

Cassy Garcia (TX-28) Research Report

The following report contains research on Cassy Garcia, a Republican candidate in Texas's 28th district. Research for this research book was conducted by the DCCC's Research Department between March 15, 2022 and April 27, 2022. 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.



Casandra "Cassy" Garcia

Republican Candidate in Texas's 28th Congressional District

Research Memo – 2022

Last Updated April 2022

Prepared by the DCCC Research Department





Casandra "Cassy" Garcia (TX-28) Research Memo

Significant Findings

Garcia Was Not From Texas' 28th District, And As of April 2022 Appeared To Be Registered To Vote Outside And Live Outside The District

- ✓ Garcia described herself as a "native" of Edinburg, Texas, which has been in Texas's 15th Congressional district before and after 2022 Congressional redistricting—not in Texas's 28th district.
- ✓ As of April 2022, a search of Texas Secretary of State website showed that Garcia was an "active" registered voter at 2624 Southridge Drive in Edinburg, TX. 2624 Southridge Drive was in Texas' 15th Congressional District before and after 2022 redistricting—not Texas's 28th district.
- ✓ As of April 2022, Garcia appeared to live in Texas' 15th Congressional District, not Texas's 28th Congressional District.
 - ✓ As of April 2022, Garcia's LinkedIn said she lived in the "Greater McAllen, TX" area. McAllen, TX is in TX-15.
 - ✓ Additionally, as of April 2022, the most recent address listed on Nexis for Garcia was the same Southridge Drive address listed on her voter registration—which was in TX-15.
- ✓ Note: Records requests have been submitted to obtain additional information on Garcia's voter registration status, as well as residential and property history.

Garcia Was A Professional Political Operative Whose Campaign Was Bankrolled Via A Campaign Finance "Loophole" By Her Former Boss, Sen. Ted Cruz

- ✓ Garcia was a longtime political operative; she worked for Sen. Ted Cruz from 2013 to 2021 and was appointed in 2020 to serve on Trump's White House Hispanic Prosperity Initiative Commission.
- ✓ Ted Cruz's campaign committee and leadership PAC spent a combined total of nearly \$150,000 to prop up Garcia's 2022 TX-28 Republican primary campaign.
 - ✓ Ted Cruz's Campaign committee spent \$137,183 on behalf of Garcia to promote her candidacy in the TX-28 2022 Republican primary.
 - ✓ In addition to Cruz's campaign committee spending on behalf of Garcia, Cruz's leadership PAC contributed \$10,000 to Garcia's campaign.
- Cruz's spending for Garcia "took advantage" of an FEC "loophole," because the FEC had not ruled on "whether one candidate can make independent expenditures on behalf of another."
 - ✓ The spending "was so unusual that the Federal Election commission didn't actually have a way to report it."
- ✓ Cruz's campaign committee's spending on behalf of Garcia included spending on radio and Facebook ads, web services, volunteer organizing, and promotional materials to promote Garcia's campaign.



- ✓ By contrast, Garcia spent no money to promote herself ahead of the Texas Republican primary apart from \$600 spent on her campaign's website.
 - ✓ The only Facebook ads promoting Garcia before the first 2022 Texas Congressional primary on March 1 were the ones Cruz's Senate campaign ran on her behalf.
 - ✓ Garcia's campaign did not start running their own Facebook ads until March 24, 2022, which was three weeks after the first 2022 Texas Congressional primary.
- ✓ Additionally, Garcia and Cruz's campaign committees may have illegally coordinated while he made over \$137,000 in independent expenditures to promote her Congressional campaign.
 - ✓ Cruz's campaign committee spent \$137,183 supporting Garcia, which was "probably" legal as long as the two campaigns did not coordinate because the FEC had not ruled "whether one candidate can make independent expenditures on behalf of another."
 - ✓ However, Cruz and Garcia may have illegally coordinated when promoting a joint rally organized by Cruz's Senate campaign. Additionally, Cruz and Garcia both paid Birdwell Communications for design work, which was a "red flag" indicating the possibility of illegal coordination between the two campaigns.
- ✓ Cruz campaigned alongside Garcia during her 2022 Congressional campaign primary.

Garcia Was Cruz's Texas Deputy State Director During A Scandal In Which Ted Cruz Fled Texas For A Cancun Resort As Texans Suffered The Fallout Of A Devastating Winter Storm That Killed Hundreds

- ✓ Garcia was working as Ted Cruz's Deputy State Director in February 2021.
- ✓ Cruz was criticized for going on vacation following the devastating winter storm that left hundreds of Texas dead and millions without power in February 2021.
 - ✓ Cruz went on vacation to Cancún shortly following the February 2021 Texas winter storm while urging Texans to "just stay home"—A trip that was planned at short notice because Cruz's house was "freezing."
 - ✓ Cruz's request to have Houston Police escort him through the airport further stretched emergency services that were already overwhelmed by the winter storm.

Garcia Supported A Full Repeal Of The Affordable Care Act, Which Would Jeopardize Health Care Coverage For Millions Of Texans

- ✓ Garcia called the Affordable Care Act a "train wreck of a law."
- ✓ In 2013, Garcia called on people to contact their Senators and Representatives to ask them to "defund Obamacare."
- ✓ Repealing the Affordable Care Act would cause 2.6 million Texans to lose their health insurance and jeopardize coverage for 5 million Texans with pre-existing conditions.

Garcia Promoted Conspiracy Theories About The January 6th Insurrection And Received Support— Including Campaign Cash—From Elected Officials Who Promoted The Big Lie



- ✓ Garcia retweeted Cruz's claim that the January 6th Capitol attack was not an insurrection.
- ✓ Garcia amplified conspiracy theories that the FBI was somehow involved in the January 6th insurrection.
- ✓ Garcia accepted \$1,000 from Rep. Carol Miller's Leadership PAC, Cut the Bull PAC on Jan. 11, 2022.
 - ✓ Rep. Miller signed an amicus brief on Dec. 2020 challenging the 2020 Presidential election results before the Supreme Court.
 - ✓ The Amicus Brief suggested that state legislatures should be allowed to select Presidential Electors regardless of how the state voted in a Presidential election.
 - ✓ The Jan. 6th Investigation Committee subpoenaed one of Rep. Carol Miller's aides, Maggie Mulvaney, for her role in the Capitol Hill insurrection.
 - ✓ Public Records listed Mulvaney as a "VIP Lead" for the "Save America Rally" that immediately preceded the storming of the Capitol.
- ✓ Ted Cruz's campaign committee and leadership PAC spent a combined total of nearly \$150,000 to prop up Garcia's 2022 TX-28 Republican Primary Campaign. Cruz was, by his own account, "leading the charge," to overturn the 2020 Presidential election results.
- ✓ Rep. Elise Stefanik, who called for overturning the 2020 Presidential election results, endorsed Garcia for Congress.

Despite Calling Herself A "Trump Conservative," Garcia Appears To Have Voted In The 2008 Democratic Primary And Has Been Criticized By Conservative Activists For "Virtue Signaling"

- ✓ Garcia's campaign materials described herself as a "Trump Conservative."
- ✓ According to VoteBuilder, Garcia voted in the 2008 Democratic primary.
- ✓ The Texas Freedom Coalition, a "network of conservative activists" founded in response to COVID-19 lockdowns, attacked Garcia for not sharing her policy platform on her website and for "virtue-signaling" by posting a picture of herself wearing a shirt saying "COVID Vaccinated and Ready to Cruise."

Garcia Opposed Abortion Rights

- ✓ Garcia said that one of her top priorities in Congress would be to "ensure that NO Taxpayer dollars will ever be used to fund abortions."
- ✓ The Susan B. Anthony List, an anti-choice group, endorsed Garcia for Congress in 2022.
- ✓ In its endorsement of her, Susan B. Anthony list noted that Garcia had participated in the March for Life and supported the Rio Grande Valley Pregnancy Center.

Garcia Supported Trump's Immigration Policies

- ✓ Garcia supported building a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border.
- ✓ Garcia called for the Biden Administration to reinstate the Trump Administration's immigration "deterrence policies" and to "bring back the Trump-era border policies that worked."



- ✓ Trump-era policies included separating children from their parents at the border.
- ✓ Garcia called for continuing Title 42 deportations.
 - ✓ Title 42 allowed the CDC to prohibit foreigners from entering the U.S. if they were deemed a threat to public health.
 - ✓ Public health experts claimed that Title 42 had no scientific basis and that migrants did not pose a serious transmission risk for COVID.
- ✓ Garcia retweeted Cruz's misleading claim "that Joe Biden is talking about sending \$450,000 a person to illegal immigrants who broke the law."
 - ✓ The payments were to immigrant parents, many of whom applied legally for asylum, who had their children taken away from them during the Trump Administration.

Garcia Worked For Sen. Ted Cruz When He Supported A Plan To "Transform" Social Security

✓ Garcia served as Cruz's South Texas Regional Director from March 2013 to April 2017 and Cruz proposed a plan to "Transform" Social Security on April 9, 2015.

Garcia Worked For Sen. Ted Cruz When He Supported Tax Cuts For The Rich

- ✓ Garcia served as Cruz's Deputy State Director from April 2017 to Dec. 2021 and Cruz voted for the 2017 Republican tax cuts in Dec. 2017.
 - ✓ The 2017 Republican tax law benefitted the wealthy, corporations, and special interests while millions of Americans paid more in taxes.
 - ✓ The 2017 Republican tax cuts gave billionaires a lower effective tax rate than working-class Americans for the first time in history.

Garcia Worked For Sen. Ted Cruz When He Voted Against The Bipartisan Infrastructure Package

- ✓ Garcia served as Cruz's Deputy State Director from April 2017 to Dec. 2021 and Cruz voted against the bipartisan infrastructure package in Aug. 2021.
 - ✓ The bipartisan infrastructure package invested \$30 billion in Texas' bridges, roads, and broadband.

Garcia Worked For Sen. Ted Cruz When He Voted Against The American Rescue Plan

- ✓ Garcia served as Cruz's Deputy State Director from April 2017 to Dec. 2021 and Cruz voted against the American Rescue Plan in March 2021.
 - ✓ The American Rescue Plan provided \$1,400 direct payments, aid to state and local governments, schools, and small businesses, an expanded child tax credit, and vaccine distribution funds.
 - ✓ The American Rescue Plan provided \$350 billion in state and local funding to hire law enforcement officials, pay overtime for community policing, and restore law enforcement to prepandemic levels.



Garcia Worked For Sen. Ted Cruz When He Blocked Legislation To Expand Voting Rights, End Partisan Gerrymandering, And Overhaul Campaign Finance Laws

- ✓ Garcia served as Cruz's Deputy State Director from April 2017 to Dec. 2021 and Cruz blocked an attempt to open debate on the For the People Act on Aug. 11, 2021.
 - ✓ The For the People Act would increase public campaign financing, strengthen fundraising transparency, expand voting rights, and end partisan gerrymandering.

