Troy Nehls (TX-22) Research Report

The following report contains research on Troy Nehls, a Republican candidate in Texas's 22nd district. Research for this research book was conducted by the DCCC's Research Department between April and June 2020. By accepting this report, you are accepting responsibility for all information and analysis included. Therefore, it is your responsibility to verify all claims against the original documentation before you make use of it. Make sure you understand the facts behind our conclusions before making any specific charges against anyone.



Troy Nehls

Republican candidate in Texas's 22nd Congressional District

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Key Findings

Nehls Is Unfit To Serve In Office

Nehls was unfit as a police officer. *Nehls was disciplined several times as a patrol officer in Richmond, Texas, for insubordination, failing to follow directions, improper arrests, failures to document evidence properly, and more. He was urged to focus less on who's out to get him, follow the chain of command, and "[take] counseling personal." Nehls was eventually terminated from the position but said voters didn't mind because his termination didn't prevent him from succeeding in life.*

Nehls was unfit as a sheriff. Nehls was unfit as Sheriff of Fort Bend County. Nehls was the target of several lawsuits relating to his failure to provide adequate care in his prison and abusing trust and acting politically as Sheriff. Under Nehls, Fort Bend County had an "atrocious" record of preventing jail suicides and was sued for failing to prevent the suicide of a young person. In his first three years as Sheriff, 268 employees left the department. Nehls started a disinfectant distribution program during the COVID-19 crisis and used prison labor to assist in the program. He also notoriously denied reports of human trafficking in his district until it was time to run for office.

Nehls would be unfit and dangerous as a member of Congress. *Nehls would increase Texans' risk for gun violence. He said he was "100% Pro-2A," opposed President Obama's gun control measures, and expressed support for local churchgoers carrying weapons inside church. Nehls would put Texans at risk for environmental catastrophe, as he repeated classic Republican talking points about the need for oil and gas jobs and the false concern that environmental protection would hurt the economy. Meanwhile, a majority of TX-22 residents were concerned about climate change and believed environmental protection was more important than economic growth. Nehls would also put women at risk as he fought to outlaw abortion and defund Planned Parenthood, which would cause 2.4 million women to lose access to health care.*

Nehls Repeatedly Used His Position As Sheriff For Personal Gain, Not To Look Out For Texans

Nehls began his congressional campaign while still earning a taxpayer-funded salary. *Nehls began his congressional campaign while still earning a taxpayer-funded salary. He initially launched an exploratory committee to avoid triggering Texas' resign-to-run law but raised over \$100,000 while earning a taxpayer-funded salary and continuing to call his campaign an exploratory committee.*

Nehls abused his position as sheriff to publicize his congressional campaign. *Nehls abused his position as Sheriff to publicize his congressional campaign, repeatedly tweeting from his official Sheriff account asking for campaign support.*

Nehls was sued for retaliating against employees who campaigned against his re-election. *Nehls was sued for retaliating against employees in their official capacity who campaigned against his re-election. The constables who accused him of retaliation said he violated public trust and exercised "vindictive retaliatory conduct" against them in their official capacity.*

Nehls was accused of knowingly accepting unlawful campaign contributions. In 2011, Nehls was accused of knowingly accepting unlawful campaign contributions. Nehls was officially charged with the infraction but the case was dismissed without explanation.

Nehls threatened to issue a citation for disorderly conduct over a sticker that personally offended him. *Nehls threatened to issue a citation for disorderly conduct over a sticker that personally offended him. After a person had*



a bumper sticker saying " F^{***} Trump" on their truck, Nehls threatened to issue a citation for disorderly conduct, to which the person added a " F^{***} Troy Nehls" sticker.

Nehls Is Loyal To Republican Extremists, Not Texans

Nehls was unwaveringly loyal to President Trump. *Nehls expressed "unwavering" support for President Trump, saying he has delivered on promises like no other president in history. He lined up with other members of the Republican establishment to call impeachment a "sham" and a distractor, instead pointing to low unemployment and a healthy stock market under Trump. Nehls condemned swastika graffiti associated with Trump, but it did not stop him from continuing his support. He repeatedly tweeted pictures of him and Trump together when encouraging people to vote for him and told voters to "send President Trump an ally."*

Nehls received support from the Republican establishment and big donors. Nehls' Super PAC,

OneToughSheriff, was funded by only five individuals. Meanwhile, he had campaign support from the establishment of the NRCC and was endorsed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Nehls is a party extremist being pushed to the right. *Nehls relied on classic Republican extremist positions to run his campaign. He prided himself on being the most extreme Republican on immigration and let his opponent push him to the right. He told supporters he had a passion for border security, that he had been strong on illegal immigration, and that he was proud of "locking up over 2,500 criminal aliens and working with ICE to process them for deportation." Nehls made no indication of his own specific ideas about his health care coverage, implying he would follow the Republican establishment in ripping away health care from Texans.*



Thematics



Nehls Is Unfit To Serve In Office

<u>Significant Findings</u>

- ✓ *Nehls was unfit as a police officer.*
 - ✓ Nehls was disciplined several times as a patrol officer in Richmond, Texas, for...
 - ✓ ...Insubordination...
 - ✓ ...Failing to follow direct orders...
 - ✓ …Improper arrests…
 - ✓ ...Improper handling of evidence...
 - ✓ ...Failing to disclose another job and misleading his supervisor...
 - ✓ ...And repeatedly failing to disclose his whereabouts.
 - ✓ Nehls received performance evaluations urging him to focus less on who's out to get him, follow the chain of command, adhere to departmental policies, handle evidence and arrests correctly, call in sick, and "[take] counseling personal."
 - ✓ *Nehls was eventually terminated from his position.*
 - ✓ Nehls said voters wouldn't mind because his termination didn't prevent him from succeeding in life.
- ✓ Nehls was unfit as Sheriff of Fort Bend County.
 - ✓ Nehls was the target of several lawsuits, including knowingly accepting unlawful campaign contributions, retaliating against employees who campaigned against him, and failing to provide adequate care in the prison he oversaw.
 - ✓ Under Nehls, Fort Bend County had an "atrocious" record of preventing jail suicides and was sued for failing to prevent the suicide of a young person.
 - ✓ In his first three years as Sheriff, Nehls saw a 35% turnover rate with 268 employees leaving.
 - ✓ Nehls started a disinfectant distribution program during the COVID-19 crisis and used prison labor to assist in the program.
 - ✓ Nehls notoriously denied reports of human trafficking in his district until it was time to run for office.
- ✓ Nehls would be unfit and dangerous as a member of Congress.
 - ✓ Nehls said he was "100% Pro-2A"
 - ✓ *Nehls opposed President Obama's gun control measures*



- ✓ *Nehls expressed support for local churchgoers carrying weapons inside church.*
- ✓ Nehls repeated classic Republican talking points about the need for oil and gas jobs and the false concern that environmental protection would hurt the economy. Meanwhile, a majority of TX-22 residents were concerned about climate change and believed environmental protection was more important than economic growth.
- ✓ Nehls would put women at risk as he fought to outlaw abortion and defund Planned Parenthood, which would cause 2.4 million women to lose access to health care.

Nehls Was Unfit As A Police Officer...

Nehls Was Disciplined Numerous Times And Eventually Terminated From His Position As A Patrol Officer

NOTE: The following is an abridged timeline of Nehls' discipline record and resulting termination as a Police Officer in the City of Richmond, Texas. This information was obtained from public records provided by the City of Richmond, which are available in the DCCC Research drive.

Details Of Nehls' Termination Were Reported In 2017 When He Decided Against A Run For Congress

Details Of Nehls' Termination Were Reported In 2017 When He Decided Against A Run For Congress. "Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls will not run for Congress in 2018. [...] According to records obtained by News 88.7, Nehls was fired by the Richmond (Texas) Police Department for reasons including destruction of evidence. Nehls was also charged with underage drinking and obstructing an officer in 1988. He later applied for a job with the Ford Bend ISD Police Department, signing a form saying he'd never been charged with a crime." [Houston Public Media, <u>12/8/17</u>]

Nehls Was Disciplined For Failing To Follow Direct Orders Relating To His Job Responsibilities

October 1, 1997: Nehls Was Instructed To Contact Property Owners In His Beat Who Had Violated City Ordinances. October 1, 1997: A letter designated as "Interoffice Correspondence" within the Richmond Police Department was sent out to a "Sgt. Dawson" from a "Lt. Waterbury" that appeared as follows (excerpt): "Attached are photos taken by Chief Whitworth concerning longstanding violations. Please distribute them to the proper Beat Officers [including Troy Nehls] and have each officer prepare a written report any actions that they have taken to contact the property owners and solve the specific problems and what actions they are planning. [...] These reports will be submitted through the chain of command and are to be in my office by 9:00 am on the 7th of October 1997." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 10/1/97]

October 1, 1997: Nehls Received A List of Property Owners He Was Required To Contact. October 1, 1997: A letter designated as "Interoffice Correspondence" within the Richmond Police Department was sent to "Officer Nehls" from a "Sgt. Dawson" that appeared as follows (excerpt): "Attached you will find a memo given to me by Lt. Waterbury [see above]. Please read and adhere to the request. Also in inventorying [your] beat several ordinance violations were found on the below listed streets [10 streets listed]." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 10/1/97]

October 5, 1997: Nehls Sent A Letter To His Superiors Saying He Was Unable To Provide The Names And Addresses Of The Property Owners He Was Required To Contact And Required Daylight Hours To Focus On The Violations. October 5, 1997: A letter designated as "Interoffice Correspondence" within the Richmond Police Department was sent to a "Chief Whitworth" from "Officer T.E. Nehls" via "Sgt Dawson" and "Lt Waterbury" that appeared as follows (excerpt): "At this time I am unable to provide the names and addresses of the



property owners with violations of the City of Richmond ordinance code. [...] I would like to request some time during the daylight hours where I would be able to focus time on the violations. I feel that I would effectively address these issues with a personal visit with the property owners." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 10/5/97]

October 8, 1997: Nehls' Superior Told Him He "Failed To Follow A Direct Order" And That It Took Him "Approximately Ten Minutes" To Get The Names And Addresses Of The Property Owners. October 8, 1997: A letter designated as "Interoffice Correspondence" within the Richmond Police Department was sent to "Officer Nehls" from "Lt. Waterbury" that appeared as follows (excerpt): "I have twice told you, through the chain of command to prepare a report on certain properties in your beat. I asked for specific information in the memo that was given to you. You have failed to follow a direct order. The information that I asked for was necessary for a report that I was ordered to do for the Chief. Due to the fact that my report is due I went to City Hall today and spent approximately ten minutes getting the names and addresses of the property owners. Below is a list of those people. You are directed to prepare letters to each of the property owners describing the conditions of their property and the ordinances that are being violated. Attach a copy of the ordinance to each letter. Ask the property owners to remedy the violations and give them a reasonable amount of time to comply. Please see that copies of the letters are given to me so that I can keep track of progress." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 10/8/97]

October 8, 1997: Nehls Received A Written Reprimand From His Superior Due To His Failure To Follow A Direct Order. October 8, 1997: "Officer Nehls" received a "Written Reprimand" from "Sgt. Dawson" that appeared as follows (excerpt): "Officer Nehls, your memo in reference to beat 4 was returned to my office, due to the fact you were given six days to prepare a report answering the below listed request and you failed to comply. 1. Explain any actions you have taken to contact the property owners and solve the problems[.] 2. Explain the actions the property owners are planning[.] 3. Submit names and addressed of the owners of the properties in question." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, written reprimand dated 10/8/97]

Nehls Signed The Reprimand But Wrote Beneath It, "I Do Not Concur With This Reprimand." Officer Troy Nehls appears to have signed the written reprimand. He also added a handwritten note below his signature: "I do not concur with this reprimand." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, written reprimand dated 10/8/97]

October 26, 1997: Nehls Responded To The Reprimand With Reasons He Believed He Had Not Failed To Follow An Order. October 26, 1997: A letter designated as "Interoffice Correspondence" within the Richmond Police Department was sent to "Bill Witworth, Chief of Police" from "Troy Nehls, Officer – Patrol Division" and appeared as follows (excerpt): I would formally like to respond to the written reprimand given me dated October 8, 1997, in regards to Beat 4 Ordinance Violations and the events preceding it. The reprimand memo issued by Sgt. Dawson (referenced above) states that the reason as 'the fact that [I] was given six days to prepare a report answering ... a request and [I] failed to comply'. I wish to contend this on several points (substantiating documentation attached):

- 1. A memo dated October 1, 1997, originated by Lt. Waterbury to Sgt. Dawson addressing the issue of Beat Ordinance Violations with follow-up memo from Sgt. Dawson to myself (same date). These memo's address the issue of ordinance violations within various beats. The memo stipulates that 'officers submit in their reports the names and addresses of the owners of the properties in question' by '9:00 am on the 7th of October 1997.'
- 2. Written response memo dated October 5, 1997, from Officer Nehls which addressed the issue of the property owner report. At this point, it is important to note that the day of the October 1 memo was Wednesday. As I work the night shift, any documentation compiled during a workday is disseminated and not received by myself until the close of such date. Due to prior work and personal commitments on Friday, I was unable to address the memo contents. At this point, the calendar date is October 3, 1997. City Hall offices are closed on Saturday and Sundays, which prevented further follow-up. So as to notify my superiors that I was concerned with the issue, I drafted a memo during my night shift duty rotation dated



October 5, 1997 (reference #2). The memo I originated requested additional time during daytime hours to complete the task I had been assigned. I received no verbal or written response to the issue of time limitations. Furthermore, Sunday October 5 and Monday October 6, 1997, are my regular off-duty days.

[...] I believe that documentation and calendar reference dates will show that I did not violate an order, nor did I fail to comply to a request. I provided a response, prior to the stipulated deadline, which requested an accommodation by my superiors to allow me an opportunity to complete the task. If any failure of duty occurred, I believe it was on the part of my superior officers who themselves failed to communicate effectively and willingly to ensure that the issues were addressed in the best possible manner. [...] It is my opinion that the reprimand is unjust and another attempt to discredit my professional integrity. As such, I request that the written reprimand be removed from my personal folder." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 10/26/97]

Nehls Was Reprimanded For Failing To Disclose Another Job And Misleading A Supervisor About The Situation

October 14, 1997: Nehls Received A Letter Asking For Explanation As To Why He Was 30 Minutes Late To Every Weekend Shift. October 14, 1997: A letter designated as "Interoffice Correspondence" within the Richmond Police Department was sent to "Officer Nehls" from "Lt. Waterbury" via "Sgt. Dawson" and appeared as follows (excerpt): "Your Time card for this last pay period indicates that you were late reporting for work one half hour on both Friday and Saturday nights. A review of the time cards indicates that this occurs frequently on these nights of the week. Please explain in writing through the chain of command why you are consistently late. This is due in my office on 10/15/97." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 10/14/97]

October 15, 1997: Nehls Responded To Questions About His Tardiness Saying He Had Gotten Permission To Be Late Due To Another Job. October 15, 1997: A letter designated as "Interoffice Correspondence" within the Richmond Police Department was sent to "Chief Whitworth" from "Officer T.E. Nehls" via "Sgt Dawson" and "Lt Waterbury" and appeared as follows (excerpt): "In reference to the memorandum concerning time cards. I explained to Sgt Eiteman that I have a job that works until approximately 11:00P.M.. I received approval from Sgt Eiteman to come in to work on Friday and Saturday nights at 11:30P.M. Sgt Eiteman is the supervisor on Friday and Saturday nights and Sgt Eiteman informed me that he did not have any concern over me arriving to work at 11:30P.M. and working until 7:30A.M.. I hope this answers your question." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 10/15/97]

October 15, 1997: Nehls' Superior Responded To Nehls' Reasoning By Saying His Request For A Schedule Change Had Been Denied And He Would Be Subject To Disciplinary Action. October 15, 1997: A Letter designated as "Interoffice Correspondence" within the Richmond Police Department was sent from "Lt. Waterbury" to "Officer Nehls" via "Sgt. Dawson" and appeared as follows (excerpt): "Sgt. Eiteman stated that he was lead to believe that you were requesting a change in the schedule for one weekend only. Sgt. Eiteman said that he was unaware that you were requesting a permanent change. I am very disturb by the your actions. Sgt. Dawson has advised me that he denied your request for a schedule change and explained to you that it was a violation of the general orders Sec 300.06 (300.07 Old General Orders) for outside employment to conflict with existing work schedules. [...] Effective immediately you will report to work as scheduled. Your extra job is denied and any further violations of policy will result in a loss of all extra job privileges. You may still be subject to disciplinary action from Sgt. Dawson. You may appeal this decision, however do not violate the chain of command as you have done in the past." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 10/15/97]

Nehls Received A Notice Of Termination That Included Every Wrongdoing That Occurred During His Employment, Including Improper Handling Of Evidence And Improper Arrest

January 28, 1998: Chief Of Police Sent A Notice Of Termination To Nehls Outlining His Wrongdoings. January 28, 1998: A letter designated as "Notice of Termination" was sent from "Chief of Police Bill Whitworth" to "Officer Troy Nehls" and appeared as follows (excerpt): "Your repeated violations of the policies and procedures



of this department, as well as your continuing disregard for orders issued to you by your supervisors, has resulted in this termination which is based on the Richmond Police Department's General Orders Section 300.08. Attached you will find a listing of the incidents that are the basis for this action." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

January 31, 1997: Nehls Failed To Contact A Victim To Obtain Additional Information For A Report After He Was Directed To. "1/31/97 Failed to contact a victim to obtain additional information for a report as directed by Sergeant Kovar. The sergeant was told there was no further information. The sergeant then contacted the victim himself and got the information." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

March 23, 1997: Nehls Charged A Wall Plaque To The Police Department Without Authorization. "3/23/97 Charged a wall plaque to the police department without any authorization." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

March 3, 1997: Nehls Improperly Handled Evidence After Receiving A Memo With Exact Instructions **Due To His Past Mishandling.** "3/3/97 Failed to properly handle evidence after receiving a memo explaining the proper methods of evidence handling due to past mishandling." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

April 4, 1997: Nehls Received Verbal Counseling For Improper Handling Of Evidence. "4/4/97 Verbal counseling by Sergeant Dawson for improper handling of evidence." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

April 23, 1997: Nehls Received Verbal Counseling For Issuing An Improper Traffic Citation To Avoid Making An Arrest. 4/23/97 Verbal counseling for issuing an improper traffic citation to avoid making an arrest. [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

May 16, 1997: Nehls Received Written Counseling For Failing To Comply With Written Instructions On The Handling Of Arrests. "5/16/97 Written counseling for failing to comply with written instructions on the handling of Class C arrests." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

May 20, 1997: Nehls Was Found At A Store Several Blocks From Where He Said He Was. "5/20/97 Written memo after you were found at a store several blocks from where you checked out with dispatch." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

June 3, 1997: Nehls Destroyed Evidence After Being Told To Enter It. "6/3/97 Destroyed evidence after being told by Sergeant Dawson to enter it as found property." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

September 26, 1997: Nehls Failed To Follow An Order To Return Property To Its Owner. "9/26/97 Failed to follow the order of Sergeant Kovar to return property to its owner." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

October 8, 1997: Nehls Received A Written Reprimand For Failure To Submit Needed Information For A Report. "10/8/97 Written reprimand for failure to submit the needed information for a report by the required deadline as ordered by Lt. Waterbury through Sgt. Dawson." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

October 22, 1997: Nehls Received Written Counseling For Being Out Of His Vehicle Without Notifying Dispatcher As Required. "10/22/97 Written counseling for being out of your vehicle in a restaurant without notifying the dispatcher as required." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]



October 22, 1997: Nehls Received A Three-Day Suspension Without Pay For Disregarding A Written Directive And Misleading A Supervisor. "10/22/97 Three day suspension without pay for disregarding a written directive denying an extra job request and misleading another supervisor about the circumstances." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

November 4, 1997: Nehls Failed To Address Half The Issues He Was Assigned To. "11/4/97 Written request for completed response to memo dated 10/08/97 regarding city ordinance violations in assigned beat. Less than half of the issues were addressed." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

November 25 – December 11, 1997: Nehls Received Three Verbal Orders And One Written Order Before He Took Proper Action On Writing Required Citations. "11/25/97 to 12/11/97 Received three verbal and one written order from Sgt. Butinski to write citations for an ordinance violation before the proper action was taken." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

January 8, 1997: Nehls Took A Civilian Rider In Patrol Vehicle After Receiving A Verbal Reminder The Month Before About The Same Thing. "12/10/97 Received a verbal reminder to fill out a liability release before taking a civilian rider in the patrol vehicle. On 1/8/98 took a rider without a release." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

December 1997 – January 1998: Nehls Received Two Sets Of Verbal Reminders And Verbal Counseling For Failure To Do House Watches As Required. "12/5/97 Verbal instructions to do more house watches as required. 12/18/97 Second verbal reminder to do the house watches as required. 1/14/98 Verbal counseling for not doing house watches on 12/24 - 12/26, 12/28 - 01/98." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

December 29, 1997: Nehls Received A One-Day Suspension For Improper Arrest. "12/29/97 One day suspension for improper arrest." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

January 8, 1998: Nehls Received A Written Warning For Going To A Restaurant Without Notifying Dispatch As Required. "1/8/98 Written warning for going to a restaurant without checking out with dispatch as required." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

January 14, 1998: Nehls Received A Verbal Warning For Working An Extra Job Without Prior Approval As Required. "1/14/98 Verbal warning for working an extra job without prior approval as required." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

February 3, 1998: Nehls Appeared To Have Hired An Attorney To Petition His Termination With The City Manager, Saying The Disciplinary Action Against Him Was "Selective And Arbitrary And Result[ed] From Prejudice." February 3, 1998: A letter designated as "Re: Termination of Officer Troy Nehls" was sent from "Nathan M. Rymer" of "Carlson & Smith Attorneys At Law" to "Mr. Glen Gilmore, City Manager, City of Richmond," and appeared as follows (excerpt): "Please allow this correspondence to serve as our Notice of Appeal of Officer Nehls' termination to your office. As well as to the City Counsel. Mr. Nehl denies that any of the alleged conduct warrants termination. Further, the disciplinary action is selective and arbitrary and results from prejudice, difference of opinion, and envy within the department. Finally, the disciplinary action is unduly harsh and unjustified. Mr. Nehls has committed no acts which justify termination under the policies and procedures of the Richmond Police Department. The termination is also inconsistent with the general practice of the department. Mr. Nehls is a decorated, respected peace officer and is an asset to the City of Richmond. He has a great deal of support from the citizens of Richmond due to his exemplary service. We will forward you information that is relevant to our position in the near future. We are requesting that this issue be placed on the agenda for the March meeting of the Richmond City Counsel." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 2/3/98]



Richmond City Manager Responded To Nehls And His Attorney Saying He Agreed With The Termination. February 3, 1998: A letter designated as "Ref: Termination of Officer Troy Nehls" was sent from "R. Gilmore, City Manager" to "Mr. Nathan M. Rymer" and appeared as follows (excerpt): "This has reference to your letter dated February 3, 1998 regarding the termination of Officer Troy Nehls. After a review of his file, I concur with Chief Whitworth's decision to terminate Officer Nehls." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 2/3/98]

Nehls Received Negative Performance Evaluations As A Patrol Officer

Nehls Received Notes Telling Him To Follow The Chain Of Command, Adhere To Department Policies, Handle Evidence And Arrests Correctly, Call In Sick, And Take Counseling Personally

Nehls Received A Performance Evaluation On 9/10/97. According to records provided by the City of Richmond, Nehls' performance was evaluated on 9/10/97. [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]

Nehls Received The Score "Standard" In Seven Categories And "Below Standard" In One Category. Nehls received the score "standard" for professional excellence, personal contribution and growth, respect for diversity, initiative, teamwork, safety, and service. He received the score "below standard" for personal and organizational integrity. He received the score "above standard" in no categories. [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]

Nehls Set Personal Goals. Part of the performance evaluation was personal goal setting. Nehls' personal goals were "continue to work closely with others; continue to provide the citizens of Richmond with professional police service; continue to establish effective relations with my block captains." [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]

Nehls Earned The Overall Rating "Standard." Nehls earned the overall rating of "standard" due to his scores being "no more than 1 below standard rating, less than 6 above standard ratings." [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]

Nehls Received Reminders To Follow The Chain Of Command, Adhere To Department Policies, Handle Evidence And Arrests Correctly, Call In Sick, And "[Take] Counseling Personal." Nehls received the following recommendations: "Adhering to department rules, policies, and procedures, [including] evidence handling, class C arrest procedure, calling in sick (4 or more hours in advance,) following the chain of command; [t]aking counseling personal, [including] complains about supervisors radio usage, then makes the same mistake." [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]

Nehls Was Told To Focus Less On "Who's Out To Get Him." Nehls' reviewer ended his performance evaluation with the following statement: "Officer Nehls has the potential to receive an above standard rating, if he concentrates more on police work and not on who's out to get him." [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]

Nehls Received Several Performance Evaluations Giving Him Largely "Satisfactory" Reviews

Nehls Received A Performance Evaluation In August 1996. According to records provided by the City of Richmond, Nehls' performance was evaluated in August 1996. [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]

Nehls Received The Score "Satisfactory" In Two Categories, "Very Good" In Two Categories, And "Outstanding" In One Category. Nehls received the score "satisfactory" for safety mindedness and cooperation and loyalty. He received the score "very good" for quality of work and dependability and



availability. He received the score "outstanding" for initiative and leadership. He received the scores "fair" and "unsatisfactory" in no categories. [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]

Nehls Received A Performance Evaluation In June 1996. According to records provided by the City of Richmond, Nehls' performance was evaluated in June 1996 at the end of a probationary period. [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]

Nehls Received The Score "Satisfactory" In Five Categories. Nehls received the score "satisfactory" for quality of work, dependability and adaptability, initiative and leadership, safety mindedness, and cooperation of loyalty. He received the scores "unsatisfactory" "fair" "very good" and "outstanding" in no categories. [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]

Nehls Received A Performance Evaluation In February 1996. According to records provided by the City of Richmond, Nehls' performance was evaluated in February 1996. [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]

Nehls Received The Score "Satisfactory" In Three Categories And "Very Good" In Two Categories. Nehls received the score "satisfactory" for dependability and adaptability, initiative and leadership, and safety mindedness. He received the score "very good" for quality of work and cooperation and loyalty. He received the scores "unsatisfactory" "fair" and "outstanding" in no categories. [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]

Nehls Said His Termination Didn't Prevent Him From Succeeding

In Response To A 2019 Fox And Friends Interview Question About His Past Termination, Nehls Said "It Didn't Prevent Me To Get Where I Am Today, Now Did It?" [2:30] "There's politics in all small towns. I will say this, I was terminated from a law enforcement agency in Fort Bend County, it didn't prevent me to get where I am today, now did it." [Troy Nehls Interview, Fox and Friends, 12/7/19]

...As Sheriff...

