kingdom’s economic centers, including the Capitol City of Riyadh, and Dammam, the capitol of Saudi Arabia’s Eastern Province, the most oil-rich place on the planet. This sixth U.S. mayoral delegation, which traveled from Dec. 6 through 13 and was paid for by Saudi Arabia, compared the roles of municipalities in the United States and Saudi Arabia. A strong emphasis was placed on building trade relations and exploring innovative solutions to similar difficulties facing both Americans and Saudis.” [Irving Rambler, 1/11/14]

Van Duyne Was Inspired By The Saudi Arabian City Of Jeddah’s Master Plan To Create A Master Plan For Irving

Van Duyne Called The City Of Jeddah’s Master Plan “Eye Opening.” “Besides immense oil wealth, the Saudis have been able to develop massive industrial cities over the past decades, virtually from the ground up, because of comprehensive civic master plans. Van Duyne was duly impressed by the city of Jeddah’s master plan - which she called, ‘Eye opening’ - that presented an organized analysis of trends, goals, infrastructure, trade and economy. This helps ensure that all concerned entities work in tandem towards a unified, thought out goal.” [Irving Rambler, 1/11/14]

Van Duyne Returned From Saudi Arabia With A Plan To Create A Master Plan For Irving. “Although Jeddah’s strategy differs greatly from Irving’s -placing a premium on short-term goals as opposed to the big picture -their ends are very similar, and Van Duyne returned to Irving with a redoubled desire that the City Council should commission a master plan of its own.” [Irving Rambler, 1/11/14]

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While In Saudi Arabia Van Duyne Convinced A Saudi Delegation To Seek Investment Opportunities In Irving. “This, she believes, will eliminate friction that arises when agencies, sometimes without even realizing it, work at odds when developing an area. As the Mayor envisions development now, Irving partners with any developer who wants to put money into the city, regardless of the project’s long-term balance. This can be seen in the Heritage District where a lack of a clear purpose and end product for the area has stalled development as businesses remain reluctant to move in without the requisite number of homes, and residential builders appear slow to act. Despite drastic differences in method, the Saudis are anxious to trade, and Van Duyne has explored the possibility of attracting investors to Irving. She discovered, however, that because of decreasing oil reserves, Saudi companies are looking to diversify and are just as interested in bringing American money into their country as they are investing in Texas. She must have made a good impression, though, because besides opening a dialog between Irving and Jeddah, a Saudi delegation recently announced a January stop in Irving to discuss overseas business opportunities with American suppliers. Front and center in the minds of Saudis is the country’s need to diversify its industry outside of oil. They are currently looking to expand into telecom and manufacturing, as well as exploring the possibility of bolstering their energy sector by increasing their production of natural gas. In this area, Saudi Arabia resembles Texas to some extent. While Texas relies heavily on the energy sector - companies including Fluor, Flowserve and ExxonMobil have a strong presence even in Irving despite the City’s distance from actual drilling - Texans realized they needed to branch out and zealously applied themselves to aviation. Now, not only is

Texas's aviation industry the third largest in the country, but DFW International Airport is the fourth largest airport in the world." [Irving Rambler, 1/11/14]

Qatar

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China

Van Duyne Named China As The Greatest Threat To The U.S.

Van Duyne: "The Greatest Threat To The U.S. Was Posed By China." "There are two major threats to the United States. Number one is falling behind in advanced technology - whether that is weapons systems, artificial intelligence, Cyber warfare, or in new tactics to wage an asynchronous war against the United States. As such, the greatest threat to the US is posed by China who has expanded their Navy, illegally claimed more territory and jurisdiction over international waters, and continues to openly oppose freedom of speech, free and fair elections, all while operating slave labor camps where people routinely die from exposure." [Dallas Morning News – Voter Guide, accessed [5/13/20](#)]

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Van Duyne: “NBA And ESPN, Your China Problem Isn’t Going Away. It’s Time You Show Your American Fan Base You Value The Freedoms And Liberty That Empowered Your League And Network To Exist More Than You Value \$\$\$ From A Regime That Suppresses, Harms, And Kills Its Own People.” “@NBA and @ESPN, your China problem isn’t going away. It’s time you show your American fan base you value the freedoms and liberty that empowered your league and network to exist more than you value \$\$\$ from a regime that suppresses, harms, and kills its own people.” [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [10/10/19](#)]

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Gun Issues

Significant Findings

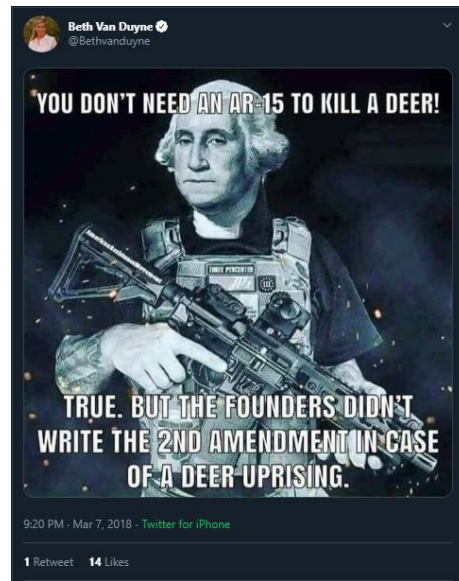
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- ✓ *Van Duyne argued we need more people with guns to prevent mass shootings*
- ✓ *Van Duyne advocating for “heavily” arming and training school staff*
- ✓ *Van Duyne had a concealed carry permit, and said she got the permit and training after receiving death threats*
- ✓ *Van Duyne posted on social media celebrating that she was able to buy a gun and alcohol at the same time*
- ✓ *Van Duyne celebrated her birthday with a new handgun*

2nd Amendment

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Van Duyne Advocated For The Use Of AR-15s. “During a home invasion, with her husband beaten, and attackers grabbing her 11 year old daughter, an AR-15 helped this pregnant mother “even the playing field” and save the lives of her family.” [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [11/6/19](#)]

Van Duyne Posted A Meme That Said “You Don’t Need An AR-15 To Kill A Deer! True. But The Founders Didn’t Write The Second Amendment In Case Of A Deer Uprising.” [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [3/7/18](#)]



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Van Duyne Claimed Democratic Presidential Candidates Were Running On “Gun Confiscation.” “Tomorrow is Halloween and this year extremists running for the Democratic nomination have nothing but socialist tricks to enforce on the American people. Of all these destructive ideas, which do you think is the scariest?” [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [10/30/19](#)]

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Van Duyne Voiced Concern About Supreme Court Justices Who Would “Champion Liberal Policies Such As Gun Control, Abortion, Amnesty And Unchecked Labor Unions.” “During the past debate, Clinton was very clear that she would nominate progressive justices who champion liberal policies such as gun control, abortion, amnesty and unchecked labor unions. In other words, she’s advocating the Supreme Court become a lawmaking body, marginalizing Congress and making three judges nominated by her and two nominated by President Obama, none of whom were elected by the people, responsible for dictating public policy. Supreme Court justices have lifelong appointments specifically to remove them from making decisions based on politics. Trump’s prospective Supreme Court nominations include strict constructionists who will uphold the Constitution and not legislate from the bench.” [OZY, Beth Van Duyne piece, [10/27/16](#)]