Garcia Opposed Vaccine Mandates And Other COVID Safety Protocols

- ✓ Garcia said that Biden's vaccine mandate was "illegal and unconstitutional."
- ✓ Garcia said that "Americans shouldn't be discriminated because of their vaccine status."
- ✓ Garcia tweeted that it was ok to ignore COVID restrictions if the southern border was not closed.

Background

- FULL LEGAL NAME: Casandra Lynn Garcia Meade
- **BORN:** Aug. 27, 1981
- FAMILY: Alejandro "Alex" Gomez Meade III (Husband)
- **HOME:** Edinburg, TX 78539-6149
- EDUCATION: B.A. Communications, University of Texas-Pan American (2004); MPA, University of Texas-Pan American (2012-2015)
- **PROFESSIONAL:** Deputy State Director, Sen. Ted Cruz (March 2017-Dec. 2021); South Texas Regional Director, Sen. Ted Cruz (Feb. 2013-March 2017); South Texas Regional Representative, Todd Staples, Texas Department of Agriculture (Nov. 2009-Feb. 2013); Business Development Specialist, Workforce Solutions (June 2007-Feb. 2009); Environmental Education Coordinator, City of McAllen, TX (Nov. 2004-June 2007)
- **COMMITTEES:** Presidential Appointee, White House Advisory Commission on Hispanic Prosperity (July 2020-End Date Unknown)
- NON-PROFIT: Rio Grande Valley Pregnancy Center (Dates Unknown)

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Garcia's LinkedIn Described Her As "A Native Of Edinburg, Texas." "Casandra was recently appointed by President Donald J. Trump on July 9th of 2020 to serve as Commissioner on the White House Hispanic Prosperity Initiative Commission. She serves as U.S. Senator Cruz's South Texas Regional Director and April of 2017 was promoted to Deputy State Director. Prior to that, she most recently served as the Regional Field Director for Commissioner Todd Staples at the Texas Department of Agriculture serving as the liaison to agriculture, education, business and economic development organizations, at local, state and federal levels of government. She received her master degrees in public administration from the University of Texas – Pan American and her BA from the University of Texas – Pan American. She is a native of Edinburg, Texas." [Casandra Lynn Garcia, LinkedIn, accessed <u>3/15/22</u>]



Ballotpedia Listed Cassy Garcia's Birthplace As Edinburg, Texas.

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Edinburg, TX Was Located In Texas's 15th Congressional District Before And After 2022 Congressional Redistricting. According to a redistricting map tool provided by the Texas Tribune, the city of Edinburg, TX was located in Texas's 15th Congressional district before and after 2022 Congressional redistricting.

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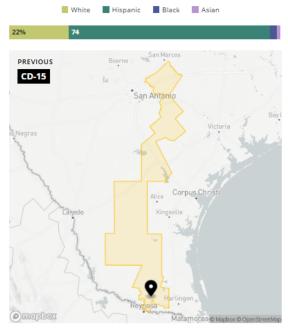
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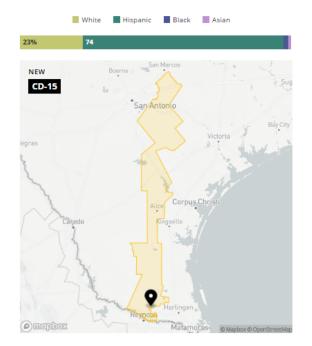
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[Texas Tribune, accessed 4/13/22]

As Of April 2022, Garcia Was Registered To Vote At An Address In Texas' 15th District

As Of April 2022, Garcia Was Listed As An "Active" Voter Registered To Vote In Edinburg, TX.

[Texas Secretary of State, accessed 4/6/22]

Garcia's Address Listed On Her Voter Registration Was Located In TX-15 Before And After Congressional Redistricting

Garcia's Address Was Located In Texas's 15th Congressional District Before And After 2022 Congressional Redistricting. According to a redistricting map tool provided by the Texas Tribune, Garcia's address in Edinburg, TX was located in Texas's 15th Congressional district before and after 2022 Congressional redistricting.



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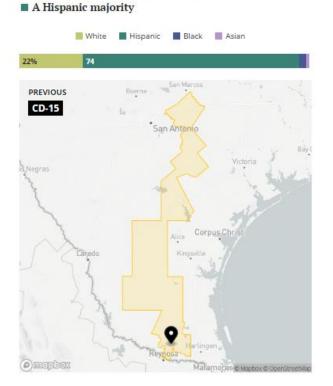
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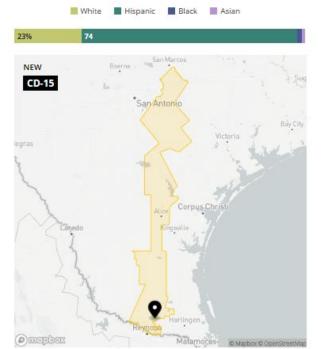
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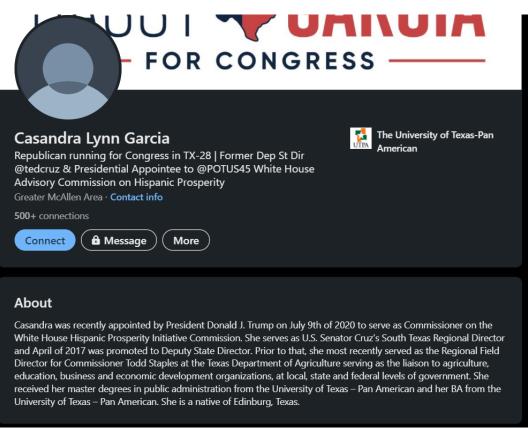
[Texas Tribune, accessed 3/16/22]

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As Of April 2022: Garcia's LinkedIn Said She Lived In The McAllen, TX Area

As Of April 2022, According To Garcia's LinkedIn, Garcia Lived In The "Greater McAllen", TX Area.





[Casandra Lynn Garcia, LinkedIn, accessed <u>4/13/22</u>]

McAllen Texas Was Located In Texas's 15th Congressional District Before And After 2022 Congressional Redistricting. According to a redistricting map tool provided by the Texas Tribune, the city of McAllen, TX was located in Texas's 15th Congressional district before and after 2022 Congressional redistricting.





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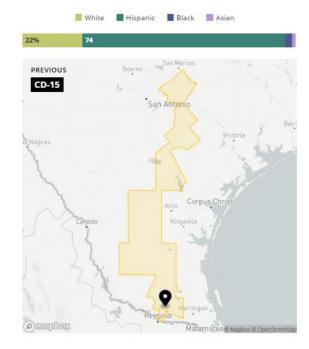
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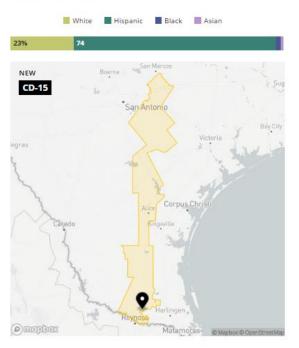
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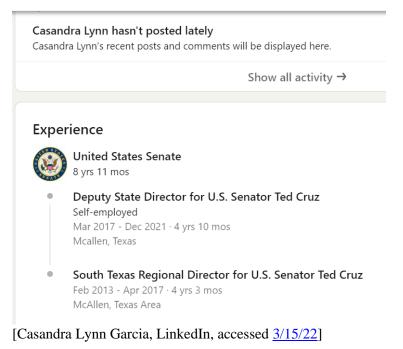
Garcia Was A Longtime Political Operative Whose Campaign Was Bankrolled Via A Campaign Finance "Loophole" By Her Former Boss, Sen. Ted Cruz



2013-2021: Garcia Was A Longtime Republican Political Operative, Working For Senator Ted Cruz And As A Presidential Appointee During The Trump Administration

Garcia Worked For Ted Cruz From 2013 – 2021

2013 – **2021:** Garcia Worked For Senator Ted Cruz. According to her LinkedIn, Garcia was Cruz's South Texas Regional Director from 2013-2017, and Deputy State Director from 2017 to 2021.



• PRESS RELEASE: "CRUZ NAMES CASANDRA GARCIA MEADE DEPUTY STATE DIRECTOR." [Sen. Ted Cruz, Press Release, <u>4/24/17</u>]

2020: Garcia Was Appointed To Serve On Trump's White House Hispanic Prosperity Initiative Commission

July 2020: Garcia Was Appointed To Serve On The White House Hispanic Prosperity Initiative Commission. [Casandra Lynn Garcia, LinkedIn, accessed <u>3/15/22</u>]

• The White House Hispanic Prosperity Initiative Was Tasked With Improving "Access By Hispanic Americans To Educational And Economic Opportunities." "The mission of the Initiative shall be to improve access by Hispanic Americans to educational and economic opportunities. Consistent with its mission, the Initiative shall: (i) identify and promote educational and workforce development practices that have improved educational, professional, and economic outcomes for Hispanic Americans; (ii) encourage private-sector initiatives and foster public-private partnerships that improve access to educational and economic opportunities for Hispanic Americans; (iii) develop a national network of individuals, organizations, and communities, with which to consult and collaborate regarding practices and policies that improve access to educational and economic opportunities for Hispanic Americans; (iv) monitor the development, implementation, and coordination of Federal Government educational, workforce, and business development programs designed to improve outcomes for Hispanic Americans; and (v) advise the President, through the Secretary of Education (Secretary), on issues of importance to Hispanic Americans and policies relating to Hispanic Americans' prosperity." [Federal Register, Executive Order 13935, <u>7/9/20</u>]

Ted Cruz's Campaign Committee And Leadership PAC Spent A Combined Total Of Nearly \$150,000 To Prop Up Garcia's 2022 TX-28 Republican Primary Campaign

Ted Cruz's Campaign Committee Spent \$137,183 To Promote Garcia In The TX-28 Republican Primary

Cruz Spent \$137,000 On Independent Expenditures For Garcia In The 2022 TX-28 Republican Primary.