NOTE: Original documents are saved in the DCCC Research Drive (Nehls, Troy \rightarrow 2020 Research \rightarrow Book \rightarrow Supporting Documents \rightarrow FOIA Tracking & Information \rightarrow FOIAs \rightarrow Records Received)

Nehls Was The Target Of Several Lawsuits Alleging His Failure To Protect The Public

Nehls Was Sued By A Fort Bend County Jail Inmate Who Said He Did Not Receive Adequate Emergency Medical Attention

Nehls Was Noted To Be Legally Responsible For The Welfare Of All Inmates Of Fort Bend County Sheriff's Detention Facility. "Defendant Troy E. Nehls is the Sheriff of Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility. He is legally responsible for the operation, care, custody, and control of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Detention Facility, and for the welfare of all inmates of the Detention Facility." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 18-DCV-252601, page 2]

As Sheriff, Nehls Was Legally Liable For The Overall Operations Of The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility. "Defendant Troy E. Nehls, Sheriff, is legally liable for the overall operations of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility, pursuant to the Texas Tort Claims Act, under Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code 101.021(2) for the Plaintiff's physical injuries stemming from the slipping and falling on September 11, 2016, which in the custody of Fort Bend County Sheriff's for any claim arises from a premise defects, the government unit owes to the claimant only the duty that a private person bears liable." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 18-DCV-252601, page 14]



As Sheriff, Nehls Was Noted To Be Legally Liable For The Defendant's Personal Injuries Sustained While An Inmate At The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Detention Facility. "Defendant Troy E. Nehls, Sheriff, is also legally liable for the Plaintiff's subsequent personal injuries pursuant to the Texas Tort Claim Act under the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code 101.001 sustain[ed] when the portable chair was stacked and incorporated the misuse as a barber's chair on February 14, 2017 while immediately collapsing causing additional physical injuries to the Plaintiff when tangible personal property cause the injuries." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 18-DCV-252601, page 14]

Plaintiff Accused Nehls Of Violating His Rights Under The Eighth Amendment By Failing To Provide Prompt Emergency Medical Care. "Defendant Troy E. Nehls['] (Sheriff) [...] actions violated Plaintiff's rights under the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution when Defendant Deputy Brown failed or neglected to ensure that the Plaintiff got prompt emergency medical care, once the injury was presented to him." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 18-DCV-252601, page 14]

Plaintiff Injured Himself Slipping And Falling In Fort Bend County Jail And Suffered For Several Days Before An Initial Medical Assessment Was Performed. "On or about September 11, 2016, Plaintiff slipped and fell near the restroom/shower area in a puddle of water on the waxed black and speckled linoleum tile flooring upon entrance into the dayroom area. [...] Plaintiff requested emergency medical attention [...] after two days, Plaintiff kept insisting on getting medial [sic] assistance [...] with no results. [...] Plaintiff suffer[ed] for several days before the initial medical assessment was finally [performed] on 9/17/16." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 18-DCV-252601]

Plaintiff Sustained A Second Injury Under Direct Supervision Of Fort Bend County Staff. "Furthermore, Plaintiff on 2/14/2017 did sustain a second injury that aggravated the original spinal injury with additional physical trauma to the upper shoulder, neck, and during the course of a routine hair cut under the direct supervision of Sgt. Pennolosa." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 18-DCV-252601, page 11]

As A Result Of Two Injuries Sustained At Fort Bend County Jail, Plaintiff Said He Suffered Several Serious Medical Issues. "Plaintiff now suffers additional medical issues and discomforts stemming from these two incidents; headaches, [loss] of short term memory, pain, and tightness in the upper shoulder and back." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 18-DCV-252601, page 13]

As of April 2020, There Was No Verdict Delivered. As of April 2020, according to the Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, this case was still open and did not yet have a verdict. [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 18-DCV-252601, page 13]

Nehls Was Sued By The Father Of A Teen Who Said Officials Failed To Protect His Son From Sexual Assault At Fort Bend County Juvenile Detention Center

As Sheriff, Nehls Was Sued By The Father Of A Teen Who Said Officials Failed To Protect His Son From Sexual Assault At Fort Bend County Juvenile Detention Center. "The father of a teen held at Fort Bend County Juvenile Detention Center says officials failed to protect his son from a volunteer who allegedly sexually assaulted the boy hundreds of times during one-on-one visits, including attacks captured on video by guards. Supervisors became aware of the situation between the mentor and the boy, then 17, after about a year. The staff cut off the visits after witnessing physical contact on video in May 2018, and Deborah Helen Sutter, 64, of Rosenberg, the volunteer mentor assigned to the boy, was arrested and charged with two counts of indecency with a child by sexual contact. Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls has called the case 'disturbing and disgusting,' and labeled Sutter, who had passed a background check, as 'a predator' who took advantage of a vulnerable child. Even in the wake of the arrest, however, Nehls did not take the boy's needs into consideration, according to a civil rights lawsuit the father filed this week in Houston federal court. [...] "The suit is seeking damages from Sutter for allegedly preying on Thomas, but also from Nehls, two sergeants, a sheriff's deputy and a detective, the detention director, the Prison Rape Reform Act coordinator and a forensic interviewer, who all knew about the acts and failed to provide Thomas



help, according to court documents. 'They stood idly by and let it happen,' Foley said. 'They didn't supervise this animal. They threw this meat to a lion.'" [Houston Chronicle, 2/10/19]

Nehls Was Sued By A Fort Bend County Jail Inmate Who Said She Received Sub-Standard Medical Care And Accused Nehls Of Failing To Adequately Train Jail Employees

Tacoma Borden Said She Received Sub-Standard Medical Care While An Inmate At Fort Bend County Jail.

"This case involves alleged Constitutional violations associated with Tacoma Borden's time as an inmate in the Fort Bend County Jail, alleged discrimination against Tacoma Borden under the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), and loss of consortium allegedly suffered by Attalia Borden, Tacoma Borden's spouse. The Bordens contend that Tacoma Borden, who has epilepsy and suffers from severe seizures, received sub-standard medical care while she was an inmate at Fort Bend County Jail and was delayed or denied prescriptions that were needed for an obvious serious medical condition." [Borden et al v. Fort Bend County et al Southern District of Texas, txsd-4:2019-cv-00551 Complaint]

Plaintiff Said Defendants, Including Nehls, Were Deliberately Indifferent To Her Medical Needs And Failed To Train Employees Regarding Treatment Of Individuals With Preexisting Conditions. "The Bordens contend that the defendants [including Troy Nehls] were deliberately indifferent to Tacoma Borden's medical needs and that, as a result, she languished in pain and blood and urine soaked clothing for several days, and was forced to appear in court in this same clothing. The Bordens argue that the County has maintained policies and practices of prioritizing its profits by inadequately staffing the jail to handle medical emergencies. The Bordens assert that inmates in the Fort Bend County Jail are denied their prescribed medications, or experience significant delay, and the County refrains from transporting inmates to the hospital. The Bordens contend that the County does not provide training to its employees regarding treatment of individuals with preexisting medical conditions and routinely refuses to provide necessary medication. They also contend that the County's policies and failure to train and supervise caused Tacoma Borden to have to serve time for traffic violations consecutively instead of concurrently, which resulted in her having to spend two extra days in jail." [Borden et al v. Fort Bend County et al Southern District of Texas, txsd-4:2019-cv-00551 Complaint]

Plaintiffs Alleged Nehls, As Duly Elected Sheriff And Policymaker For Fort Bend County Jail, "Approved The Policies, Practices, And Customs At Issue In Their Complaint." "The Bordens allege that Nehls [...] knew Tacoma Borden was at serious risk of harm of having seizures if not allowed to take her medication and recklessly disregarded this risk. They contend that Nehls was the duly elected Sheriff of the County and a policymaker for the Fort Bend County Jail, and he approved the policies, practices, and customs at issue in their complaint." [Borden et al v. Fort Bend County et al Southern District of Texas, txsd-4:2019-cv-00551 Complaint]

Fort Bend County Defendants' Motion To Dismiss The Claims Against Nehls Was Denied. "While the Bordens assert that Nehls [...] [was policymaker], they do not seem to allege that Nehls [...] had final policymaking authority. However, they do make sufficient allegations of failure to train under the test set forth in *Goodman.* [...] Nehls [is] alleged to be [a supervisor] who did not adequately train jail personnel regarding individuals with preexisting medical conditions who needed medication, and, according to the amended complaint, these inadequately trained employees did not provide Tacoma Borden with her medication or with basic sanitary supplies, which caused her harm and led to unconstitutional conditions of confinement. [...] Accordingly, the FBC Defendants' motion to dismiss the claims against Nehls [...] is DENIED." [Borden et al v. Fort Bend County et al Southern District of Texas, txsd-4:2019-cv-00551 Complaint]

Nehls Was Sued For Two Separate Instances Of Abusing Trust And Acting Politically As A Sheriff

Nehls Was Accused Of Retaliating Against Two Deputy Constables After They Campaigned Against His Re-Election



Plaintiff Said Nehls Violated Public Trust Because Of "Vindictive, Political Retaliation." "The Defendant, Sheriff Troy Nehls, has violated his public trust and his responsibility for the proper discharge of that trust to the tax paying citizens of Fort Bend County because of his vindictive, political retaliation against the Plaintiffs." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 16-DCV-233388]

Plaintiffs Said Nehls "Exercised Vindictive Retaliatory Conduct" After They Publicly Campaigned Against His Re-Election. "The two Plaintiffs are Texas licensed and commissioned Deputy Constables employed by Fort Bend County Constable Rob Cook, Precinct Three. During the March 1, 2016 Republican Primary election, the two plaintiffs actively and publicly campaigned for Frank Cempa Sr., the father of Deputy Cempa and against the reelection of Sheriff Nehls. They created a public domain Facebook site and exercised their constitutional rights to campaign for Frank Cempa Sr. and against Sheriff Nehls at their own costs and expense and while on off-duty time. Sheriff Nehls was re-elected in the Republican Primary and then exercised vindictive retaliatory conduct against the two Plaintiffs in their official capacity and status as appointed deputy constables of Precinct #3." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 16-DCV-233388]

Case Was Closed After Parties "Reached An Equitable Settlement" And Plaintiffs Filed A Motion To Nonsuit. "Bruce Denney and Frank Cempa Jr., Plaintiffs, in the above styled and numbered cause, respectfully file this Motion to Nonsuit. The Parties have reached an equitable settlement and the Plaintiffs no longer wish to pursue this litigation." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 16-DCV-233388]

Nehls Was Accused Of Failing To Comply With FOIA Laws

As Sheriff, Nehls Opened An Investigation Into Allegations Of Attempted Bribery During A School Board Meeting. August 21, 2015. "On or about June 18, 2015, two Lamar Consolidated Independent School District (LCISD) Trustees raised allegations of attempted bribery during the course of an LCISD board meeting. Obviously, such allegations by elected public officials who hold positions involving such high public trust are extremely newsworthy. Subsequently, Plaintiff learned that Defendant Troy E. Nehls, Sheriff of Fort Bend County (Sheriff Nehls), and the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department opened an investigation into these allegations." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 15-DCV-225813]

Hartman Newspapers Served A FOIA Request To The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department Requesting Records Of The Bribery Investigation. "As one of the initial steps in its investigations, Plaintiff, [Hartman Newspapers] [...] served a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request upon Mr. Bob Haenel, Public Information Officer of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department (Sheriff's Department), requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copis of public records that detail who requested the Sheriff's Department launch an investigation into the allegations of attempted bribery made by the two LCISD Trustees during the June 18, 2015 board meeting. [...] The request met all of the requirements of FOIA." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 15-DCV-225813]

Plaintiffs Alleged Nehls And Fort Bend County "Wholly Refused To Comply With Their Obligations Under The Texas Open Records Act." "Despite the fact that it has been long established under Texas law that certain basic information regarding the commission of a crime and the initiation of the investigation into such crime is public information, both Sheriff Nehls and Fort Bend County have wholly refused to comply with their obligations under the Texas Open Records Act found in Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code and entitled Public Information." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 15-DCV-225813]

In April 2017, A Court Of Appeals Decided To Deny Nehls' Plea To Dismiss The Lawsuit. Most recently, "Appellants [including Sheriff Nehls] produced the requested information and filed a plea to the jurisdiction asserting that the lawsuit was moot and should be dismissed. The trial court denied appellants' plea." Subsequently, the Court of Appeals for the First District of Texas released the following opinion (excerpt): "We reverse the trial court's denial of appellants' plea to the jurisdiction and dismiss this case for lack of subject-matter jurisdiction." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 15-DCV-225813]



Under Nehls, Fort Bend County Jail Had An "Atrocious Record" Of Preventing Jail Suicides

Fort Bend County Was On Official Notice For An "Atrocious Record" Of Preventing Jail Suicides; Nehls Was Sued By A Family Whose Son Commit Suicide While In Jail

Fort Bend County Was On Official Notice For An "Atrocious Record" Of Preventing Jail Suicides; Nehls Was Sued By A Family Whose Son Commit Suicide While In Jail. "Fort Bend County was already on official notice for what a lawyer called 'an atrocious record' of preventing jail suicides when Eugene Ethridge Jr. was found in November 2015 in his cell hanging from a bed sheet. Less than three weeks before Ethridge died, the Texas Commission on Jail Standards had warned the sheriff that the jail was at risk for being out of compliance with state law because it failed to check cells at regular intervals on the day in September 2015 when another inmate committed suicide, officials said. Now, Ethridge's father, Eugene Ethridge Sr., is suing in federal court on behalf of himself and his son's four minor children, contending the county, Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls and other officials associated with the jail are responsible for deliberate, unconstitutional acts that led to his son's wrongful death." [Houston Chronicle, 9/20/17]

Fort Bend County Jail Violated Minimum Jail Standards, Related To Multiple Inmate Suicides

Fort Bend County Jail Violated Texas' Minimum Jail Standards, Related To Multiple Inmate Suicides. "State regulators have found that two county jails are violating Texas' minimum jail standards after inmate suicides earlier this month. On Nov. 5, Texas Commission on Jail Standards officials sent a letter to authorities in Fort Bend County, following two deaths in custody since Sept. 30. 'You are hereby notified that the jail in your county fails to comply with minimum standards ... and that appropriate corrective measures must be initiated,' commission officials wrote Sheriff Troy Nehls. The commission found that Fort Bend County jailers were not completing faceto-face checks on inmates every hour, as required by law." [Houston Chronicle, 11/12/15]

Nehls Didn't Want To Allow People In Jail To Have In-Person Visits

Nehls Said It Would Be "Bad Judgment" To Allow In-Person Jail Visits Instead Of Video Visitation Due To High Costs. "It's good initiative but bad judgment,' agreed Fort Bend Sheriff Troy Nehls, who wrote a letter to lawmakers this month saying that requiring in-person jail visits would 'cause a significant negative financial impact to our county and the sheriff's office.' The Fort Bend jail moved exclusively to video visitation in 2009, and, according to Nehls' letter, shifting back to in-person visitation would cost the county about \$250,000 in renovations, as well as eight additional staff salaries. These are unnecessary expenses when the current video visitation program is working well, Nehls said." [Houston Chronicle, 3/29/15]

A Bill Introduced In The Texas State Senate Would Require In-Person Visits Be Available For Those In Prison And Their Visitors. "The Texas Commission on Jail Standards requires that those incarcerated in a Texas county jail be allowed two 20-minute visits a week. Mostly this happens in person, no contact. The inmate and guest may see each other through a glass divider. But an increasing number of jails are switching over to video visitation as a more efficient, less expensive alternative to in-person visits. More than two dozen of them have already implemented the technology. A bill introduced this session by Sen. John Whitmire, chairman of the Senate's Criminal Justice Committee, would put a stop to the trend." [Houston Chronicle, 3/29/15]

In His First Three Years As Sheriff, 268 Employees Left The Department

Nehls Saw A High Turnover Rate Of Employees While He Was County Sheriff, Attributing It To The Fact That Many Were Making A Low Wage. "In Nehls' first three years, 268 employees left the department, more than half of whom were detention staffers, Cempa said. He attributed their departure to a lack of freedom of speech in the agency. (Nehls said he was not troubled by the turnover rate and noted that half of the people who work in



detention are civilians making a low wage. He said his office has more than 750 positions.)" [Houston Chronicle, 2/20/16]

Turnover Of 268 Employees Amounted To Over 33% Of Office Staff. [Houston Chronicle, 2/20/16]

Nehls' Disinfectant Distribution Program During COVID-19 Pandemic Utilized Unpaid Labor Of People Detained In Fort Bend County Jail

As Sheriff, Nehls Implemented A Program Giving Free Disinfectant To Residents Due To Coronavirus

As Sheriff, Nehls Implemented A Program Giving Free Disinfectant To Residents Due To Coronavirus. "With the shortage of cleaning supplies at local stores, disinfectant spray can be hard to come by. That is why the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office started giving it away. Many people showed up for free supplies." [Click 2 Houston, $\frac{4}{2}$

Nehls Said "Politics" Was Partially Responsible For The Disinfectant Program Ending

Nehls Said "Politics" Was Partially Responsible For The Disinfectant Program Ending. However, Sheriff Troy Nehls said politics played a part in killing the program. The county handed out the last bottle of sanitizer Thursday morning. Rehim Monsia got there too late. 'At home, I don't have anything to clean, you know. I'm out,' he said. Fort Bend County spent about \$130,000, providing a bleach and water mixture free to residents. 'We've served over 13,000 families through here in the last 12 days,' Nekkls said. 'The line again today was half a mile long.' But Sheriff Nehls, who initiated the program, said he believes the program's demise is more about politics than money. 'I do believe there's politics, but I think that the war here, the war is against the coronavirus, the war should not be against me,' Nehls said. 'We should be united together.'" [Click 2 Houston, <u>4/2/20</u>]

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Nehls' Disinfectant Distribution Program During COVID-19 Pandemic Utilized Unpaid Labor. According to the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Press Conference on March 19, 2020, there were several men visible in the video wearing orange-and-white striped uniforms that said "FBC Jail" on the back who were assisting with the disinfectant distribution program. [Fort Bend Sheriff's Office Press Conference, 3/19/20]

Prisoners In Texas Are Not Required By Law To Be Paid For Their Labor. "[P]risoners in Texas are working for free. Total sales for TCI in the fiscal year 2014 alone were valued at \$88.9 million, and not one dime of it was used to pay those who produced this handsome reward. Whenever TCI is scrutinized by the public for this practice, they note that prisoners receive other rewards for their labor, such as time credits called 'Good Time' or 'Work Time.'" [TruthOut, 9/6/16]

Texas Has One Of The Most "Profitable" Prison Systems In The County As A Result Of Free Labor. "Texas also has one of the most profitable prison systems in the nation: Texas Correctional Industries (TCI), the state's prison labor program, made \$84 million with the help of free labor in 2017." [Texas Observer, 5/10/19]

County Jails In Texas Are Allowed To Establish A "County Jail Industries Program" To "Provide For The Distribution Of Articles And Products" And Are Not Required To Pay People In Jail For Their Labor. "SUBCHAPTER I. COUNTY JAIL INDUSTRIES PROGRAM Sec. 351.201. COUNTY JAIL INDUSTRIES PROGRAM.

(a) A commissioners court by order may establish a county jail industries program. The sheriff may allow inmate participation in the county jail industries program in carrying out his constitutional and statutory duties.(b) The purposes for which a county jail industries program may be established are to:



(1) provide adequate, regular, and suitable employment for the vocational training of inmates;

(2) reimburse the county for expenses caused by the crimes of inmates and the cost of their confinement;

- or
- (3) provide for the distribution of articles and products produced under this subchapter to:

(A) offices of the county and offices of political subdivisions located in whole or in part in the county; and

(B) nonprofit organizations that provide services to the general public and enhance social welfare and the general well-being of the community.

(c) A commissioners court, in an order establishing a county jail industries program, shall, with the approval of the sheriff:

- (1) designate the county official or officials responsible for management of the program; and
- (2) designate the county official or officials responsible for determining which inmates are allowed to participate in a county jail industries program.

(d) An order of a commissioners court establishing a county jail industries program, though not limited to, may provide for any of the following:

- (1) an advisory committee;
- (2) the priorities under which the county jail industries program is to be administered;
- (3) procedures to determine the articles and products to be produced under this subchapter;
- (4) procedures to determine the sales price of articles and products produced under this subchapter; and

(5) procedures for the development of specifications for articles and products produced under this

subchapter. (e) A county jail industries program may be operated at the county jail, workfarm, or workhouse or at any other suitable location.

(f) An inmate does not have a right to participate in a county jail industries program, and neither the sheriff, county judge, or commissioners nor any other county official or employee may be held liable for failing to provide a county jail industries program.

Added by Acts 1993, 73^{rd} Leg., ch. 578, Sec. 1, eff. June 11, 1993. Sec. 351.202. REVENUE. Money received from the operation of a county jail industries program shall be deposited in the general revenue fund of the county to be used as reimbursement for the cost of inmate confinement. The cost to a county for an inmate's participation in a county jail industries program is considered to be a part of the cost of confinement of the inmate." [Texas Statutes, Local Government Code, Title 11, Subtitle B, Chapter 351, Subchapter A, accessed $\frac{4}{21/20}$]

Nehls "Notoriously Denied" Reports Of Human Trafficking While Local Organizations Said It Was A Widespread Problem

Nehls And His Office "Notoriously Denied" Reports Of Human Trafficking In Fort Bend County While Local Anti-Human Trafficking Organizations Said It Was A Widespread Problem. "Nehls said his office is looking to to [sic] partner with the community, county officials and other law enforcement agencies in the area to identify and prevent human trafficking in Fort Bend County, according to the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office. "We all know that 'an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," Nehls said in a statement. […] Nehls and his office have notoriously denied reports of human trafficking being as widespread a problem as other area law enforcement have said it is, often using Harris County and Houston as examples to downplay the issue in Fort Bend County. However, local anti-human trafficking organizations such as Children At Risk and Elijah Rising confirm the problem is a serious issue in Fort Bend County, specifically at illicit massage parlors" [Houston Chronicle, 4/14/19]

Nehls Later Called Human Trafficking A "Very Real Threat" On His Campaign Website

Nehls Later Called Human Trafficking A "Very Real Threat" And Said He Had Taken "Extensive Action" To Crack Down. "As a father to three beautiful daughters and the husband to an elementary school principal, the safety and security of our communities is always my top priority. Human trafficking is an abhorrent evil and something that is a very real threat in Texas District 22. As Sheriff, I've taken extensive action to crack down on



human trafficking by closing numerous illicit massage parlors in Fort Bend County, which are known by trafficking experts to be the number one venue for sex trafficking, establishing a local 24/7 hotline for reporting suspected trafficking activity, and requesting and receiving funding for two detectives who specialize in human trafficking investigations. In Congress, I will utilize my decades of law enforcement experience to combat it at a federal level and work to raise awareness of this global threat." [Nehls For Congress, accessed <u>6/18/20</u>]

... And Would Be Unfit And Dangerous As A Member Of Congress

Nehls Would Increase Texans' Risk For Gun Violence

Nehls Said He Was "100%" Pro-2A"

Nehls Said He Was "100% Pro-2A" And Called It "One Of Our Most Foundational Freedoms." "Our constitutional right to keep and bear arms is one of our most foundational freedoms. Not only does it give Americans the right to protect their family and loved ones from harm but it's also a deterrent to tyrannical government. I'm 100% pro-2A, endorsed by NRA board members, and as Sheriff famously told looters to stay out of Ft. Bend County because we believe in the 2nd Amendment and many of us are well armed, and they may leave in a body bag. In Congress, I will fight the gun grabbing socialists and always defend our constitutional right to keep and bear arms." [Nehls For Congress, accessed <u>4/16/20</u>]

Nehls Appeared On A List Of Sheriffs Standing Up Against Obama's Gun Control

2013: Nehls Appeared On A List Of Sheriffs Standing Up Against Obama's Gun Control. [Wake Up America, 2/16/13]

Nehls Was One Of 283 Sheriffs Standing Up "In Defense Of Their Citizens' Second Amendment." "[T]oday, according to CSPOA, which should really be bookmarked for anyone keeping track of the Second Amendment versus Obama's gun control battle, there are now 283 Sheriffs across the country and 8 Sheriff's Associations, all standing up in defense of their citizens' Second Amendment, constitutional right to bear arms

without infringement." [Wake Up America, 2/16/13]

After Hurricane Harvey, Nehls Warned Looters That His Constituents Were Armed And They Should Stay Out Of Fort Bend County Or "Leave Here In A Body Bag"

Nehls Warned Looters That Many Of His Constituents Were Armed And They Should Stay Out Of Fort Bend County Because They "Might Leave Here In A Body Bag." "When asked what his county is doing to deal with looters [after Hurricane Harvey], Nehls replied: 'We've experienced little of that here in Fort Bend County.' Nehls continued: 'I've heard some horrific stories about Harris County and others, and I'll tell you right now the residents of Fort Bend County, they support our 2nd Amendment. Many are armed. My caution to looters, those that want to rob people who are suffering: You probably want to stay out of Fort Bend County, because you might leave here in a body-bag," [AmmoLand.com, 9/9/17]

Nehls Expressed Support For Churchgoers Carrying Firearms At His Local Church

Nehls Expressed Support For Churchgoers Carrying Firearms At His Local Church. "Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls wears his uniform to church every Sunday and greets people at the front door. Members of his church's security team sit in the pews in plainclothes, carrying firearms, tiny microphone radios in their ears. Parishioners 'feel better knowing, God-forbid some knucklehead comes in and wants to hurt the flock, we are there,' said Nehls, who attends services at Faith United Methodist Church in Richmond and is now running as a Republican candidate for Congress." [Houston Chronicle 1/5/20]



Nehls Would Put Texans At Risk For Environment Catastrophes

Nehls Claimed He Would Protect Oil And Gas Jobs, Implying That Environmental Protection Would Destroy The Economy

Nehls Insisted He Would Protect Oil And Gas Jobs And Fight Democrats Who Tried To Ban Fracking Or Other Fossil Fuels. "Hundreds of thousands of Texas jobs rely either directly or indirectly on the energy industry, specifically oil and gas. Democrats are pushing for a complete ban on fossil fuels. Numerous Democrat presidential candidates have sworn to ban fracking through an executive order on Day 1. This would be a travesty not only to Texas' economy but the entire country. In Congress, I will stand strong to protect our Texas energy industry and jobs and fight the socialist Democrats hellbent on destroying our economy." [Nehls For Congress, accessed <u>6/18/19</u>]

TX-22 Residents Were Concerned About Climate Change

TX-22 Residents Were Concerned About Climate Change, Thought Congress Should Do More To Address It, And Believed Environmental Protection Was More Important Than Economic Growth. According to the Yale Climate Opinion Maps, 57% of TX-22 residents were concerned about global warming, 58% believed Congress should do more to address global warming, and 68% believed environmental protection is more important than economic growth. [Yale Climate Opinion Maps 2019, accessed <u>6/17/19</u>]

Nehls Would Put TX-22 Women At Risk

Nehls Was Anti-Choice

Nehls Called Abortion Murder And Cited Bible Verse. "Psalm 139, verse 13-14: 'For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.' All life is precious and a gift from our all mighty creator. It must be protected from conception to natural death. It is abhorrent that our country allows the murder of hundreds of thousands of babies each year. A life is a life regardless of its stage." [Nehls For Congress, accessed <u>4/16/20</u>]

Nehls Said He Would Fight To Defund Planned Parenthood And Support Conservative Pro-Life Judges

Nehls Said He Would Fight To Defund Planned Parenthood And Support Conservative Pro-Life Judges. "In Congress, I will fight to defund Planned Parenthood, support conservative pro-life Justices to the Supreme Court, participate each year in the March for Life, and protect all life giving a voice for the voiceless." [Nehls For Congress, accessed <u>4/16/20]</u>

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Parenthood. "The vast majority of federal money that Planned Parenthood does receive goes toward preventive health care, birth control, pregnancy tests and other women's health services. [...] If extreme politicians shut down Planned Parenthood, 2.4 million patients would lose access to care." [CNN, 8/1/17; Planned Parenthood, accessed <u>6/18/20</u>]



Nehls Repeatedly Used His Position As Sheriff For Personal Gain, Not To Look Out For Texans

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Nehls began his congressional campaign while still earning a taxpayer-funded salary.*
 - ✓ Nehls launched an exploratory committee to avoid triggering Texas' resign-to-run law.
 - ✓ Nehls raised over \$100,000 while earning a taxpayer-funded salary and calling his campaign an exploratory committee.
- ✓ Nehls abused his position as Sheriff to publicize his congressional campaign, repeatedly tweeting from his official Sheriff account asking for campaign support.
- ✓ *Nehls was sued for retaliating against employees who campaigned against his re-election.*
- ✓ *Nehls was accused of knowingly accepting unlawful campaign contributions.*
- ✓ *Nehls threatened to issue a citation for disorderly conduct over a sticker that personally offended him.*

Nehls Began His Congressional Campaign While Still Earning A Taxpayer-Funded Salary