Mass Shootings

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Van Duyne Said “There Is No Real Secret To Preventing More Gun Crimes” Except To Prosecute Violent Criminals To The Full Extent Of The Law

Van Duyne: “There Is No Real Secret To Preventing More Gun Crimes.” “There is no real secret to preventing more gun crimes: violent criminals need to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law to put them in jail and prevent them from making a legal purchase; DAs need to get serious about putting violent offenders away; and all convictions of violent offense must be submitted to the NICS database to ensure these offenders cannot purchase firearms in the future.” [Dallas Morning News – Voter Guide, accessed [5/13/20](#)]

Van Duyne: Our Response To Mass Killings Involving Firearms Should Be To Decrease The Number Of Murders Committed By Focusing On Criminals Who Commit Those Crimes Rather Than Law-Abiding Citizens. Q: “What action, if any, should Congress take in response to mass killings involving firearms?” A: “Everyone I have ever spoken with about gun-related crimes and especially events with mass casualties are horrified by those events, disgusted with the evil nature of the people who committed those crimes, and desirous of solutions to stop more violence from occurring. Our goal should be to decrease the number of murders committed by firearms by concentrating on criminals who commit those crimes rather than law-abiding citizens. We need more people like Jack Wilson (the hero who put an immediate end to the White Settlement Church shooting) who are trained, armed, and ready to act to protect our neighbors, families, and children.” [Dallas Morning News – Voter Guide, accessed [5/13/20](#)]

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Van Duyne: The Vast Majority Of Gun Crimes Are Committed In Very Few Counties, And Within Those Counties Gun Crimes “Are More Prevalent In Certain Areas.” “The facts are: violent crime overall is down, the vast majority of gun crimes are committed in a very few counties in the United States, and within those counties gun crimes are more prevalent in certain areas. It is no coincidence that Governor Abbott recently ordered a surge of DPS officers into certain areas of Dallas County and the Mayor of Dallas has created his first task force to deal with gun violence predominating in specific areas.” [Dallas Morning News – Voter Guide, accessed [5/13/20](#)]

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Concealed Carry

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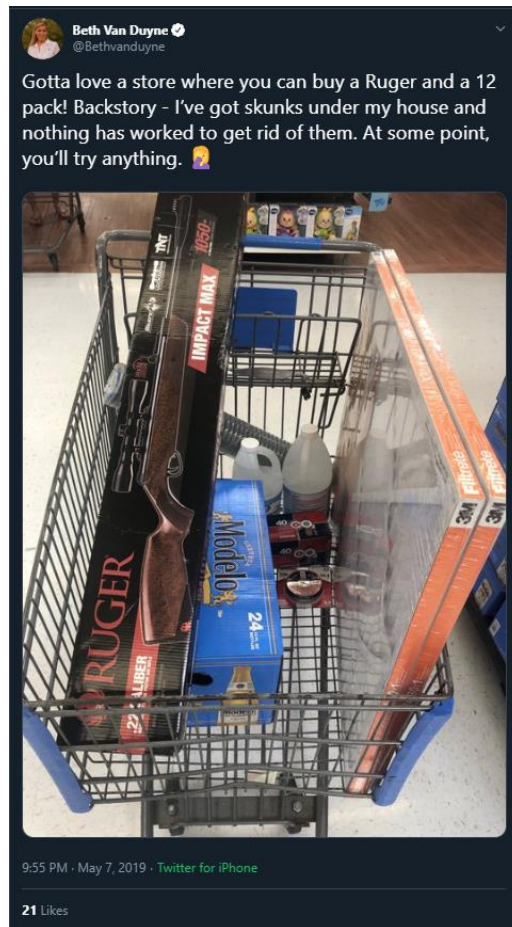
Van Duyne Had A Concealed Carry Permit. “Well, I tell you, all those things were absolutely horrific. Um, those are never things you want to see. Those are never things that you want to have your kids turn on the tv and see. Um, I’ve got a boy and I’ve got a girl and those were terrifying and heartbreaking images. Um, has it changed my thoughts? Um, within the last three years, I went out and got a concealed handgun license. Um, and I carry.” [OZY, Take on America with OZY, Van Duyne Speaking Event, [10/25/18](#)]

Van Duyne Said Receiving Death Threats Caused Her To Get A Conceal Carry Permit. “It makes me feel safe. Um, I had death threats when I was an elected official and I wanted to do everything I could to protect me, and to protect my children. I went out, and I practiced, um... And quite honestly, my son now hunts, and we go out hunting and it has been a great bonding experience between mother and son.” [OZY, Take on America with OZY, Van Duyne Speaking Event, [10/25/18](#)]

Gun Purchases

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Van Duyne Posted A Photo Of Herself Shooting Targets After An NRA Convention. “After the #NRAAM2018 this past weekend in Dallas, I was able to enjoy my Second Amendment rights in the beautiful weather and open sky of West Texas. #GodBlessAmerica #GodBlessTexas” [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [5/7/18](#)]



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Health Care Issues

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A Longtime Labor Department Lawyer Said The Trump Administration’s Executive Order To Reintroduce AHPs Was “Summoning Back Demons From The Deep,” Citing Fraudulent AHPs That “Have Left Hundreds Of Thousands Of People With Unpaid Claims.” “Marc I. Machiz, who investigated insurance fraud as a Labor Department lawyer for more than 20 years, said the executive order was ‘summoning back demons from the deep.’ ‘Fraudulent association health plans have left hundreds of thousands of people with unpaid claims,’ he said. ‘They operate in a regulatory never-never land between the Department of Labor and state insurance regulators.’” [New York Times, [10/21/17](#)]

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New York Times: A Trump Administration Rule Creating AHPs “Made It Easier For Small Businesses To Join Forces And Set Up Health Insurance Plans That Circumvent Many Requirements Of The Affordable Care Act.” “A sweeping new rule issued Tuesday by the Trump administration will make it easier for small businesses to join forces and set up health insurance plans that circumvent many requirements of the Affordable Care Act, cutting costs but also reducing benefits. President Trump, speaking at a 75th-anniversary celebration of the National Federation of Independent Business, said the new rule would allow small businesses to ‘escape some of Obamacare’s most burdensome mandates’ by creating new entities known as association health plans.” [New York Times, [6/19/18](#)]

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The Affordable Care Act Required Health Insurance Plans To Cover A Set Of 10 “Essential Health Benefits” Categories. “A set of 10 categories of services health insurance plans must cover under the Affordable Care Act. These include doctors’ services, inpatient and outpatient hospital care, prescription drug coverage, pregnancy and childbirth, mental health services, and more. Some plans cover more services. Plans must offer dental coverage for children. Dental benefits for adults are optional. Specific services may vary based on your state’s requirements. You’ll see exactly what each plan offers when you compare plans.” [HealthCare.gov – Essential Health Benefits, accessed [5/13/20](#)]