"Sen. Ted Cruz placed a big bet on a former top aide hoping to topple Rep. Henry Cuellar in South Texas, spending \$137,000 out of his own campaign fund to pitch Cassy Garcia in the GOP primary. [...] Cruz's deputy state director for four years, Garcia led a seven-candidate field Tuesday and advanced to a May 24 runoff against Sandra Whitten, a youth and preschool director who lost to Cuellar in 2020." [Dallas Morning News, <u>3/7/22</u>]

• Cruz Spent More Money On Independent Expenditures For Garcia Than She Raised For Herself During The Republican Primary. "Sen. Ted Cruz placed a big bet on a former top aide hoping to topple Rep. Henry Cuellar in South Texas, spending \$137,000 out of his own campaign fund to pitch Cassy Garcia in the GOP primary. That was more than Garcia herself raised, and an unusual – maybe unprecedented – instance of a candidate using campaign funds for so-called independent expenditures, which are not capped by law." [Dallas Morning News, <u>3/7/22</u>]

In Addition To Cruz's Campaign Committee Spending On Behalf Of Garcia, Cruz's Leadership PAC Contributed \$10,000 Directly To Garcia's Congressional Campaign

Garcia Accepted \$10,000 From Ted Cruz's Leadership PAC, Jobs, Freedom, And Security PAC. [FEC, accessed <u>4/6/22</u>]

- **Cruz's Leadership PAC Gave Garcia \$10,000.** "Apart from the \$137,000 from his Senate campaign account, Cruz's political action committee, the Jobs, Freedom, and Security PAC, contributed \$10,000 to Garcia on Dec. 31." [Dallas Morning News, <u>3/7/22</u>]
- Garcia Only Spent \$11,738, Most Of Which Was Covered By Cruz's Leadership PAC \$10,000 Campaign Contribution, Out Of The \$128,000 Her Campaign Raised Before The Primary. "Of that \$128,000, the Garcia campaign's available reports show only \$11,738 in expenses, for accounting, research, credit card processing, a trade name, and \$600 for web design. Cruz's leadership PAC nearly covered that bill, too, with its \$10,000 New Year's Eve gift." [Daily Beast, <u>3/22/22</u>]

Cruz's Spending On Behalf Of Garcia "Took Advantage" Of An FEC "Loophole" Because The FEC Had Not Ruled "Whether One Candidate Can Make Independent Expenditures On Behalf Of Another"

Dallas Morning News: Cruz "Took Advantage" Of A "Loophole" To Spend \$137,183 On Behalf Of Garcia Because The FEC Had Not Ruled "Whether One Candidate Can Make Independent Expenditures On Behalf Of Another." "Campaign filings show that as of primary day, Ted Cruz for Senate had spent \$137,183 supporting Garcia's campaign. [...] The FEC hasn't issued a definitive ruling on whether one candidate can make independent expenditures on behalf of another candidate, and Cruz took advantage of that loophole. In 2018, the commission did find that it was 'unlikely that independent spending by authorized committees would be deemed more potentially corrupting than independent expenditures by individuals, political parties, or corporations, each of which has been found [by the Supreme Court] to have a constitutional right to make unlimited independent expenditures." [Dallas Morning News, 3/6/22]

Cruz's Spending For Garcia "Was So Unusual That The Federal Election Commission Didn't Actually Have A Way To Report It"

Cruz's Spending For Garcia "Was So Unusual That The Federal Election Commission Didn't Actually Have A Way To Report It." "The campaign, however, had a problem. The tactic was so unusual that the Federal Election Commission didn't actually have a way to report it. Instead, campaign treasurer Cabell Hobbs filed 'miscellaneous' forms, complete with a particularly Cruzian bit of commentary—'in light of the FEC's failure to provide a mechanism for authorized committees to report independent expenditures supporting candidates in other races." [Daily Beast, <u>3/22/22</u>]

"Ted Cruz For Senate's Spending On Behalf Of Garcia's Campaign Included Tens Of Thousands Of Dollars On Ads, Organizing, And Promotional Materials

Money Spent By Cruz's Senate Campaign To Support Garcia										
Disbursement Date	Purpose	Source	Amount							
2/28/22	Media/Travel	Ted Cruz for Senate	\$1,877.16							
2/25/22	Media	Ted Cruz for Senate	\$5,000.00							
2/24/22	Web Service	Ted Cruz for Senate	\$40,000.00							
2/24/22	Printing	Ted Cruz for Senate	\$9,306.16							
2/24/22	GOTV Texting/Phone	Ted Cruz for Senate	\$16,200.00							
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2/23/22	Printing/Design	Ted Cruz for Senate	\$300							
2/23/22	GOTV Door Knocking	Ted Cruz for Senate	\$40,000.00							
2/22/22	Media	Ted Cruz for Senate	\$3,200.00							
2/22/22	Media	Ted Cruz for Senate	\$21,300.00							
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Ted Cruz's Campaign Committee Spent Tens Of Thousands Of Dollars On GOTV Efforts And Promotional Materials, And Media Buys To Support Garcia's Campaign. "Essentially, Cruz cut out the middleman. His campaign committee, 'Ted Cruz for Senate,' shoveled tens of thousands of dollars into the kinds of promotional efforts that those \$2,000 donations would typically help fund, the same way a super PAC supplements an official campaign. The spending kicked off on Feb. 23, a week before primary day, when Ted Cruz for Senate shelled out the first \$64,800: \$40,000 on GOTV door-knocking; \$24,500 for two media buys; and a final \$300 for printing and design. The next day, the campaign dropped \$40,000 on web services, \$9,306 on printed materials, and \$16,200 on GOTV phone calls and text messages. The spree wrapped up with another \$5,000 media buy on Feb. 25, and an \$1,877 kicker for media and travel on Feb. 28." [Daily Beast, <u>3/22/22</u>]

Cruz Spent \$21,000 On Radio Ads For Garcia's Congressional Campaign. "Texas GOP Sen. Ted Cruz's campaign is spending \$21,000 on radio ads in the 28th District, per AdImpact. The Texas Tribune reports that the buy is to boost Cruz's preferred GOP candidate in that primary, Cassy Garcia, a former Cruz aide." [NBC, <u>2/24/22]</u>

By Contrast, Garcia Reported Spending Nothing On Promoting Her Own Campaign Apart From \$600 For Her Website

Cruz Spent Over \$137,000 On Promotions For Garcia's Congressional Campaign While She Spent Nothing On Promoting Her Own Campaign Apart From \$600 For Her Website. "Last month, Cruz poured a staggering \$137,183 into the House campaign for Cassy Garcia, his former staffer turned Texas congressional candidate. [...] Cruz's last-minute blitz paid off. His six-figure spending helped Garcia get through the Republican primary to a



May 24 runoff. And Cruz's support may have played a pivotal role, because none of Garcia's campaign finance reports show a dime spent on promotion—no advertising, no digital marketing, no signs, no mailings, no call lists, no get-out-the-vote efforts. Just a \$600 website. For some reason, Cruz filled that gap. By the time the ballots were counted, he had spent more money supporting Garcia than she had even raised." [Daily Beast, $\frac{3}{22/22}$]

Dec. 30, 2021: Garcia's Congressional Campaign Paid \$600 To Birdwell Communications For "Web Design." [FEC, accessed <u>4/6/22</u>]

Garcia's Campaign Raised About \$10,000 Less Than The \$137,183 That Cruz's Campaign Committee Spent On Her Behalf

Garcia's Campaign Raised About \$10,000 Less Than Cruz Spent On Her Behalf In The 2022 Republican Congressional Primary. "While Cruz waited for the last week to jump in, Garcia's campaign hadn't been around long. She only filed with the FEC in mid-December, and raised about \$128,000 before the primary—about \$10,000 less than Cruz spent." [Daily Beast, <u>3/22/22</u>]

Garcia's Campaign Did Not Start Running Their Own Facebook Ads Until March 24, 2022, Which Was Three Weeks After The First 2022 Texas Congressional Primary

The Only Facebook Ads Promoting Garcia Before The 2022 Texas Congressional Primary Were The Ones Cruz's Senate Campaign Ran On Her Behalf. "And while it's likely that Garcia did make more expenditures on her own behalf in the 20-day gap between her last available report and primary day, there are gaps. For instance, the only Garcia campaign ads in Facebook's political ad library are ones the Cruz campaign bought. Google's ad library has no hits at all. And even if Garcia drained her account, she couldn't have spent as much as Cruz did." [Daily Beast, <u>3/22/22</u>]

• Garcia's Campaign Did Not Start Running Their Own Facebook Ads Until March 24, 2022. [Facebook Ad Library, accessed <u>4/11/22</u>]

Additionally, Garcia And Cruz's Campaign Committees May Have Illegally Coordinated As His Committee Made Over \$137,000 In Independent Expenditures To Promote Her Candidacy

Cruz's Campaign Committee Spent \$137,183 Supporting Garcia, Which Was "Probably" Legal If It Did Not Coordinate With Garcia's Campaign

Cruz's Campaign Committee Spent \$137,183 Supporting Garcia, Was "Probably" Legal If It Did Not Coordinate With Garcia's Campaign. "Federal law says candidates can only give other candidates \$2,000 per election. But Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX)—in classic Cruz fashion—may have found a loophole. Last month, Cruz poured a staggering \$137,183 into the House campaign for Cassy Garcia, his former staffer turned Texas congressional candidate. Along the way, the tendentious Texan —who regularly pushes campaign finance boundaries and is currently challenging the federal election regulator in the Supreme Court— broke new ground, assuming unlimited spending powers and raising campaign finance red flags. [...] If it seems illegal, technically, it probably isn't. At least, it probably isn't illegal as long as the senator and his former deputy state director never 'coordinated' on the spending—a broad term, which also applies to candidates and super PACs. [...] His campaign committee, 'Ted Cruz for Senate,' shoveled tens of thousands of dollars into the kinds of promotional efforts that those \$2,000 donations would typically help fund, the same way a super PAC supplements an official campaign." [Daily Beast, <u>3/22/22</u>]

However, Cruz And Garcia May Have Illegally Coordinated While Promoting A Joint Rally Organized By Cruz's Senate Campaign



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- The Fact That Cruz And Garcia Both Promoted A Joint Rally Organized By Cruz's Senate Campaign On Social Media, However, Suggested That Their Campaigns May Have been Illegally Coordinating. "The key word, however, is 'independent.' Some of Cruz's spending, Kappel said, raises questions about how independent it is, exactly. Candidates can't coordinate on these expenditures—and that includes discussion, assent, and suggestions, and it extends beyond candidates to intermediaries. Cruz and Garcia exhibit overlap. Cruz's Facebook spending promotes a joint rally organized by his campaign, with an EventBrite link, and a post on Garcia's official Facebook page links to the same rally and same EventBrite invitation—which lists Ted Cruz for Senate as the organizer." [Daily Beast, <u>3/22/22</u>]
- Garcia Shared Cruz's Post Promoting Their Joint Rally On Her Campaign's Facebook Page.



[Cassy Garcia, Facebook, 2/24/22]

• Cruz's Senate Campaign Was Listed As The Organizer On The EventBrite Page For Joint Event With Garcia.