Nehls Waited To Enter The Congressional Race Until He Could Announce Without Triggering Texas' Resign-To-Run Rule

Nehls First Launched An Exploratory Committee To Avoid Officially Announcing His Campaign

Nehls Waited To Enter The Race Until He Could Announce Without Triggering Texas' Resign-To-Run Rule. "Nehls' announcement was widely expected. After deciding not to seek a third term as sheriff, he launched an exploratory committee and was believed to be waiting to enter the race until early December, when he could announce without triggering Texas' resign-to-run rule. Under the law, officials who announce for another seat with more than a year and 30 days left in their term automatically resign from the office. By announcing Saturday, Nehls can stay sheriff." [Houston Chronicle, 12/9/19]

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Nehls Was Criticized For Circumventing The Texas "Resign-To-Run" Law. "Nehls' decision to run for Congressional District 22 in Fort Bend County has been an open secret for weeks. He's hidden his intentions behind an 'exploratory committee' in order to undermine the Texas resign-to-run law, which was enacted to keep taxpayers from having to cover the salaries of local officials while they run for another office. Nehls has waited until the end of the filing period to declare for Congress so that he can continue drawing his six-figure sheriff's salary. Nehls will be shirking his duties as County Sheriff while Fort Bend County citizens pay him to run for Congress." [Lone Star Project, 12/6/19]

A Critic Of Nehls Said He Would Use "Greedy Washington-Style Tricks" To "Rip You Off For A Year's Salary" In Response To His Circumventing Of The "Resign-To-Run" Law



A Critic Painted A Picture Of Nehls Using "Greedy Washington-Style Tricks" To "Rip You Off For A Year's Salary." "Fort Bend Republican Troy Nehls wants to be in Congress badly, but he won't have to get there to learn greedy Washington-style tricks - he already knows them. [...] Statement from Lone Star Project Director Matt Angle 'If Troy Nehls will rip you off for a year's salary now, he'll sell you out to Washington special interest lobbyists for way less. It's a sneaky way for Nehls to start his campaign, and it's a clear signal to CD22 voters that Troy Nehls can't be trusted." [Lone Star Project, 12/6/19]

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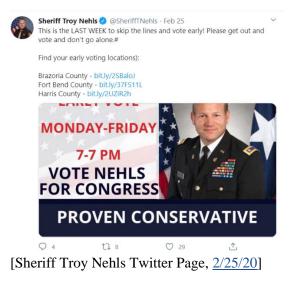
Nehls Allegedly Raised More Than \$100,000 For A Potential Congressional Run While Receiving A Taxpayer-Funded Salary. "[County Judge KP] George said his office had received numerous complaints from constituents about the committee and a recent announcement that Nehls had raised more than \$100,000 for a potential congressional run. Buck Wood, an attorney who has practiced Texas election law for over 50 years, said Nehls would trigger the law if he has directly solicited money for his exploratory committee by telling donors he was running for Congress. 'If he's soliciting money from any number of people and telling them he's running, he's gone,'" [Houston Chronicle, 10/9/19]

Nehls Abused His Position As Sheriff To Publicize His Congressional Campaign

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Nehls Repeatedly Tweeted Asking For Campaign Support From His Official Sheriff Twitter Account For Which He Earned A Taxpayer Salary

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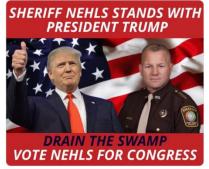
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Nehls Retaliated Against Employees Who Campaigned Against His Re-Election

Nehls Was Accused Of Retaliating Against Two Deputy Constables After They Campaigned Against His Re-Election

Constables Said Nehls Violated Public Trust Because Of "Vindictive, Political Retaliation"

Plaintiff Said Nehls Violated Public Trust Because Of "Vindictive, Political Retaliation." "The Defendant, Sheriff Troy Nehls, has violated his public trust and his responsibility for the proper discharge of that trust to the tax paying citizens of Fort Bend County because of his vindictive, political retaliation against the Plaintiffs." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 16-DCV-233388]

Constables Said Nehls Exercised Vindictive Retaliatory Conduct Against Them In Their Official Capacity

Plaintiffs Said Nehls "Exercised Vindictive Retaliatory Conduct" After They Publicly Campaigned Against His Re-Election. "The two Plaintiffs are Texas licensed and commissioned Deputy Constables employed by Fort Bend County Constable Rob Cook, Precinct Three. During the March 1, 2016 Republican Primary election, the two plaintiffs actively and publicly campaigned for Frank Cempa Sr., the father of Deputy Cempa and against the reelection of Sheriff Nehls. They created a public domain Facebook site and exercised their constitutional rights to campaign for Frank Cempa Sr. and against Sheriff Nehls at their own costs and expense and while on off-duty time. Sheriff Nehls was re-elected in the Republican Primary and then exercised vindictive retaliatory conduct against the two Plaintiffs in their official capacity and status as appointed deputy constables of Precinct #3." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 16-DCV-233388]

The Case Eventually Reached An "Equitable Settlement"

Case Was Closed After Parties "Reached An Equitable Settlement" And Plaintiffs Filed A Motion To Nonsuit. "Bruce Denney and Frank Cempa Jr., Plaintiffs, in the above styled and numbered cause, respectfully file



this Motion to Nonsuit. The Parties have reached an equitable settlement and the Plaintiffs no longer wish to pursue this litigation." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 16-DCV-233388]

Nehls Was Accused Of Knowingly Accepting Unlawful Campaign Contributions In A Prior Sheriff Campaign

Nehls Was Charged With Knowingly Accepting Unlawful Campaign Contributions

2011: Charges Were Filed Against Nehls "In Regard To Knowingly Accepting Unlawful Campaign Contributions." At some point prior to August 29, 2011, charges were filed with the Fort Bend County District Clerk against Troy E. Nehls "in regard to knowingly accepting unlawful campaign contributions on or about 3/11/09 - 6/1/10." [Fort Bend County Criminal Case Records Search, Case No. 2011-NB-62]

August 2011: Charges Were Dismissed Without Reason. On August 29, 2011, the "Grand Jury for the July-December 2011 term of the 434th Judicial District Court" returned a "no bill" decision, in effect ordering "that the complaint against Troy Nehls be dismissed." [Fort Bend County Criminal Case Records Search, Case No. 2011-NB-62]

NOTE: Further research needed on the nature, amount, and parties involved of Nehls' illegal acceptance of campaign contributions. Information was requested from the county, but not provided.

As Sheriff, Nehls Threatened To Issue A Citation For Disorderly Conduct Because Of A Sticker That Personally Offended Him

Nehls Was Caught In A Controversy Involving "F**K Trump And F**K Troy Nehls" Stickers

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Houston Resident Had A "F**K Trump" Sticker On Her Truck And Added A "F**K Troy Nehls" Sticker After He Threatened To Issue A Citation For Disorderly Conduct Over The Sticker. "Karen Fonseca, 46, was spotted driving her pickup in Houston, Texas last week with a 'F**k Trump' sticker on the rear window. Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls had threatened to issue her a citation for disorderly conduct over the sticker. The sheriff later backed down before Fonseca was arrested on Thursday on an outstanding fraud warrant from August. Following her release from prison, Fonseca posted a photo on Facebook on Sunday of a new message on her truck that says: 'F**k Troy Nehls'" [MailOnline, 11/20/17]

Nehls Was Accused Of Suppressing Free Speech With His Threats

Owner Of Truck Considered A Civil Rights Lawsuit Against The Sheriff's Office Over Alleged Free Speech Violations. "Karen Fonseca, the owner of a white truck at the center of a social media dispute with Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls, is considering a civil rights lawsuit against the sheriff's office. Fonseca's attorney, Brian Middleton, made the announcement during a press conference on Monday. Middleton added that the American Civil Liberties Union has also expressed interest in a possible lawsuit. 'We should not allow Sheriff Nehls to intimidate people into silence,' Middleton said." [Off The Kuff, 11/21/17]

Nehls Was Criticized And Called "Un-American" For Suppressing First Amendment. "This is exactly why [...] the public needs to reaffirm both its understanding of and respect for the First Amendment. As in the Vietnam War era, those in political power will appeal to national security to evade scrutiny, criticism and exposure. We live in interesting times. Too many people - from Trump to sheriffs to possibly your neighbor - believe it's legitimate to outlaw or suppress expression contrary to their own views. That's un-American, if anything is. You may find it



offensive. You may find it personally insulting. But protected speech must remain protected, or the America we love will cease to be." [Record Searchlight, 12/2/17]

Nehls Defended His Condemnation And Said "Our Country Is At A Moral Decline" In Reference To Stickers

Nehls Said "Our County Is At A Moral Decline" In Reference To The Expletive Stickers. "'It's just a sad state of affairs. Our country is at a moral decline,' he lamented. Nehls added that the 46-year-old motorist is 'certainly receiving her 15 minutes of fame. I almost believe it's 15 minutes of shame.' Nehls had initially put out an appeal on Facebook to track down Fonseca. In his post, the sheriff said that a county prosecutor told him the anti-Trump decal could warrant a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct." [MailOnline, 11/21/17]

Nehls Defended His Condemnation, Saying He Worried That Profane Messages Might Incite

Confrontations. "At a news conference after his Facebook post appealing for information about the owner of the truck, Nehls said he supported freedom of speech but worried that profane messages could incite others and lead to confrontations that would disturb the peace he had pledged to keep. [...] Nehls had also been receiving hate messages toward his wife and children, according to the sheriff's office." [MailOnline, 11/21/17]



Nehls Is Loyal To Republican Extremists, Not Texans

<u>Significant Findings</u>

- ✓ Nehls expressed "unwavering" support for President Trump, saying he has delivered on promises like no other president in history.
 - ✓ Nehls called impeachment a "sham" and a distractor, instead pointing to low unemployment and a healthy stock market under Trump.
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 - ✓ *Nehls repeatedly tweeted pictures of him and Trump together when encouraging people to vote for him.*
 - ✓ Nehls encouraged voters to "send President Trump an ally."
- ✓ *Nehls received support from the Republican establishment and big donors.*
 - ✓ *Nehls' Super PAC, OneToughSheriff, was funded by only five individuals.*
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 - ✓ Nehls was endorsed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.
- ✓ *Nehls is a party extremist being pushed to the right.*
 - ✓ Nehls prided himself on being the most extreme Republican on immigration and let his opponent push him to the right.
 - ✓ Nehls told supporters he had a passion for border security, that he had been strong on illegal immigration, and that he was proud of "locking up over 2,500 criminal aliens and working with ICE to process them for deportation."
 - ✓ Nehls made no indication of his own specific ideas about his health care coverage, implying he would follow the Republican establishment in ripping away health care from Texans.

Nehls Was Unwaveringly Loyal To President Trump

Nehls Expressed "Unwavering" Support For Trump

Nehls Expressed "Unwavering Support" For Trump In His Campaign Kickoff Speech. "In his campaign kickoff speech, Nehls expressed unwavering support for Trump, saying he backs the president's 'position on illegal immigration.' He also credited Trump for a recent strong national jobs report and the robust status of the stock market. 'I want to help support him and drive home his agenda,' Nehls said. 'And the only thing you see the Democrats talking about today is impeachment. It's nothing more than a distraction. But I'm telling you, it's going to work against them.'" [Houston Chronicle, 12/9/19]



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Nehls Called Impeachment A "Sham"

Nehls Called Impeachment A "Sham" And A Distractor, Pointing To Low Unemployment And Stock

Market. [2:00] "The impeachment is nothing but a sham, I think it's nothing but a distractor. If you look at President Trump, and what he's been able to do for this country, you look at the employment numbers yesterday, you look at unemployment being low, the stock market it seems every other week there's a record high. They don't want to talk about those issues, they just focus on impeachment." [Troy Nehls Interview, Fox and Friends, 12/7/19]

Nehls Condemned Swastika Graffiti Associated With Trump But Continued To Support Him

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Nehls Repeatedly Posted Pictures Associating Himself With Trump, Asking For Voters To "Send President Trump An Ally"

Nehls Posted A Photo With The Words "I Will Stand With President Trump To Build The Wall" And Photos Of Him And Trump. [Sheriff Troy Nehls Twitter Page, <u>2/9/20</u>]





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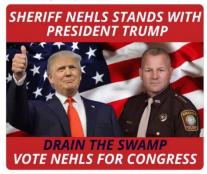
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Nehls Received Support From The Republican Establishment And Big Donors

Nehls' Super PAC, OneToughSheriff, Was Funded By Only Five Individuals

2020 OneToughSheriff Contributors								
Date	Contributor	Occupation	Amount					
3/11/20	Jamie A Robinson	Retired	\$50,000					
1/22/20	Jamie A Robinson	Retired	\$50,000					
2/24/20	Edward Vernon Beyer	Retired	\$25,000					
2/18/20	James Taylor	Executive	\$10,000					
2/10/20	Billy R Corbin	Firetron Inc.	\$10,000					
1/13/20	Edward Vernon Beyer	Retired	\$10,000					
1/22/20	William M Goodman	CCT Sparkle Management LLC	\$5,000					

[OpenSecrets, accessed 6/17/20]

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Nehls' Super PAC Raised \$160,010 And Spent \$106,308

2020 OneToughSheriff Funds										
Total Contributions				Total Disbursements						
Year	Total	Indivs	Party Cmtes	Other Cmtes	Total	Operating Expdts	Independent Expdts			
2020	\$160,010.00	\$160,010.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$106,308.68	\$476.00	\$105,832.68			

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed 6/17/20]



Nehls Had Campaign Support From The NRCC

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Nehls Pushed Extreme Republican Positions In His Campaign

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Nehls Prided Himself On Being The Most Extreme Republican On Immigration Issues And Let His Opponent Push Him To The Right

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Nehls Argued With Opponent Kathaleen Wall When She Released TV Ad Saying He Was Weak On Immigration

Opponent Kathaleen Wall Called Out Nehls In A TV Ad For Fighting Trump Administration Efforts To Catch "Criminal Illegal Aliens." "In a new TV ad , longtime GOP donor Kathaleen Wall accuses Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls of 'fighting a Trump administration effort by ICE to catch criminal illegal aliens.' The ad also cites a Houston Chronicle story from 2017 in which Nehls expresses opposition to an element of Texas' sweeping ban. 'Incredibly, Nehls refuses to ask the immigration status of potential criminals,' the ad narrator says. 'Worse still, Nehls opposed a ban on sanctuary cities signed into law by Gov. Abbott, saying it went too far.'" [Houston Chronicle, 2/5/20]

Wall's Ad Referred To Nehls' 2017 Decision Not To Participate In The 287(g) Program, Which He Said Was Redundant And A Waste Of Public Funds. "The first part of Wall's ad refers to Nehls' decision in 2017 not to partner with Immigration and Customs Enforcement on a program that trains sheriff's deputies as de facto immigration agents. The 287(g) program, named for the Immigration and Nationality Act section that created it in 1996, allows deputies to check inmates' immigration status and help initiate deportation proceedings on those in custody for other suspected offenses. In an August 2017 news conference, Nehls said he viewed the program as redundant and a 'waste' of public funds, because his office already participated in an ICE immigrant ID-checking program called Secure Communities. Nehls estimated it would cost Fort Bend County about \$500,000 to train and employ deputies for the 287(g) program." [Houston Chronicle, 2/5/20]

Nehls Said He Disagreed With A 2017 Bill That Would Create Penalties For Officials Who Do Not Cooperate With Federal Immigration Authorities Because It was An "Overreach." "About halfway into Wall's ad, the narrator alleges that Nehls 'opposed a ban on sanctuary cities,' a reference to the 2017 bill that would create civil and criminal penalties for officials who do not cooperate with federal immigration authorities. The ad cites a May 2017 Chronicle story in which Nehls says he does not think the law should criminally penalize officials. 'I don't support sanctuary cities, I've made that very clear,' Nehls said in May 2017. 'But some of the language in this bill, I don't agree with. Adding the criminal penalty to sheriffs and others, it's an overreach by state officials and state government.' Later that year, Nehls said he agreed with nearly everything in the newly-enacted law - except for a controversial amendment authored by state Rep. Matt Schaefer, R-Tyler, that allows law enforcement officers to question a detained person's immigration status, a provision that covers routine traffic stops. Officers previously could inquire about immigration status only after an arrest. In the story, Nehls also is quoted saying the bill 'is actually dangerous for law enforcement, in my opinion, because when you make that traffic stop you don't know what this person is thinking.' Nehls said he expected the law to produce 'more confrontation on the side of the road.'" [Houston Chronicle, 2/5/20]

Nehls Denied Wall's Claims That He Was Weak On Immigration

Nehls Denied Wall's Claims And Said He Supported "Deporting Criminal Illegals" And "Building The Wall" And Did Not Support Sanctuary Cities. "Nehls flatly denied Wall's claims, accusing her of misrepresenting his remarks by taking them out of context. In a Facebook post Sunday - his first public rebuttal to the ad - Nehls said labeling him pro-sanctuary cities 'is like calling President Trump pro-impeachment.' 'Let me set the record straight: I have never and will never support sanctuary cities,' Nehls said. 'I support President Trump 100%, I support building the wall, and I support deporting criminal illegals. If you hear otherwise, it's fake news.'" [Houston Chronicle, 2/5/20]

Nehls Said He Was Not Soft On Immigration And That Wall Should "Be Ashamed Of Herself." "Overall, Nehls contended, Wall's ad creates an inaccurate perception that he's 'soft on immigration.' 'I am the most vocal supporter of a wall with beautiful gates,' Nehls said. 'I've been an advocate for President Trump and his border security plan, and getting the bad hombres out of this county and this state. So, she's taking the truth and trying to spin it into a lie, and she ought to be ashamed of herself.'" [Houston Chronicle, 2/5/20]



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Nehls Said The Number One Issue Facing Americans Was Mental Illness, Citing Increasing Suicide In Fort Bend County. "The number of people who die by suicide in Fort Bend County is on the rise, according to the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office. 'I believe that the no.1 issue we face in this county, as well as this state and this nation is mental illness,' said Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls at a Katy Area Chamber of Commerce business leaders' breakfast on Tuesday. 'The number of people that attempt to take away their lives and then those that are successful is mind-boggling to me.' Nehls did not provide statistics but said that almost every day, Fort Bend County deputies respond to incidents where someone is attempting suicide or has died by suicide." [Houston Chronicle, 3/24/19]

Nehls Said County Jails Were Forced To Act As Mental Health Providers



Nehls Said County Jails Were Acting As Mental Health Providers Due To Inadequate Resources. "Without adequate resources in the county to help individuals with mental illness, the county jails are left housing people who are law abiding citizens battling mental illness, not criminals. 'We put people in jail because we didn't know what to do with them,' said Nehls. 'And now the jails across the state are the de facto mental health provider for the state.' He added that by the numbers, the Harris County jail is the largest mental health facility in Texas, housing more victims of mental illness than public hospitals." [Houston Chronicle, 10/23/19]

Nehls Reported Three Suicides In Fort Bend County Jail While Sheriff

Nehls Reported Three Suicides In Fort Bend County Jail While He Was Sheriff. "Nehls reported that there have been three suicides in the Fort Bend County jail since he's served as sheriff." [Houston Chronicle, 10/23/19]

Nehls Said Securing The Southern Border Would Address Opioid Epidemic

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Personal & Professional History



Biography

This section provides background information on Nehls' personal life, including education, personal finances, criminal and civil record, and other areas. Searches were conducted with various local media in Fort Bend County, public records from Richmond, Texas, media outlets including the Houston Chronicle and Fox and Friends, and a number of other online resources, including Lexis-Nexis.

Significant Findings

- ✓ Nehls was born April 7, 1968 in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.
- ✓ Nehls earned a master's degree in Criminal Justice after attending junior college and technical college for police training in Wisconsin.
- ✓ Nehls served in the U.S. military, as a patrol officer in Richmond, Texas, and as Fort Bend County Constable before serving as Fort Bend County Sheriff.
- ✓ Nehls was terminated as a patrol officer in Richmond, Texas after being disciplined for insubordination, failing to follow direct orders, improper arrests, improper handling of evidence, failing to disclose another job and misleading his supervisor, and repeatedly failing to disclose his whereabouts.
 - ✓ Nehls received performance evaluations urging him to focus less on who's out to get him, follow the chain of command, adhere to departmental policies, handle evidence and arrests correctly, call in sick, and take criticism personally.
- ✓ Nehls had a rocky history as Fort Bend County Sheriff.
 - ✓ Nehls used his position as sheriff to publicize his campaign, ask for votes, and show support for Trump.
 - ✓ Several lawsuits were filed against Nehls as Sheriff.
 - ✓ Nehls was sued by at least three Fort Bend County Jail inmates for providing substandard, illegal care.
 - ✓ *Nehls was charged with knowingly accepting unlawful campaign contributions.*
 - ✓ Nehls was accused of retaliating against two constables after they campaigned against his re-election.
 - ✓ Fort Bend County Jail, which Nehls oversaw, had an "atrocious record" of preventing jail suicides.
 - ✓ Nehls was accused of suppressing free speech after he threatened to issue a citation for disorderly conduct for a person having "F*** Trump" and "F*** Troy Nehls" bumper stickers on their car.
 - ✓ Nehls saw a 35% turnover rate among employees in his first three years, with 268 employees leaving the department.



Birth Date

Nehls Was Born On April 7th, 1968 In Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. "Trever, [...] was born 10 minutes ahead of Troy on April 7, 1968 in Beaver Dam, Wisc." [Houston Chronicle, 6/15/12]

Beaver Dam, Wisconsin Is A City In Dodge County, Wisconsin. [Dodge County Wisconsin, accessed <u>4/15/20]</u>

Nehls Was Born On April 7th, 1968. According to VoteBuilder, Nehls was born on April 7th, 1968. [VoteBuilder, accessed 4/15/20]

Education

Nehls Earned A Master's Degree In Criminal Justice From The University Of Houston. "Nehls has a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Houston – Downtown." [Fort Bend County Website, accessed <u>4/23/20]</u>

Nehls Attended Junior College At UW Center In Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin. According to records obtained from the City of Richmond, Nehls attended junior college, receiving six credits, at UW Center in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin. [City of Richmond Redacted Application and Compensation Public Records Request, received 4/16/20]

Nehls Attended Technical College For Police Training At M.P.T.C. In Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin. According to records obtained from the City of Richmond, Nehls attended technical college for Police training, receiving his associate degree, at M.P.T.C. in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin. [City of Richmond Redacted Application and Compensation Public Records Request, received 4/16/20]

Nehls Attended Dodgeland High School In Juneau, Wisconsin. According to records obtained from the City of Richmond, Nehls attended high school at Dodgeland High School in Juneau, Wisconsin. [City of Richmond Redacted Application and Compensation Public Records Request, received 4/16/20]

Career

The following provides a brief overview of Nehls' professional career:

Political

- 2004: Nehls elected as Fort Bend County Precinct 4 Constable.
- 2008: Nehls re-elected as Fort Bend County Precinct 4 Constable.
- 2012: Nehls elected as Fort Bend County Sheriff.
- 2016: Nehls re-elected as Fort Bend County Sheriff.
- 2019: Nehls began campaign for TX-22 congressional seat.

Professional

- 1995 1998: Police officer for Richmond, TX (terminated)
- 1998 2008: Army reserves & deployments, see military timeline below

Military Career

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Nehls Enlisted In The U.S. Army At Age 19, Was Deployed On Combat Tours To Bosnia, Iraq, And Afghanistan, And Retired As A Major After 21 Years. "Sheriff Troy Nehls has dedicated his life to service. At the age of 19, he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was deployed on combat tours to Bosnia, Iraq, and Afghanistan, among other places. After 21 years of service, he retired with the rank of Major and as the recipient of two Bronze Star medals. Back home, Troy continued his service through law enforcement, a multi-generational tradition for his family. In 1994, Troy began his law enforcement service with Fort Bend ISD. He has spent the last two decades serving Fort Bend County in various law enforcement roles. Most notably, in 2012, Troy was elected as Fort Bend County Sheriff. He won re-election as Sheriff in 2016 and will complete his second four-year term in 2020. Troy comes from a long line of law enforcement family members with his father and two brothers also serving. His twin brother, Trever, holds the same Fort Bend County Constable position Troy once held." [Nehls For Congress, accessed <u>4/16/20</u>]

Effective Date	Duty Mosc	Principal Duty	Organization And Station Or Oversea Country
88 07 13	11B enlisted	Enlisted in the Wisconsin Army National Guard	
88 11 01	11B	Attended Basic Training/AIT	Fort Benning, Georgia
89 03 09	11B	11B	Wisconsin Army National Guard/2-127 INF
91 04 12	OCS	Attended Officer Candidate School	Wisconsin Military Academy (WMA)
92 08 07	11B	Commissioned 2LT in WIARNG	
92 08 09	11B	Infantry Platoon Leader	Company A 2-127 INF (M)
93 01 01	11B	Transferred to Armor Battalion	Co C, 1 st Bn/632 nd Armor
93 05 02	11B	Armor Platoon Leader	Co C, 1 st Bn/632 nd ARmor
93 05 03	11B	Attended Armor Officer Basic Course	Fort Knox, Kentucky
93 08 27	12B	Graduated AOBC	Fort Knox Kentucky
93 08 28	12B	Platoon Leader	Co C 2-127 INF (M)
95 06 03	12B	Transferred to Texas (AGTX Order 160-417)	Co A 4 th Bn/112 th Armor
95 08 01	12B	Armor Platoon Leader	Co B 4 th Bn/112 th Armor
95 08 07	12B	Promoted to 1LT	
97 04 01	12B	Company Executive Officer	Co B 4 th Bn/112 th Armor
99 09 01	12B	Attach to HHC 49 th AD (Budget Officer SFOR-7)	HHC, 49 th Armored Division Tuzla, Bosnia SFOR 7
00 10 26	12B	Relieved from SFOR-7 (Company XO)	Co B 4 th Bn/112 th Armor
01 01 02	12B	Trf to HHC, 4 th Bn 112 th Armor (Battalion S-4)	HHC, 4-112 th Armor
01 08 02	38A	Promoted to CPT	
01 11 01	38A	(Redacted) Separation from TXARNG (Ord 071- 718)	451 st Civil Affairs Bn
01 11 01	38A	Dislocated Team Chief	451 st Civil Affairs Bn
03 12 01	38A	Ord to AD in Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom	451 st Civil Affairs Bn
04 10 01	38A	(Unreadable)	451 st Civil Affairs Bn
04 10 01	38A	Dislocated Team Chief	451 st Civil Affairs Bn

Compacted Military Career Timeline 1988 – 2004

Extended Military Career Timeline 1988 – 2008



July 1988: Nehls Enlisted In The US Army. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls enlisted (USARNG) on July 13, 1988 at "CO A 2/127th Inf Waupun WI" and was "Ordered to 12 Weeks IADT ORD #210-009" at "MEPS Milwaukee WI 881028 RP 881123." [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 20]

November 1988: Nehls Was Assigned To Ft Benning, Georgia. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls was assigned "ADT" as a principal duty in "30th AG BN (Reception), Ft Benning, GA." [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 20]

Nehls Was In The WI Army Guard In Waupun, Wisconsin Between 1988 And 1995. According to records obtained from the City of Richmond, Nehls said he was in the WI Army Guard between 10/83 and 8/95 at a duty station in Waupun, Wisconsin. [City of Richmond Redacted Application and Compensation Public Records Request, received 4/16/20]

March 1989: Nehls Was Assigned To Wisconsin. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls was "RSFRAD – revert to ARngus" in "AG State of WI." [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 20]

July 1992: Nehls Applied For Federal Recognition As A 2LT Of "Any Basic Branch" In The Army National Guard Of Wisconsin. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls applied for federal recognition as a 2LT of "any basic branch" in the army national guard of Wisconsin. At the time he was already a member of the armed forces and described his involvement as "E6, WIARNG, DET 2, HQ STARC (WMA)." [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 1]