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Business Insider: Restaurants & Bars And Laundry & Personal Services (Including Dry Cleaning) Were Among The Top 10 Industries Hit Hardest By COVID-19. “Some industries have been more severely impacted than others, with jobs in the restaurant and retail industries wiped out around the country. But a Business Insider analysis of recent unemployment data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that some industries that haven't received widespread attention — like dentist offices and movie production — have been hit hard by the shutdowns. Business Insider compiled a list of the 10 industries worst hit by the coronavirus pandemic, ordered by percent change to reflect the portion of jobs lost in each industry. [...] 7. Restaurants and bars [...] 4. Laundry and other personal services: Personal and laundry services, a Bureau of Labor Statistics category that includes laundry and dry cleaning; pet care; parking; dating services; and "death care," were severely impacted by the coronavirus shutdowns. “ [Business Insider, [5/12/20](#)]

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Van Duyne Celebrated Trump’s Executive Orders On Health Care And Immigration Within His First Weeks In Office. “Whether you agree with him or not, it’s undeniable that our new president is rapidly instituting reforms and changing the way the federal government operates. By the end of his first two weeks in the Oval Office, President Trump had signed executive orders addressing health-care reform, immigration and practically

everything in between. Mainstream media used words like chaotic, confusion and unconstitutional to describe some of these actions. President Trump's response was more or less what we saw during his campaign — 'I meant what I said, get used to it.' (Have we become so accustomed to politicians not fulfilling their campaign promises that when one actually does, we are left dazed and confused?)" [OZY, Van Duyne Opinion Piece, [2/6/17](#)]

Trump Signed An Executive Order In His First Weeks In Office To Scaled Back "As Many Aspects Of The Affordable Care Act As Possible." "In his first executive order, President Trump on Friday directed government agencies to scale back as many aspects of the Affordable Care Act as possible, moving within hours of being sworn in to fulfill his pledge to eviscerate Barack Obama's signature health care law. The one-page order, which Mr. Trump signed in a hastily arranged Oval Office ceremony shortly before departing for the inaugural balls, gave no specifics about which aspects of the law it was targeting. But its broad language gave federal agencies wide latitude to change, delay or waive provisions of the law that they deemed overly costly for insurers, drug makers, doctors, patients or states, suggesting that it could have wide-ranging impact, and essentially allowing the dismantling of the law to begin even before Congress moves to repeal it." [The New York Times, [1/20/17](#)]

Trump's Executive Order Said That "Pending" Repeal Of The ACA The Executive Branch Needed To "Take All Actions Consistent With Law To Minimize The Unwarranted Economic And Regulatory Burdens Of The Act." "'In the meantime,' the order said, 'pending such repeal, it is imperative for the executive branch to ensure that the law is being efficiently implemented, take all actions consistent with law to minimize the unwarranted economic and regulatory burdens of the act, and prepare to afford the states more flexibility and control to create a more free and open health care market.' The order has symbolic as well as substantive significance, allowing Mr. Trump to claim he acted immediately to do away with a health care law he has repeatedly called disastrous, even while it remains in place and he navigates the politically perilous process of repealing and replacing it." [The New York Times, [1/20/17](#)]

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Health Insurance

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Health Affairs: Critics Of HSAs Argued That Older, Higher-Income Households Receive The Greatest Benefit From The Tax Advantages Of HSAs And The Accounts Would Disproportionately Attract Healthy Individuals Using Them For Nonmedical Savings. “Critics of HSAs argue that older, higher-income households derive the greatest benefit from the income tax advantages and that HSAs might attract disproportionately many healthy individuals, who might use these accounts to save primarily for nonmedical expenses.” [Health Affairs, [September 2015](#)]

National Consumers League: HSAs Tend To Benefit The Wealthy, Because Lower Income Individuals/Families Often Have Minimal Disposable Income To Set Aside. “The fact of the matter is that HSAs have not been and will not be a feasible means to achieving health care for all. HSAs tend to benefit the wealthy, as those with lower incomes often have minimal, if any, disposable income to set aside in a savings account. In fact, a 2015 study found that people from high-income households were not only significantly more likely to have an HSA, but more likely to max out their contributions than people from low-income households. Considering that nearly half of Americans can’t come up with \$400 to cover an emergency expense, we can hardly expect most Americans to have the ability to come up with cash to meet a high deductible.” [National Consumers League, [April 2017](#)]

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Smoking**Van Duyne Voted Against Banning Smoking In Public Places In Irving**

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Restaurants To Still Allow Smoking. “Perhaps the main advocate for a comprehensive smoking ban, Mayor Van Duyne apologized to the Irving citizens. ‘I do want to apologize for all of you who have come down,’ Van Duyne said. ‘It is apparent that even though you’ve come down, many of you have come down a number of times, you we’re not able to change anyone’s mind. That, as a democracy, is frustrating for me. I am very disheartened to hear that we’re going to have two M.D.’s and a PhD [resign]. For years, this health board met, gave it a lot of thought, looked at a lot of studies and came up with a proposal that they were asked to give to the city council. My heart goes out to everybody on that health board who has worked for years to put forward what they thought was in the best public interest of the city of Irving [only] to have it ignored. We’re somehow giving eight owners in this city special rights and privileges, and we’re creating discrimination in the law, which we should avoid at any cost,’ she said.” [Irving Rambler, 2/21/15]

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Housing Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *In 2014, Van Duyne was against building a homeless shelter, claiming the inhabitants did not deserve it*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne said that Irving should not build a homeless shelter for 17 to 21 year-old boys because “when I was 17 I had my own apartment and I worked two full-time jobs”*
- ✓ *Van Duyne called the community development block grant program “ineffective and inefficient”*
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Community Development Block Grants

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Property Values

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2016: Irving’s Property Values Increased. “Irving property values have increased by double digits in the past year, a trend that mirrors that of North Texas because of the strong regional economy, she added. The city issued 660 new home permits last year, with an average value of more than \$400,000.” [Dallas Business Journal, 1/25/17]

Apartments

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Van Duyne Was Critical Of The Number Of Rental Units In Irving. “Irving for example, 70% of our housing are rental units. We have way too many apartments. what we’re trying to do is have a balance. I don’t mind having apartments, because I’ve lived in apartments, I know family members who’ve lived in apartments, I have friends who currently live in apartments. It’s a good alternative if you don’t want to buy or maintain a single-family home, I get that. But we need to have a balance in our city and where I see apartments having a good planning on project would be in an area like the urban center or areas where you’re trying to have a high concentration of retail. And if you have a high concentration of retail in order to get the retail there you need to have residential, high-density residential around it.” [Lone Star Tea Party, Robert Kecseg Interview with Van Duyne, [8/18/14](#)]