CASSY CARCIA FOR CONGRESS	Join us for a GOTV Event! featured guests: Ted Cruz & Cassy Garcia Friday, February 25 @ 7:00pm Texas Pride Barbecue 2980 E Loop 1604 S Adkins, TX 78101	FEB 25 GOTV Event featuring Ted Cruz & Cassy Garcia by Ted Cruz for Senate 3543 followers Follow
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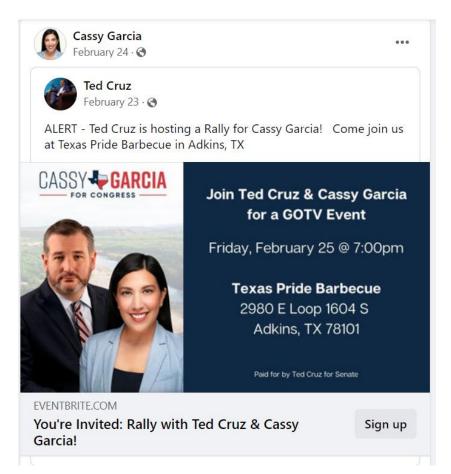


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Ted Cruz Campaigned Alongside Garcia During Her 2022 Congressional Campaign Primary

Cruz's Senate Campaign Organized A GOTV Event For Garcia At Texas Pride Barbecue In Adkins, Texas

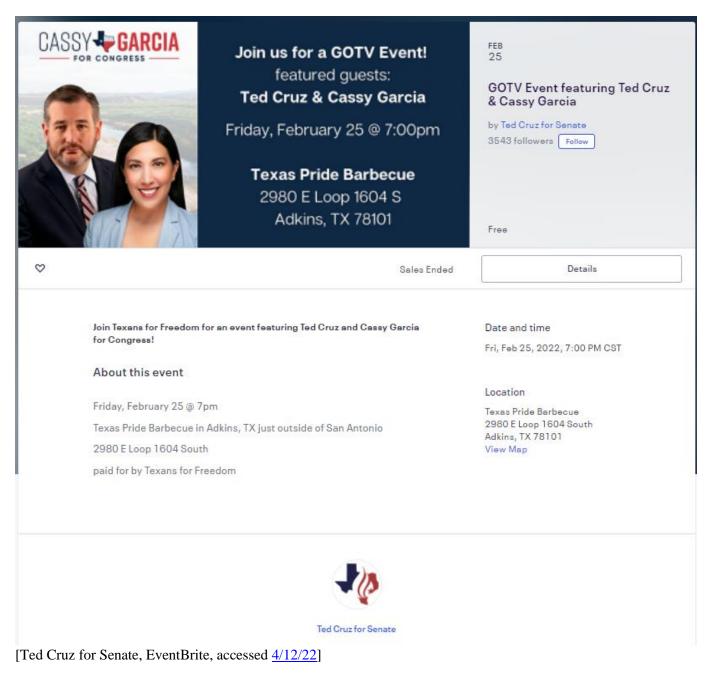
Feb. 25, 2022: Garcia Held A GOTV Event With Ted Cruz At Texas Pride Barbecue In Adkins, Texas.





[Cassy Garcia, Facebook, 2/24/22]

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Garcia Was Photographed With Ted Cruz At The GOTV Event At Texas Pride Barbecue In Adkins, Texas

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Cassy Garcia added 36 new photos to the album: Cassy Garcia for Congress TX28 GOTV Rally with Ted Cruz. February 28 at 5:15 PM · 😋

I was truly blessed and honored by the presence of everyone who made it out to the #GOTV Friday night in Adkins, TX!

Tomorrow is March 1st, if you haven't voted please get out tomorrow and VOTE!

I promise to fight for you, your families & the communities of #TX28!

Let's make history and flip #TX28 in November! But first I need you to vote tomorrow, March 1st!

💣 VOTE 4 CASSY GARCIA 💣



[Cassy Garcia, Facebook, 2/28/22]

February 2021: Garcia Was Cruz's Texas Deputy State Director During Scandal In Which Ted Cruz Fled Texas For A Cancun Resort As Texans Suffered Fallout Of A Devastating Winter Storm That Killed Hundreds

2017-December 2021: Garcia Was Ted Cruz's Deputy State Director

February 2013 – December 2021: Garcia Worked For Senator Ted Cruz. Garcia was Cruz's South Texas Regional Director from February 2013-2017, and Deputy State Director from 2017 through December 2021. [Casandra Lynn Garcia, LinkedIn, accessed <u>3/15/22</u>]

• March 2017-December 2021: Garcia Served As Senator Ted Cruz's Deputy State Director.



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Experience



United States Senate 8 yrs 11 mos

 Deputy State Director for U.S. Senator Ted Cruz Self-employed
 Mar 2017 - Dec 2021 · 4 yrs 10 mos
 Mcallen, Texas

 South Texas Regional Director for U.S. Senator Ted Cruz Feb 2013 - Apr 2017 · 4 yrs 3 mos McAllen, Texas Area

[Casandra Lynn Garcia, LinkedIn, accessed 3/15/22]

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Feb. 2021: Texas Was Hit With A Devastating Winter Storm That Left Hundreds Dead And Over Four Million Without Power

The Estimated Death Toll From The Feb. 2021 Texas Winter Storm Ranged From 246 To Over 750. "On New Year's Eve, with few people watching, the Texas Department of State Health Services announced that 246 people died in the February 2021 winter storm that took down much of the state's power grid. The new figure is 36 higher than the state's previous count but is still almost certainly wrong. According to an analysis of 'excess deaths' in the week of the power outages by BuzzFeed News, the true number is likely more than 750." [BuzzFeed News, 1/5/22]

More Than Four Million Texans Lost Power During The February 2021 Storm. "About 325,000 customers in Texas were still without power Thursday evening after frigid temperatures kicked large shares of the state's power plants off its grid this week, leaving more than 4 million in the dark and triggering outrages." [USA Today, 2/18/21]

Cruz Was Widely Criticized Went On Vacation To Cancún Resort Shortly Following The Feb. 2021 Texas Winter Storm While Urging Texans To "Just Stay Home", A Trip Planned At Short Notice Because His House Was "Freezing"

February 2021: Cruz Was Criticized For Going On Vacation Following The Devastating Winter Storm. "U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz returned to Texas on Thursday and expressed regret for his trip to Cancún, Mexico after being chastised by both Republicans and Democrats for leaving his state as it buckles under the severe effects of a devastating winter storm." [Texas Tribune, 2/18/21]

• Former Congressman Beto O'Rourke: Cruz Vacationed In Cancun While People Were "Literally Freezing To Death In The State That He Was Elected To Represent And Serve." "Former Congressman Beto O'Rourke criticized Texas Senator Ted Cruz for apparently flying to Mexico while millions remained without power in the state amid freezing weather. [...] O'Rourke told MSNBC that Cruz 'is vacationing in



Cancun right now when people are literally freezing to death in the state that he was elected to represent and serve." [Newsweek, $\frac{2/18/21}{2}$]

• Houston Chronicle: As Texans Froze, Ted Cruz Got A Ticket To Paradise. Paradise Can Have Him. [Houston Chronicle, Editorial, 2/19/21]

Feb. 2021: Ted Cruz Went "To The Sunny Mexican Tourist Resort Of Cancún" While Millions Of Texans Suffered From Power Outages And Freezing Temperatures. "Ted Cruz has sparked outcry after the Republican senator from Texas left the state for a trip to the sunny Mexican tourist resort of Cancún, as millions of his constituents endure deadly power outages and freezing temperatures. Cruz was spotted waiting for, then later boarding, a flight to Cancún on Wednesday night. After photos of Cruz on the plane went viral on Twitter, prompting fierce criticism, the senator returned to Texas on Thursday, saying the trip was 'obviously a mistake." [The Guardian, 2/18/21]

- Text Messages From Cruz's Wife Revealed That The Trip To Cancún Was Planned On Short Notice Because Their House Was "FREEZING." "Meanwhile, text messages obtained by the New York Times appeared to show the trip had been planned at short notice. Messages repeatedly sent by Cruz's wife, Heidi, described their house as 'FREEZING' and invited others on a group message thread to join them at the Ritz-Carlton in Cancún." [The Guardian, 2/18/21]
- Cruz Urged Texans To "Just Stay Home" During The Winter Storm. "Cruz now faces criticism of hypocrisy after he had urged Texans to 'just stay home' during a radio interview on Monday, as the winter storm approached the state. In December Cruz attacked Stephen Adler, the Democratic mayor of Austin, for taking a trip to Cabo San Lucas, in Mexico, during the coronavirus pandemic." [The Guardian, 2/18/21]

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- **Cruz Never Clarified Why He Requested A Police Escort Through The Houston Airport In Feb. 2021.** "The Houston Police Department did not immediately return requests for comment. Mr Cruz's Senate offices also did not respond to multiple requests for comment. It is not unordinary for senators and other prominent figures to request police department personnel assistance while traveling. However, many lawmakers also travel without security assistance when going through airports and other major transportation hubs. It's unclear what prompted the senator's office to request the assistance from HPD on Wednesday." [The Independent, 2/18/21]



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Garcia Supported A Full Repeal Of The Affordable Care Act, Which Would Jeopardize Health Care Coverage For Millions Of Texans

Garcia Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act And Called It A "Train Wreck Of A Law"

October 2014: Garcia Supported A Full Repeal Of The Affordable Care Act.



September 2013: Garcia Claimed That "Obamacare Is NOT Law Of The Land" And Called The Affordable Care Act A "Train Wreck Of A Law."



Cassy Garcia for Congress @CasandraLGarcia

Obamacare is NOT law of the land~Not one more American should lose their job, wages or health care plans becuz of this train wreck of a law.

2:23 PM · Sep 23, 2013 · Twitter for iPhone

[Cassy Garcia for Congress, Twitter, 9/23/13]

August 2013: Garcia Called For Defunding The Affordable Care Act

Garcia Supported "Defund[ing] The Affordable Care Act.



Cassy Garcia for Congress @CasandraLGarcia

Obamacare attacks small businesses, employment, wages, and middle America. dontfundobamacare.com #Dontfundit #DefundObamacare

10:34 AM · Aug 6, 2013 · Twitter Web Client

[Cassy Garcia for Congress, Twitter, 8/6/13]



September 2013: Garcia Called On People To Contact Their Senators And Representatives To Ask Them To Defund The Affordable Care Act

Sept. 24, 2013: Garcia Echoed Sarah Palin's Call To "LIGHT UP CAPITOL HILL SWITCHBOARDS TO DEFUND OBAMACARE."