Nehls Was Recommended To Be Assigned To "Co A (-) 2d Bn 127th Inf as Platoon Leader." According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls was recommended to be assigned to "Co A (-) 2d Bn 127th Inf as Platoon Leader (11A00) (Overstrength) (Para 202 Line 01 MTOE 07-245LNG08) per orders 177-704 HQ NG WI OTAG." [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 3]

Nehls Noted His Previous Military History On The Application. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls had the following previous history in military-related service. [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 3]

1988 – **1991:** Nehls Was Stationed In Waupun, Wisconsin. Between July 13, 1988 and April 26, 1991, Nehls was part of the state military service in Waupan, Wisconsin as part of the "Co A, 2d Bn 127th Inf" in duty "11B." [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 3]

1991 – 1992: Nehls Attended The Wisconsin Military Academy. Between April 27, 1991 and "present" at the time of the application (July 1, 1992,) Nehls attended the Wisconsin Military Academy in Cp Douglas, Wisconsin, in grade "E-6" and duty "OC." [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 3]

1992: Nehls Successfully Completed The Requirements Prescribed For The State Officer Candidate School At Camp Williams, Wisconsin. Nehls was awarded a certificate from the Wisconsin Military Academy that said he "successfully completed the requirements prescribed for the State Officer Candidate School" at Camp Williams, Wisconsin on August 8, 1992. [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 10]

July 1992: Nehls Requested A Waiver For A Civil Conviction. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls submitted a "Request for Waiver of Civil Conviction" regarding underage drinking. Nehls' commander "recommends approval of this request for waiver. The commander states that there have been many circumstances where OC Nehls has shown that his conduct and reputation are outstanding at this time." [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, pages 11-13]



August 7, 1992: Nehls Was Discharged From The Army National Guard And As A Reserve Of The Army. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls was "discharged from the Army National Guard and as a reserve of the Army," effective August 7, 1992. The type of discharge was not publicly available, but lacking other materials, was likely a procedural action. [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 7]

August 17, 1992: Nehls Was Appointed To The Army National Guard In Wisconsin As A Second Lieutenant Platoon Leader. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls was appointed to the Army National Guard as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry Branch assigned to Company A (-) 2d Battalion 127th Infantry Wisconsin Army National Guard Waupan Wisconsin 53963-1501 as a Platoon Leader (11A00) (Overstrength) (Para 202 Line 01 MTOE07-245LNG08.) [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 6]

June 1993: Nehls Was Appointed As A Reserve Commissioned Officer. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls was appointed as a "Reserve Commissioned Officer of the Army Under Title 10, USC 591 and 593" on June 28, 1993 "for an indefinite term." This appointment meant that Nehls "will serve as a member of the Army National Guard of the United States with assignment to the branch shown after B (IN)" and that Nehls "appointment in the Army National Guard of the United States will terminate on withdrawal of Federal recognition of [his] Army National Guard Appointment." He would then "become a member of the Army Reserve unless [he was] discharged from [his] appointment as a Reserve commissioned officer." [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 23]

August 1993: Nehls Received An Evaluation Report From "Officer Basic (Single Track)" Service School. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls received an academic evaluation report on August 27, 1993 for the course "Armor – Officer Basic (Single Track)" in Fort Knox, KY 40121-5200 USA Armor School. [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 25]

June 1995: Nehls Was Appointed To Armor, Texas. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls was appointed to "CO B 4th BN 112th Armor TX" on June 4, 1995 for the purpose of "CH OF ST FR WI" to be a Platoon Leader. [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 27]

August 1995: Nehls Was Promoted To First Lieutenant. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls was promoted to First Lieutenant (1LT IN) effective August 7, 1995 as Platoon Leader in CO B 4th BN 112th Armor in Rosenberg, Texas. [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 28]

Nehls Was In The TX Army Guard Between August 1995 And October 1995. According to records obtained from the City of Richmond, Nehls said he was in the TX Army Guard between 08/95 and "present" [10/95] at a duty station in Rosenberg, Texas. [City of Richmond Redacted Application and Compensation Public Records Request, received 4/16/20]

February – December 2000: Nehls Served Overseas In Tuzla, Bosnia. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls served in Tuzla, Bosnia between February 2, 2000 and October 13, 2000. [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 40]

Nehls Said His Service In Bosnia Prepared Him And His Wife For His Service In Iraq. "In 2000, Troy Nehls served as a reservist in Bosnia for nine months. He thinks the experience gives him and his wife, Dora, 29, a better understanding of what he will face in Iraq." [Houston Chronicle, 12/18/03]

May 2000: Nehls Was Notified He Was Not Selected For Promotion. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls was notified he was not selected for a promotion on May 16, 2000. He was informed that he "was considered but, unfortunately, were not among those selected for promotion by the board.



The records reviewed by the Department of the Army Selection Board did not indicate that you had completed the required civilian and/or military education by the day the board convened." [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 30]

April 2001: Nehls Was Notified He Was Selected For Promotion. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls was notified of his "Eligibility for Promotion as a Reserve Commissioned Officer Not on Active Duty." The letter stated that Nehls had "been selected for promotion under the provisions of AR 135-155" and did not include further detail of the nature of his promotion. [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 31]

August 2001: Nehls Was Officially Promoted To The Grade Of "Captain." According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls was promoted to the grade of "Captain" effective August 22, 2001. His duty assignment was S4 (12B00) Para 101 Line 05 in the 4th BN 112th AR (170) in Bryan, Texas. [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, pages 32 – 34]

November 2001: Nehls Was Notified That He Was Separated From The Army National Guard And Assigned To The USAR Troop Program Unit. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls was notified that he was separated from the Army National Guard and assigned to the USAR Troop Program Unit, effective November 1, 2001. [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 36]

NOTE: This was likely due to military re-organization in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

June 2003: Nehls Received An Academic Evaluation Report For His Participation In A Civil Affairs Officer Advanced Course. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls received an academic evaluation report dated June 13, 2003 for his participation in a Civil Affairs Officer Advanced Course. [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 37]

December 2003: Nehls Served A One-Year Deployment In Support Of Operation Iraqi Freedom. "Armed with a rudimentary grasp of Arabic from a three-week immersion course, U.S. Army Reserve Capt. Troy Nehls, 35, left Sugar Land on Dec. 7 to begin a one-year deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom." [Houston Chronicle, 12/18/03]

February 2004 – October 2004: Nehls Served Overseas In Iraq. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls served in Kirkuk, Iraq between February 10, 2004 and October 1, 2004. [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 40]

2004: Nehls Received A Bronze Star Medal. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls received a Bronze Star Medal on September 7, 2004 "for exceptionally meritorious service during Operation Iraqi Freedom while assigned as a coalition advisor. Captain Nehls trained and mentored nine Iraqi staff members and four coalition soldiers assigned to the Kirkuk Business Center, which became known as the best business center in all of Iraq. Under his leadership, the economic development team quickly conducted assessments on 21 financial institutions and sought funding through the 2nd brigade combat team and the 1st infantry division. As a result of his efforts, all 21 financial institutions received automation packages, office furniture, and two are currently under renovations. Captain Nehls' dedication to fellow soldiers on the battlefield upholds the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon him, Task Force Danger, and the United States Army." [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 39]

February 2006: Nehls Was Awarded A Combat Action Badge. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls was awarded a Combat Action Badge on February 9, 2006 for "actively engaging or being engaged by the enemy." [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 57]



July 2007: Nehls Was Promoted To The Rank Of Major. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls was promoted to the rank of Major, effective July 12, 2007. [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 47]

August 2007: Nehls Signed A Classified Information Non-Disclosure Agreement. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls signed a non-disclosure agreement due to his being granted access to classified information. [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 50]

November 2007: Nehls Was Awarded The Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls was awarded the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal "for being a member of an Army Reserve Component Troop Program Unit and completing three (3) years of qualifying service." [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 56]

August 2008: Nehls Was Notified Of His Eligibility For Retired Pay At Age 60. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls was notified on August 14, 2008 of his eligibility for retired pay at age 60 due to his twenty years of service. [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 49]

August 2008: Nehls Was Awarded The Navy And Marine Corps Achievement Medal. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal on August 30, 2008 for "professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties as Executive Officer and Civil Affairs (CA) Team Lead, Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) Ghazni from March 2008 to September 2008. As CA Team Lead, he spent countless hours developing and implementing the provincial coordination office (PCO). His diligence led to the hiring of four local national engineers for quality assurance for over 60 projects throughout Ghazni. His foresight has increased engineering capacity as well as a more transparent form of bidding and contracting. Major Nehls' exceptional professionalism and selfless devotion to duty reflected credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service. [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 53]

September 2008: Nehls Was Awarded The Army Achievement Medal. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls was awarded the Army Achievement Medal on September 20, 2008 "for exceptional meritorious service as the Ghazni Provincial Reconstruction Team Executive Officer in support of Operation Enduring Freedom VIII. Maj Nehls' initiative, motivation and willingness to help enabled the leaders from the coalition, Afghan forces, and the local population to complete numerous projects in Ghazni Province. His actions reflect distinct credit upon himself, PRT, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, TF Red Currahee, the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and the United States Army." [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 54]

October 2008: Nehls Was Awarded A Combat Infantry Badge. According to records provided by the US Department of the Army, Nehls was awarded a Combat Infantry Badge on October 21, 2008 due to his engagement in "active ground combat" in Salerno, Afghanistan. [Department of the Army FOIA Response Records, received 5/12/20, page 52]

NOTE: A copy of the redacted records obtained from the Department of the US Army is available in the DCCC research drive.

Nehls Said He Volunteered For Several Military-Related Local Groups In Fort Bend County

Nehls Said He Volunteered For Several Military-Related Local Groups In Fort Bend County. "Outside of his official capacity as Sheriff, Troy proudly volunteers for many local groups around Fort Bend County. He is the Chairman of the 'Fort Bend Salutes America' Memorial Day ceremony, a life member and former Commander of



VFW Post 3903 in Rosenberg, and member of the Sugar Land Exchange Club, to name a few." [Nehls For Congress, accessed $\frac{4/16/20}{2}$]

Prior Professional History

Nehls Outlined His Employment Prior To Applying For The Richmond Police Department. According to records obtained from the City of Richmond, Nehls documented the following employment history on his application to join the Police Force:

"2/95 – "present" [10/95]: Fort Bend ISD Police Department, Sugar Land, Texas

10/91 - 8/94: Fox Lake Police Department, Fox Lake, Wisconsin

1/90 – 8/90: Combined Insurance, Green Lake, Wisconsin

5/89 – 9/89: Michels Pipeline, Brownsville, Wisconsin

8/88 – 10/88: Michels Pipeline, Brownsville, Wisconsin

8/87 – 8/88: Nehls Auction Service, Fox Lake, Wisconsin

7/86 - 7/87: Terrytowne Memorial, Houston, Texas"

[City of Richmond Redacted Application and Compensation Public Record Request, received 4/13/20]

Patrol Officer, Richmond, TX

Nehls Worked For Over Two Years As A Patrol Office In Richmond, Texas

Nehls Worked For Over Two Years As A Patrol Office In Richmond, Texas. "After moving to Fort Bend County about 10 years ago, Trever Nehls said, Troy Nehls worked for more than two years as a Richmond patrol officer, having been sworn in in late 1995 and fired in 1998." [Houston Chronicle, 4/1/04]

Job Application

Nehls Applied For The Position Of "Police Officer" With The Richmond Police Department In October 1995. According to records provided by the City of Richmond, Nehls applied for the position of "Police Officer" on October 13 or October 18, 1995. [City of Richmond Redacted Application and Compensation Public Records Request, received 4/16/20]

Nehls Described His Previous Employment History. Nehls described his previous employment history. Please refer to "Prior Professional History" section above. [City of Richmond Redacted Application and Compensation Public Records Request, received 4/16/20]

On His Application, Nehls Claimed Membership In The United States Armor Association, National Guard Association, And Big Brothers/Big Sisters Of Wisconsin. Nehls listed the membership organizations he belonged to: "The United States Armor Association, National Guard Association, and Big Brothers/Sisters of Wisconsin." [City of Richmond Redacted Application and Compensation Public Records Request, received 4/16/20]

On His Application, Nehls Described His Alcohol Use As "Casual." Nehls described his frequency and extent of using intoxicating liquors: "Sociable. I am a casual user of intoxicating liquors. I would say that I have 1 or 2 beers a week and some weeks I may not have any alcoholic beverages." [City of Richmond Redacted Application and Compensation Public Records Request, received 4/16/20]

On His Application, Nehls Admitting Using Marijuana In High School. Nehls described his use of controlled substances not prescribed by a physician: "I have smoked marijuana before while I was in high school. I did experiment with marijuana and did not enjoy it." [City of Richmond Redacted Application and Compensation Public Records Request, received 4/16/20]



On His Application, Nehls Described Receiving A Juvenile Alcohol Citation. Nehls described details to his declaration that he had "been arrested, detained by police, or summoned into court.": "Juvenile alcohol citation, 7/1988, [unclear,] Wisconsin. I was drinking a can of beer at a picnic, and a police officer asked my age, and I told him I was over 21 yrs old, but I was only 20 yrs old." [City of Richmond Redacted Application and Compensation Public Records Request, received 4/16/20]

Nehls Listed Two Traffic Citations. Nehls listed two traffic citations he had received: speeding in Washington County in 1/90, and speeding in Fond Du Lac County in 8/89. [City of Richmond Redacted Application and Compensation Public Records Request, received 4/16/20]

Nehls Described Striking A Deer With A Police Car. Nehls described that in 10/93, "While on patrol for the city of Fox Lake Police Department, I struck a deer with the police car." [City of Richmond Redacted Application and Compensation Public Records Request, received 4/16/20]

Nehls Attached Four Letters Of Recommendation. Nehls attached four letters of recommendation to his job application. [City of Richmond Redacted Application and Compensation Public Records Request, received 4/16/20]

Nehls Attached Various Transcripts And Certifications. Nehls attached various transcripts and certifications to his job application. [City of Richmond Redacted Application and Compensation Public Records Request, received 4/16/20]

NOTE: A copy of the redacted application and compensation records obtained from the City of Richmond is available in the DCCC research drive.

Salary Records

Nehls Earned \$39,729.55 Per Year In Gross Earnings. According to records provided by the City of Richmond, Nehls earned \$39,729.55 in gross earnings before taxes per four quarters (one year.) [City of Richmond Redacted Application and Compensation Public Records Request, received 4/16/20]

Nehls Earned Paychecks From The City Of Richmond At Least Between 9/30/1997 And 2/6/1998. According to records provided by the City of Richmond, Nehls earned paychecks at least between 9/30/1997 and 2/6/1998. [City of Richmond Redacted Application and Compensation Public Records Request, received 4/16/20]

Performance Evaluations

Nehls Received A Performance Evaluation On 9/10/97. According to records provided by the City of Richmond, Nehls' performance was evaluated on 9/10/97. [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]

Nehls Received The Score "Standard" In Seven Categories And "Below Standard" In One Category. Nehls received the score "standard" for professional excellence, personal contribution and growth, respect for diversity, initiative, teamwork, safety, and service. He received the score "below standard" for personal and organizational integrity. He received the score "above standard" in no categories. [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]

Nehls Set Personal Goals. Part of the performance evaluation was personal goal setting. Nehls' personal goals were "continue to work closely with others; continue to provide the citizens of Richmond with professional police service; continue to establish effective relations with my block captains." [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]



Nehls Earned The Overall Rating "Standard." Nehls earned the overall rating of "standard" due to his scores being "no more than 1 below standard rating, less than 6 above standard ratings." [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]

Nehls Received Reminders To Follow The Chain Of Command, Adhere To Department Policies, Handle Evidence And Arrests Correctly, Call In Sick, And Take Counseling Personally. Nehls received the following recommendations: "Adhering to department rules, policies, and procedures, [including] evidence handling, class C arrest procedure, calling in sick (4 or more hours in advance,) following the chain of command; [t]aking counseling personal, [including] complains about supervisors radio usage, then makes the same mistake." [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]

Nehls Was Told To Focus Less On "Who's Out To Get Him." Nehls' reviewer ended his performance evaluation with the following statement: "Officer Nehls has the potential to receive an above standard rating, if he concentrates more on police work and not on who's out to get him." [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]

Nehls Received A Performance Evaluation In August 1996. According to records provided by the City of Richmond, Nehls' performance was evaluated in August 1996. [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]

Nehls Received The Score "Satisfactory" In Two Categories, "Very Good" In Two Categories, And "Outstanding" In One Category. Nehls received the score "satisfactory" for safety mindedness and cooperation and loyalty. He received the score "very good" for quality of work and dependability and availability. He received the score "outstanding" for initiative and leadership. He received the scores "fair" and "unsatisfactory" in no categories. [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]

Nehls Received A Performance Evaluation In June 1996. According to records provided by the City of Richmond, Nehls' performance was evaluated in June 1996 at the end of a probationary period. [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]

Nehls Received The Score "Satisfactory" In Five Categories. Nehls received the score "satisfactory" for quality of work, dependability and adaptability, initiative and leadership, safety mindedness, and cooperation of loyalty. He received the scores "unsatisfactory" "fair" "very good" and "outstanding" in no categories. [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]

Nehls Received A Performance Evaluation In February 1996. According to records provided by the City of Richmond, Nehls' performance was evaluated in February 1996. [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]

Nehls Received The Score "Satisfactory" In Three Categories And "Very Good" In Two Categories. Nehls received the score "satisfactory" for dependability and adaptability, initiative and leadership, and safety mindedness. He received the score "very good" for quality of work and cooperation and loyalty. He received the scores "unsatisfactory" "fair" and "outstanding" in no categories. [City of Richmond Performance Evaluations, received 4/13/20]

City Of Richmond Discipline And Termination

NOTE: The following is an abridged timeline of Nehls' discipline record and resulting termination as a Police Officer in the City of Richmond, Texas. This information was obtained from public records provided by the City of Richmond, which are available in the DCCC research drive.

Details Of Nehls' Termination Were Reported In 2017 When He Decided Against A Run For Congress. "Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls will not run for Congress in 2018. [...] According to records obtained by News



88.7, Nehls was fired by the Richmond (Texas) Police Department for reasons including destruction of evidence. Nehls was also charged with underage drinking and obstructing an officer in 1988. He later applied for a job with the Ford Bend ISD Police Department, signing a form saying he'd never been charged with a crime." [Houston Public Media, 12/8/17]

October 1, 1997: Nehls Was Instructed To Contact Property Owners In His Beat Who Had Violated City Ordinances. October 1, 1997: A letter designated as "Interoffice Correspondence" within the Richmond Police Department was sent out to a "Sgt. Dawson" from a "Lt. Waterbury" that appeared as follows (excerpt): "Attached are photos taken by Chief Whitworth concerning longstanding violations. Please distribute them to the proper Beat Officers [including Troy Nehls] and have each officer prepare a written report any actions that they have taken to contact the property owners and solve the specific problems and what actions they are planning. [...] These reports will be submitted through the chain of command and are to be in my office by 9:00 am on the 7th of October 1997." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 10/1/97]

October 1, 1997: Nehls Received A List of Property Owners He Was Required To Contact. October 1, 1997: A letter designated as "Interoffice Correspondence" within the Richmond Police Department was sent to "Officer Nehls" from a "Sgt. Dawson" that appeared as follows (excerpt): "Attached you will find a memo given to me by Lt. Waterbury [see above]. Please read and adhere to the request. Also in inventorying [your] beat several ordinance violations were found on the below listed streets [10 streets listed]." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 10/1/97]

October 5, 1997: Nehls Sent A Letter To His Superiors Saying He Was Unable To Provide The Names And Addresses Of The Property Owners He Was Required To Contact And Required Daylight Hours To Focus On The Violations. October 5, 1997: A letter designated as "Interoffice Correspondence" within the Richmond Police Department was sent to a "Chief Whitworth" from "Officer T.E. Nehls" via "Sgt Dawson" and "Lt Waterbury" that appeared as follows (excerpt): "At this time I am unable to provide the names and addresses of the property owners with violations of the City of Richmond ordinance code. [...] I would like to request some time during the daylight hours where I would be able to focus time on the violations. I feel that I would effectively address these issues with a personal visit with the property owners." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 10/5/97]

October 8, 1997: Nehls' Superior Told Him He "Failed To Follow A Direct Order" And That It Took Him "Approximately Ten Minutes" To Get The Names And Addresses Of The Property Owners. October 8, 1997: A letter designated as "Interoffice Correspondence" within the Richmond Police Department was sent to "Officer Nehls" from "Lt. Waterbury" that appeared as follows (excerpt): "I have twice told you, through the chain of command to prepare a report on certain properties in your beat. I asked for specific information in the memo that was given to you. You have failed to follow a direct order. The information that I asked for was necessary for a report that I was ordered to do for the Chief. Due to the fact that my report is due I went to City Hall today and spent approximately ten minutes getting the names and addresses of the property owners. Below is a list of those people. You are directed to prepare letters to each of the property owners describing the conditions of their property and the ordinances that are being violated. Attach a copy of the ordinance to each letter. Ask the property owners to remedy the violations and give them a reasonable amount of time to comply. Please see that copies of the letters are given to me so that I can keep track of progress." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 10/8/97]

October 8, 1997: Nehls Received A Written Reprimand From His Superior Due To His Failure To Follow A Direct Order. October 8, 1997: "Officer Nehls" received a "Written Reprimand" from "Sgt. Dawson" that appeared as follows (excerpt): "Officer Nehls, your memo in reference to beat 4 was returned to my office, due to the fact you were given six days to prepare a report answering the below listed request and you failed to comply. 1. Explain any actions you have taken to contact the property owners and solve the problems[.] 2. Explain the actions the property owners are planning[.] 3. Submit names and addressed of the owners of the properties in question." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, written reprimand dated 10/8/97]



Nehls Signed The Reprimand But Wrote Beneath It, "I Do Not Concur With This Reprimand." Officer Troy Nehls appears to have signed the written reprimand. He also added a handwritten note below his signature: "I do not concur with this reprimand." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, written reprimand dated 10/8/97]

October 26, 1997: Nehls Responded To The Reprimand With Reasons He Believed He Had Not Failed To Follow An Order. October 26, 1997: A letter designated as "Interoffice Correspondence" within the Richmond Police Department was sent to "Bill Witworth, Chief of Police" from "Troy Nehls, Officer – Patrol Division" and appeared as follows (excerpt): I would formally like to respond to the written reprimand given me dated October 8, 1997, in regards to Beat 4 Ordinance Violations and the events preceding it. The reprimand memo issued by Sgt. Dawson (referenced above) states that the reason as 'the fact that [I] was given six days to prepare a report answering ... a request and [I] failed to comply'. I wish to contend this on several points (substantiating documentation attached):

- 3. A memo dated October 1, 1997, originated by Lt. Waterbury to Sgt. Dawson addressing the issue of Beat Ordinance Violations with follow-up memo from Sgt. Dawson to myself (same date). These memo's address the issue of ordinance violations within various beats. The memo stipulates that 'officers submit in their reports the names and addresses of the owners of the properties in question' by '9:00 am on the 7th of October 1997.'
- 4. Written response memo dated October 5, 1997, from Officer Nehls which addressed the issue of the property owner report. At this point, it is important to note that the day of the October 1 memo was Wednesday. As I work the night shift, any documentation compiled during a workday is disseminated and not received by myself until the close of such date. Due to prior work and personal commitments on Friday, I was unable to address the memo contents. At this point, the calendar date is October 3, 1997. City Hall offices are closed on Saturday and Sundays, which prevented further follow-up. So as to notify my superiors that I was concerned with the issue, I drafted a memo during my night shift duty rotation dated October 5, 1997 (reference #2). The memo I originated requested additional time during daytime hours to complete the task I had been assigned. I received no verbal or written response to the issue of time limitations. Furthermore, Sunday October 5 and Monday October 6, 1997, are my regular off-duty days.