Infrastructure & Transportation Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Van Duyne said she was at odds with some members of her party on issues like transportation, where she thinks there is a need for federal government*
 - ✓ *Van Duyne said the Department of Transportation wasted money on regulations and studies*
- ✓ *While campaigning for City Council, Van Duyne wanted more state and federal funding for transportation projects*
- ✓ *Van Duyne spoke out against car registration costs, gas taxes, and toll roads*
- ✓ *Van Duyne spoke positively of bringing a hyperloop to Texas*
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Federal Funding

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Van Duyne Said That Democrats In DC Weren't Concerned With Building Roads. "They're not concerned with actually getting things done like building roads. They're not concerned with overhauling health care efforts they're not concerned at all with border security. It's nothing about policy and it's everything about the press conference. You have people who are running right now who are strong conservatives, who are strong Americans, who want to see what's best for north Texas families and for families quite honestly across the country. America's an amazing country. It's worth fighting for." [Debbie Georgatos, America Can We Talk?, [1/2/20](#)]

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The city is involved as a partner in the right of ways and figuring out what businesses are going to go where and how we're going to cut through the city. But ultimately we are going down to Austin, I was just down there two weeks ago. You know requesting funds for that highway project." [Lone Star Tea Party, Robert Kecseg Interview with Van Duyne, [8/18/14](#)]

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Van Duyne Wanted To Lobby For More State And Federal Funding For Transportation Projects. "Ms. Van Duyne wants to lobby for more state and federal funding for transportation projects. Mr. Gears said the city needs to work with Dallas Area Rapid Transit to ensure that a light-rail line travels through Las Colinas." [Dallas Morning News, 4/29/04]

Fees

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Rapid Transit

Van Duyne Spoke Positively Of Bringing A Hyperloop To Texas

Van Duyne On Hyperloop In North Texas: "It's A Very Large State And It's A Very Populous State With A Lot Of Jobs And Lots Of People. And I Think We Have That Environment That You Can Definitely See People Accepting Of This Technology And Wanting To Try It." "North Texas transportation officials are thinking outside the box. The North Texas Regional Transportation Council (RTC) announced July 11 it will explore hyperloop technology for two transportation Initiatives — one linking Dallas, Arlington and Fort Worth and the other what has long been known as the Texas T-bone linking Fort Worth to Waco, Temple-Killeen, Austin, San Antonio, Houston and Laredo roughly along the Interstate 35 path. The RTC will issue a request for proposals for a consultant team to complete the Tier 2 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a high-speed corridor connecting Dallas, Arlington and Fort Worth, the July announcement said. [...] Beth Van Duyne, the former mayor of Irving and now the Southwest regional administrator for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, was also on the team that visited the Nevada test site. 'It's a very large state and it's a very populous state with a lot of jobs and lots of people. And I think we have that environment that you can definitely see people accepting of this technology and wanting to try it,' Van Duyne said." [Fort Worth Business Press, 7/14/18]

Experience

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2012: Van Duyne Spoke At The US High Speed Rail Association Conference. "The (USHSR) has appointed Rod Diridon, executive director of the (MTI), as Chairman of the Advisory Board of the US High Speed Rail Association. He will assume this new role at the in Los Angeles. The event is set for Monday-Wednesday, December 3-5. The conference comes on the heels of the California legislature voting to move forward with the first \$6 billion phase of the statewide system. (Journalists are welcome. See note at the end.) [...] The Rail Conference will address numerous issues vital to high-speed rail, including the benefits, opportunities, and challenges of a major new infrastructure project; project updates from California, Texas, Illinois, New York, the Southwest, and more; how US mayors are preparing for 21st century transportation, economic development, major real estate investment, new facilities, and jobs; conditions for investing, an infrastructure bank, public-private partnerships, and developing legislation to encourage private involvement in HSR systems; major real estate developments at rail stations; first-hand experience from other countries; and much more. Speakers include many leading experts, such as California Governor Jerry Brown (invited); US Congress Member Loretta Sanchez; California State Senator Leland Yee; California Assembly Members Fiona Ma and Norma Torres; Mayor of Irving TX Beth Van Duyne; LA Deputy Mayor for Transportation Borja Leon; USHSR CEO Andy Kunz; and President of GEODATA Italy Piergiorgio Grasso." [Mineta Transportation Institute Press Release, 11/15/12]

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Immigration & Border Issues

Significant Findings

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 - ✓ *In 2007, Van Duyne called Irving's CAP Program "fantastic"*
 - ✓ *In 2009, a Berkeley School Of Law report found "that police in Irving, Texas arrested Hispanics in far greater numbers for petty offenses as part of a Federal Criminal Alien Program," and only 2 percent of those detained had received felony charges*
 - ✓ *In 2016, Van Duyne bragged that Irving was "the first ones in the county" to participate in CAP, and lamented that President Obama cut resources for the program*
 - ✓ *In 2019 and 2020, Van Duyne claimed the program had lowered crime rates in Irving, and bragged that they city had deported "thousands of criminals"*
- ✓ *Van Duyne supported Irving joining an ICE's 287g program to train police officers to question people about their immigration status; studies found the program harmed public safety*
- ✓ *2019: Van Duyne blamed the murder of 12 Texas women on the killer not being detained by ICE and deported from the U.S.*
- ✓ *Van Duyne insinuated school overcrowding in Irving was due to undocumented immigrants, and said the issue of illegal immigration affected her kids and her "backyard"*
- ✓ *Van Duyne supported legal status for undocumented people who had been in the United States since childhood if they paid a fine, but not citizenship unless they served in the military*
- ✓ *Van Duyne voiced concern about Supreme Court Justices who would "champion liberal policies such as... amnesty"*
- ✓ *Van Duyne said drug cartels and human traffickers have taken advantage of asylum loopholes to "push masses of illegal immigrants to our southern border"*
- ✓ *In a panel discussion with Texas Mayors, Van Duyne lamented that you cannot force refugees to assimilate.*
- ✓ *In 2019, Van Duyne said "our border crisis has never been worse" and said Democrats advocated for "open borders"*
- ✓ *Van Duyne opposed sanctuary city policies.*

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Van Duyne Bragged About Irving's Criminal Alien Program, Wherein If Someone Is Arrested And They Cannot Provide "Documentation That They Are A US Citizen" The Police Contact ICE. "As a result of this, there was a sweeping message coming into city hall, we want to reject the sanctuary city status the mayor has established and we want to say that we are enforcing law period. As a result of Sue and [inaudible] work what we were able to do was get our city manager and our police chief to look at other ways that we could do this without it becoming a policy decision and what they did was a system that we have now given a fancy name to, we call it CAP, the criminal alien program and all it is is a program, it's not really a program it's a policy that the federal government has had for years that every years that every city has access to. If we have someone who was arrested for criminal activity brought into our jail and they cannot give us documentation that they are a US citizen we pick up the phone we dial the ICE office and we say can you come over and have an interview and see if this person is legal or illegal? That is the program that our mayor has been going around to city after city and even at our federal government level and saying this is our fantastic Irving CAP program." [Van Duyne Citizens for immigration reform meeting, [8/9/07](#)]