Repealing The Affordable Care Act Could Cause 2.6 Million Texans To Lose Their Health Insurance And Jeopardize Coverage For Nearly 5 Million Texans With Pre-Existing Conditions

Dec. 2016: The Urban Institute Estimated That Repealing The Affordable Care Act Would Deprive 2.6 Million Texans Of Health Care And Cost Texas \$62 Million In Federal Health Funding Over 10 Years. "The incoming Trump administration and a Republican Congress are vowing a partial repeal of the Affordable Care Act, but they're vague about a replacement plan. A new report from the Urban Institute says a repeal could cost as many as 30 million Americans access to health care, including some 2.6 million people in Texas. [...] The study shows that a repeal would increase the number of uninsured Texans to 6.9 million people, keeping the state with the highest uninsured rate in the country. Texas would also lose \$62 billion in federal health care funding over a 10-year period." [El Paso Herald-Post, <u>12/11/16</u>]

According To Kaiser Family Foundation, As Of 2018, 4,794,000 Nonelderly Adults In Texas Had Declinable **Pre-Existing Conditions.** [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed <u>4/13/22</u>]

Repealing The Affordable Care Act Would Threaten Coverage For People With Pre-Existing Health

Conditions. "Under the A.C.A., no one can be denied coverage under any circumstance, and insurance companies cannot retroactively cancel a policy unless they find evidence of fraud. The Kaiser Family Foundation estimated that 54 million people have conditions serious enough that insurers would outright deny them coverage if the A.C.A. were not in effect, according to an analysis it did in 2019. Its estimates are based on the guidelines insurers had in place about whom to cover before the law was enacted." [New York Times, $\frac{6}{17/21}$]



Garcia Promoted Conspiracy Theories About The January 6th Insurrection And Received Support—Including Campaign Cash—From Elected Officials Who Promoted The Big Lie

Garcia Retweeted Sen. Ted Cruz's Claim That Calling The Jan. 6th Capitol Attack An "Insurrection" Was Using A "Political Term Used By Democrats" And "Transparent Political Theater"

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Garcia Amplified Conspiracy Theories That There Was "Ample Evidence" The FBI Was Involved In The Jan. 6th Insurrection And Retweeted Donald Trump Jr.'s Call To Investigate Their Role

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Hate @TedCruz all you want but these questions about FBI's role in 1/6 are vital: because it's what FBI did in the 1st War on Terror and with the Whitmer case, but also because there's ample evidence they did it here. The media's indifference is shameful:



12:28 PM · Jan 11, 2022 · Twitter Web App

[Cassy Garcia for Congress, Twitter, 1/11/22]

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12:42 PM · Jan 11, 2022 · Twitter for iPhone [Cassy Garcia for Congress, Twitter, <u>1/11/22</u>]

Garcia Accepted \$1,000 From Rep. Carol Miller, Who Supported Overturning The 2020 Election Results And Whose Aide May Have Played A Role In The Jan. 6th Attack

Garcia Accepted \$1,000 From Rep. Carol Miller's Leadership PAC

Jan. 11, 2022: Garcia Accepted \$1,000 From Rep. Carol Miller's Leadership PAC, Cut The Bull PAC. [FEC, accessed <u>4/6/22</u>]

Rep. Carol Miller Called For The Supreme Court To Overturn The 2020 Election Results

Dec. 11, 2020: Rep. Miller Signed An Amicus Brief Challenging The 2020 Presidential Election Results Before The Supreme Court. "Two of West Virginia's three U.S. representatives have signed a brief supporting a lawsuit challenging election results in four swing states. Republicans Alex Mooney and Carol Miller signed the amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court case filed by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton." [West Virginia Record, 12/11/20]

• The Amicus Brief Suggested That State Legislatures Should Be Allowed To Select Presidential Electors Regardless Of How The State Voted In A Presidential Election. "This brief amicus curiae presents the concern of amici as Members of Congress, shared by untold millions of their constituents, that the unconstitutional irregularities involved in the 2020 presidential election cast doubt upon its outcome and the integrity of the American system of elections,' the filing states. 'On the merits, this amicus brief defends the constitutional authority of state legislatures as the only bodies duly authorized to establish the manner by which presidential electors are appointed, one of the central issues in the pending litigation. As members of the federal legislature, these amici seek to protect the constitutional role of state legislatures in determining the manner by which states choose their electors." [West Virginia Record, 12/11/20]

The Jan. 6th Investigation Committee Subpoenaed One Of Rep. Carol Miller's Aides For Her Role In The Capitol Hill Insurrection

The Jan. 6th Investigation Committee Subpoenaed One Of Rep. Carol Miller's Aides, Maggie Mulvaney, Mick Mulvaney's Niece, For Her Possible Role In The Capitol Hill Insurrection. "An aide to West Virginia Republican Congresswoman Carol Miller has been served a subpoena by the Capitol Hill committee investigating the events at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, the day the House and Senate met to certify the 2020 presidential election. Maggie Mulvaney — who happens to be the niece of former White House Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney during the Trump administration — was put on Miller's House of Representative's payroll just three days before the assault on the U.S. Capitol and is to be questioned about her role in organizing the rally prior to the siege of House and Senate chambers that afternoon." [WDVM-TV (NBC), <u>10/8/21</u>]

- Public Records Listed Mulvaney As A "VIP Lead" For The "Save America Rally" That Immediately Preceded The Storming Of The Capitol. "Records show that Maggie Mulvaney, the niece of former Acting White House Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney, played a key role in the 'Save America Rally' on January 6 that occurred prior to President Donald Trump's supporters storming the U.S. Capitol. Trump has been accused of inciting the Capitol riot with a speech to supporters of the rally held at the Ellipse. During the event, which was organized by the nonprofit Women for America First, the president urged his followers to 'fight much harder' and walk down to the Capitol amid his baseless allegations of election fraud. [...] Maggie Mulvaney was listed as a 'VIP Lead' in a Park Service permit granted for the event, according to an Associated Press review of records." [Newsweek, 1/17/21]
- Mulvaney Started Working For Miller Just Three Days Before The Insurrection. "But just three days before the assault on the Capitol, Mulvaney the niece of former congressman and White House chief of staff



Mick Mulvaney — began working as a senior adviser to Miller. House records show her employment began at the start of the new Congress even as she completed her commitment to help organize the rally. [Politico, $\frac{9/30}{21}$]

Ted Cruz's Campaign Committee And Leadership PAC Spent A Combined Total Of Nearly \$150,000 To Prop Up Garcia's 2022 TX-28 Republican Primary Campaign

Ted Cruz's Campaign Committee Spent \$137,183 From His Own Campaign Fund To Promote Garcia In The TX-28 Republican Primary

Cruz Spent \$137,000 On Independent Expenditures For Garcia In The 2022 TX-28 Republican Primary. "Sen. Ted Cruz placed a big bet on a former top aide hoping to topple Rep. Henry Cuellar in South Texas, spending \$137,000 out of his own campaign fund to pitch Cassy Garcia in the GOP primary. [...] Cruz's deputy state director for four years, Garcia led a seven-candidate field Tuesday and advanced to a May 24 runoff against Sandra Whitten, a youth and preschool director who lost to Cuellar in 2020." [Dallas Morning News, <u>3/7/22</u>]

• Cruz Spent More Money On Independent Expenditures For Garcia Than She Raised For Herself During The Republican Primary. "Sen. Ted Cruz placed a big bet on a former top aide hoping to topple Rep. Henry Cuellar in South Texas, spending \$137,000 out of his own campaign fund to pitch Cassy Garcia in the GOP primary. That was more than Garcia herself raised, and an unusual – maybe unprecedented – instance of a candidate using campaign funds for so-called independent expenditures, which are not capped by law." [Dallas Morning News, 3/7/22]

In Addition To Cruz's Campaign Committee Spending On Behalf Of Garcia, Cruz's Leadership PAC Contributed \$10,000 Directly To Garcia's Congressional Campaign

Garcia Accepted \$10,000 From Ted Cruz's Leadership PAC, Jobs, Freedom, And Security PAC. [FEC, accessed <u>4/6/22</u>]

- **Cruz's Leadership PAC Gave Garcia \$10,000.** "Apart from the \$137,000 from his Senate campaign account, Cruz's political action committee, the Jobs, Freedom, and Security PAC, contributed \$10,000 to Garcia on Dec. 31." [Dallas Morning News, <u>3/7/22</u>]
- Garcia Only Spent \$11,738, Most Of Which Was Covered By Cruz's Leadership PAC \$10,000 Campaign Contribution, Out Of The \$128,000 Her Campaign Raised Before The Primary. "Of that \$128,000, the Garcia campaign's available reports show only \$11,738 in expenses, for accounting, research, credit card processing, a trade name, and \$600 for web design. Cruz's leadership PAC nearly covered that bill, too, with its \$10,000 New Year's Eve gift." [Daily Beast, <u>3/22/22</u>]

Cruz Was "Leading The Charge" To Overturn The 2020 Presidential Election Results

Cruz Was "Leading The Charge" To Overturn The 2020 Presidential Election Results. "Sen. Ted Cruz was dining near the Capitol on the evening of Dec. 8, 2020, when he received an urgent call from President Donald Trump. A lawsuit had just been filed at the Supreme Court designed to overturn the election Trump had lost, and the president wanted help from the Texas Republican. 'Would you be willing to argue the case?' Trump asked Cruz, as the senator later recalled it. 'Sure, I'd be happy to' if the court granted a hearing, Cruz said he responded. The call was just one step in a collaboration that for two months turned the once-bitter political enemies into close allies in the effort to keep Trump in the White House based on the president's false claims about a stolen election. By Cruz's own account, he was 'leading the charge' to prevent the certification of Joe Biden as president." [Washington Post, <u>3/28/22</u>]



• Cruz Planned To Delay Certification Of Six States' Electoral Votes In Order To Give Republican State Legislatures Time To Overturn The Election Results. "As Eastman outlined a scenario in which Vice President Mike Pence could deny certifying Biden's election, Cruz crafted a complementary plan in the Senate. He proposed objecting to the results in six swing states and delaying accepting the electoral college results on Jan. 6 in favor of a 10-day 'audit' — thus potentially enabling GOP state legislatures to overturn the result. Ten other senators backed his proposal, which Cruz continued to advocate on the day rioters attacked the Capitol." [Washington Post, <u>3/28/22</u>]

Elise Stefanik, Who Supported Overturning The 2020 Presidential Election Results, Endorsed Garcia

March 2022: Elise Stefanik's Super PAC Seeking To Boost Republican Women Candidates Endorsed Garcia's Congressional Campaign. "House Republican Conference Chairwoman Elise Stefanik's (R-N.Y) super PAC on Tuesday released its latest round of endorsements, seeking to boost GOP women candidates ahead of November's midterm elections. Stefanik's E-PAC formally threw its support around [...] Cassy Garcia in Texas' 28th congressional district." [The Hill, <u>3/8/22</u>]

Stefanik Signed Amicus Brief Asking SCOTUS To Overturn The 2020 Presidential Election Results And Voted To Object To Certification of Pennsylvania's Electoral Votes

Stefanik Signed Onto An Amicus Brief Asking The Supreme Court To Overturn The 2020 Presidential Election Results. "The top candidate to replace Cheney is New York Rep. Elise Stefanik -- who promoted some of those election lies and sought to get the outcome of the election overturned. Stefanik, whom Trump endorsed Wednesday for the job of House Republican conference chair, supported a lawsuit that tried to get the Supreme Court to invalidate Joe Biden's victory. [...] In December, Stefanik was one of 126 House Republicans to sign on to an amicus brief in support of a Republican lawsuit that asked the Supreme Court to toss out Biden's win. The unsuccessful lawsuit, which was filed by the attorney general of Texas, asked the court to reject the election results in Pennsylvania, Georgia, Michigan and Wisconsin, all of which were won by Biden." [CNN, <u>5/6/21</u>]

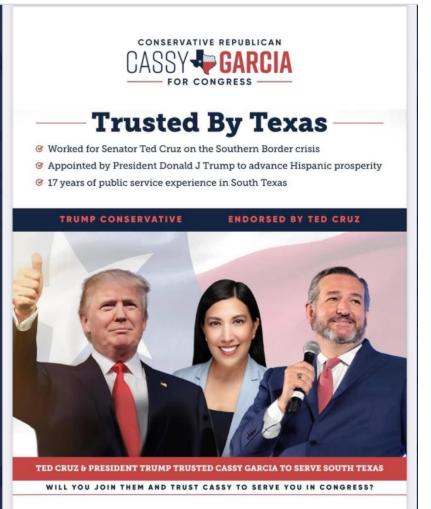
• Stefanik Voted To Object To The Certification Of Pennsylvania's Electoral Votes In The 2020 Presidential Election. "On January 6, after Trump supporters stormed the Capitol, she voted to reject some of President Joe Biden's electoral votes. [...] On January 6, Stefanik was one of 147 Republicans to vote against certifying Biden's electoral votes from at least one state. Earlier that day, prior to the storming of the Capitol, Stefanik had told constituents in an open letter that she planned to object to certifying Biden's wins in all four of Pennsylvania, Georgia, Michigan and Wisconsin. But after the violence, Republicans ended up holding final votes on the certification of only two states, Pennsylvania and Arizona; Stefanik voted to reject Biden's victory in Pennsylvania but to certify Biden's win in Arizona." [CNN, <u>5/6/21</u>]

Despite Calling Herself A "Trump Conservative," Garcia Appeared To Have Voted In The 2008 Democratic Primary And Has Been Criticized By Texas Conservative Activists

Garcia Called Herself A Trump Conservative

Garcia's Campaign Materials Described Herself As A "Trump Conservative."