[...] I believe that documentation and calendar reference dates will show that I did not violate an order, nor did I fail to comply to a request. I provided a response, prior to the stipulated deadline, which requested an accommodation by my superiors to allow me an opportunity to complete the task. If any failure of duty occurred, I believe it was on the part of my superior officers who themselves failed to communicate effectively and willingly to ensure that the issues were addressed in the best possible manner. [...] It is my opinion that the reprimand is unjust and another attempt to discredit my professional integrity. As such, I request that the written reprimand be removed from my personal folder." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 10/26/97]

October 14, 1997: Nehls Received A Letter Asking For Explanation As To Why He Was 30 Minutes Late To Every Weekend Shift. October 14, 1997: A letter designated as "Interoffice Correspondence" within the Richmond Police Department was sent to "Officer Nehls" from "Lt. Waterbury" via "Sgt. Dawson" and appeared as follows (excerpt): "Your Time card for this last pay period indicates that you were late reporting for work one half hour on both Friday and Saturday nights. A review of the time cards indicates that this occurs frequently on these nights of the week. Please explain in writing through the chain of command why you are consistently late. This is due in my office on 10/15/97." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 10/14/97]

October 15, 1997: Nehls Responded To Questions About His Tardiness, Saying He Had Gotten Permission To Be Late Due To Another Job. October 15, 1997: A letter designated as "Interoffice Correspondence" within the Richmond Police Department was sent to "Chief Whitworth" from "Officer T.E. Nehls" via "Sgt Dawson" and "Lt Waterbury" and appeared as follows (excerpt): "In reference to the memorandum concerning time cards. I explained to Sgt Eiteman that I have a job that works until approximately 11:00P.M.. I received approval from Sgt Eiteman to come in to work on Friday and Saturday nights at 11:30P.M. Sgt Eiteman is the supervisor on Friday



and Saturday nights and Sgt Eiteman informed me that he did not have any concern over me arriving to work at 11:30P.M. and working until 7:30A.M.. I hope this answers your question." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 10/15/97]

October 15, 1997: Nehls' Superior Responded To Nehls' Reasoning By Saying His Request For A Schedule Change Had Been Denied And He Would Be Subject To Disciplinary Action. October 15, 1997: A Letter designated as "Interoffice Correspondence" within the Richmond Police Department was sent from "Lt. Waterbury" to "Officer Nehls" via "Sgt. Dawson" and appeared as follows (excerpt): "Sgt. Eiteman stated that he was lead to believe that you were requesting a change in the schedule for one weekend only. Sgt. Eiteman said that he was unaware that you were requesting a permanent change. I am very disturb by the your actions. Sgt. Dawson has advised me that he denied your request for a schedule change and explained to you that it was a violation of the general orders Sec 300.06 (300.07 Old General Orders) for outside employment to conflict with existing work schedules. [...] Effective immediately you will report to work as scheduled. Your extra job is denied and any further violations of policy will result in a loss of all extra job privileges. You may still be subject to disciplinary action from Sgt. Dawson. You may appeal this decision, however do not violate the chain of command as you have done in the past." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 10/15/97]

January 28, 1998: Chief Of Police Sent A Notice Of Termination To Nehls Outlining His Wrongdoings. January 28, 1998: A letter designated as "Notice of Termination" was sent from "Chief of Police Bill Whitworth" to "Officer Troy Nehls" and appeared as follows (excerpt): "Your repeated violations of the policies and procedures of this department, as well as your continuing disregard for orders issued to you by your supervisors, has resulted in this termination which is based on the Richmond Police Department's General Orders Section 300.08. Attached you will find a listing of the incidents that are the basis for this action." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

January 31, 1997: Nehls Failed To Contact A Victim To Obtain Additional Information For A Report After He Was Directed To. "1/31/97 Failed to contact a victim to obtain additional information for a report as directed by Sergeant Kovar. The sergeant was told there was no further information. The sergeant then contacted the victim himself and got the information." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

March 23, 1997: Nehls Charged A Wall Plaque To The Police Department Without Authorization. "3/23/97 Charged a wall plaque to the police department without any authorization." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

March 3, 1997: Nehls Improperly Handled Evidence After Receiving A Memo With Exact Instructions **Due To His Past Mishandling.** "3/3/97 Failed to properly handle evidence after receiving a memo explaining the proper methods of evidence handling due to past mishandling." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

April 4, 1997: Nehls Received Verbal Counseling For Improper Handling Of Evidence. "4/4/97 Verbal counseling by Sergeant Dawson for improper handling of evidence." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

April 23, 1997: Nehls Received Verbal Counseling For Issuing An Improper Traffic Citation To Avoid Making An Arrest. 4/23/97 Verbal counseling for issuing an improper traffic citation to avoid making an arrest. [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

May 16, 1997: Nehls Received Written Counseling For Failing To Comply With Written Instructions On The Handling Of Arrests. "5/16/97 Written counseling for failing to comply with written instructions on the handling of Class C arrests." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]



May 20, 1997: Nehls Was Found At A Store Several Blocks From Where He Said He Was. "5/20/97 Written memo after you were found at a store several blocks from where you checked out with dispatch." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

June 3, 1997: Nehls Destroyed Evidence After Being Told To Enter It. "6/3/97 Destroyed evidence after being told by Sergeant Dawson to enter it as found property." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

September 26, 1997: Nehls Failed To Follow An Order To Return Property To Its Owner. "9/26/97 Failed to follow the order of Sergeant Kovar to return property to its owner." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

October 8, 1997: Nehls Received A Written Reprimand For Failure To Submit Needed Information For A Report. "10/8/97 Written reprimand for failure to submit the needed information for a report by the required deadline as ordered by Lt. Waterbury through Sgt. Dawson." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

October 22, 1997: Nehls Received Written Counseling For Being Out Of His Vehicle Without Notifying Dispatcher As Required. "10/22/97 Written counseling for being out of your vehicle in a restaurant without notifying the dispatcher as required." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

October 22, 1997: Nehls Received A Three-Day Suspension Without Pay For Disregarding A Written Directive And Misleading A Supervisor. "10/22/97 Three day suspension without pay for disregarding a written directive denying an extra job request and misleading another supervisor about the circumstances." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

November 4, 1997: Nehls Failed To Address Half The Issues He Was Assigned To. "11/4/97 Written request for completed response to memo dated 10/08/97 regarding city ordinance violations in assigned beat. Less than half of the issues were addressed." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

November 25 – December 11, 1997: Nehls Received Three Verbal And One Written Order Before He Took Proper Action On Writing Required Citations. "11/25/97 to 12/11/97 Received three verbal and one written order from Sgt. Butinski to write citations for an ordinance violation before the proper action was taken." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

January 8, 1997: Took A Civilian Rider In Patrol Vehicle After Receiving A Verbal Reminder The Month Before About The Same Thing. "12/10/97 Received a verbal reminder to fill out a liability release before taking a civilian rider in the patrol vehicle. On 1/8/98 took a rider without a release." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

December 1997 – January 1998: Received Two Sets Of Verbal Reminders And Verbal Counseling For Failure To Do House Watches As Required. "12/5/97 Verbal instructions to do more house watches as required. 12/18/97 Second verbal reminder to do the house watches as required. 1/14/98 Verbal counseling for not doing house watches on 12/24 – 12/26, 12/28 – 01/98." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

December 29, 1997: Nehls Received A One-Day Suspension For Improper Arrest. "12/29/97 One day suspension for improper arrest." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]



January 8, 1998: Nehls Received A Written Warning For Going To A Restaurant Without Notifying Dispatch As Required. "1/8/98 Written warning for going to a restaurant without checking out with dispatch as required." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

January 14, 1998: Nehls Received A Verbal Warning For Working An Extra Job Without Prior Approval As Required. "1/14/98 Verbal warning for working an extra job without prior approval as required." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 1/28/98]

February 3, 1998: Nehls Appeared To Have Hired An Attorney To Petition His Termination With The City Manager, Saying The Disciplinary Action Against Him Was "Selective And Arbitrary And Result[ed] From Prejudice." February 3, 1998: A letter designated as "Re: Termination of Officer Troy Nehls" was sent from "Nathan M. Rymer" of "Carlson & Smith Attorneys At Law" to "Mr. Glen Gilmore, City Manager, City of Richmond," and appeared as follows (excerpt): "Please allow this correspondence to serve as our Notice of Appeal of Officer Nehls' termination. Further, the disciplinary action is selective and arbitrary and results from prejudice, difference of opinion, and envy within the department. Finally, the disciplinary action is unduly harsh and unjustified. Mr. Nehls has committed no acts which justify termination under the policies and procedures of the Richmond Police Department. The termination is also inconsistent with the general practice of the department. Mr. Nehls is a decorated, respected peace officer and is an asset to the City of Richmond. He has a great deal of support from the citizens of Richmond due to his exemplary service. We will forward you information that is relevant to our position in the near future. We are requesting that this issue be placed on the agenda for the March meeting of the Richmond City Counsel." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 2/3/98]

Richmond City Manager Responded To Nehls And His Attorney Saying He Agreed With The Termination. February 3, 1998: A letter designated as "Ref: Termination of Officer Troy Nehls" was sent from "R. Gilmore, City Manager" to "Mr. Nathan M. Rymer" and appeared as follows (excerpt): "This has reference to your letter dated February 3, 1998 regarding the termination of Officer Troy Nehls. After a review of his file, I concur with Chief Whitworth's decision to terminate Officer Nehls." [City of Richmond Discipline Public Record Request, letter dated 2/3/98]

In Response To A 2019 Fox And Friends Interview Question About His Past Termination, Nehls Said "It Didn't Prevent Me To Get Where I Am Today, Now Did It?" [2:30] "There's politics in all small towns. I will say this, I was terminated from a law enforcement agency in Fort Bend County, it didn't prevent me to get where I am today, now did it." [Troy Nehls Interview, Fox and Friends, 12/7/19]

Fort Bend County Constable

Fort Bend County Termination

Nehls Was Allegedly Fired And Re-Hired By His Superior, Constable Hal Werlein, But There Are No Records Of The Firing Or Re-Hiring. "Troy Nehls then went to work as a deputy for Werlein for more than three years, beginning in September 1998. Dora Nehls, Troy's wife, said Werlein spotted her and her husband at a Republican women's club meeting, where Troy told Werlein he was interested in becoming politically active. A day later, Werlein fired Troy Nehls, Dora Nehls said. Trever Nehls said his brother was given no reason for the firing. Shortly after dismissing him, Werlein offered Troy Nehls his job back, Dora Nehls said. Thomas Anderson, director of the Fort Bend County Human Resources Department, said his office has no records showing that occurred. Since June 10, 2002, Troy Nehls has worked as a Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department deputy." [Houston Chronicle, 4/1/04]

Werlein, Who Fired Nehls As A Deputy, Ran Against Nehls In His 2004 Race For Constable. "Constable Hal Werlein, who was first elected in 1988, is pitted against Troy Nehls [in the 2004 race for Constable], whom he had fired from a deputy position in March 2002." [Houston Chronicle, 4/1/04]



Sheriff History

Nehls Used His Position As Sheriff To Publicize His Campaign For Congress

Nehls Repeatedly Tweeted Asking For Campaign Support From His Official Sheriff Twitter Account For Which He Earned A Taxpayer Salary

Nehls Posted A Picture Saying "VOTE NEHLS FOR CONGRESS" From His Official Sheriff Twitter Account. [Sheriff Troy Nehls Twitter Page, 2/25/20]



Nehls Posted A Photo With The Words "Troy Nehls For Congress" And "I Will Stand With President Trump To Build The Wall" From His Official Sheriff Twitter Account. [Sheriff Troy Nehls Twitter Page, 2/9/20]





As Sheriff, I've seen case after case of illegal aliens we've deported making it back and committing crimes against Americans. Enough is enough. In Congress, I will stand with President @realDonaldTrump to BUILD THE WALL!

Visit nehlsforcongress.com/issues to learn more.

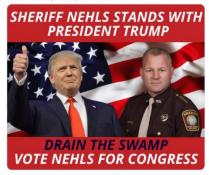


2:45 PM - Feb 9, 2020 - Twitter for iPhone [Sheriff Troy Nehls Twitter Page, <u>2/9/20</u>]

Nehls Posted A Photo Saying "DRAIN THE SWAMP: VOTE NEHLS FOR CONGRESS" From His Official Sheriff Twitter Account. [Sheriff Troy Nehls Twitter Page, 2/21/20]



Find your early voting locations: Brazoria County - bit.ly/2SBaloJ Fort Bend County - bit.ly/37FS11L Harris County - bit.ly/2UZiR2h



200 PM · Feb 21, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone [Sheriff Troy Nehls Twitter Page, 2/21/20]

Nehls Tweeted "Send President @realDonaldTrump An Ally. Vote Nehls For Congress." From His Official Sheriff Twitter Account. [Sheriff Troy Nehls Twitter Page, 2/18/20]



Sheriff Troy Nehls @SheriffTNehls ~

It's a great day to KEEP AMERICA GREAT! Get out to vote and make your voice heard. Send President @realDonaldTrump an ally. Vote Nehls for Congress.



1:42 PM · Feb 18, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone [Sheriff Troy Nehls Twitter Page, 2/18/20]

Lawsuits Filed Against Sheriff Troy Nehls

Nehls Was Charged With Knowingly Accepting Unlawful Campaign Contributions

2011: Charges Were Filed Against Nehls "In Regard To Knowingly Accepting Unlawful Campaign Contributions." At some point prior to August 29, 2011, charges were filed with the Fort Bend County District Clerk against Troy E. Nehls "in regard to knowingly accepting unlawful campaign contributions on or about 3/11/09 - 6/1/10." [Fort Bend County Criminal Case Records Search, Case No. 2011-NB-62]

August 2011: Charges Were Dismissed Without Reason. On August 29, 2011, the "Grand Jury for the July-December 2011 term of the 434th Judicial District Court" returned a "no bill" decision, in effect ordering "that the complaint against Troy Nehls be dismissed." [Fort Bend County Criminal Case Records Search, Case No. 2011-NB-62]

NOTE: Further research needed on the nature, amount, and parties involved of Nehls' illegal acceptance of campaign contributions. Information was requested from the county but not provided.

Nehls Was Sued By A Fort Bend County Jail Inmate Who Said He Did Not Receive Adequate Emergency Medical Attention

Nehls Was Noted To Be Legally Responsible For The Welfare Of All Inmates Of Fort Bend County Sheriff's Detention Facility. "Defendant Troy E. Nehls is the Sheriff of Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility. He is legally responsible for the operation, care, custody, and control of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Detention Facility, and for the welfare of all inmates of the Detention Facility." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 18-DCV-252601, page 2]

As Sheriff, Nehls Was Legally Liable For The Overall Operations Of The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility. "Defendant Troy E. Nehls, Sheriff, is legally liable for the overall operations of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility, pursuant to the Texas Tort Claims Act, under Texas Civil Practice &



Remedies Code 101.021(2) for the Plaintiff's physical injuries stemming from the slipping and falling on September 11, 2016, which in the custody of Fort Bend County Sheriff's for any claim arises from a premise defects, the government unit owes to the claimant only the duty that a private person bears liable." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 18-DCV-252601, page 14]

As Sheriff, Nehls Was Noted To Be Legally Liable For The Defendant's Personal Injuries Sustained While An Inmate At The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Detention Facility. "Defendant Troy E. Nehls, Sheriff, is also legally liable for the Plaintiff's subsequent personal injuries pursuant to the Texas Tort Claim Act under the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code 101.001 sustain[ed] when the portable chair was stacked and incorporated the misuse as a barber's chair on February 14, 2017 while immediately collapsing causing additional physical injuries to the Plaintiff when tangible personal property cause the injuries." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 18-DCV-252601, page 14]

Plaintiff Accused Nehls Of Violating His Rights Under The Eighth Amendment By Failing To Provide Prompt Emergency Medical Care. "Defendant Troy E. Nehls['] (Sheriff) [...] actions violated Plaintiff's rights under the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution when Defendant Deputy Brown failed or neglected to ensure that the Plaintiff got prompt emergency medical care, once the injury was presented to him." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 18-DCV-252601, page 14]

Plaintiff Injured Himself Slipping And Falling In Fort Bend County Jail And Suffered For Several Days Before An Initial Medical Assessment Was Performed. "On or about September 11, 2016, Plaintiff slipped and fell near the restroom/shower area in a puddle of water on the waxed black and speckled linoleum tile flooring upon entrance into the dayroom area. [...] Plaintiff requested emergency medical attention [...] after two days, Plaintiff kept insisting on getting medial [sic] assistance [...] with no results. [...] Plaintiff suffer[ed] for several days before the initial medical assessment was finally [performed] on 9/17/16." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 18-DCV-252601]

Plaintiff Sustained A Second Injury Under Direct Supervision Of Fort Bend County Staff. "Furthermore, Plaintiff on 2/14/2017 did sustain a second injury that aggravated the original spinal injury with additional physical trauma to the upper shoulder, neck, and during the course of a routine hair cut under the direct supervision of Sgt. Pennolosa." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 18-DCV-252601, page 11]

As A Result Of Two Injuries Sustained At Fort Bend County Jail, Plaintiff Said He Suffered Several Serious Medical Issues. "Plaintiff now suffers additional medical issues and discomforts stemming from these two incidents; headaches, [loss] of short term memory, pain, and tightness in the upper shoulder and back." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 18-DCV-252601, page 13]

As of April 2020, There Was No Verdict Delivered. As of April 2020, according to the Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, this case was still open and did not yet have a verdict. [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 18-DCV-252601, page 13]

Nehls Was Sued By The Father Of A Teen Who Said Officials Failed To Protect His Son From Sexual Assault At Fort Bend County Juvenile Detention Center

As Sheriff, Nehls Was Sued By The Father Of A Teen Who Said Officials Failed To Protect His Son From Sexual Assault At Fort Bend County Juvenile Detention Center. "The father of a teen held at Fort Bend County Juvenile Detention Center says officials failed to protect his son from a volunteer who allegedly sexually assaulted the boy hundreds of times during one-on-one visits, including attacks captured on video by guards. Supervisors became aware of the situation between the mentor and the boy, then 17, after about a year. The staff cut off the visits after witnessing physical contact on video in May 2018, and Deborah Helen Sutter, 64, of Rosenberg, the volunteer mentor assigned to the boy, was arrested and charged with two counts of indecency with a child by sexual contact. Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls has called the case 'disturbing and disgusting,' and labeled Sutter, who had passed a background check, as 'a predator' who took advantage of a vulnerable child. Even in the wake of



the arrest, however, Nehls did not take the boy's needs into consideration, according to a civil rights lawsuit the father filed this week in Houston federal court. [...] "The suit is seeking damages from Sutter for allegedly preying on Thomas, but also from Nehls, two sergeants, a sheriff's deputy and a detective, the detention director, the Prison Rape Reform Act coordinator and a forensic interviewer, who all knew about the acts and failed to provide Thomas help, according to court documents. 'They stood idly by and let it happen,' Foley said. 'They didn't supervise this animal. They threw this meat to a lion.'" [Houston Chronicle, 2/10/19]

Nehls Was Accused Of Retaliating Against Two Deputy Constables After They Campaigned Against His Re-Election

Plaintiff Said Nehls Violated Public Trust Because Of "Vindictive, Political Retaliation." "The Defendant, Sheriff Troy Nehls, has violated his public trust and his responsibility for the proper discharge of that trust to the tax paying citizens of Fort Bend County because of his vindictive, political retaliation against the Plaintiffs." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 16-DCV-233388]

Plaintiffs Said Nehls "Exercised Vindictive Retaliatory Conduct" After They Publicly Campaigned Against His Re-Election. "The two Plaintiffs are Texas licensed and commissioned Deputy Constables employed by Fort Bend County Constable Rob Cook, Precinct Three. During the March 1, 2016 Republican Primary election, the two plaintiffs actively and publicly campaigned for Frank Cempa Sr., the father of Deputy Cempa and against the reelection of Sheriff Nehls. They created a public domain Facebook site and exercised their constitutional rights to campaign for Frank Cempa Sr. and against Sheriff Nehls at their own costs and expense and while on off-duty time. Sheriff Nehls was re-elected in the Republican Primary and then exercised vindictive retaliatory conduct against the two Plaintiffs in their official capacity and status as appointed deputy constables of Precinct #3." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 16-DCV-233388]

Case Was Closed After Parties "Reached An Equitable Settlement" And Plaintiffs Filed A Motion To Nonsuit. "Bruce Denney and Frank Cempa Jr., Plaintiffs, in the above styled and numbered cause, respectfully file this Motion to Nonsuit. The Parties have reached an equitable settlement and the Plaintiffs no longer wish to pursue this litigation." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 16-DCV-233388]

Nehls Was Accused Of Failing To Comply With FOIA Laws

As Sheriff, Nehls Opened An Investigation Into Allegations Of Attempted Bribery During A School Board Meeting. August 21, 2015. "On or about June 18, 2015, two Lamar Consolidated Independent School District (LCISD) Trustees raised allegations of attempted bribery during the course of an LCISD board meeting. Obviously, such allegations by elected public officials who hold positions involving such high public trust are extremely newsworthy. Subsequently, Plaintiff learned that Defendant Troy E. Nehls, Sheriff of Fort Bend County (Sheriff Nehls), and the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department opened an investigation into these allegations." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 15-DCV-225813]

Hartman Newspapers Served A FOIA Request To The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department Requesting Records Of The Bribery Investigation "As one of the initial steps in its investigations, Plaintiff, [Hartman Newspapers] [...] served a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request upon Mr. Bob Haenel, Public Information Officer of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department (Sheriff's Department), requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copis of public records that detail who requested the Sheriff's Department launch an investigation into the allegations of attempted bribery made by the two LCISD Trustees during the June 18, 2015 board meeting. [...] The request met all of the requirements of FOIA." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 15-DCV-225813]

Plaintiffs Alleged Nehls And Fort Bend County "Wholly Refused To Comply With Their Obligations Under The Texas Open Records Act." "Despite the fact that it has been long established under Texas law that certain basic information regarding the commission of a crime and the initiation of the investigation into such crime is public information, both Sheriff Nehls and Fort Bend County have wholly refused to comply with their obligations



under the Texas Open Records Act found in Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code and entitled Public Information." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 15-DCV-225813]

In April 2017, A Court Of Appeals Decided To Deny Nehls' Plea To Dismiss The Lawsuit. Most recently, "Appellants [including Sheriff Nehls] produced the requested information and filed a plea to the jurisdiction asserting that the lawsuit was moot and should be dismissed. The trial court denied appellants' plea." Subsequently, the Court of Appeals for the First District of Texas released the following opinion (excerpt): "We reverse the trial court's denial of appellants' plea to the jurisdiction and dismiss this case for lack of subject-matter jurisdiction." [Fort Bend County Civil/Family Case Records Search, Case No. 15-DCV-225813]

Nehls Was Sued By A Fort Bend County Jail Inmate Who Said She Received Sub-Standard Medical Care And Accused Nehls Of Failing To Adequately Train Jail Employees

Tacoma Borden Said She Received Sub-Standard Medical Care While An Inmate At Fort Bend County Jail. "This case involves alleged Constitutional violations associated with Tacoma Borden's time as an inmate in the Fort Bend County Jail, alleged discrimination against Tacoma Borden under the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA"), and loss of consortium allegedly suffered by Attalia Borden, Tacoma Borden's spouse. The Bordens contend that Tacoma Borden, who has epilepsy and suffers from severe seizures, received sub-standard medical care while she was an inmate at Fort Bend County Jail and was delayed or denied prescriptions that were needed for an obvious serious medical condition." [Borden et al v. Fort Bend County et al Southern District of Texas, txsd-4:2019-cv-00551 Complaint]

Plaintiff Said Defendants, Including Nehls, Were Deliberately Indifferent To Her Medical Needs And Failed To Train Employees Regarding Treatment Of Individuals With Preexisting Conditions. "The Bordens contend that the defendants [including Troy Nehls] were deliberately indifferent to Tacoma Borden's medical needs and that, as a result, she languished in pain and blood and urine soaked clothing for several days, and was forced to appear in court in this same clothing. The Bordens argue that the County has maintained policies and practices of prioritizing its profits by inadequately staffing the jail to handle medical emergencies. The Bordens assert that inmates in the Fort Bend County Jail are denied their prescribed medications, or experience significant delay, and the County refrains from transporting inmates to the hospital. The Bordens contend that the County does not provide training to its employees regarding treatment of individuals with preexisting medical conditions and routinely refuses to provide necessary medication. They also contend that the County's policies and failure to train and supervise caused Tacoma Borden to have to serve time for traffic violations consecutively instead of concurrently, which resulted in her having to spend two extra days in jail." [Borden et al v. Fort Bend County et al Southern District of Texas, txsd-4:2019-cv-00551 Complaint]

Plaintiffs Alleged Nehls, As Duly Elected Sheriff And Policymaker For Fort Bend County Jail, "Approved The Policies, Practices, And Customs At Issue In Their Complaint." "The Bordens allege that Nehls [...] knew Tacoma Borden was at serious risk of harm of having seizures if not allowed to take her medication and recklessly disregarded this risk. They contend that Nehls was the duly elected Sheriff of the County and a policymaker for the Fort Bend County Jail, and he approved the policies, practices, and customs at issue in their complaint." [Borden et al v. Fort Bend County et al Southern District of Texas, txsd-4:2019-cv-00551 Complaint]

Fort Bend County Defendants' Motion To Dismiss The Claims Against Nehls Was Denied. "While the Bordens assert that Nehls [...] [was policymaker], they do not seem to allege that Nehls [...] had final policymaking authority. However, they do make sufficient allegations of failure to train under the test set forth in *Goodman.* [...] Nehls [is] alleged to be [a supervisor] who did not adequately train jail personnel regarding individuals with preexisting medical conditions who needed medication, and, according to the amended complaint, these inadequately trained employees did not provide Tacoma Borden with her medication or with basic sanitary supplies, which caused her harm and led to unconstitutional conditions of confinement. [...] Accordingly, the FBC Defendants' motion to dismiss the claims against Nehls [...] is DENIED." [Borden et al v. Fort Bend County et al Southern District of Texas, txsd-4:2019-cv-00551 Complaint]



Fort Bend County Jail Had An "Atrocious Record" Of Preventing Jail Suicides

Fort Bend County Was On Official Notice For An "Atrocious Record" Of Preventing Jail Suicides; Nehls Was Sued By A Family Whose Son Committed Suicide While In Jail

Fort Bend County Was On Official Notice For An "Atrocious Record" Of Preventing Jail Suicides; Nehls Was Sued By A Family Whose Son Committed Suicide While In Jail. "Fort Bend County was already on official notice for what a lawyer called 'an atrocious record' of preventing jail suicides when Eugene Ethridge Jr. was found in November 2015 in his cell hanging from a bed sheet. Less than three weeks before Ethridge died, the Texas Commission on Jail Standards had warned the sheriff that the jail was at risk for being out of compliance with state law because it failed to check cells at regular intervals on the day in September 2015 when another inmate committed suicide, officials said. Now, Ethridge's father, Eugene Ethridge Sr., is suing in federal court on behalf of himself and his son's four minor children, contending the county, Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls and other officials associated with the jail are responsible for deliberate, unconstitutional acts that led to his son's wrongful death." [Houston Chronicle, 9/20/17]

Fort Bend County Jail Violated Minimum Jail Standards By Failing To Conduct Face-To-Face Inmate Checks Every Hour

Fort Bend County Jail Violated Texas' Minimum Jail Standards By Failing To Conduct Face-To-Face Inmate Checks Every Hour. "State regulators have found that two county jails are violating Texas' minimum jail standards after inmate suicides earlier this month. On Nov. 5, Texas Commission on Jail Standards officials sent a letter to authorities in Fort Bend County, following two deaths in custody since Sept. 30. 'You are hereby notified that the jail in your county fails to comply with minimum standards ... and that appropriate corrective measures must be initiated,' commission officials wrote Sheriff Troy Nehls. The commission found that Fort Bend County jailers were not completing face-to-face checks on inmates every hour, as required by law." [Houston Chronicle, 11/12/15]

Nehls Said It Would Be "Bad Judgment" To Allow In-Person Jail Visits Instead Of Video Visitation

Nehls Said It Would Be "Bad Judgment" To Allow In-Person Jail Visits Instead Of Video Visitation Due To High Costs. "It's good initiative but bad judgment,' agreed Fort Bend Sheriff Troy Nehls, who wrote a letter to lawmakers this month saying that requiring in-person jail visits would 'cause a significant negative financial impact to our county and the sheriff's office.' The Fort Bend jail moved exclusively to video visitation in 2009, and, according to Nehls' letter, shifting back to in-person visitation would cost the county about \$250,000 in renovations, as well as eight additional staff salaries. These are unnecessary expenses when the current video visitation program is working well, Nehls said." [Houston Chronicle, 3/29/15]

A Bill Introduced In The Texas State Senate Would Require In-Person Visits Be Available For Those In Prison And Their Visitors. "The Texas Commission on Jail Standards requires that those incarcerated in a Texas county jail be allowed two 20-minute visits a week. Mostly this happens in person, no contact. The inmate and guest may see each other through a glass divider. But an increasing number of jails are switching over to video visitation as a more efficient, less expensive alternative to in-person visits. More than two dozen of them have already implemented the technology. A bill introduced this session by Sen. John Whitmire, chairman of the Senate's Criminal Justice Committee, would put a stop to the trend." [Houston Chronicle, 3/29/15]

Nehls Was Caught In A Controversy Involving "F**K Trump And F**K Troy Nehls" Stickers



A Houston Resident Had A "F**K Trump" Sticker On Her Truck And Added A "F**K Troy Nehls" Sticker After He Threatened To Issue A Citation For Disorderly Conduct Over The Sticker

Houston Resident Had A "F**K Trump" Sticker On Her Truck And Added A "F**K Troy Nehls" Sticker After He Threatened To Issue A Citation For Disorderly Conduct Over The Sticker. "Karen Fonseca, 46, was spotted driving her pickup in Houston, Texas last week with a 'F**k Trump' sticker on the rear window. Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls had threatened to issue her a citation for disorderly conduct over the sticker The sheriff later backed down before Fonseca was arrested on Thursday on an outstanding fraud warrant from August. Following her release from prison, Fonseca posted a photo on Facebook on Sunday of a new message on her truck that says: 'F**k Troy Nehls'" [MailOnline, 11/20/17]

Nehls Was Accused Of Suppressing Free Speech With His Threats

Owner Of Truck Considered A Civil Rights Lawsuit Against The Sheriff's Office Over Alleged Free Speech Violations. "Karen Fonseca, the owner of a white truck at the center of a social media dispute with Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls, is considering a civil rights lawsuit against the sheriff's office. Fonseca's attorney, Brian Middleton, made the announcement during a press conference on Monday. Middleton added that the American Civil Liberties Union has also expressed interest in a possible lawsuit. 'We should not allow Sheriff Nehls to intimidate people into silence,' Middleton said." [Off The Kuff, 11/21/17]

Nehls Was Criticized And Called "Un-American" For Suppressing First Amendment. "This is exactly why [...] the public needs to reaffirm both its understanding of and respect for the First Amendment. As in the Vietnam War era, those in political power will appeal to national security to evade scrutiny, criticism and exposure. We live in interesting times. Too many people - from Trump to sheriffs to possibly your neighbor - believe it's legitimate to outlaw or suppress expression contrary to their own views. That's un-American, if anything is. You may find it offensive. You may find it personally insulting. But protected speech must remain protected, or the America we love will cease to be." [Record Searchlight, 12/2/17]

Nehls Defended His Condemnation And Said "Our Country Is At A Moral Decline" In Reference To Stickers

Nehls Said "Our County Is At A Moral Decline" In Reference To The Expletive Stickers. "'It's just a sad state of affairs. Our country is at a moral decline,' he lamented. Nehls added that the 46-year-old motorist is 'certainly receiving her 15 minutes of fame. I almost believe it's 15 minutes of shame.' Nehls had initially put out an appeal on Facebook to track down Fonseca. In his post, the sheriff said that a county prosecutor told him the anti-Trump decal could warrant a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct." [MailOnline, 11/21/17]