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Data Showed Arrests Of Hispanics For Traffic Violations And Petty Misdemeanor Rose Substantially Relative To White During The Program. "The data on traffic arrests and arrests for petty misdemeanor offenses more generally, indicate that Hispanic arrests rose substantially — and relative to whites — beginning in the spring of 2007. This rise was matched by a shift in ICE referral policy in Irving from in-person consultation to 24/7 ICE access via remote consultation, and a sharp increase in ICE detainees. Together, these facts offer compelling

evidence of racial profiling by the Irving Police Department between April and October of 2007.” [The C.A.P. Effect: Racial Profiling in the ICE Criminal Alien Program, Berkeley Law Policy Brief, [9/2009](#)]

Data Found That Only Two Percent Of Those Detained By Immigration Authorities Had Received Felony Charges, “Tacitly Encouraging Local Police To Arrest Hispanic Residents For Petty Offenses.” “The goal of the Criminal Alien Program is to improve community safety by targeting serious criminals for deportation, according to ICE, but the police data show that only two percent of those detained by immigration authorities in a fourteen-month time period received felony charges. In sum, the data show that CAP is not only failing to target serious criminal offenders, but it’s also tacitly encouraging local police to arrest Hispanic residents for petty offenses.” [Berkeley School of Law, Press Release, [9/16/09](#)]

NOTE: The full report on Irving’s Criminal Alien Program can be [found here](#).

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Van Duyne Supported Irving Participating In ICE’s 287g Program, Which Granted Police Officers The Same Power As Immigration Officers

Van Duyne Was One Of Two City Council Members To Support A 287g Agreement With ICE. “Mr. Gears, however, opposes using federal program called “287g” that trains local officers and jailers to act as immigration officers. [...] Irving City Council member Beth Van Duyne, one of two council members who favor 287g, believes city officials are obligated to uphold federal law. Ms. Van Duyne said it’s not an issue of race or nationality.” [Dallas Morning News, 9/22/07]

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Van Duyne Apologized To The Irving Chief Of Police For “Beating Up” On Him, And Said She Only Wanted To Make The System “Stronger” And “Better.” “Mr. Stopfer addressed his colleagues: ‘I’m frustrated with the fact that we’ve got to go through these things and pick fights and make ourselves look bad and give ourselves black eyes. I don’t think [the chief’s] job should be getting black eyes or being cross-examined like they’re on trial,’ he said. ‘I don’t think that’s right. I think we [should show Chief Boyd] the respect that he deserves.’ Ms. Van Duyne apologized to Chief Boyd ‘if you think I’m beating up on you.’ ‘I think you’re doing a fantastic job,’ she told him. ‘I think you’ve been doing the right things. Can we make it stronger? Can we be even better?’ She said that her goal is to get more information on immigration matters.” [Dallas Morning News, 6/14/07]

Irving Chief Of Police On Their Immigration Program: “I Feel Like The Process In Place Is Working. If It Wasn’t, I’d Tell You.” “As of April, ICE officials have been reviewing the residency status of Irving jail inmates over the phone. Irving officials say that method is effective because ICE can make a residency check 24 hours a day. ICE officials still drop by the jail to pick up inmates, Irving officials say. Since April, when the phone method was implemented, an average of 130 illegal immigrants have been identified each month, city officials said. When the city first started working with ICE last fall, the monthly average was 52. Before working with ICE, the monthly average was 4. ‘I feel like the process in place is working,’ Chief Boyd told the council. ‘If it wasn’t, I’d tell you.’” [Dallas Morning News, 6/14/07]

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2019: Billy Chemirmir, A Kenyan Citizen In The U.S. Illegally Was Under Investigation For 6 Or More Murders Of Elderly Women In Texas. "I helped lead the City of Irving to institute the 24/7 Criminal Alien Program (CAP) that empowered our police department to communicate directly with ICE when they arrested people who were committing crimes and could not prove their identity. During the years CAP was active, we helped deport thousands of criminal aliens. During that same period, Irving was named the 5th safest city in America." [Associated Press, [5/16/19](#)]

Van Duyne: “Enforcing Our Immigration Laws And Deporting Criminals Saves Lives.” “Enforcing our immigration laws and deporting criminals saves lives. Anyone who says differently ought to go visit with the families of all these elderly ladies who died at the hands of this illegal immigrant serial killer.” [Beth Van Duyne Campaign Facebook, [10/20/19](#)]

As A City Council Member, Van Duyne Called For A Study Of Immigration Enforcement Programs

Van Duyne Wanted More Time To Study Immigration Enforcement Programs. “But a couple of the council members - Thomas D. Spink and Beth Van Duyne - either feel that the city isn’t doing enough to tackle illegal immigration or want more time to study immigration enforcement programs. They voiced their concerns loud and clear again Wednesday.” [Dallas Morning News, 6/14/07]

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Undocumented Immigrants

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Van Duyne Met With Farm Branch Council Member Tim O’Hare, Who Wanted To Ban Undocumented Immigrants From Renting Apartments. “She met with Farmers Branch council member Tim O’Hare, who was leading a charge to ban unauthorized immigrants from his city’s apartments. But Van Duyne’s own stance was more ambiguous.” [Dallas Morning News, 3/25/15]

DREAMers

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Amnesty

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Van Duyne Voiced Concern About Supreme Court Justices Who Would “Champion Liberal Policies Such As Gun Control, Abortion, Amnesty And Unchecked Labor Unions.” “During the past debate, Clinton was very clear that she would nominate progressive justices who champion liberal policies such as gun control, abortion, amnesty and unchecked labor unions. In other words, she’s advocating the Supreme Court become a lawmaking body, marginalizing Congress and making three judges nominated by her and two nominated by President Obama, none of whom were elected by the people, responsible for dictating public policy. Supreme Court justices have lifelong appointments specifically to remove them from making decisions based on politics. Trump’s prospective Supreme Court nominations include strict constructionists who will uphold the Constitution and not legislate from the bench.” [OZY, Beth Van Duyne piece, [10/27/16](#)]

Border Patrol

Van Duyne Spoke Highly Of Border Patrol Agents

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Van Duyne Supported Amending Asylum Laws To Require People Seeking Asylum To Do So From The “Nearest Safe Country From Where They Are Leaving.” “Rather than allow this utterly destructive criminal operation to continue, we should amend asylum laws to state that people seeking asylum must do so from the nearest safe country from where they are leaving.” [Dallas Morning News – Voter Guide, accessed [5/13/20](#)]