[Cassy Garcia for Congress, Twitter, 2/25/22]

Garcia Appears To Have Voted In The 2008 Texas Democratic Primary

According To Votebuilder, Garcia Voted In The 2008 Texas Democratic Primary.

✓ Voting History																	
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[VoteBuilder, accessed 3/29/22]

NOTE: Garcia's voter registration records need to be verified through public records requests



The Texas Freedom Coalition, A "Network Of Conservative Activists" Founded In Response To COVID-19 Lockdowns, Attacked Garcia For Not Sharing Her Platform On Her Website And For "Virtue-Signaling" On COVID-19 Vaccines

The Texas Freedom Coalition Tweeted That Garcia's Platform Was Largely Unknown Because It Was Not On Her Website.

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Texas Freedom Coalition @CoalitionTexas

Cassie Harcia is running on the GOP ticket for CD-28. What's her platform? It's not on her website. But, we know by her t-shirt where she stands on vaccine passports. When you participate in virtue signaling & showing your card, then you are complicit. @CasandraLGarcia @chiproytx

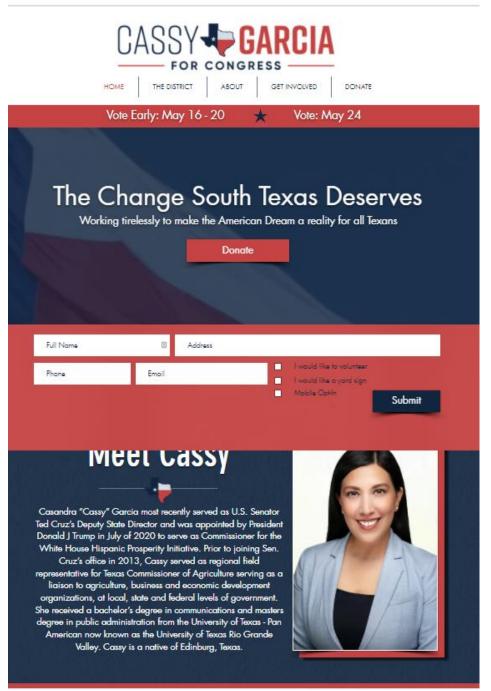




[Texas Freedom Coalition, Twitter, 1/28/22]

Garcia's Campaign Website Did Not Contain An Issues Page Nor Did It Reveal Any Of Her Policy Stances.





[Cassy Garcia for Congress, accessed 3/31/22]

The Texas Freedom Coalition Was A Right-Wing Organization Founded In Response To The COVID-19 Lockdowns

The Texas Freedom Coalition Was "A Network Of Conservative Activists And Patriots Who Advocate For Constitutional Government In The State Of Texas" Founded In Response To The COVID Lockdowns. "The Texas Freedom Coalition was founded in early 2020, during the wake of the unconstitutional COVID-19 lockdowns, in tandem with the Open Texas movement. We are a network of conservative activists and patriots who advocate for constitutional government in the state of Texas, lobby for Texans' God-given rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and organize local and regional grassroots efforts to promote and preserve



liberty principles in Texas. The Texas Freedom Coalition focuses on key issues related to core constitutional rights, individual liberty, and pro-family values. We support and defend medical freedom, economic freedom, state sovereignty, private property rights, parental rights, religious freedom, privacy, and pro-family values." [Texas Freedom Coalition, accessed $\frac{4}{6}$ 2]

Garcia Was Anti-Choice

Garcia Opposed Federal Funding For Abortions

Garcia Said That One Of Her Top Priorities In Congress Would Be To "Ensure That NO Taxpayer Dollars Will Ever Be Used To Fund Abortions."



Cassy Garcia for Congress @CasandraLGarcia

Every life is precious and worthy of protection and one of my top priorities when I get to Congress is to ensure that NO taxpayer dollars will ever be used to fund abortions. #ProLife #TX28

LifeNews.com @LifeNewsHQ · Jan 12
An unborn baby is a human being, not a blob of tissue or clump of cells.

11:38 AM \cdot Jan 13, 2022 \cdot Twitter for iPhone

[Cassy Garcia for Congress, Twitter, <u>1/13/22</u>]

February 2022: The Susan B. Anthony List, An Anti-Choice Group, Endorsed Garcia For Congress

The Susan B. Anthony List, An Anti-Choice Group, Endorsed Garcia For Congress In 2022. "Today Susan B. Anthony List's Candidate Fund PAC announced its endorsement of Cassy Garcia (R) for Congress in Texas' 28th District. 'Cassy Garcia embodies the pro-life, pro-woman leadership Susan B. Anthony List was founded to promote and that Texans deserve to have in Congress," said Hon. Marilyn Musgrave, SBA List's vice president of government affairs. "Cassy is a strong advocate of commonsense policies that protect life and compassionate services to help women and families embrace life. In contrast to the growing extremism of Democrats who stand in lock step with the Biden-Pelosi agenda of abortion on demand through birth, paid for by taxpayers, Cassy is in touch with South Texas values and will be a champion for the most vulnerable. We encourage all voters in the 28th District to support her in the primary election on March 1." [Susan B. Anthony List, Press Release, 2/10/22]

In Its Endorsement Of Garcia, Susan B. Anthony List Noted That Garcia Participated In The March For Life Rallies In New Mexico, Texas, And D.C. And Supported The Rio Grande Valley Pregnancy Center

Susan B. Anthony List: Garcia Participated In The March For Life Rallies In New Mexico, Texas, And D.C. And Supported The Rio Grande Valley Pregnancy Center. "Garcia grew up in the Rio Grande Valley and returned home to serve as a regional field representative for the office of the agricultural commissioner. She went on to serve as deputy state director to U.S. Senator Ted Cruz and was appointed commissioner for the White House Hispanic Prosperity Initiative by President Trump. She has participated in the March for Life in the Rio Grande Valley, Austin, and D.C. and is a supporter of the Rio Grande Valley Pregnancy Center." [Susan B. Anthony List, Press Release, <u>2/10/22</u>]



NOTE: Further research necessary into the Rio Grande Valley Pregnancy Center

Garcia Claimed That Hispanics Were "Pro-Gun & Pro-Life"

Garcia Claimed That Hispanics Felt A "Genuine Sense Of Belonging With The GOP" Because They Were "Pro-Gun & Pro-Life."



Cassy Garcia for Congress @CasandraLGarcia

Now more than ever, Hispanics feel a genuine sense of belonging with the GOP. Hispanics are conservative on education, social issues, we are pro-gun & pro-life. Hispanics want lower taxes, religious freedom and school choice. 2/x

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[Cassy Garcia for Congress, Twitter, 3/17/22]

Garcia Supported Trump's Immigration Policies

Garcia Supported Building A Wall Along The U.S.-Mexico Border

Garcia Supported Building A Wall Along The U.S.-Mexico Border. "His opponents include Cassy Garcia, a former staffer for U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz who was endorsed by the National Border Patrol Council, and Sandra Whitten, the Republican nominee who faced Cuellar in the general election in November 2020. Both supported construction of a border wall, though Garcia said lawmakers should consult with Border Patrol on where a wall would be needed and where the use of technology would be most appropriate." [Brownsville Herald, 2/26/22]

Garcia Called For The Biden Administration To "Bring Back The Trump-Era Border Policies That Worked" And Reinstating Trump's Immigration "Deterrence Policies"

Garcia Supported Continuing Title 42 Deportations And Bringing Back "The Trump-Era Border Policies That Worked."





Cassy Garcia for Congress 🥑 @CasandraLGarcia

No, it's not time to end Title 42!

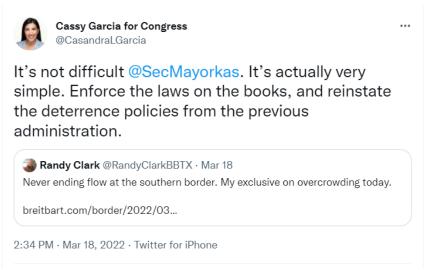
There is a crisis on our southern border & the Biden Admin has no plan, no strategy or solution to secure our border!

We need the Biden Administration to enforce the laws on the books and bring back the Trump-era border policies that worked!



[Cassy Garcia for Congress, Twitter, 3/30/22]

Garcia Called For The Biden Administration To Reinstate The Trump Administration's Immigration "Deterrence Policies."



[Cassy Garcia for Congress, Twitter, <u>1/12/22</u>]

Trump's Immigration Policies Included Separating Undocumented Immigrant Children From Their Parents At The Border

May 7, 2018: Trump Enacted A "Zero Tolerance" Policy Ordering That Undocumented Immigrant Children Be Separated From Their Parents If They Crossed The Border Without Permission. "On May 7, 2018, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) announced it had implemented a 'zero tolerance' policy, dictating that all migrants who cross the border without permission, including those seeking asylum, be referred to the DOJ for prosecution. Undocumented asylum seekers were imprisoned, and any accompanying children under the age of 18 were handed over to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which shipped them miles away from their parents and scattered them among 100 Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) shelters and other care



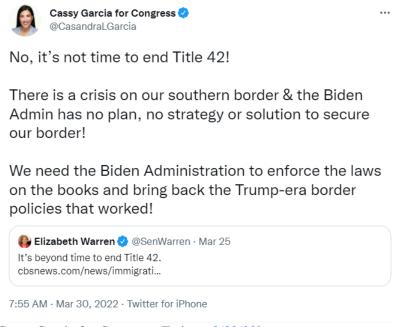
arrangements across the country. Hundreds of these children, including infants and toddlers, were under the age of 5. Prior to the Trump administration, families were generally paroled into the country to await their immigration cases or detained together." [Southern Poverty Law Center, $\frac{3/23/22}{2}$]

• Sen. Van Hollen: Children Separated From Their Parents At The Border Were "Massed Together In Large Pens Of Chain-Linked Fence." "Just left Border Patrol Processing Center in McAllen—aka "the dog kennel." Witnessed loads of kids massed together in large pens of chain-linked fence separated from their moms and dads. @realDonaldTrump, change your shameful policy today! #FamiliesBelongTogether." [Senator Chris Van Hollen, Twitter, <u>6/17/18</u>]

Garcia Called For Continuing Title 42 Deportations, Which Allowed The CDC To Prohibit Foreigners From Entering The U.S. On Public Health Grounds During The Coronavirus Pandemic

Garcia Supported Continuing Title 42 Deportations

Garcia Supported Continuing Title 42 Deportations And Bringing Back "The Trump-Era Border Policies That Worked."