Nehls Defended His Condemnation, Saying He Worried That Profane Messages Might Incite

Confrontations. "At a news conference after his Facebook post appealing for information about the owner of the truck, Nehls said he supported freedom of speech but worried that profane messages could incite others and lead to confrontations that would disturb the peace he had pledged to keep. [...] Nehls had also been receiving hate messages toward his wife and children, according to the sheriff's office." [MailOnline, 11/21/17]

In His First Three Years As Sheriff, Nehls Saw A 35% Turnover Rate

Nehls Saw A High Turnover Rate Of Employees While He Was County Sheriff, Attributing It To The Fact That Many Were Making A Low Wage. "In Nehls' first three years, 268 employees left the department, more than half of whom were detention staffers, Cempa said. He attributed their departure to a lack of freedom of speech in the agency. (Nehls said he was not troubled by the turnover rate and noted that half of the people who work in detention are civilians making a low wage. He said his office has more than 750 positions.)" [Houston Chronicle, 2/20/16]



Turnover Of 268 Employees Amounted To Over 33% Of Office Staff. [Houston Chronicle, 2/20/16]

New England Patriots Player Elandon Roberts

Nehls Apologized To New England Patriots Player For Actions Of A Deputy Who Called Him A "Big, Black Male" And Mishandled A Traffic Stop But Defended His Reference To Race

Nehls Apologized To New England Patriots Player For Actions Of A Deputy Who Called Him A "Big, Black Male" And Mishandled A Traffic Stop But Defended His Reference To Race. "A Texas sheriff said Friday he has apologized to New England Patriots player Elandon Roberts for the actions of a deputy who referred to the linebacker's race and size during a March traffic stop but also defended the deputy's comment and the stop. [...] Watkins, who is white, ultimately was issued a verbal reprimand for how he conducted the stop, according to sheriff's Capt. Steve Holtz. [...] Watkins, in speaking to a colleague, referred to Roberts as a 'big, black male' but Nehls defended the reference to race, saying the deputy was simply offering a description of the driver. The sheriff didn't comment on why it was necessary for the deputy to invoke Roberts' race." [Associated Press International, 7/12/19]

Nehls Criticized Media Outlets That Turned The Encounter "Into A Racial Issue." "Nehls criticized USA Today for publishing an edited version of the stop that he believes was misleading. The sheriff also criticized those who turn the encounter 'into a racial issue.' 'I think there have been traffic stops and interactions between white and black that have caused some of the most horrible, civil unrest in this country,' Nehls said, adding that, 'We haven't experienced that in Fort Bend County.'" [Associated Press International, 7/12/19]

Residential Burglaries Dropped During Nehls' Time As Sheriff

Residential Burglaries Dropped During Nehls' Time As Sheriff. "In the five years since Sheriff Troy Nehls took the helm of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office, burglaries of residences have dropped by nearly half. In the first six months of 2017, FBCSO worked 407 cases of residential burglary, compared to 841 in the first six months of 2012, according to information from the sheriff's office. The solve rate also went up from four percent in 2012 to 20 percent in the first half of 2017. The decrease in the number of incidents comes even as Fort Bend County has exploded in population, growing from just over 650,000 people in 2013 to more than 741,000 in 2016, according to the Fort Bend Economic Development Council. Nehls believes the trend illustrates his delivery on his campaign promises to improve the sheriff's office's response to residential burglaries, explained Maj." [Houston Chronicle, 7/19/17]

Disinfectant Distribution Program

As Sheriff, Nehls Implemented A Program Giving Free Disinfectant To Residents Due To Coronavirus

As Sheriff, Nehls Implemented A Program Giving Free Disinfectant To Residents Due To Coronavirus. "With the shortage of cleaning supplies at local stores, disinfectant spray can be hard to come by. That is why the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office started giving it away. Many people showed up for free supplies." [Click 2 Houston, $\frac{4}{2}$

Nehls Said "Politics" Was Partially Responsible For The Disinfectant Program Ending, But Provided No Further Explanation

Nehls Said "Politics" Was Partially Responsible For The Disinfectant Program Ending. "However, Sheriff Troy Nehls said politics played a part in killing the program. The county handed out the last bottle of sanitizer Thursday morning. Rehim Monsia got there too late. 'At home, I don't have anything to clean, you know. I'm out,' he said. Fort Bend County spent about \$130,000, providing a bleach and water mixture free to residents. 'We've



served over 13,000 families through here in the last 12 days,' Nekkls said. 'The line again today was half a mile long.' But Sheriff Nehls, who initiated the program, said he believes the program's demise is more about politics than money. 'I do believe there's politics, but I think that the war here, the war is against the coronavirus, the war should not be against me,' Nehls said. 'We should be united together.''' [Click 2 Houston, 4/2/20]

Nehls Was Part Of An Initiative To Allow People Who Were Incarcerated In Fort Bend County To Have Access To Computer Tablets

Nehls Was Part Of An Initiative To Allow People Who Were Incarcerated At The County Jail To Have Access To Computer Tablets. "Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department officials are hoping to create a safer environment at the county jail by allowing inmates to use small computer tablets to order items from the commissary, read books, listen to podcasts, communicate with family members and take video classes. 'We have been a big proponent of using technology and customizable solutions in an effort to improve the culture and environment for which incarcerated individuals find themselves,' Sheriff Troy Nehls said in a press release. 'The safety and security of inmates and staff revolves around having a positive living and work environment. When inmates feel they have nothing positive in their lives, bad things tend to happen.' The new program was developed through a partnership with two of the county's vendors: Securus Technologies and Aramark, which provides food services to the jail." [Sugar Land Sun, 1/30/19]

Criminal Record

As of April 2020, Nehls had no record of criminal violations. [Nexis Criminal Records Report, accessed 4/15/20]

Judgments Or Liens

As of April 2020, Nehls had no record of judgments or liens. [Nexis Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens Report, accessed 4/15/20]

Bankruptcy Filings

As of April 2020, Nehls had no record of bankruptcies. [Nexis Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens Report, accessed 4/15/20]

Voter Registration & History

According to the Office of Elections Administration in Fort Bend County, Texas, Nehls' voting history is depicted below:

	Nehls Voting History								
		Muni							
	General	Primary	Runoff	Municipal	Special				
2019	Е			Е	Е				
2018	Е	R-E	R-E			E			
2017				Р					
2016	Е	R-E	R-E	Е		E			
2015				Р	Р				
2014	Р	R-E	R-P	Р	Р				
2013				Р		Р			
2012	Е	R-E	R-E	Р					



2011				Р		E
2010	Р	R-E	R-E	Р		
2009				Р		
2008	А	А				
2007					Р	
2006	Р	R-E	R-E			
2005						E
2004	Е					
2003					Р	Р
2002	Р	R-P	R-E			Р
2001						
2000						
1999				Р		
1998	Р	R-P	R-P			

[Fort Bend County Office of Elections Administration, FOIA request, received 6/16/20]

Nehls' First Recorded Voter Registration Was In 2001. According to the Fort Bend County Office of Elections Administration, the first record of Nehls registering to vote was in 2001. [Fort Bend County Office of Elections Administration, FOIA request, received 6/16/20]

Nehls' Most Recent Voter Registration Was In 2003 At A Different Address Than His Current Residence. [Fort Bend County Office of Elections Administration, FOIA request, received 6/16/20; Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 4/21/20]



Personal Finance

In 2019, Nehls had an estimated net worth of between \$59,018 and \$400,000.

According to Nehls' federal personal financial disclosures, his 2019 annual unearned income was between \$7 and \$1,400. Nehls also earned \$138,000 in salary from Fort Bend County. Nehls' assets totaled between \$74,018 and \$410,000. Nehls had between \$10,000 and \$15,000 in liabilities.

NOTE: For detailed descriptions of Nehls' personal financial disclosures by year, see Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures.

Nehls' Federal Personal Financial Disclosure Summary

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Nehls PFD Toplines							
Year	Earned	Asset	Value	Unearne	d Income	Liabilities	
	Income	MIN	MIN MAX		MAX	MIN	MAX
2019	\$11,500*	\$74,018	\$410,000	\$7	\$1,400	\$10,000	\$15,000
2018	\$138,000	Unknown	Unknown	\$207	\$2,200	Unknown	Unknown

[Nehls 2019 Candidate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 1/31/20]

NOTE: Nehls may have misunderstood the PFD instructions. "Amount 2019" should have included income from between January 1st and December 31st, 2019. \$11,500 was 1/12th of \$138,000, signifying he may have believed he was intended to report income from between January 1st and January 31st, 2020, when he filed his Candidate PFD. Further research necessary.

Taxpayer Funded Salaries

2015 – 2019 Nehls Earned Over \$4.2 Million In Salary As Fort Bend County Sheriff

Over five years of available records, Nehls earned a total of \$4,274,600 in taxpayer-funded salary.

Year	Congressional Salary
2019	\$138,000.00
2018	\$137,095.50
2017	\$132,626.70
2016	\$128,302.98
2015	\$122,401.90
2014 and prior	Not available
TOTAL	\$4,274,600

[OpenPayrolls, accessed 4/15/20; Nehls 2019 Candidate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 1/31/20]

NOTE: Further research needed on complete history of Nehls' taxpayer-funded salary as a patrol officer, military member, constable, and sheriff. Above numbers do not show the total salary Nehls has earned from taxpayer dollars.

NOTE: Further research needed on Nehls' military pension and/or retirement benefits.



Political Career

This section provides an overview of Nehls' political career, from 2004 to 2020.

- ✓ *Nehls created an exploratory committee for Congress in July 2019.*
 - ✓ Nehls waited to enter the race for TX-22's Republican nomination until he could announce without triggering Texas' "Resign-To-Run" rule.
- ✓ *Nehls won every election he entered.*
 - ✓ Nehls was elected Constable of Fort Bend County's 4th Precinct in 2004 and 2008.
 - ✓ Nehls was elected Fort Bend Sheriff in 2012 and 2016.
 - ✓ Nehls received the most votes in the Republican primary for TX-22 in 2020 but did not receive enough votes to avoid a run-off election.
- ✓ Nehls contributed a total of \$2,000 to federal political causes and \$8,730 to state political causes.

Campaigns

Election History

Year	Office	Election	Candidates	Results	Nehls Margin
		Primary	Troy Nehls (R)	40.45%	
			Kathaleen Wall (R)	19.42%	
			Pierce Bush (R)	15.43%	
			Greg Hill (R)	14.10%	
			Jon Camarillo (R)	0.98%	
			Douglas Haggard (R)	0.54%	
			Aaron Hermes (R)	0.13%	
2020	2020 U.S. House (TX-22)		Matt Hinton (R)	0.37%	+21.03%
			Dan Matthews (R)	2.96%	
			Diana Miller (R)	1.05%	-
			Brandon T. Penko (R)	0.13%	
			Shannon Phan (R)	1.06%	
			Bangar Reddy (R)	1.56%	
			Howard Steele (R)	0.39%	
			Joe Walz (R)	1.42%	
		General	Troy Nehls (R)	52.04%	4 0.00/
2016	Fort Bend County		Michael V. Ellison (D)	47.96%	+4.08%
2010	Sheriff		Troy Nehls (R)	77.85%	+55.7%
			Frank Cempa (R)	22.15%	+33.1%
2012	Fort Bend County	General	Troy Nehls (R)	54.56%	+9.12%
2012	Sheriff		Michael Ellison (D)	45.44%	+9.12%



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		Primary	Troy Nehls (R)	54.80%	
			Kenneth Craig Brady (R)	33.20%	121.60/
			Billy Frank Teague (R)	6.90%	+21.6%
			John Minchew (R)	3.39%	
2008	Constable (Fort Bend	General	Troy Nehls (R)	100.00%	N/A
2008	County 4th Precinct)	Primary	Troy Nehls (R)	100.00%	N/A
		General	Troy Nehls (R)	100.00%	N/A
		Runoff	Troy Nehls (R)	59.37%	10 7/0/
2004	Constable (Fort Bend		S.H. "Hal" Werlein (R)	40.63%	+18.74%
2004	County 4 th Precinct)	Primary	Troy Nehls (R)	47.23%	+5.42%
			S.H. "Hal" Werlein (R)	41.81%	
			Mike Garza, Jr. (R)	10.96%	

[Fort Bend County Election Results, accessed <u>4/14/20</u>; <u>4/14/20</u>;

2020 Campaign

July 2019: Nehls Spurred Speculation Of A Congressional Run When He Announced He Would Not Seek A Third Term As Sheriff

July 2019: Nehls Announced He Would Not Seek A Third Term As Fort Bend County Sheriff. "Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls announced Wednesday that he would not seek a third term in 2020. 'My work in law enforcement, it's been an honor and a privilege,' said Nehls. 'I've done it (law enforcement) for almost 25 years. I think it's time for me to do something else.'" [Off The Kuff, 7/13/19]

Nehls' Decision Prompted Speculation That He Would Run For Congress. "News of Nehls' decision prompted immediate speculation that he might run for Congress, a possibility he did not confirm or deny in an interview. Nehls said he announced his decision not to seek re-election now to provide time for others who may want to run for sheriff. 'I will again revisit that over the next four, five months,' Nehls said about a possible Congress run. 'We'll just wait to see what happens.'" [Off The Kuff, 7/13/19]

Nehls Created A Website Asking Readers If They Wanted Him To Run For Congress

July 2019: Nehls Created A Website Asking Readers If They Wanted Him To Run For Congress. "Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls, a Republican who said he's not seeking re-election, has a website asking readers if they want him to run for Congress. Visit <u>https://nehlsexploratory2018.com</u> for details." [Houston Chronicles, 7/24/19]

NOTE: Archived version of website is available. It appears as a page with the question "Should I run for Congress?" and options to submit a name and email address.

December 2019: Nehls Entered The Race In TX-22

December 2019: Nehls Entered The Race In TX-22, Citing Border Security And Draining The Swamp As Campaign Themes. "On Saturday, Dec. 7, Nehls announced his bid for the District 22 seat currently held by sixterm Republican Pete Olson, who previously announced he was foregoing another election to the spot he has held since 2009. Monday, Dec. 9, is the filing day deadline for candidates seeking a spot on the March 2020 primary ballot. 'Washington is broken,' Nehls said in a news release following his announcement. 'Our federal government has failed to secure our border for decades, under both Republican and Democrat leadership. This issue affects us right here at home. I'm tired of having to tell victims of crime that the criminal wasn't even supposed to be here in the first place. We finally have a President with the backbone to get it done and now all Democrats want to do is



impeach him and distract from his booming economy. I'm running for Congress to help President Trump secure the border, cut our out-of-control \$23 trillion debt, and drain the swamp." [Fort Bend Sun, 12/8/19]

Nehls Allegedly Raised More Than \$100,000 For His Congressional Run While Receiving A Taxpayer-Funded Salary

Nehls Allegedly Raised More Than \$100,000 For A Potential Congressional Run While Receiving A Taxpayer-Funded Salary. "[County Judge KP] George said his office had received numerous complaints from constituents about the committee and a recent announcement that Nehls had raised more than \$100,000 for a potential congressional run. Buck Wood, an attorney who has practiced Texas election law for over 50 years, said Nehls would trigger the law if he has directly solicited money for his exploratory committee by telling donors he was running for Congress. 'If he's soliciting money from any number of people and telling them he's running, he's gone,''' [Houston Chronicle, 10/9/19]

Nehls Waited To Enter The Congressional Race Until He Could Announce Without Triggering Texas' Resign-To-Run Rule

Nehls Waited To Enter The Race Until He Could Announce Without Triggering Texas' Resign-To-Run Rule. "Nehls' announcement was widely expected. After deciding not to seek a third term as sheriff, he launched an exploratory committee and was believed to be waiting to enter the race until early December, when he could announce without triggering Texas' resign-to-run rule. Under the law, officials who announce for another seat with more than a year and 30 days left in their term automatically resign from the office. By announcing Saturday, Nehls can stay sheriff." [Houston Chronicle, 12/9/19]

Nehls Was Criticized For Circumventing The Texas "Resign-To-Run" Law. "Nehls' decision to run for Congressional District 22 in Fort Bend County has been an open secret for weeks. He's hidden his intentions behind an 'exploratory committee' in order to undermine the Texas resign-to-run law, which was enacted to keep taxpayers from having to cover the salaries of local officials while they run for another office. Nehls has waited until the end of the filing period to declare for Congress so that he can continue drawing his six-figure sheriff's salary. Nehls will be shirking his duties as County Sheriff while Fort Bend County citizens pay him to run for Congress." [Lone Star Project, 12/6/19]

A Critic Of Nehls Said He Would Use "Greedy Washington-Style Tricks" To "Rip You Off For A Year's Salary" In Response To His Circumventing Of The "Resign-To-Run" Law

A Critic Painted A Picture Of Nehls Using "Greedy Washington-Style Tricks" To "Rip You Off For A Year's Salary." "Fort Bend Republican Troy Nehls wants to be in Congress badly, but he won't have to get there to learn greedy Washington-style tricks - he already knows them. [...] Statement from Lone Star Project Director Matt Angle 'If Troy Nehls will rip you off for a year's salary now, he'll sell you out to Washington special interest lobbyists for way less. It's a sneaky way for Nehls to start his campaign, and it's a clear signal to CD22 voters that Troy Nehls can't be trusted." [Lone Star Project, 12/6/19]

Nehls Accused Commissioners Of Engaging In A "Witch Hunt" To Remove Him From Office

Nehls Accused Commissioners Of Engaging In A "Dem-Led Witch Hunt." "Nehls wrote in a Twitter message that the commissioners intended to discuss his removal and possible replacement. Nehls, a Republican, described these purported plans as a 'Dem-led witch hunt,' referring to County Judge KP George and other Democrats on the court." [Houston Chronicle, 10/9/19]

After Nehls Accused County Commissioners Of Trying To Remove Him From Office, The County Attorney Reportedly Said He Had Not Triggered The Resign-To-Run Law. "Hours after Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls accused county commissioners of trying to oust him, the county attorney reportedly advised commissioners



Tuesday that Nehls had not triggered the state's 'resign-to-run' law in forming an exploratory committee for a possible congressional campaign." [Houston Chronicle, 10/9/19]

March 2020: An Internal Poll Showed Nehls Leading Wall 61-28

March 11, 2020: Internal Poll Showed Nehls Leading Wall 61-28. "An internal poll (March 7-8, 507 GOP LVs, +/- 4.4%) from Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls' (R) campaign showed him leading 2018 TX-02 candidate Kathaleen Wall (R) 61%-28%. The candidates will face off in the May 26 GOP runoff for retiring Rep. Pete Olson s (R) seat. Nehls finished first in the 15-candidate primary with 41% of the vote to Wall s 19%. The winner of the runoff will face 2018 candidate Sri Preston Kulkarni (D) in the general election." [Hotline, 3/11/20]

March 2020: NRCC Added Nehls To Their "Young Guns" Program

March 2020: NRCC Added Nehls To Their "Young Guns" Program, Allowing Access To Fundraising And Campaign Support. "We're excited to add these hardworking candidates to our Young Guns program,' said House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy. 'The Democrats have embraced a socialist agenda that's sorely out of touch with the American people. These candidates will hold their Democratic opponents accountable and bring Republicans one step closer to reclaiming the majority.' The Young Guns program requires candidates to work towards specific goals and meet benchmarks throughout the election cycle to ensure their campaigns remain competitive, well-funded and communicative within their districts. [...] Troy Nehls, TX-22." [Targeted News Service, 3/11/20]

Republican Primary Runoff Was Delayed Until July Due To Coronavirus Concerns

Republican Primary Runoff Was Moved From May To July Due To Coronavirus Concern. "She and Nehls will face one another in the July 14 runoff, which Gov. Greg Abbott moved from late May due to coronavirus concerns" [Texas Tribune, 4/3/20]

Nehls Beat Pierce Bush, The First Bush To Lose An Election In Texas In Over Four Decades

Nehls Beat Pierce Bush, Grandson Of President George Bush Sr., Who Was The First Bush To Lose An Election In Texas In Over Four Decades. "The grandson of late President George Bush Sr has failed in his bid to win a congressional seat in Texas - despite help on the campaign trail from sister Lauren. Pierce Bush, 34, looked set to finish third or fourth out of 15 Republican candidates in the running for Houston's 22nd congressional district on Tuesday. It marks the first time a member of the Bush family has lost an election in Texas in more than four decades. Bush was beaten by staunch Trump defenders Troy Nehls and Kathaleen Wall, who will now advance to a runoff, in a sign of shifting loyalties among GOP ranks." [Mail Online, 3/4/20]

Hillary Clinton Carried Fort Bend County By Almost Seven Points In 2016

Clinton Carried Fort Bend County By Almost Seven Points In 2016. "Fort Bend County had a big Democratic breakthrough in 2018 (though the gains weren't fully realized, as some Republican incumbents were not challenged), but you could have seen it coming in 2016, when Hillary Clinton carried the county by almost seven points over Donald Trump." [Off The Kuff, 1/11/20]

Fort Bend County Voters Make Up 70% Of TX-22

Fort Bend County Voters Make Up 70% Of TX-22. "According to [Houston Public Media, via Nehls], who is running on a platform on cracking down on illegal immigration, Fort Bend [County] voters make up 70% of Texas' 22nd district." [Business Insider, 3/3/20]



Nehls Mentioned Immigration, Building A Wall, Protecting The Second Amendment, And Cutting Spending As Campaign Goals

Nehls Mentioned Immigration, Building A Wall, Protecting The Second Amendment, And Cutting Spending As Campaign Goals. "In his eight years as Fort Bend County Sheriff, Nehls said he has managed 826 staff members and a \$79 million budget for Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office. He said he's also cooperated with ICE officials in locking up and deporting over 2,500 criminal illegal immigrants as sheriff. Nehls said he will support Trump in building a border wall if elected. He said he also plans to protect the second amendment while focusing on the national debt and cutting spending." [Click 2 Houston, 2/27/20]

Kathaleen Wall Criticized Nehls' History With Immigration Policy In A Campaign Ad

Nehls Said He Was Disappointed In Kathaleen Wall Because She "Ran A Dirty Campaign" And "Told Lies" About Nehls' History With Immigration Policy. "With one exception, Nehls praised his opponents as strong candidates who worked hard. 'Pierce Bush and Greg Hill and everyone in the race should be proud. They never stooped to dirty politics and campaigned honestly to the end,' he said. However, Nehls said he was disappointed in Kathaleen Wall, whom he accused of spreading misinformation in campaign commercials targeting him as supportive of sanctuary cities and not supporting President Donald Trump's immigration policies. 'She should be ashamed or herself,' Nehls said. 'She ran a dirty campaign and told lies about me trying to win the nomination. Anyone who knows my service as sheriff knows I've worked to take over 2,500 criminal aliens off the streets and worked with federal officials to process them for deportation.'" [Houston Chronicle, 3/14/20]

Nehls Seemed Concerned About Kulkarni's Success In 2018 But Insisted He Would Beat Kulkarni "By Double Digits" In November

Nehls Expressed Concern Over Mr. Kulkarni's Success In 2018 But Said He Would Beat Kulkarni "By Double Digits" In November. [31:59] "And what happened two years ago, is this Mr. Kulkarni fella got within 5 percentage points. So now what do we have? The Democrats are focused on this race, and they're working very, very hard. I am the only candidate in this race that has electability and proven results in this county, 4 times. I've been very successful in primaries and certainly successful in general elections. Mr. Kulkarni does not want to deal with me in November because I'll beat him by double digits." [Greater Katy Area Candidate Forum, 1/16/20]

Nehls Said His Positive Relationships With Fort Bend Residents And His Knowledge Of The Location Of The Local Islamic Center Made Him "The Biggest Threat To Sri Kulkarni"

Nehls Said His Positive Relationships With Fort Bend Residents And His Knowledge Of The Location of The Islamic Center Made Him "The Biggest Threat To Sri Kulkarni." [1:01:51] I feel certain I'm the only one in this group here that knows where the [...] Islamic center is [...] because it's my responsibility to know them [...] I have built relationships with them [...] As the sheriff of Fort Bend County, I have to be the sheriff for all the people and what the problem that the Democrats have with that is they know I have built relationships with the people, and that's why they're so afraid of me in November. They do not want to see me get through this primary, because they understand folks, they understand I am the biggest threat to Sri Kulkarni. [Greater Katy Area Candidate Forum, 1/16/20]

Nehls Said The Greatest Threats Facing Americans Were Nancy Pelosi And Mental Illness

In Response To A Question About The Greatest Threats Facing American People, Nehls Said Nancy Pelosi And Mental Illness. [1:06:00] "I think it's Nancy Pelosi and several of the Democrats [...] and mental illness [...] I am telling you, mental illness, in my humble opinion, is one of the greatest threats to the American people. We have to do better." [Greater Katy Area Candidate Forum, 1/16/20]



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June 2020: Nehls Was Endorsed By The U.S. Chamber Of Commerce. "Today, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce announced its endorsement of Fort Bend Sheriff Troy Nehls to represent Texas' Twenty-Second Congressional District. The U.S. Chamber is proud to endorse Sheriff Nehls, in efforts to promote free enterprise and job-creating policies for businesses across all regions and sectors." [US Chamber of Commerce Press Release, 6/15/20]

Nehls' Twin Brother Trever Announced He Would Run To Replace Troy As Fort Bend County Sheriff

Trever Nehls, Brother Of Troy, Announced He Would Run To Replace Troy Nehls As Fort Bend County Sheriff. "Shortly before Nehls took the stage, the wife of his twin brother Trever Nehls - a colonel in the Army Reserves who is currently deployed to the Middle East - announced Trever was running for Fort Bend County sheriff. Trever Nehls already had announced he was not running for re-election as a county constable." [Houston Chronicle, 12/9/19]

2018 Congressional Election

Nehls Set Up An Exploratory Committee In 2017 To Consider Challenging Rep. Pete Olson But Decided Against It

Nehls Set Up An Exploratory Committee In 2017 To Consider Challenging Rep. Pete Olson But Decided Against It. "Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls won't challenge Rep. Pete Olson (R) in 2018. 'If he were to run for Congress, he would have to quit his job as sheriff, leaving his family with no income for about a year. Nehls did set up an exploratory committee to look into the possibility of running, but made the decision against it.'" [The Hotline, 12/12/17]

2016 Sheriff Election

2015: Nehls Said He Was "Without Question" Running For Re-Election For County Sheriff

2015: Nehls Said He Was "Without Question" Running For Re-Election For County Sheriff. "Sheriff Troy Nehls, who took office in 2012, said he is 'without question' running for re-election in 2016." [Houston Chronicle, 3/5/15]

2012 Sheriff Election

Nehls First Ran For County Sheriff In 2012 After Serving Two Terms As Precinct 4 Constable

Nehls First Ran For County Sheriff In 2012 After Serving Two Terms As Precinct 4 Constable. "Katy-area voters also can choose among four men seeking the Republican nomination for county sheriff. They are Kenneth Craig Brady, John Minchew, Troy E. Nehls and Billy Frank Teague. Nehls has served two terms as precinct 4 constable and has 19 years' law enforcement experience." [Houston Chronicle, 3/15/12]

Nehls Pointed To Poor Crime Solve Rate As A Reason For His Run

Nehls Pointed To Poor Crime Solve Rate As A Reason For His Run. "Nehls said the sheriff's office's Uniformed Crime Reports to the FBI show that in past 10 years, only 4 percent of burglaries, 5 percent of thefts, 19 percent of robberies and 33 percent of its sexual assault cases have been solved. 'When I saw that, I said to myself, 'Why is it like this?' That's not leadership; that's poor management,' Nehls recalled. 'There's no fuzzy math here. I'm simply reporting what the sheriff's office has reported for the past 10 years. 'The plan is to take some of the 60-



plus detectives we have at the sheriff's office and move them to an evening shift, which will improve the crimesolve rate and reduce overtime spending,' he said. 'We won't have to page out a detective after 5 p.m.; we'll have one on duty.'" [Houston Chronicle, 3/15/12]