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Open Borders

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Van Duyne Criticized Irving's Previous Mayor For Signing Onto A Letter With ACORN And Becoming A Sanctuary City. "About, let me see how long ago was it that farmers branch started talking about this, I guess that was back in May? Mayor of June? August of 06' but it really started getting some traction in the spring. Our mayor in Irving saw that farmers branch was getting a lot of press, they were getting a lot of ink in the paper and not to be one-upped he decided to come out against what farmers branch was doing. In fact not only did he come out against what farmers branch was doing. But to such an extent he was going to say he actually called up carmen Hernandez with the Dallas morning news and asked her to interview him because he had another side of the story. Irving was not going to be a Farmers Branch, in fact, he read the charter and according to his understanding, Irving welcomes all of its inhabitants. And that was his word, all of its inhabitants. So and we should treat all of our inhabitants equally. Further escalating all of this debate going on in the city and bringing Irving into the national discussion on this, our mayor met with some of a group called ACORN and they talked to him and they said look we want you to sign a letter. We want you to sign a letter saying that you will not allow your police to enforce federal illegal immigration laws and he signed it." [Van Duyne Citizens for immigration reform meeting, [8/9/07](#)]

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Van Duyne Was The Lone Member Of The City Council Who Wanted To Challenge Irving's Sanctuary City Status And Collected Over 1,000 Signatures To Stop It. "But this issue in particular really caused a strife because the majority of the council agreed with him. And it is very difficult when until this last election you only had one other person who was willing to take a stand on this. There were 8 members out of 9 on our city council who wanted nothing to do with this issue who would not even talk about this issue, they would not even bring it up on an agenda, And the city of Irving, in order to get something discussed either the mayor, puts something on the agenda or you have three council members put it on the agenda. I couldn't get another one to talk about it. I couldn't even get another person to sign on with me that they wanted to talk about this issue. So, as a result, I had to wait until May, when we finally had, how many signatures ended up being. there over 1,000 people who signed signatures and then we had counter petitions of people who didn't want to do anything." [Van Duyne Citizens for immigration reform meeting, [8/9/07](#)]

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Labor & Working Families

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Van Duyne claimed that women were being held back due to a “lack of quality child care, elderly care for sick parents and flexibility to manage competing demands”*
- ✓ *Van Duyne blamed union leaders for layoffs at Hostess*
- ✓ *Van Duyne voiced concern about Supreme Court justices who would “champion liberal policies” like “unchecked labor unions”*

Economy & Jobs

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Van Duyne Said Democrats Think “Businesses Are Bad, Jobs Are Bad And Really America Is Bad.” “Those are meat and potato issues that I think normal people want to listen to. What you’re seeing up there right now by really the radical wing of the democrat party, the socialist party that seems to be running things is open borders, no accountability, governments going to come and take whatever problems that we have government can solve and by the way we’re going to tax everyone to make sure that that’s done and businesses are bad, jobs are bad and really America is bad.” [Debbie Georgatos, America Can We Talk?, [1/2/20](#)]

Child Care & Paid Leave

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Van Duyne Claimed That Women Were Being Held Back Due To A “Lack Of Quality Child Care, Elderly Care For Sick Parents And Flexibility To Manage Competing Demands.” “Why do these disparities exist? Lack of quality child care, elderly care for sick parents and flexibility to manage competing demands have certainly contributed to a less-than-compatible work environment for women everywhere. Access to affordable career training, safe yet sustainable housing and a supportive ecosystem could make a tremendous difference. Women still have to deal with chauvinism and bigotry from both their supervisors and subordinates — for just the latest high-profile example, check out engineer Susan Fowler’s recounting of her Kafkaesque experiences with harassment and HR at Uber. And don’t even get me started on the double standards (i.e., what passes for ‘passion’ in men is seen as ‘overly emotional’ in women).” [OZY, Van Duyne Op-Ed, [2/24/17](#)]

Unions

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Van Duyne Blamed Union Leaders For Layoffs At Hostess. “PAYNE: But in a town in Texas, well, they are bracing for the worse. Irvington (sic) is the home of Hostess, their headquarters, and now they’re facing massive job losses and future hits to its tax revenue. The mayor of that town, Beth Van Duyne, joins us now. Mayor, thank you very much for taking out the time. [...] It is a travesty. What do you think could have been done to avoid it? Van Duyne: You know, the union leaders really need to come to the table and work with the business leaders. It is not an us against them. I mean this is management and employees working together in the best interests of the

company, which is to move it forward. They need to be concentrating on what needs to be done in order to make this a successful company for everybody. Nobody wants to lose their jobs, especially not now. But it's really pertinent to those union leaders to be able to represent the employees that they were elected and do the job. And unfortunately, when they don't show up at the negotiation table, that's really tough to happen." [Neil Cavuto, Fox Business, 11/21/12]

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Local Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Van Duyne claimed Irving did not have enough money for Fire Department improvements*
- ✓ *While Van Duyne was mayor, McKesson Corp spent \$157 million in expansion to Irving TX, which brought nearly 1,000 jobs to the area*
- ✓ *Van Duyne tried to require restaurants to make no more than 40% of revenue from alcohol sales*
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Local Businesses & Jobs

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Van Duyne Celebrated McKesson’s Move To Irving. “The City of Irving and the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce partnered with the Office of the Governor to facilitate state and local support for McKesson’s expansion. ‘The City of Irving is thrilled the McKesson Corporation has chosen Irving as its new regional home. We are honored to add another highly-regarded corporate powerhouse to our distinguished and growing list of business partners,’ said Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne. ‘We are certain McKesson will find Irving to be a dynamic city that provides signature facilities, quality of life amenities and a deep and sophisticated pool of employee talent.’” [Gov. Greg Abbott Press Release, 3/10/16]

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Van Duyne: “We Didn’t Even Think About The Community Value We Claimed To Uphold.” “But Van Duyne said the council was acting hypocritically. She said the city was placing revenue requirements on businesses while skirting the same conditions for city venues. ‘We didn’t even think about the community value we claimed to uphold,’ Van Duyne said.” [Dallas Morning News, 11/5/09]

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"Under the scorching Texas sun today at the Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas, National Red Bull Flugtag DFW participants and Irving City Officials gathered to watch Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne take flight with the Red Bull Air Force. In a tandem jump from 9, 500 feet with Red Bull Air Force member Luke Aikins, Van Duyne glided into a perfect landing to officially proclaim Sep. 21 as National Red Bull Flugtag Day in the city of Irving. 'Standing here today you can see airplanes flying overhead, the occasional gondola floating by and of course, our DART line rail cruising past - but that will just be old school - because on Sept. 21 we're welcoming at least 50, 000 fans to Irving's first Red Bull Flugtag event,' said Van Duyne. 'I am thrilled that Irving is the backdrop for this fantastic event. We are one of five cities across the country to be part of this, and I am really looking forward to welcoming 33 teams to Irving from all over the country.'" [Irving Rambler, 9/7/13]

VIDEO: Jumped Out Of A Plane With The Red Bull Air Force [Redbull Content Pool, Dallas Announcement, [9/12/13](#)] [2 All Photos](#)