[Cassy Garcia for Congress, Twitter, 3/30/22]

Title 42 Was Invoked To Prohibit Foreigners From Entering The U.S. On Public Health Grounds During The Coronavirus Pandemic

Title 42 Allowed The CDC To Prohibit Foreigners From Entering The U.S. If They Were Deemed A Threat To Public Health. "Title 42 is a public health and welfare statute enacted in 1944 that gave the U.S. surgeon general the authority — later transferred to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — to determine whether communicable disease in a foreign country poses a serious danger of spreading in the U.S., either by people or property entering the country. If the CDC finds that a disease does pose a threat, it can, with approval from the president, temporarily prohibit them from entering the country to avert danger." [Los Angeles Times, <u>10/25/21</u>]



- The U.S. Government Invoked Title 42 When Expelling Nearly 1.3 Million Migrants From The Border Since The Start OF The Coronavirus Pandemic. "Citing the threat of COVID-19, the U.S. government has over the last year and a half carried out nearly 1.3 million expulsions of migrants at the border without offering them the opportunity to request asylum or other humanitarian protections. That policy known as Title 42 for the section of the health statute where it originated has been met with legal and political challenges, but it remains on the books." [Los Angeles Times, <u>10/25/21</u>]
- Public Health Experts Claimed That Title 42 Had No Scientific Basis And That Migrants Did Not Pose A Serious Transmission Risk For COVID-19. "Officials are anticipating that the lifting of the order, known as Title 42, will draw even more migrants from Central America and other regions to the southwest border, where the number intercepted by border officials has already broken records in recent months. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which issued the order and is responsible for deciding when to lift it, had been under increasing pressure from Democratic members of Congress and human rights advocates to do so. [...] But public health experts have said the order, meant to prevent migrants from spreading the coronavirus in the United States, has no grounding in science and that migrants do not pose a serious transmission risk, especially at this point in the pandemic." [New York Times, <u>3/30/22</u>]

Garcia Retweeted Cruz's Misleading Claim That Biden Wanted To Pay \$450,000 A Person To Undocumented Immigrants, But The Payments Were To Immigrant Parents Who Were Separated From Their Children During The Trump Administration

Garcia Retweeted Cruz's Claim "That Joe Biden Is Talking About Sending \$450,000 A Person To Illegal Immigrants Who Broke The Law"

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Stunning that Joe Biden is talking about sending \$450,000 a person to illegal immigrants who broke the law.

This is yet another example of the radicals driving the agenda.



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[Cassy Garcia for Congress, Twitter, <u>11/2/21</u>]

The Potential Payments Were For Immigrant Parents, Many Of Whom Applied Legally For Asylum, Who Were Separated From Their Children During The Trump Administration

The Potential Payments Were For Immigrant Parents, Many Of Whom Applied Legally For Asylum, Who Had Their Children Taken Away From Them During The Trump Administration. "The potential payments are the result of the Trump-era policy that saw thousands of children separated from their parents after crossing the southern border. And in some cases the families involved applied legally for asylum, and are not 'illegal immigrants' at all." [PolitiFact, 10/28/21]

The Border Patrol Workers Union Endorsed Cassy Garcia For Congress

The National Border Patrol Council Endorsed Garcia For Congress In 2022. "While the 28th District is not the most competitive in November on paper, Republicans are increasingly bullish about their chances there regardless of who the Democratic nominee is. They believe Cisneros is too liberal for the district and Cuellar too damaged by the FBI raid at his home in January. They are also buoyed by the strength of Garcia's candidacy. She has been endorsed by the National Border Patrol Council, which previously backed Cuellar." [Austin American-Statesman, 3/13/22]

Social Security

Garcia Worked For Sen. Ted Cruz When He Proposed A Plan To "Transform" Social Security

March 2013-April 2017: Garcia Served As Sen. Cruz's South Texas Regional Director. [Legistorm, accessed 4/8/22]

• Garcia Was Sen. Cruz's South Texas Regional Director When He Proposed A Plan To "Transform" Social Security. "President George W. Bush's plan to partially privatize Social Security was 'the right thing to do,' Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) said in an interview published Thursday in CNBC.com. 'Now, I also think you've got to give George W. Bush some real credit—he showed remarkable courage in the beginning of the second term taking on Social Security reform and personal accounts. It was the right thing to do. Sadly, congressional Republicans ran to the hills and abandoned him,' the 2016 presidential candidate told reporter John Harwood. [...] While he disagreed with libertarians who want to phase out Social Security, he offered his own three-point plan to transform the popular retirement program for the elderly. First, 'no changes whatsoever' for those in or near retirement. Second, tie the growth of benefits to inflation (an apparent endorsement of a policy known as Chained CPI). 'But the third piece, and it's what Bush fought for, is personal accounts,' Cruz said. 'I think it is transformative to allow younger workers to put a portion of their taxes into a personal account that they own, that they control, and that they can pass onto their heirs.'" [Talking Points Memo, <u>4/9/15</u>]

Voting Rights & Campaign Finance Reform

Garcia Worked For Sen. Ted Cruz When He Blocked Legislation To Expand Voting Rights, End Partisan Gerrymandering, And Overhaul Campaign Finance Laws

Cruz Blocked A Vote On The For The People Act While Garcia Worked For Him

April 2017-Dec. 2021: Garcia Served As Sen. Cruz's Deputy State Director. [Legistorm, accessed 4/8/22]



- Aug. 11, 2021: Cruz Blocked An Attempt To Open Debate On The For The People Act. "Despite high hopes and desperate pleas from Texas Democrats, the U.S. Senate failed to move federal voting rights legislation before leaving for summer recess. And it was a Texas Republican U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz who blocked the last attempt to vote on a bill before the Senate left town. During that overnight final session, Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer, D-New York, requested unanimous consent from the Senate to immediately consider the For the People Act, a sweeping overhaul of federal elections that would preempt attempts from states to restrict voting access, would overhaul campaign finance laws and would end congressional gerrymandering, among other provisions. Only one senator is needed to block a unanimous consent request a procedural move typically reserved for items that aren't controversial and Cruz jumped at the opportunity." [Texas Tribune, <u>8/11/21</u>]
- Cruz Claimed That The For The People Act Was "a Federal Government Takeover Of Elections" And "Would Strike Down Virtually Every Reasonable Voter Integrity Law In The Country." "This bill would constitute a federal government takeover of elections. ... It would strike down virtually every reasonable voter integrity law in the country," Cruz said." [Texas Tribune, <u>8/11/21</u>]

The For The People Act Would Increase Public Campaign Financing, Strengthen Fundraising Transparency, Expand Voting Rights, And End Partisan Gerrymandering

HEADLINE: "House Democrats Just Passed A Slate Of Significant Reforms To Get Money Out Of Politics." [Vox, <u>3/8/19]</u>

- The For The People Act Established A Match Program For Candidates Who Raised Money From Small Dollar Donors, Funded By A Fee On Criminal And Civil Fines By Banks And Corporations. "Establishing public financing of campaigns, powered by small donations. Under the vision of the bill's main sponsor, Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD), the federal government would provide a voluntary 6-1 match for candidates for president and Congress, which means for every dollar a candidate raises from small donations, the federal government would match it six times over. The maximum small donation that could be matched would be capped at \$200. The most substantial change to HR 1 is this program now won't be funded by taxpayer dollars as originally planned; instead, it will come from adding a 2.75 percent fee on criminal and civil fines, fees, penalties, or settlements with banks and corporations that commit corporate malfeasance (think Wells Fargo)." [Vox, <u>3/8/19</u>]
- The For The People Act Supported An End To Citizens United And Increased Disclosure Of The Funders Of "Dark Money" Groups And Online Political Ads. "Supporting a constitutional amendment to end Citizens United. Passing the DISCLOSE Act, pushed by Rep. David Cicilline and Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, both Democrats from Rhode Island. This would require Super PACs and 'dark money' political organizations to make their donors public. Passing the Honest Ads Act, championed by Sens. Amy Klobuchar (MN) and Mark Warner (VA) and introduced by Rep. Derek Kilmer (WA) in the House, which would require Facebook and Twitter to disclose the source of money for political ads on their platforms and share how much money was spent." [Vox, <u>3/8/19</u>]
- The For The People Act Created National Automatic Voter Registration, Made Election Day A Federal Holiday, Ended Partisan Gerrymandering, And Increased Election Security. "Creating new national automatic voter registration that asks voters to opt out rather than opt in, ensuring more people will be signed up to vote. Early voting, same-day voter registration, and online voter registration would also be promoted. Making Election Day a holiday for federal employees and encouraging private sector businesses to do the same [...] Ending partisan gerrymandering in federal elections and prohibiting voter roll purging. The bill would stop the use of non-forwardable mail being used as a way to remove voters from rolls. Beefing up election security, including requiring the director of national intelligence to do regular checks on foreign threats. Recruiting and training more poll workers ahead of the 2020 election to cut down on long lines at the polls." [Vox, <u>3/8/19</u>]



Taxes

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April 2017-Dec. 2021: Garcia Served As Sen. Cruz's Deputy State Director. [Legistorm, accessed 4/8/22]

- Dec. 2017: Cruz Voted For The 2017 Republican Tax Cuts. "With a 224-201 vote, the U.S. House gave final passage to a major overhaul of the American tax code Wednesday, sending the measure to President Donald Trump's desk and marking the first significant legislative achievement of the Republican-controlled government this year. Wednesday's House vote followed on the heels of votes in both chambers backing the \$1.5 trillion bill. [...] Both of the state's senators Republicans Ted Cruz and John Cornyn voted for the overhaul." [Texas Tribune, <u>12/20/17</u>]
- Jan. 2021: Cruz Introduced Legislation To Make The 2017 Republican Tax Cuts Permanent. "U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) [...] this week introduced a bill to ensure the historic GOP tax cuts on individuals become permanent as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to devastate American families. Sen. Cruz previously introduced this legislation in 2018 and 2019. Upon introduction, Sen. Cruz said: 'In the wake of the economic devastation wrought by the COVID-19 virus, millions of hardworking American families and small businesses are continuing to struggle. As we begin to rebuild and reopen our economy, these families need to know their taxes won't go back up just as they regain their financial footing. This legislation makes permanent the tax cuts for individuals contained in Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.''' [Sen. Ted Cruz, Press Release, 1/29/21]

The 2017 Republican Tax Law Benefitted The Wealthy, Corporations, And Special Interests...