Nehls Said He Was Running For Sheriff Because Of The "Dismal Crime-Solve Rate" And "Irresponsible Overtime Spending." "Nehls, 44, a Republican, is a decorated retired major with the U.S. Army Reserve who said the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office's more than \$3.1 million in overtime pay over the past three years must be shot down. 'The reason I chose to run for sheriff is, when I analyzed the current operation of the sheriff's office, what I discovered - and/or maybe uncovered - upset me, and that is, specifically: the dismal crime-solve rate and, of course, irresponsible overtime spending,' he said." [Houston Chronicle, 10/25/12]

Nehls Said He Would Fire Himself If He Didn't Improve The Crime-Solve Rate In Residential Burglaries In His First Term. "I have looked at the issues at the sheriff's office and I have workable solution. If I don't improve the crime-solve rate in residential burglaries in my first term I will fire myself. If I'm not up to the task, we need a new sheriff; we need someone who can do it." [Houston Chronicle, 3/15/12]

Nehls Said He Was "Law Enforcements' Choice" For Sheriff

Nehls Said He Was "Law Enforcement's Choice" For Sheriff In His 2012 Campaign. "Nehls said he has received the endorsement of several law enforcement agencies and Fort Bend County District Attorney John Healey. 'I'm law enforcement's choice and that means a great deal to me because if anybody would have an understanding of who should lead the sheriff's office, it's them; and they have overwhelming selected me. I am honored,' Nehls said." [Houston Chronicle, 3/15/12]

As Sheriff, Nehls Enacted Changes To The Vehicle Take-Home Policy That Resulted In 45 Personnel Members Turning In Their Cars

As Sheriff, Nehls Enacted Changes To The Vehicle Take-Home Policy, Resulting In 45 Personnel Members Turning In Their Cars. "On March 1, Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls enacted changes to the vehicle takehome policy for the sheriff's office, which resulted in 45 sheriff's office personnel turning in those cars. 'When we took office we looked at the number of vehicles the sheriff's office had in its possession, and looked at all the personnel authorized a take-home vehicle,' Nehls said. 'We felt that some of them could not be justified.' […] 'I just could not justify a take-home car for those individuals who will never ever respond to a 9-1-1 call for help,' Nehls said. 'My policy on take-home vehicles is that they are there as an aid to provide a service to the taxpayers of Fort Bend County, not a benefit for any particular employee.'" [Houston Chronicle, 5/30/13]

2008 Constable Election

2008: Nehls Ran Unopposed In The Primary And General Elections For Fort Bend County Precinct 4 Constable. [Fort Bend County Election Results, accessed <u>4/14/20</u>; <u>4/14/20</u>]

2004 Constable Election

Nehls Ran For His First Election As Fort Bend County Precinct 4 Constable In 2004

2004: Nehls Ran For Fort Bend County's Precinct 4 Constable. "After completing his tour as an Army reservist in northern Iraq, Troy Nehls is back home in Sugar Land and ready to become Fort Bend County's new Precinct 4 constable. Nehls, 36, defeated four-term incumbent Constable S.H. 'Hal' Werlein in the April 13 Republican runoff, and is unopposed in the Nov. 2 general election. The Army Reserve captain said that during his nine-month tour in Iraq, he worked with a team of coalition soldiers to improve economic conditions in the oil-rich city of Kirkuk, which has an unemployment rate of about 50 percent. Nehls said he's ready to take on a new role as constable on Jan. 1 and lead a staff of 14 deputies and two secretaries at the Precinct 4 office at 12919 Dairy



Ashford in Sugar Land. His first order of business, Nehls said, is 'to bring this department together and explain to them that I'm not here to change a lot of things, but to work together with the deputies to promote the Precinct 4 constable's office." [Houston Chronicle, 10/28/04]

Nehls' Eligibility To Run Was Questioned Due To His Active Military Status But Military Authorities Provided A Letter Granting Him Permission, Shutting Down Questions

Nehls' Eligibility To Run For Constable Was Questioned Due To His Active Military Status But Military Authorities Provided A Letter Granting Him Permission. "U.S. Army Reserve Capt. Troy Nehls, whose eligibility for public office in Fort Bend County was challenged by the county's Republican Party chairman, will be in the Precinct 4 Constable race. Nehls provided to a state district court a letter from military authorities granting him special permission to run for the post. [...] Staff Party chairman Eric Thode questioned Nehls' eligibility two weeks ago when he first learned of a federal law that prevents those on active military duty from running for office unless military authorities grant an exemption." [Houston Chronicle, 1/21/04]

Personal Political Donations

Federal Political Contributions

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Date	Name	Occupation	Committee Name	Contribution		
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12/18/13	Troy Nehls	Fort Bend County	County Federal Committee	\$2,000.000		
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State Political Contributions

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Nehls State Contributions						
Date	Contributor Name	Occupation	Filer Name	Contribution		
2/24/17	Troy Nehls	Sheriff	Republican Party of Fort Bend County (CEC)	\$800.00		
10/30/13	Troy Nehls	Sheriff	West Fort Bend Co. Republican Women	\$125.00		
1/26/06	Troy Nehls	Unknown	Kenneth W. Bryant	\$150.00		
3/23/06	Troy Nehls	Unkown	Linda Howell	\$250.00		
10/27/16	Troy Nehls	Sheriff	Houston 80-20 PAC	\$500.00		
7/24/06	Troy Nehls	Police Officer	Texas Municipal Police Assn PAC	\$20.00		
2/28/11	Troy Nehls	Constable	Spirit of Freedom Republican Women	\$450.00		



10/23/09	Troy Nehls	Constable	Spirit of Freedom Republican Women	\$750.00
9/16/13	Troy Nehls	Sheriff	Spirit of Freedom Republican Women	\$750.00
10/29/07	Troy Nehls	Constable	Spirit of Freedom Republican Women	\$350.00
1/1/04	Troy Nehls	Police Officer	Republican Party of Fort Bend County (CEC)	\$25.00
2/8/07	Troy Nehls	Constable	Republican Party of Fort Bend County (CEC)	\$950.00
7/1/03	Troy Nehls	Unkown	Republican Party of Fort Bend County (CEC)	\$210.00
2/27/09	Troy Nehls	Constable	Republican Party of Fort Bend County (CEC)	\$1,250.00
2/27/09	Troy Nehls	Constable	Republican Party of Fort Bend County (CEC)	\$1,200.00
7/26/05	Troy Nehls	Unkown	Republican Party of Fort Bend County (CEC)	\$125.00
10/30/12	Troy Nehls	Law enforcement	Houston 80-20 PAC	\$500.00
8/2/02	Troy Nehls	Unkown	Texans for Greg Abbott	\$25.00
3/1/11	Troy Nehls	Constable	Texas Federation of Republican Women PAC	\$50.00
12/19/11	Troy Nehls	Constable	Fort Bend Republican Women's Club PAC	\$20.00
12/20/10	Troy Nehls	Constable	Fort Bend Republican Women's Club PAC	\$20.00
10/23/09	Troy Nehls	Constable	Fort Bend Republican Women's Club PAC	\$70.00
9/6/02	Troy & Dora Nehls	Unknown	Lester Phipps	\$140.00
			TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$8,730.00

[Texas Ethics Commission Campaign Finance Reports Advanced Search, accessed 4/14/20]

NOTE: PDF of this contribution list is saved in DCCC research drive.



Donald Trump

Significant Findings

- ✓ Nehls expressed unwavering support for President Trump.
- ✓ Nehls repeatedly posted pictures associating himself with Trump and asked voters to "send President Trump an ally."
- ✓ *Nehls called impeachment a "sham" and pointed to low unemployment and a successful stock market under Trump.*
- ✓ Nehls condemned Swastika graffiti associated with Trump but was still loyal to him, saying he has "delivered on his promises like no president in history."
- ✓ President Trump did not endorse a candidate in the TX-22 primary or runoff elections.

Loyalty To Trump

Nehls Expressed Support For Trump

2019: Nehls Expressed "Unwavering Support" For Trump In His Campaign Kickoff Speech

Nehls Expressed "Unwavering Support" For Trump In His Campaign Kickoff Speech. "In his campaign kickoff speech, Nehls expressed unwavering support for Trump, saying he backs the president's 'position on illegal immigration.' He also credited Trump for a recent strong national jobs report and the robust status of the stock market. 'I want to help support him and drive home his agenda,' Nehls said. 'And the only thing you see the Democrats talking about today is impeachment. It's nothing more than a distraction. But I'm telling you, it's going to work against them.'" [Houston Chronicle, 12/9/19]

Nehls Said Trump "Has Delivered On His Promises Like No President In History"

Nehls Said Trump "Has Delivered On His Promises Like No President In History." "President Trump has delivered on his promises like no president in history. He promised conservative justices and we now have Justices Gorsuch and Kavanaugh. He promised to secure the border and thousands of new miles of border wall are under construction. He promised a record economy and we're experiencing records in unemployment for every demographic. He promised to drain the swamp and the deep state has launched witch hunts to stop him. The President needs allies in Congress with experience putting government officials in their place and standing up to special interests. That's what I've done for eight years as Sheriff and what I'll continue to do in the swamp. I'll stand with President Trump to build the wall, deliver his America First agenda, drain the swamp, and Keep America Great!" [Nehls For Congress, accessed <u>4/16/20</u>]

Nehls Repeatedly Posted Pictures Associating Himself With Trump, Asking For Voters To "Send President Trump An Ally"

Nehls Posted A Photo With The Words "I Will Stand With President Trump To Build The Wall" And Photos Of Him And Trump. [Sheriff Troy Nehls Twitter Page, 2/9/20]





As Sheriff, I've seen case after case of illegal aliens we've deported making it back and committing crimes against Americans. Enough is enough. In Congress, I will stand with President @realDonaldTrump to BUILD THE WALL!

Visit nehlsforcongress.com/issues to learn more.



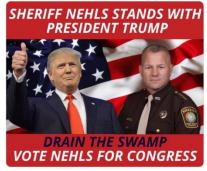
2:45 PM - Feb 9, 2020 - Twitter for iPhone [Sheriff Troy Nehls Twitter Page, <u>2/9/20</u>]

Nehls Posted A Photo Saying "DRAIN THE SWAMP: VOTE NEHLS FOR CONGRESS" With Him Alongside Trump. [Sheriff Troy Nehls Twitter Page, 2/21/20]



with him to DRAIN THE SWAMP. Early voting is happening now.

Find your early voting locations: Brazoria County - bit.ly/2SBaloJ Fort Bend County - bit.ly/37FS11L Harris County - bit.ly/2UZiR2h



200 PM · Feb 21, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone [Sheriff Troy Nehls Twitter Page, 2/21/20]

Nehls Tweeted "Send President @realDonaldTrump An Ally. Vote Nehls For Congress." With A Photo Of Him And A Trump Cut-Out. [Sheriff Troy Nehls Twitter Page, 2/18/20]



Sheriff Troy Nehls @SheriffTNehls ~

It's a great day to KEEP AMERICA GREAT! Get out to vote and make your voice heard. Send President @realDonaldTrump an ally. Vote Nehls for Congress.



1:42 PM · Feb 18, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone [Sheriff Troy Nehls Twitter Page, 2/18/20]

Nehls Called Impeachment A "Sham"

Nehls Called Impeachment A "Sham" And A Distractor, Celebrating Low Employment And Stock Market Under Trump

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Market. [2:00] "The impeachment is nothing but a sham, I think it's nothing but a distractor. If you look at President Trump, and what he's been able to do for this country, you look at the employment numbers yesterday, you look at unemployment being low, the stock market it seems every other week there's a record high. They don't want to talk about those issues, they just focus on impeachment." [Troy Nehls Interview, Fox and Friends, 12/7/19]

Nehls Tried To Distance Himself From Trump In Relation To Racist Swastika Graffiti

Nehls Condemned Swastika Graffiti Associated With Trump

Nehls Condemned Swastika Graffiti Associated With Trump. "Swastikas have been painted in areas of Sienna Plantation and Crime Stoppers is looking to put a stop to it. Fort Bend County Crime Stoppers has announced it will pay a cash reward for information that leads to the arrest of the perpetrator(s) in multiple criminal mischief cases in Sienna Plantation Neighborhood. 'A swastika will always be a symbol representing hatred,' said Sheriff Troy E. Nehls in a news release. 'This kind of childish behavior will not be tolerated.' 'What the person or persons responsible for this vandalism may not realize is that when we find them, they will be put in jail and could be charged a hefty fine on top of that. Can they say it is worth it then?' On Jan. 29, someone placed a 'Trump' sign on the victim's wooded fence with a swastika symbol spray painted on it. There was also additional spray painting on the victim's wooded fence." [Houston Chronicle, 2/8/17]

Trump Did Not Take Sides In The TX-22 Elections



Trump Did Not Endorse A Candidate In The TX-22 Republican Primary Or Runoff

As Of April 2020, Trump Had Not Endorsed A Candidate In TX-22. "It was also notable that Trump stayed out of some primaries, namely in the 22nd District, where Rep. Pete Olson, R-Sugar Land, is retiring. In that primary, Pierce Bush, the grandson of the late former President George H.W. Bush, failed to qualify for the runoff, which now pits Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls against self-funding GOP activist-donor Kathaleen Wall." [Fort Worth Business Press, 3/8/20]



Issues



Abortion & Women's Health Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ Nehls was anti-choice, calling abortion "murder" and citing a bible verse in a statement about abortion.
- ✓ Nehls said he would fight to defund Planned Parenthood.
- ✓ *Nehls said he would support appointing conservative, pro-life justices to the Supreme Court.*

Abortion

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Nehls Called Abortion "Abhorrent" Murder And Cited Bible Verse In Statement About Abortion

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Parenthood. "The vast majority of federal money that Planned Parenthood does receive goes toward preventive health care, birth control, pregnancy tests and other women's health services. [...] If extreme politicians shut down Planned Parenthood, 2.4 million patients would lose access to care." [CNN, 8/1/17; Planned Parenthood, accessed <u>6/18/20</u>]



Budget Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Nehls expressed concern over the national debt and promised to make aggressive budget cuts.*
- ✓ *Nehls criticized other conservatives for making empty promises about balancing the federal budget, implying he would be an exception.*

National Debt

Nehls Expressed Concern Over National Debt

Nehls Expressed Concern Over National Debt And Promised To Make Aggressive Cuts To Budget

Nehls Expressed Concern Over The "Irresponsible And Downright Criminal Negligence Of Congress" In Regard To National Debt. "The federal government continues to kick the can down the road on our national debt. We're now over \$23 trillion in debt and growing everyday. Foreign governments own trillions of dollars of our debt. This is not only a fiscal crisis but a national security one as well. We're selling out our children's future. As the father of three daughters and your next Congressman, I will not tolerate the irresponsible and downright criminal negligence of Congress when it comes to spending. Enough with politics as usual. Enough with career politicians and the swamp putting special interests before the American people. We need to get our fiscal house in order by cutting spending and sticking to a zero based budget. I made aggressive cuts to the budget and streamlined processes as Sheriff. I'll do the same in Congress. Our kid's futures depend on it." [Nehls For Congress, accessed 4/16/20]

Nehls Criticized Other Conservatives For Making Empty Promises About Balancing The Federal Budget

Nehls Criticized Conservatives For Failing To Deliver On Promises To Balance The Budget, Said "It's Congress' Responsibility To Get A Grip On The Fiscal Irresponsible Mess." [25:20] "You're gonna get people up here [...] these conservatives, that are gonna get up there and say I'm gonna tell you what I'm gonna do for you all, I'm gonna balance the budget! Balanced budget amendment, now we're gonna reduce spending folks, that's what we're gonna do, I'm gonna do this for you, and we're gonna cut back on some of the entitlements. And then what do we see two years later? We see just the opposite. We've added another trillion dollars to the deficit, folks, and you can't blame Trump for it all. It's Congress' responsibility to get a grip on the fiscal irresponsible mess that we have ourselves in." [Greater Katy Area Candidate Forum, 1/16/20]



Crime & Public Safety Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ Nehls denied reports of human trafficking in his district while local organizations said it was a "widespread" problem.
- ✓ Nehls' disinfectant distribution program during the COVID-19 pandemic utilized unpaid labor from people detained in Fort Bend County Jail.
- ✓ Nehls was a proponent of vocational education courses in his county jail.
- ✓ *Nehls was on the record saying "eight bucks an hour" was not enough to survive after re-entry from incarceration.*

Human Trafficking

Nehls "Notoriously Denied" Reports Of Human Trafficking While Local Organizations Said It Was A Widespread Problem

Nehls And His Office "Notoriously Denied" Reports Of Human Trafficking In Fort Bend County While Local Anti-Human Trafficking Organizations Said It Was A Widespread Problem. "Nehls said his office is looking to to [sic] partner with the community, county officials and other law enforcement agencies in the area to identify and prevent human trafficking in Fort Bend County, according to the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office. 'We all know that 'an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure,'' Nehls said in a statement. […] Nehls and his office have notoriously denied reports of human trafficking being as widespread a problem as other area law enforcement have said it is, often using Harris County and Houston as examples to downplay the issue in Fort Bend County. However, local anti-human trafficking organizations such as Children At Risk and Elijah Rising confirm the problem is a serious issue in Fort Bend County, specifically at illicit massage parlors" [Houston Chronicle, 4/14/19]

Nehls Later Called Human Trafficking A "Very Real Threat" On His Campaign Website

Nehls Later Called Human Trafficking A "Very Real Threat" And Said He Had Taken "Extensive Action" To Crack Down. "As a father to three beautiful daughters and the husband to an elementary school principal, the safety and security of our communities is always my top priority. Human trafficking is an abhorrent evil and something that is a very real threat in Texas District 22. As Sheriff, I've taken extensive action to crack down on human trafficking by closing numerous illicit massage parlors in Fort Bend County, which are known by trafficking experts to be the number one venue for sex trafficking, establishing a local 24/7 hotline for reporting suspected trafficking activity, and requesting and receiving funding for two detectives who specialize in human trafficking investigations. In Congress, I will utilize my decades of law enforcement experience to combat it at a federal level and work to raise awareness of this global threat." [Nehls For Congress, accessed <u>6/18/20</u>]

Prison Labor

Nehls' Disinfectant Distribution Program During COVID-19 Pandemic Utilized Unpaid Labor Of People Detained In Fort Bend County Jail



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Nehls' Disinfectant Distribution Program During COVID-19 Pandemic Utilized Unpaid Labor. According to the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Press Conference on March 19, 2020, there were several men visible in the video wearing orange-and-white striped uniforms that said "FBC Jail" on the back who were assisting with the disinfectant distribution program. [Fort Bend Sheriff's Office Press Conference, 3/19/20]

Prisoners In Texas Are Not Required By Law To Be Paid For Their Labor. "[P]risoners in Texas are working for free. Total sales for TCI in the fiscal year 2014 alone were valued at \$88.9 million, and not one dime of it was used to pay those who produced this handsome reward. Whenever TCI is scrutinized by the public for this practice, they note that prisoners receive other rewards for their labor, such as time credits called 'Good Time' or 'Work Time.'" [TruthOut, <u>9/6/16</u>]

Texas Has One Of The Most "Profitable" Prison Systems In The County As A Result Of Free Labor. "Texas also has one of the most profitable prison systems in the nation: Texas Correctional Industries (TCI), the state's prison labor program, made \$84 million with the help of free labor in 2017." [Texas Observer, 5/10/19]

County Jails In Texas Are Allowed To Establish A "County Jail Industries Program" To "Provide For The Distribution Of Articles And Products" And Are Not Required To Pay People In Jail For Their Labor. "SUBCHAPTER I. COUNTY JAIL INDUSTRIES PROGRAM Sec. 351.201. COUNTY JAIL INDUSTRIES PROGRAM.

(a) A commissioners court by order may establish a county jail industries program. The sheriff may allow inmate participation in the county jail industries program in carrying out his constitutional and statutory duties.(b) The purposes for which a county jail industries program may be established are to:

- (1) provide adequate, regular, and suitable employment for the vocational training of inmates;
- (2) reimburse the county for expenses caused by the crimes of inmates and the cost of their confinement; or
- (3) provide for the distribution of articles and products produced under this subchapter to:
 - (A) offices of the county and offices of political subdivisions located in whole or in part in the county; and

(B) nonprofit organizations that provide services to the general public and enhance social welfare and the general well-being of the community.

(c) A commissioners court, in an order establishing a county jail industries program, shall, with the approval of the sheriff:

(1) designate the county official or officials responsible for management of the program; and

(2) designate the county official or officials responsible for determining which inmates are allowed to participate in a county jail industries program.

(d) An order of a commissioners court establishing a county jail industries program, though not limited to, may provide for any of the following:

- (1) an advisory committee;
- (2) the priorities under which the county jail industries program is to be administered;
- (3) procedures to determine the articles and products to be produced under this subchapter;
- (4) procedures to determine the sales price of articles and products produced under this subchapter; and

(5) procedures for the development of specifications for articles and products produced under this subchapter. (e) A county jail industries program may be operated at the county jail, workfarm, or workhouse or at any other suitable location.

(f) An inmate does not have a right to participate in a county jail industries program, and neither the sheriff, county judge, or commissioners nor any other county official or employee may be held liable for failing to provide a county jail industries program.

Added by Acts 1993, 73rd Leg., ch. 578, Sec. 1, eff. June 11, 1993. Sec. 351.202. REVENUE. Money received from the operation of a county jail industries program shall be deposited in the general revenue fund of the



county to be used as reimbursement for the cost of inmate confinement. The cost to a county for an inmate's participation in a county jail industries program is considered to be a part of the cost of confinement of the inmate." [Texas Statutes, Local Government Code, Title 11, Subtitle B, Chapter 351, Subchapter A, accessed $\frac{4}{21/20}$]

Vocational Education Courses

Nehls Was A Proponent Of Vocational Education Courses In His County Jail

Nehls Was A Proponent Of Vocational Education Courses In His County Jail, Saying Re-Entry Is One Area The Criminal Justice System Is Broken

Nehls Said He "Couldn't Spend Enough Commissary Money On Programs Like This" In Reference To A Vocational Education Course. "I couldn't spend enough commissary money on programs like this [vocational education course in the county jail],' Sheriff Troy Nehls said at the graduation ceremony, where he told graduates, all of whom passed their certification exams, to list him as a reference on future employment applications. 'We have to set you up for success, because in my opinion the criminal justice system is broken in some areas, and I think re-entry is one of them,' Nehls added." [Houston Chronicle, 4/14/15]

Nehls Implied "Eight Bucks An Hour" Was Not Enough To Survive After Re-Entry

Nehls Implied "Eight Bucks An Hour" Was Not Enough To Survive After Being Released From Jail

Nehls Prioritized Correctional Education In His County Jails, Saying "You Can't Make Eight Bucks An Hour, Get Out Of Here, Try To Raise A Family, Have A Car Payment And Try To Live In An Apartment." "[S]ince taking office two years ago, Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls has prioritized correctional education, investing proceeds from the jail's commissary in new facilities, equipment and instructors. 'You can't make eight bucks an hour, get out of here, try to raise a family, have a car payment and try to live in an apartment,' Nehls told the class last week. 'We've got to find you something more meaningful.'" [Houston Chronicle, 1/21/15]



Election Law & Campaign Finance Issues

Significant Findings

✓ *Nehls called for term limits for all members of Congress.*

Term Limits

Nehls Called For Term Limits For All Members Of Congress

Nehls Called For Term Limits Of 12 Years. [11:45] "We must have term limits. We must have term limits – 12 years max. 2 terms for the US Senator, 6 for the U.S. Congress, that's 12 years." [Troy Nehls Speech, Missouri City Meet And Greet, 1/27/20]



Environmental Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Nehls claimed he would protect oil and gas jobs and implied that any measures fighting against climate change would destroy the economy.*
- ✓ *TX-22 residents were concerned about climate change.*
 - ✓ 58% of TX-22 residents believed Congress should do more to address global warming.
 - ✓ 68% of TX-22 residents believed environmental protection is more important than economic growth.

Oil & Gas

Nehls Claimed He Would Protect Oil And Gas Jobs, Implying That Environmental Protection Would Destroy The Economy

Nehls Insisted He Would Protect Oil And Gas Jobs And Fight Democrats Who Tried To Ban Fracking Or Other Fossil Fuels. "Hundreds of thousands of Texas jobs rely either directly or indirectly on the energy industry, specifically oil and gas. Democrats are pushing for a complete ban on fossil fuels. Numerous Democrat presidential candidates have sworn to ban fracking through an executive order on Day 1. This would be a travesty not only to Texas' economy but the entire country. In Congress, I will stand strong to protect our Texas energy industry and jobs and fight the socialist Democrats hellbent on destroying our economy." [Nehls For Congress, accessed 6/18/19]

Climate Change

TX-22 Residents Were Concerned About Climate Change

TX-22 Residents Were Concerned About Climate Change, Thought Congress Should Do More To Address It, And Believed Environmental Protection Is More Important Than Economic Growth. According to the Yale Climate Opinion Maps, 57% of TX-22 residents were concerned about global warming, 58% believed Congress should do more to address global warming, and 68% believed environmental protection is more important than economic growth. [Yale Climate Opinion Maps 2019, accessed <u>6/17/19</u>]



FEMA & Disaster Relief Issues

Significant Findings

✓ *Nehls said FEMA was "broke" and "broken" and that it would be a top priority for him.*

FEMA

Nehls Said FEMA Was "Broke" And "Broken" And That It Would Be A Top Priority

Nehls Said FEMA Was "Broke" And "Broken" And That It Would Be One Of His Top Priorities. "FEMA, the national flood insurance program, is broke. It's broken, it's absolutely broke as well. [...] Congress keeps kicking the can down the road. [...] It will be one of my top priorities, folks." [Greater Katy Area Candidate Forum, 1/16/20]



Foreign Policy Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ *Nehls said the answer to keeping Iran in check was to re-elect Trump.*
- ✓ In 2003, Nehls thought Americans should not reduce support for troops in Iraq.