Irving Economy

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Van Duyne: "Moody's And S&P Cited Sound Operating Performance And An Experienced Management Team For The Top Ratings, The Team Recognizes Top Ratings Translate To Significant Interest Savings That Help Provide Irving The Financial Depth And Flexibility To Improve Our Booming City, Which Is One Of The Fastest Growing In The Nation." "Both agencies reported the strong ratings reflect Irving's favorable location within the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area, complemented by a growing tax base with a strong commercial component. They also cited a strong financial management assessment, which S&P said reflected 'the depth of policies and best practices that support financial-related decision making in the city.' 'Moody's and S&P cited sound operating performance and an experienced management team for the top ratings,' Irving Mayor Beth Van Duyne said. 'The team recognizes top ratings translate to significant interest savings that help provide Irving the financial depth and flexibility to improve our booming city, which is one of the fastest growing in the nation.'" [Irving Rambler, 3/4/17]

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"Irving is only the second city to win a Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award - a presidential honor that is like the Oscars for business managers - since government agencies became eligible for it in 2007. 'It's highly sought after. Competitively so. You have to be the best of the best,' said Daryl Walker, chairman of the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce, at a celebratory press conference Wednesday. Surrounded by rows of city staff, City Manager Tommy Gonzalez lauded Irving for implementing efficiencies large and small - from reducing its payroll without layoffs and reorganizing its administration to cleaning up major thoroughfares. Mayor Beth Van Duyne pointed out that the award traditionally goes to private-sector organizations. Past winners include Xerox, FedEx and Motorola. Of 39 applicants this year, the three other winners were a small manufacturer in Oklahoma, a nonprofit hospital system in Mississippi and Grand Prairie-based Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control. 'We take best practices from the private sector, how businesses are run, and incorporate them into how we run a government municipality,' Van Duyne said. 'It can be done.'" [Dallas Morning News, 11/15/12]

Irving Won The Malcolm Baldrige Award Under Van Duyne

Irving Won The Malcolm Baldrige Award Under Van Duyne's Leadership. "[Fox Business Network Anchor Melissa] FRANCIS: 'So, it is rare these days to hear of a city being financially stable and responsible, let alone, winning an award for it, but the city of Irving, Texas, did just that. They won the Malcolm Baldrige Award, a highly sought-after and competitive award highlighting business excellence. The mayor of Irving says that not only can her city be a model example for others, but it can also teach the federal government a thing or two. Mayor Beth Van Duyne, thanks for being here.'" [Fox Business Network, *Money*, 12/18/12]

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Tax Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Van Duyne celebrated Trump's success on tax reform, and claimed it helped the middle class*
 - ✓ *The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act primarily benefitted the wealthy and corporations*
- ✓ *Van Duyne signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, opposing any and all efforts to increase "the marginal income tax rates for individuals and/or businesses"*
- ✓ *Van Duyne supported a ballot initiative to end personal income tax in Texas, slashing corporate tax rates, and ending the estate tax*
- ✓ *Van Duyne attended the Kayo conference for women's real estate and participated in a panel about Opportunity Zones*

Tax Cuts & Jobs Act

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Van Duyne Celebrated Trump's Tax Reform, Claiming It Was "Putting Dollars Back Into The Pockets Of The Middle Class." "Absolutely, we have seen it work at a government level and we can do it again. You think about the things that Trump has been able to accomplish, not only and to me all of his conservative federal court appointments, but also things like trade agreements. Taking it on, looking at our tax reforms, these are things that are putting dollars back into the pockets of the middle class, basically every class, but also focusing on jobs. Realizing that it's not public sector, it's not government, citizen, taxpayer dollars that's going to solve everything it's getting the private sector dollars to get to be able to work to advance families and communities all across the country." [Debbie Georgatos, America Can We Talk?, [1/2/20](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Benefitted The Wealthy, Corporations, And Special Interests...

Washington Post: Final Tax Bill Included A "Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy" And "A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations." "A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over \$470,700. The GOP bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to \$500,000 for individuals and \$600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich. [...] A massive tax cut for corporations "A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big businesses' tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation's largest companies." [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

...While Millions Of Americans Would Pay More In Taxes

Politifact: GOP Tax Bill Would Raise Taxes For The Middle Class After Individual Tax Cut Provisions Expired In 2025. "Gillibrand said the Republican 'tax [plan] raises middle-class taxes.' That's not true during the first years of the new tax provisions. If not for the sunset for the tax changes for individuals, we likely would have rated Gillibrand's statement False or perhaps Mostly False. Middle-income taxpayers will either benefit or see no

change in their tax liability through 2025. But her claim could hold up after the bill's individual provisions expire that year. There's no guarantee a future Congress will extend those parts of the bill." [Politifact, [12/22/17](#)]

Tax Policy Center: In 2018, 5 Percent Of Taxpayers Would Pay More In Taxes Under The GOP Tax Bill, But Would Increase To 53 Percent Of Taxpayers In 2027. "Some taxpayers would pay more in taxes under the proposal in 2018 and 2025 than under current law: about 5 percent of taxpayers in 2018 and 9 percent in 2025. In 2027, however, taxes would increase for 53 percent of taxpayers compared with current law." [Tax Policy Center, [12/18/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased The Federal Debt – And Republicans Planned To Pay For It With Cuts To Medicare And Social Security

Official CBO Estimate Found Final Tax Bill Would Increase The Federal Deficit By \$1.9 Trillion. "The GOP's signature tax law is projected to increase the national debt by \$1.9 trillion between 2018 and 2028, according to a new report by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). According to the report, the tax law would cost the government \$2.3 trillion in revenues, but economic growth would offset that figure by about \$461 billion." [The Hill, [4/9/18](#)]

After Passing A Tax Bill That Added Trillions To The Deficit, Speaker Ryan Said Medicare And Medicaid Would Need To Be "Reformed" In Order To Decrease The Deficit. "With his dream of tax reform now realized, Ryan is hoping to make progress on two other issues he's targeted during his two-decade career in Washington: entitlement and welfare reform. 'We're going to have to get back next year at entitlement reform, which is how you tackle the debt and the deficit,' Ryan, a former Budget Committee chairman, said in a recent interview this month on the Ross Kaminsky radio talk show. Medicare and Medicaid are the 'big drivers of debt,' Ryan said, suggesting Republicans could once again use the budget reconciliation process to avoid a Democratic filibuster. Medicare is the 'biggest entitlement that's got to have reform,' Ryan added." [The Hill, [12/27/17](#)]

HEADLINE: After Tax Overhaul, GOP Sets Sights on Medicare, Social Security [US News, [12/7/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Ryan says Republicans to target welfare, Medicare, Medicaid spending in 2018 [Washington Post, [12/6/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Paul Ryan Pushes to Keep Overhaul of Safety-Net Programs on GOP Agenda [Wall Street Journal, [2/4/18](#)]

AP: "A Wide Range Of Economists And Nonpartisan Analysts Have Warned That The Bill Will Likely Escalate Federal Debt, Intensify Pressure To Cut Spending On Social Programs And Further Widen America's Troubling Income Inequality." "The tax overhaul of 2017 amounts to a high-stakes gamble by Republicans in Congress: That slashing taxes for corporations and wealthy individuals will accelerate growth and assure greater prosperity for Americans for years to come. The risks are considerable. A wide range of economists and nonpartisan analysts have warned that the bill will likely escalate federal debt, intensify pressure to cut spending on social programs and further widen America's troubling income inequality." [Associated Press, [12/17/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Increase Incentives To Move Jobs Overseas

Tax Experts Said The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased Incentives For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas. "What happened to the workers in Clinton, tax experts say, will probably happen to more Americans if the Republican tax overhaul becomes law. The legislation fails to eliminate long-standing incentives for companies to move overseas and, in some cases, may even increase them, they say. 'This bill is potentially more dangerous than our current system,' said Stephen Shay, a senior lecturer at Harvard Law School and former Treasury Department international tax expert in the Obama administration. 'It creates a real incentive to shift real activity offshore.'" [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Lead To More Expensive Health Insurance; 13 Million More Uninsured

Final Tax Bill Eliminated Central Affordable Care Act Provision, Leading To 13 Million Fewer Americans With Insurance. “The individual mandate is part of the Affordable Care Act, and removing it was a top priority for Trump and congressional Republicans. The Congressional Budget Office projects the change will increase insurance premiums and lead to 13 million fewer Americans with insurance in a decade, while also cutting government spending by more than \$300 billion over that period.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

GOP Tax Bill Would Cause Health Insurance Premiums To Rise, And Could Lead Insurers To Drop Out Of Regional Markets. “The final GOP plan will repeal the Affordable Care Act’s individual insurance mandate, which would allow young and healthy people to leave the insurance pool, forcing insurers to compensate by raising prices due to the higher costs of insuring only less-healthy people. Not only would premiums likely rise, but many insurers could drop out of regional markets.” [Newsweek, [12/18/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Republican Tax Plan Will Make Health Insurance More Expensive [Newsweek, [12/18/17](#)]

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Van Duyne Said That Middle Class Income Grew \$4,144 In Only 2.5 Years, Versus Only Growing \$1,043 In 7.5 Years. [Beth Van Duyne Twitter, [10/8/19](#)]

Van Duyne Supported A Ballot Initiative To End Personal Income Tax In Texas

Van Duyne Supported A Ballot Initiative To End Personal Income Tax In Texas. “NO Personal Income Tax in Texas: Vote FOR Proposition 4 to prevent a personal income tax in Texas! The last day to Early Vote is this Friday. There are other Constitutional Amendments for your consideration (<https://www.texasgop.org/2019-constitutional-election/>), make sure to read up and cast an informed vote.” [Beth Van Duyne Campaign Facebook, [10/30/19](#)]

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Tariffs

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Trade Agreements

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“Absolutely, we have seen it work at a government level and we can do it again. You think about the things that Trump has been able to accomplish, not only and to me all of his conservative federal court appointments, but also things like trade agreements. Taking it on, looking at our tax reforms, these are things that are putting dollars back into the pockets of the middle class, basically every class, but also focusing on jobs Realizing that it's not public sector, it's not government, citizen, taxpayer dollars that's going to solve everything it's getting the private sector dollars to get to be able to work to advance families and communities all across the country.” [Debbie Georgatos, America Can We Talk?, [1/2/20](#)]

Veterans & Military Family Issues

Significant Findings

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Veteran Homelessness

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Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures

2020 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

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2020 Van Duyne Earned Income			
Source	Type	Amount (Year To Filing)	Amount (Previous Year)
US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development	Salary	\$93,333	\$160,000
SSP Inc.	Consulting Fees	\$40,000	n/a
Hatton Sumners Foundation	Board Compensation	\$8,623.91	n/a

[Van Duyne 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/3/19](#)]

Assets & Unearned Income

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2020 Van Duyne Assets & “Unearned” Income								
SP/DC/JT	Asset	Year-End Value		Type Of Income	Amount Of Income (Year To Filing)		Amount Of Income (Previous Year)	
		Min	Max		Min	Max	Min	Max
	LSG Sky Chefs MoneySmart	\$1,001	\$15,000	None				
	Thrift Savings Plan	\$50,001	\$100,000	None				
	WFCS As Custodian	\$15,001	\$50,000	None				
	WFCS As Custodian	\$50,001	\$100,000	None				
	Total:	\$116,004	\$265,000	Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

[Van Duyne 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/3/19](#)]

Liabilities

2020 Van Duyne Liabilities				
Owner	Creditor	Date Incurred	Type	Amount Of Liability
DC	USAA	October 2019	Car Loan	\$10,000 - \$15,000

[Van Duyne 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/3/19](#)]**Positions**

2019 Van Duyne Positions	
Position	Name Of Organization
Regional Administrator	US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development
Trustee	Hatton Sumners Foundation
Consultant	SSP Inc.

[Van Duyne 2020 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [12/3/19](#)]**Agreements***Note: No agreements were disclosed for 2020.*

Appendix II – Campaign Finance

Items of Interest

- ✓ Van Duyne's 2020 campaign raised \$1.9 million as of the first quarter of 2020.

Toplines

Van Duyne's Campaign Raised \$762,352.32 And Spent \$536,150.26

Van Duyne YYYY Congress Campaign Committee Funds									
Cycle	Total Receipts						Total Disbursements		
	Total	Indivs	Party Cmtes	Other Cmtes	Candidate Cntribtns	Loans	Total	Operating Expdts	Refunds
2020	\$1,918,997	\$834,205	\$5,000	\$176,900	\$0	\$0	\$778,090	\$763,913	\$14,176

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [5/13/20](#)]

Note: As of February 2020, Van Duyne didn't have a profile on Open Secrets and her leadership PAC had not made any disclosures yet. Further research necessary.

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Contributor name	Recipient	State	Employer	Receipt date	Amount
KLEINHEINZ, JOHN B.	BETH VAN DUYNE FOR CONGRESS	TX	KLEINHEINZ CAPITAL PARTNERS	08/30/2019	\$2,800.00
KLEINHEINZ, JOHN B.	BETH VAN DUYNE FOR CONGRESS	TX	KLEINHEINZ CAPITAL PARTNERS	08/30/2019	-\$2,800.00
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[Federal Election Commission, Accessed [2/27/20](#)]

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Kleinheinz Accused A Photographer Who Was Photographing A Family Of Being On His Property, And Then Stole The Photographer's Car And Sent It Careening Into A Pond

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Appendix III – Vote Statistics

Attendance Record

While A Member Of The City Council Van Duyne Attended 95% Of City Council Meetings. [Irving Texas City Council, Meetings, Agendas, and Minutes, Accessed [1/13/20](#)]

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While Mayor Van Duyne Attended 89.9% Of City Council Work Sessions. [Irving Texas City Council, Meetings, Agendas, and Minutes, Accessed [1/13/20](#)]