Iran

Nehls Said The Answer To Keeping Iran In Check Was To Re-Elect Trump

Nehls: "One Answer To Keep Iran In Check Is To Re-Elect President Trump," Expressed Support For Killing Of General Soleimani. [41:33] "One answer to keep Iran in check is to re-elect President Trump for 4 more years [applause] [...] he drew the line in the sand, and he took that hollow fire and put it right up Soleimani, right, right? That's exactly what he did. You don't go in and attack our embassies. Now can you imagine if we had Hillary Clinton in office? [...] Iran is not gonna want to see 4 more years of Trump, because he's going to keep them in check [...] I support President Trump." [Greater Katy Area Candidate Forum, 1/16/20]

Iraq

2003: Nehls Thought Americans Should Not Reduce Support For Troops In Iraq

2003: Nehls Thought Americans Should Not Reduce Support For Troops In Iraq. "Troy Nehls thinks Americans should not reduce support for troops. 'Iraqis are scared, but have a glimmer of hope now that Saddam is out of power. Americans have to understand what an oppressed people have been through in order to relate to them. We get frustrated if our electricity goes off for four hours. Think how frustrated you'd be if it had been unreliable for six months,' he said." [Houston Chronicle, 12/18/03]



Gun Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ Nehls said he was "100% Pro-2A" and called it "one of our most foundational freedoms."
- ✓ *Nehls appeared on a list of sheriffs standing up against Obama gun control measures.*
- ✓ After Hurricane Harvey, Nehls warned looters that his constituents were armed and they should stay out of Fort Bend County or "leave here in a body bag."
- ✓ *Nehls expressed support for churchgoers carrying firearms at his local church.*

2nd Amendment

Nehls Said Our Constitutional Right To Keep And Bear Arms Is "One Of Our Most Foundational Freedoms"

Nehls Said He Was "100% Pro-2A" And Called It "One Of Our Most Foundational Freedoms." "Our constitutional right to keep and bear arms is one of our most foundational freedoms. Not only does it give Americans the right to protect their family and loved ones from harm but it's also a deterrent to tyrannical government. I'm 100% pro-2A, endorsed by NRA board members, and as Sheriff famously told looters to stay out of Ft. Bend County because we believe in the 2nd Amendment and many of us are well armed, and they may leave in a body bag. In Congress, I will fight the gun grabbing socialists and always defend our constitutional right to keep and bear arms." [Nehls For Congress, accessed <u>4/16/20</u>]

Nehls Appeared On A List Of Sheriffs Standing Up Against Obama Gun Control Measures

2013: Nehls Appeared On A List Of Sheriffs Standing Up Against Obama Gun Control Measures. [Wake Up America, 2/16/13]

Nehls Was One Of 283 Sheriffs Standing Up "In Defense Of Their Citizens' Second Amendment." "[T]oday, according to CSPOA, which should really be bookmarked for anyone keeping track of the Second Amendment versus Obama's gun control battle, there are now 283 Sheriffs across the country and 8 Sheriff's Associations, all standing up in defense of their citizens' Second Amendment, constitutional right to bear arms without infringement." [Wake Up America, 2/16/13]

Nehls' Opposition To Obama Gun Control Measures Came Directly After The Deadly School Shooting At Sandy Hook Elementary School. "On December 14, 2012, the day had just begun at Sandy Hook Elementary when a man broke into the school and started shooting. Within minutes, twenty of Sandy Hook's first graders – 6 and 7 year olds – were killed in their classrooms. [...] Five days after the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary, President Obama announced that Vice President Biden would lead an effort to develop a set of concrete policy proposals for reducing gun violence, due no later than January." [Obama White House Archives, accessed 6/23/20]

Gun Control Measures In Question Included Banning Assault Weapons And Measures To Increase Safety In Schools. "On January 16, 2013, the President put forward a specific plan to protect our children and communities by reducing gun violence. The plan combines executive actions and calls for legislative action that



would help keep guns out of the wrong hands, ban assault and high-capacity magazines, make our schools safer, and increase access to mental health services." [Obama White House Archives, accessed 6/23/20]

Concealed Carry

After Hurricane Harvey, Nehls Warned Looters That His Constituents Were Armed And They Should Stay Out Of Fort Bend County Or "Leave Here In A Body Bag"

Nehls Warned Looters That Many Of His Constituents Were Armed And They Should Stay Out Of Fort Bend County Because They "Might Leave Here In A Body Bag." "When asked what his county is doing to deal with looters [after Hurricane Harvey], Nehls replied: 'We've experienced little of that here in Fort Bend County.' Nehls continued: 'I've heard some horrific stories about Harris County and others, and I'll tell you right now the residents of Fort Bend County, they support our 2nd Amendment. Many are armed. My caution to looters, those that want to rob people who are suffering: You probably want to stay out of Fort Bend County, because you might leave here in a body-bag," [AmmoLand.com, 9/9/17]

Nehls Expressed Support For Churchgoers Carrying Firearms At His Local Church

Nehls Expressed Support For Churchgoers Carrying Firearms At His Local Church. "Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls wears his uniform to church every Sunday and greets people at the front door. Members of his church's security team sit in the pews in plainclothes, carrying firearms, tiny microphone radios in their ears. Parishioners 'feel better knowing, God-forbid some knucklehead comes in and wants to hurt the flock, we are there,' said Nehls, who attends services at Faith United Methodist Church in Richmond and is now running as a Republican candidate for Congress." [Houston Chronicle 1/5/20]



Health Care Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ Nehls said the number one issue facing Americans was mental illness.
- ✓ *Nehls complained that county jails were forced to act as mental health providers.*
- ✓ Nehls reported three suicides in Fort Bend County Jail while sheriff.
- ✓ *Nehls said securing the Southern border would address the opioid epidemic.*

Mental Health

Nehls Said The Number One Issue Facing Americans Was Mental Illness

Nehls Said The Number One Issue Facing Americans Was Mental Illness, Citing Increasing Suicide In Fort Bend County. "The number of people who die by suicide in Fort Bend County is on the rise, according to the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office. 'I believe that the no.1 issue we face in this county, as well as this state and this nation is mental illness,' said Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls at a Katy Area Chamber of Commerce business leaders' breakfast on Tuesday. 'The number of people that attempt to take away their lives and then those that are successful is mind-boggling to me.' Nehls did not provide statistics but said that almost every day, Fort Bend County deputies respond to incidents where someone is attempting suicide or has died by suicide." [Houston Chronicle, 3/24/19]

Nehls Said County Jails Were Forced To Act As Mental Health Providers

Nehls Said County Jails Were Acting As Mental Health Providers Due To Inadequate Resources. "Without adequate resources in the county to help individuals with mental illness, the county jails are left housing people who are law abiding citizens battling mental illness, not criminals. 'We put people in jail because we didn't know what to do with them,' said Nehls. 'And now the jails across the state are the de facto mental health provider for the state.' He added that by the numbers, the Harris County jail is the largest mental health facility in Texas, housing more victims of mental illness than public hospitals." [Houston Chronicle, 10/23/19]

Nehls Reported Three Suicides In Fort Bend County Jail While Sheriff

Nehls Reported Three Suicides In Fort Bend County Jail While He Was Sheriff. "Nehls reported that there have been three suicides in the Fort Bend County jail since he's served as sheriff." [Houston Chronicle, 10/23/19]

Opioid Epidemic

Nehls Said Securing The Southern Border Would Address Opioid Epidemic

Nehls Said Securing The Southern Border Would Address Opioid Epidemic. [7:30] "Anyway, we need to secure the Southern Border. You look at the opioid issue we have in this country, it's a national epidemic, I mean, opioids are killing more people today than car crashes [...] secure the southern border, and it can address not only illegal immigration, but it can also address some of these national issues we have relating to drugs in this country." [Troy Nehls Speech, Missouri City Meet And Greet, 1/27/20]



Immigration & Border Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ Nehls told supporters he had a "passion for border security" and supported Trump in building a border wall.
- ✓ *Nehls opposed a statehouse bill that would require law enforcement to comply and assist with federal immigration detainers and allow them to question immigration status.*
- ✓ *Nehls declined to participate in a federal program to train sheriff's deputies to act as de facto immigration agents.*
- ✓ Nehls said he had been "strong" on illegal immigration as sheriff and complained about having to tell families that people who commit crimes had been deported "more than once."
- ✓ Nehls bragged about "locking up over 2,500 criminal aliens and working with ICE to process them for deportation."

Border Wall

Nehls Told Supporters He Had A "Passion For Border Security" And Supported Trump In Building A Border Wall

Nehls Told Supporters He Had A "Passion For Border Security" And Supported Trump In Building A Border Wall. "I have a passion for border security. I see our broken system,' Nehls told a packed crowd of supporters. 'Make no mistake, folks, it's been this way for decades, under not only Democrat leadership but Republican leadership. Nobody seems to ever want to do anything about it. But now we have a president in President Trump that said, you know what, we're gonna build a wall." [Houston Chronicle, 12/9/19]

Nehls Opposed A Statehouse Bill That Would Require Law Enforcement To Comply With Federal Immigration Detainers

Nehls Opposed A Statehouse Bill That Allowed Law Enforcement To Question A Person's Immigration Status

Texas State Legislature Passed Bill Banning Sanctuary Cities That Would Allow Peace Officers To Question A Person's Immigration Status If They Were Detained With Reasonable Suspicion And Could Lead To Criminal Charges Against Law Enforcement Officers That Did Not Adhere. "Top law enforcement leaders in the state excoriated the state Legislature's approval of a bill banning so-called sanctuary cities, saying it would endanger public safety and make policing more difficult by increasing distrust among immigrant communities. Senate Bill 4 - which Gov. Greg Abbott said he will sign - grants new powers to peace officers by allowing them to question a person's immigration status if they are detained with reasonable suspicion. It also requires law enforcement agencies to comply with federal immigration detainers and could lead to criminal charges against police chiefs and sheriffs who do not adhere to the law." [Houston Chronicle, 5/5/17]

Nehls: "I Don't Support Sanctuary Cities, I've Made That Very Clear. But Some Of The Language In This Bill, I Don't Agree With." "Troy Nehls, the Republican sheriff of Fort Bend County, warned the



legislation goes too far by needlessly encroaching on local authority. 'I don't support sanctuary cities, I've made that very clear,' Nehls said. 'But some of language in this bill, I don't agree with.'" [Houston Chronicle, 5/5/17]

Nehls: "Adding The Criminal Penalty To Sheriffs And Others, It's An Overreach By State Officials And State Government." "Adding the criminal penalty to sheriffs and others, it's an overreach by state officials and state government." He said he would not fight the Legislature's mandate but would use discretion as he went about his job." [Houston Chronicle, 5/5/17]

Nehls: "I'm Not Going To Violate The Law, But If Sheriff Nehls Makes A Traffic Stop, I'm Not Asking For Your Immigration Status." "I'm not going to violate law, but if Sheriff Nehls makes a traffic stop, I'm not asking for your immigration status,' he said." [Houston Chronicle, 5/5/17]

Nehls Declined To Participate In A Federal Program To Train Sheriff's Deputies To Act As De Facto Immigration Agents

Nehls Said His Office Would Not Participate In 287(g) Program

Wall's Ad Referred To Nehls' 2017 Decision Not To Participate In The 287(g) Program, Which He Said Was Redundant And A Waste Of Public Funds. "The first part of Wall's ad refers to Nehls' decision in 2017 not to partner with Immigration and Customs Enforcement on a program that trains sheriff's deputies as de facto immigration agents. The 287(g) program, named for the Immigration and Nationality Act section that created it in 1996, allows deputies to check inmates' immigration status and help initiate deportation proceedings on those in custody for other suspected offenses. In an August 2017 news conference, Nehls said he viewed the program as redundant and a 'waste' of public funds, because his office already participated in an ICE immigrant ID-checking program called Secure Communities. Nehls estimated it would cost Fort Bend County about \$500,000 to train and employ deputies for the 287(g) program." [Houston Chronicle, 2/5/20]

Nehls Said He Disagreed With A 2017 Bill That Would Create Penalties For Officials Who Do Not Cooperate With Federal Immigration Authorities Because It was An "Overreach." "About halfway into Wall's ad, the narrator alleges that Nehls 'opposed a ban on sanctuary cities,' a reference to the 2017 bill that would create civil and criminal penalties for officials who do not cooperate with federal immigration authorities. The ad cites a May 2017 Chronicle story in which Nehls says he does not think the law should criminally penalize officials. 'I don't support sanctuary cities, I've made that very clear,' Nehls said in May 2017. 'But some of the language in this bill, I don't agree with. Adding the criminal penalty to sheriffs and others, it's an overreach by state officials and state government.' Later that year, Nehls said he agreed with nearly everything in the newly-enacted law - except for a controversial amendment authored by state Rep. Matt Schaefer, R-Tyler, that allows law enforcement officers to question a detained person's immigration status, a provision that covers routine traffic stops. Officers previously could inquire about immigration status only after an arrest. In the story, Nehls also is quoted saying the bill 'is actually dangerous for law enforcement, in my opinion, because when you make that traffic stop you don't know what this person is thinking.' Nehls said he expected the law to produce 'more confrontation on the side of the road.'" [Houston Chronicle, 2/5/20]

Wall Called Out Nehls In TV Ad For Being Weak On Immigration Due To His Opposition To The Program

Opponent Kathaleen Wall Called Out Nehls In A TV Ad For Fighting Trump Administration Efforts To Catch "Criminal Illegal Aliens." "In a new TV ad, longtime GOP donor Kathaleen Wall accuses Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls of 'fighting a Trump administration effort by ICE to catch criminal illegal aliens.' The ad also cites a Houston Chronicle story from 2017 in which Nehls expresses opposition to an element of Texas' sweeping ban. 'Incredibly, Nehls refuses to ask the immigration status of potential criminals,' the ad narrator says. 'Worse still, Nehls opposed a ban on sanctuary cities signed into law by Gov. Abbott, saying it went too far.'" [Houston Chronicle, 2/5/20]



Nehls Denied Wall's Claims That He Was Weak On Immigration

Nehls Denied Wall's Claims And Said He Supported "Deporting Criminal Illegals" And "Building The Wall" And Did Not Support Sanctuary Cities. "Nehls flatly denied Wall's claims, accusing her of misrepresenting his remarks by taking them out of context. In a Facebook post Sunday - his first public rebuttal to the ad - Nehls said labeling him pro-sanctuary cities 'is like calling President Trump pro-impeachment.' 'Let me set the record straight: I have never and will never support sanctuary cities,' Nehls said. 'I support President Trump 100%, I support building the wall, and I support deporting criminal illegals. If you hear otherwise, it's fake news.'" [Houston Chronicle, 2/5/20]

Nehls Said He Was Not Soft On Immigration And That Wall Should "Be Ashamed Of Herself." "Overall, Nehls contended, Wall's ad creates an inaccurate perception that he's 'soft on immigration.' 'I am the most vocal supporter of a wall with beautiful gates,' Nehls said. 'I've been an advocate for President Trump and his border security plan, and getting the bad hombres out of this county and this state. So, she's taking the truth and trying to spin it into a lie, and she ought to be ashamed of herself.'" [Houston Chronicle, 2/5/20]

Nehls Said He Had Been Strong On Illegal Immigration For Seven Years As Sheriff

Nehls Said He Had Been Strong On Illegal Immigration For Seven Years As Sheriff. "'Others may talk about being strong on illegal immigration, I've done it as Sheriff for seven years,' Nehls said in a statement for this story. 'I've been on the record supporting Trump's border wall for years—not just adopting the position as a candidate for Congress.'" [Click 2 Houston, <u>3/1/20</u>]

Nehls Complained About Having To Tell Families That People Who Commit Crimes Had "Been Deported More Than One Time"

Nehls Complained About Having To Tell Families That People Who Commit Crimes Had "Been Deported More Than One Time." [0:51] "Being in the great state of Texas, you know, we're only 4 hours away from Laredo, and we have the very poorest Southern border [...] Congress has the responsibility to secure our Southern border and keep the American people safe. But serving as the sheriff in Fort Bend County, it's case after case of a number of individuals who have been deported more than one time, committing crimes against the people of Fort Bend County, and then as a sheriff I have to explain to those victims of crime, [1:20] I'm sorry that your son or daughter was assaulted by this individual, I'm sorry that this individual broke into your home and took your family heirlooms, oh and by the way, he's been deported more than one time. [Troy Nehls Interview, Fox and Friends, 12/7/19]

Nehls Bragged About Deporting People

Nehls Bragged About "Locking Up Over 2,500 Criminal Aliens And Working With ICE To Process Them For Deportation"

Nehls Bragged About "Locking Up Over 2,500 Criminal Aliens And Working With ICE To Process Them For Deportation. "The federal government has failed its constitutional obligation to secure our borders. As Sheriff of Fort Bend County, I've dealt firsthand with the problems caused by our open southern border, locking up over 2,500 criminal aliens and working with ICE to process them for deportation, but criminal illegals who have been deported time and time again keep making it back into our country and committing crime. We spend billions every year subsidizing the cost of illegal alien's healthcare and education. It's time the federal government puts the American people first, builds the wall, ends sanctuary cities, and deports criminal aliens. As your next Congressman, I'll use my over 25 years law enforcement experience, eight years as Sheriff of Ft. Bend County, and



21 years of service in the US Army reserve to lead on this issue. I'll fight to secure the border, finish President Trump's wall, deport criminal aliens, and end sanctuary cities." [Nehls For Congress, accessed $\frac{4}{16}$ [20]



Race Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ Nehls repeatedly implied Harris County, a less white area of Texas, was dangerous.
- ✓ Nehls used a racist trope, referring to Elizabeth Warren as "Pocahontas."
- ✓ Nehls hosted a community session on diversity to help law enforcement and residents "feel comfortable" with cultures other than their own.

Nehls Repeatedly Implied Harris County, A Less White Area Of Texas, Was Dangerous

Nehls Implied Harris County, A Less White Area Of Texas, Was Not Safe

Nehls Implied Harris County, A Less White Area Of Texas, Was Not Safe. [8:30] "I LOVE Fort Bend County. I moved to Fort Bend County because it's a safe place to be. My children can walk around and play out in the yard, not have to worry about – it's not Harris County [crowd laughs]." [Troy Nehls Campaign Kick Off Speech, 12/7/19]

Nehls Made A Joke About Gun Violence In Relation To Harris County. I said 'Yeah, you wave guns around, you can go back in some very bad shape to Harris County [crowd laughs]." [Troy Nehls Speech, Missouri City Meet And Greet, 1/27/20]

Harris County Had A High Proportion Of Non-English Language Speaking Residents And A Low Proportion Of White Residents

Harris County Had A High Proportion Of Non-English Language Speaking Residents And A Low Proportion Of White Residents. "The population of Harris County, TX is 43.3% Hispanic or Latino, 28.9% White Alone, and 18.7% Black or African American Alone. 44.9% of the people in Harris County, TX speak a non-English language, and 83.4% are U.S. citizens." [Data USA, Harris County, Texas, accessed <u>4/21/20</u>]

Nehls Repeated A Racist Trope, Referring To Elizabeth Warren As Pocahontas

Nehls Repeated A Racist Trope, Referring To Elizabeth Warren As "Pocahontas." "At one point, Nehls raised the topic of the national debt, which recently surpassed \$23 trillion. Riffing about the difficulty of tallying the number of zeroes in the number, Nehls said, 'Can somebody tell me what's after that? We would find out if Pocahontas became our president,' a reference to the name Trump has repeatedly called presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren over the controversy surrounding her past claims of Native American ancestry, for which Warren has apologized." [Houston Chronicle, 12/9/19]

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Nehls Hosted A Community Session On Diversity To Help Law Enforcement And Residents "Feel Comfortable" With Cultures Besides Their Own. "Fort Bend County Sheriff Troy Nehls has planned an event that may seem a little unorthodox for a leader of law enforcement. He's hosting a community session on diversity. But Nehls, after all, serves as sheriff of what many consider one of the country's most diverse counties. His aim here is simple: helping law enforcement and residents alike 'feel comfortable and become knowledgeable about



prominent cultures besides their own,' according to a news release. The discussion will include representatives of Sikh, Hindu and Muslim groups, according to a news release." [Houston Chronicle, 7/19/17]



Seniors' Issues

Significant Findings

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Seniors

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Veteran Issues

Significant Findings

✓ Nehls said he would provide veterans better access to health care and ensure the VA healthcare system ran efficiently.

Veterans' Health Care

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System Ran Efficiently. "Our men and women in uniform risk life and limb in service to our country. We owe it to them to ensure they have adequate healthcare services when returning home. Dozens of veterans are committing suicide every day. That is completely unacceptable. We must provide veterans with access to the best mental and physical health services. We must also ensure the VA Healthcare system is running efficiently and serving all veterans who come through the door." [Nehls For Congress, accessed <u>6/18/20</u>]



Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures

2019 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Net Worth

2019: Nehls Had An Estimated Net Worth Between \$59,018 And \$400,000

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Earned Income

2019: Nehls Reported \$11,500 In Earned Income

2019: Nehls Reported \$11,500 In Earned Income From Fort Bend County, Texas For His Sheriff Salary. [Nehls 2019 Candidate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 1/31/20]

Nehls Earned Income					
Source	Туре	Amount 2019	Amount 2018		
Fort Bend County, Texas	Sheriff salary	\$11,500*	\$138,000		
Lamar Consolidated Ind Sch Dist	Spouse salary	N/A	N/A		

[Nehls 2019 Candidate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 1/31/20]

*NOTE: Nehls seems to have misunderstood the PFD instructions. "Amount 2019" should have included income from between January 1st and December 31st, 2019. \$11,500 was 1/12th of \$138,000, signifying he may have believed he was intended to report income from between January 1st and January 31st, 2020, when he filed his Candidate PFD.

Assets & Unearned Income

2019: Nehls Reported Between \$7 And \$1,400 In Unearned Income

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	Nehls Assets & "Unearned" Income							
SP/		Year-Er	nd Value	Type Of	Incom	e 2019	Income 2018	
DC/ JT	Asset	Min	Max	Type Of Income	Min	Max	Min	Max
DC	Brazos Valley Credit Union	\$1,001	\$15,000	Interest	\$1	\$200	\$1	\$200
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SP	Brazos Valley Credit Union	\$1,001	\$15,000	Interest	\$1	\$200	\$1	\$200
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SP	Capital Group American Funds – US Government Securities Fund- 529C [GS] [EIF]	\$15,001	\$50,000	Capital gains, dividends	\$1	\$200	\$201	\$1,000
N/A	Capital One [BA]	\$1,001	\$15,000	Interest	\$1	\$200	\$1	\$200
SP	Great American Fixed Annuity [FN]	\$15,001	\$50,000	None	None	None	None	None
N/A	MFS Heritage – MFS Research Fund A [OT] [EIF Stock Fund]	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax- deferred	None	None	None	None
SP	SecureDesigns Variable Annuity – Amer Funds IS Asset Allocation [HE]	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax- deferred	None	None	None	None
SP	SecureDesigns Variable Annuity – Amer Funds IS International [OT] [EIF Large Growth Stock Fund]	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax- deferred	None	None	None	None
SP	SecureDesigns Variable Annuity – American Century Value [OT] [EIF Stock Fund]	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax- deferred	None	None	None	None
SP	SecureDesigns Variable Annuity – American Century VP Mid Cap Value [OT] [EIF Stock Fund]	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax- deferred	None	None	None	None
SP	SecureDesigns Variable Annuity – Franklin Income VIP [AB] [EIF]	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax- deferred	None	None	None	None
SP	SecureDesigns Variable Annuity – Guggenheim VIF All Cap Value [OT] [EIF Stock Fund]	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax- deferred	None	None	None	None
SP	SecureDesigns Variable Annuity – Guggenheim VIF SylePlus LC Core [OT] [EIF Stock Fund]	\$15,001	\$50,000	Tax- deferred	None	None	None	None



SP	SecureDesigns	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-	None	None	None	None
	Variable Annuity			deferred				
	– PIMCO All							
	Asset [MF] [EIF]							
SP	SecureDesigns	\$1,001	\$15,000	Tax-	None	None	None	None
	Variable Annuity			deferred				
	- TRP Health							
	Sciences [MF]							
	[EIF]							
	Total:	\$74,018	\$410,000	Total:	\$7	\$1,400	\$207	\$2,200

[Nehls 2019 Candidate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 1/31/20]

Liabilities

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Nehls Liabilities					
Owner	Creditor	Date Incurred	Туре	Amount Of Liability	
Unknown	USAA	2017	Revolving credit	\$10,000 - \$15,000	
[Nehls 2019 Candidate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 1/31/20]					

Positions

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Agreements

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Nehls Agreements				
Date	Parties To	Terms Of Agreement		
1999	Nehls and Fort Bend County	Retirement account		

[Nehls 2019 Candidate Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 1/31/20]



Appendix II – Campaign Finance

Items of Interest

- ✓ Nehls' campaign raised \$382,834.69 and spent \$358,623.27 as of the March 31, 2020 FEC report.
- ✓ Nehls' Super PAC, OneToughSheriff, raised \$160,010 and spend \$106,308.68 as of the March 31, 2020 FEC report.
- ✓ *Nehls' Super PAC was funded by only five individuals.*

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Nehls 2019-2020 Congress Campaign Committee Funds									
	Total Receipts Total Disbursements					ts			
Cycle	Total	Indivs	Party	Other	Candidate	Loans	Total	Operating	Refunds
Total	muivs	Cmtes	Cmtes	Cntribtns	Luans	Total	Expdts	Kerunus	
2020	\$378,639	\$373,541.77	\$0.00	\$5,097.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$358,623.27	\$355,498.27	\$0.00
	EEC = (17/201)								

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed 6/17/20]

Nehls' Super PAC Raised \$160,010 And Spent \$106,308.68

2020 OneToughSheriff Funds							
Total Contributions						Total Disbursem	nents
Year	Total	Indivs	Party Cmtes	Other Cmtes	Total	Operating Expdts	Independent Expdts
2020	\$160,010.00	\$160,010.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$106,308.68	\$476.00	\$105,832.68

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed 6/17/20]

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Nehls' Super PAC, OneToughSheriff, Was Funded By Only Five Individuals

	2020 OneToughSheriff Contributors						
Date	Contributor	Occupation	Amount				
3/11/20	Jamie A Robinson	Retired	\$50,000				
1/22/20	Jamie A Robinson	Retired	\$50,000				
2/24/20	Edward Vernon Beyer	Retired	\$25,000				
2/18/20	James Taylor	Executive	\$10,000				
2/10/20	Billy R Corbin	Firetron Inc.	\$10,000				
1/13/20	Edward Vernon Beyer	Retired	\$10,000				
1/22/20	William M Goodman	CCT Sparkle Management LLC	\$5,000				

[OpenSecrets, accessed 6/17/20]



Nehls' Campaign Committee Received 88% Of His Contributions From Large Individual Contributors, 10% From Small Individual Contributors, And 1% From PACs

Source Of Nehls' Career Congressional Campaign Committee Funds					
Category	#	%			
Small Individual Contributions (≤\$200)	\$39,150	10.34%			
Large Individual Contributions (\geq \$200)	\$334,392	88.31%			
PAC Contributors	\$5,098	1.35%			
Self-Financing	\$0	0%			
Other	\$0	0%			

[OpenSecrets, accessed 6/17/20]

Nehls' Campaign Committee Received 100% Of His PAC Contributions From Business PACs

Source Of Nehls' Career Congressional Campaign Committee PAC Contributions					
Category	#	%			
Business PACs	\$3,000	100%			
Labor PACs	\$0	0%			
Ideological PACs	\$0	0%			

[OpenSecrets, accessed 6/17/20]

Top Overall Industries

Nehls 2020 Top Contributors By Industry				
Industry	Total			
Retired	\$38,644			
Special Trade Contractors	\$23,250			
Real Estate	\$17,300			
Civil Servants/Public Officials	\$15,468			
General Contractors	\$14,700			
Securities & Investments	\$11,200			
Business Services	\$9,608			
Lawyers/Law Firms	\$8,900			
Accountants	\$6,300			
Insurance	\$6,273			
Food & Beverage	\$5,950			
Commercial Banks	\$3,950			
Health Professionals	\$3,500			
Education	\$2,963			
Misc Business	\$2,800			
Misc Energy	\$2,700			
Construction Services	\$2,500			
Retail Sales	\$2,000			
Automotive	\$1,500			
Misc Defense	\$1,500			

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 6/17/20]

NOTE: According to the Center for Responsive Politics, "The organizations themselves did not donate, rather the money came from the organizations' PACs, their individual members or employees or owners, and those individuals' immediate families. Organization totals include subsidiaries and affiliates" [Center for Responsive Politics Top Contributors, accessed <u>3/21/17</u>]



Top Overall Sectors

Nehls 2020 Top Contributors By Sector				
Sector	Total			
Other	\$57,075			
Finance/Insur/RealEst	\$45,773			
Construction	\$41,450			
Misc Business	\$20,358			
Lawyers & Lobbyists	\$8,900			
Energy/Nat Resource	\$3,875			
Health	\$3,700			
Defense	\$1,500			
Transportation	\$1,500			
Agribusiness	\$500			

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Appendix III – Paid Media Summary

NOTE: Paid media advertisements saved on the DCCC research drive.

2020 Election

Opposition To Nehls Paid Media Summary						
Date	Group	Name	Subject	Description		
2/3/20	Kathaleen	"Think" or	Illegal immigration, sanctuary	Negative, contrast,		
	Wall For	"Who is the	cities	fearful		
	Congress	real Troy				
		Nehls"				

NOTE: As of April 2020, Kulkarni had not released any ads for the 2020 campaign cycle.

Nehls Paid Media Summary						
Date	Group	Name	Subject	Description		
2/4/20	Nehls For	"One Tough	Illegal immigration, 2 nd	Positive, personal record,		
	Congress	Sheriff'	amendment rights, Trump loyalty	law enforcement		