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

... While Millions Of Americans Paid More In Taxes

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



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

The 2017 Republican Tax Cuts Gave Billionaires A Lower Effective Tax Rate Than Working-Class Americans For The First Time In History

Emmanuel Saez And Gabriel Zucman Calculated That The 2017 Republican Tax Cuts Helped Billionaires Pay A Lower Tax Rate Than The Working Class For The First Time In History. "According to a new book Donald Trump's \$1.5tn tax cuts have helped billionaires pay a lower rate than the working class for the first time in history. In 2018 the richest 400 families in the US paid an average effective tax rate of 23% while the bottom half of American households paid a rate of 24.2%, University of California at Berkeley economists Emmanuel Saez and Gabriel Zucman calculate in their new book, The Triumph of Injustice. [...] Thanks to the controversial tax package the top 0.1% of US households were granted a 2.5% tax cut that pushed their rate below that of the lower 50% of US earners." [The Guardian, 10/9/19]

Infrastructure

Garcia Worked For Sen. Ted Cruz When He Voted Against The Bipartisan Infrastructure Package

Garcia Worked For Sen. Ted Cruz When He Voted Against Investing \$30 Billion In Texas Infrastructure

April 2017-Dec. 2021: Garcia Served As Sen. Cruz's Deputy State Director. [Legistorm, accessed 4/8/22]

• Aug. 2021: Cruz Voted Against The Bipartisan Infrastructure Package Even Though It Invested \$30 Billion In Texas' Bridges, Roads, And Broadband. "The U.S. Senate passed a rare bipartisan initiative Tuesday that would deploy at least \$30 billion across the state to repair bridges, build roads and increase broadband internet access, without the support of either senator from Texas. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, with a \$1.2 trillion price tag, had bipartisan support, but both Republican U.S. Sens. John Cornyn and Ted Cruz opposed the sweeping legislation." [Texas Tribune, <u>8/7/21</u>]

Garcia Supported Public-Private Partnerships To Expand Broadband Access

Garcia Supported Public-Private Partnerships To Expand Broadband Access And Said That Broadband Was "Part Of Infrastructure." "Zapata County was brought up again when Darling asked if Garcia and Whitten supported the federal government's efforts to expand broadband access in rural communities. [...] Rural communities struggled with broadband access at the onset of the pandemic, sending cities like Donna to invest heavily in projects to help a community where half of the students report poor or no access. 'That was an issue for parents. Many children did not have access to broadband,' Garcia said. 'We talk about infrastructure, broadband is part of infrastructure.' She proposed using more public-private partnerships to create more access for schools, to improve rural healthcare, wireless medical devices and other medical services that rely on internet connectivity." [The Monitor, 2/1/22]

COVID-19

Garcia Opposed COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates And Called Biden's Vaccine Mandate "Illegal And Unconstitutional"



Garcia Opposed COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates. "Garcia and Whitten agreed against vaccine mandates requiring the COVID-19 vaccine, though they both claim they are not anti-vaccine. Garcia said she received two COVID-19 shots, and Whitten said her children are immunized against other illnesses." [The Monitor, 2/1/22]

Garcia Said That Biden's Vaccine Mandate Was "Illegal And Unconstitutional."



Cassy Garcia for Congress @CasandraLGarcia

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The vaccine mandate is illegal and unconstitutional!

I DO NOT support lockdowns, if anything the Biden Administration should lockdown the southern border!

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[Cassy Garcia for Congress, Twitter, 1/12/22]

Garcia Opposed Vaccine Passports And Said That "Americans Shouldn't Be Discriminated Because Of Their Vaccine Status"

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Cassy Garcia for Congress @CasandraLGarcia

Sure, be happy to explain where I stand on this issue see my statement below \P @CoalitionTexas

While I support the vaccine and have received it, Americans have the right to exercise personal choice when it comes to their health. Getting the vaccine is a decision to be made in consultation with one's doctor and I received the COVID-19 vaccine because it was the right decision for me after consulting with my doctor, and it should not be forced on Americans by the government.

A vaccine passport would be discriminatory against people who, for whatever reason, choose not to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Americans shouldn't be discriminated against because of their vaccine status. Americans have a well-established right to privacy that any mandated vaccine passport would destroy. We should be encouraging individuals to receive the vaccine through increased patient protections, not mandating it. The vaccine mandates is illegal, it's unconstitutional and it's a grotesque abuse of power.

[Cassy Garcia for Congress, Twitter, 1/28/22]

Garcia Retweeted An Image That Said Until The Pandemic Was "Serious Enough To Close The Southern Border", She Would "Just Live A Normal Life"

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[Cassy Garcia for Congress, Twitter, 1/7/22]

Garcia Worked For Sen. Ted Cruz When He Voted Against The American Rescue Plan

April 2017-Dec. 2021: Garcia Served As Sen. Cruz's Deputy State Director. [Legistorm, accessed 4/8/22]

• March 2021: Cruz Voted Against The American Rescue Plan And Claimed It Was "Stuffed With Pork." "U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) today issued the following statement after voting against the Democrats' \$1.9 trillion COVID bill: 'Instead of working in a bipartisan manner to open our schools, bring back small businesses, and help struggling Americans get back on their feet, Democrats chose to pander to their radical liberal base with partisan handouts. This bill is stuffed with pork, with only nine percent of the almost \$2 trillion going toward actual and urgent COVID relief." [Sen. Ted Cruz, Press Release, <u>3/6/21</u>]

The American Rescue Plan Provided \$1,400 Direct Payments, Aid To State And Local Governments, Schools, And Small Businesses, An Expanded Child Tax Credit, And Vaccine Distribution Funds

The American Rescue Plan Provided \$1,400 Direct Payments, Aid To State And Local Governments, Schools, And Small Businesses, An Expanded Child Tax Credit, And Vaccine Distribution Funds. "President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act into law on Thursday, finalizing an early policy victory that will send much-needed aid to millions of Americans still struggling from the COVID-19 pandemic. [...] The American Rescue Plan provides \$1,400 direct payments to individuals making up to \$75,000 annually, \$350 billion in aid to state and local governments and \$14 billion for vaccine distribution. The bill also provides \$130 billion to elementary, middle and high schools to assist with safe reopening. [...] It includes an additional \$300 billion in weekly jobless benefits through September and an expanded tax credit of up to \$3,600 per child, initially distributed in monthly installments. The child tax credit could raise 4 million children out of poverty, according to an analysis by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. More than \$50 billion will be distributed to small businesses, including \$7 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program. The bill also provides \$25 billion for relief for small and mid-sized restaurants, which have suffered significantly during the pandemic." [CBS News, 3/12/21]

The American Rescue Plan Provided \$350 Billion In State And Local Funding To Hire Law Enforcement Officials, Pay Overtime For Community Policing, And Restore Law Enforcement To Pre-Pandemic Levels

The American Rescue Plan Provided \$350 Billion In State And Local Funding To Hire Law Enforcement Officials, Pay Overtime For Community Policing, And Restore Law Enforcement To Pre-Pandemic Levels. "Today, the Treasury Department is highlighting that communities experiencing a surge in gun violence as a result of the pandemic may use the American Rescue Plan's \$350 billion in state and local funding for purposes such as: Hiring law enforcement officials – even above pre-pandemic levels – or paying overtime where the funds are directly focused on advancing community policing strategies in those communities experiencing an increase in gun violence associated with the pandemic. [...] In addition, the Treasury Department is clarifying that any community may use ARP state and local aid for the above strategies and any other public safety programs, up to the level of revenue loss the jurisdiction experienced during the pandemic. And any community may use ARP funds to rehire police officers and other public servants to restore law enforcement and courts to their pre-pandemic levels." [White House, Press Release, <u>6/23/21</u>]

Department Of The Treasury: "There Are Many Ways In Which The State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds [...] Can Support Communities Working To Reduce And Respond To Increased Violence." "Under Treasury's Interim Final Rule, there are many ways in which the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("Funds") under the American Rescue Plan Act can support communities working to reduce and respond to increased violence due to the pandemic. [...] In all communities, recipients may use resources to rehire police officers and other public servants to restore law enforcement and courts to their pre-pandemic levels. [...] In communities where an increase in violence or increased difficulty in accessing or providing services to respond to or mitigate the effects of violence, is a result of the pandemic they may use funds to address that harm. This spending may include: Hiring law enforcement officials – even above pre-pandemic levels – or paying overtime where the funds are directly focused on advancing community policing strategies in those communities experiencing an increase in gun violence associated with the pandemic o Community Violence Intervention (CVI) programs, including capacity building efforts at CVI programs like funding and training additional intervention workers." [Department of the Treasury, 7/19/21]

Biden: "The American Rescue Plan, Which We Passed In The First 100 Days Of My Administration, Is Providing Much-Needed, Historic Relief To Bring Back Those Law Enforcement Jobs." President Biden: "The American Rescue Plan, which we passed in the first 100 days of my administration, is providing much-needed, historic relief to bring back those law enforcement jobs and social service jobs. Much of this relief has already arrived. The rest is on its way. And we're now providing more guidance on how they can use the \$350 billion nationally that the American Rescue Plan has available to help reduce crime and address the root causes. For example, cities experiencing an increase in gun violence were able to use the American Rescue Plan dollars to hire police officers needed for community policing and to pay their overtime. Mayors will also be able to buy crime-fighting technologies, like gunshot detection systems, to better see and stop gun violence in their communities. They can use the funding to scale up wraparound services for the residents as well, including substance abuse and mental health services that we know will make a difference in prevention of crime." [White House, <u>6/23/21</u>]

The Texas Freedom Coalition, A Right-Wing Organization Founded In Response To The COVID-19 Lockdowns, Attacked Garcia For Touting Having Gotten The COVID Vaccine

The Texas Freedom Coalition Attacked Garcia For "Virtue Signaling" On The COVID Vaccine Because She Was Pictured Wearing A Shirt Saying "COVID Vaccinated And Ready To Cruise"

The Texas Freedom Coalition Tweeted That Garcia Was "Virtue Signaling" On The COVID Vaccine Because She Was Pictured Wearing A Shirt Saying "COVID Vaccinated And Ready To Cruise."



Texas Freedom Coalition @CoalitionTexas •••

Cassie Harcia is running on the GOP ticket for CD-28. What's her platform? It's not on her website. But, we know by her t-shirt where she stands on vaccine passports. When you participate in virtue signaling & showing your card, then you are complicit. @CasandraLGarcia @chiproytx



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[Texas Freedom Coalition, Twitter, 1/28/22]

The Texas Freedom Coalition Was A Right-Wing Organization Founded In Response To The COVID-19 Lockdowns

The Texas Freedom Coalition Was "A Network Of Conservative Activists And Patriots Who Advocate For Constitutional Government In The State Of Texas." "The Texas Freedom Coalition was founded in early 2020, during the wake of the unconstitutional COVID-19 lockdowns, in tandem with the Open Texas movement. We are a network of conservative activists and patriots who advocate for constitutional government in the state of Texas, lobby for Texans' God-given rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and organize local and regional grassroots efforts to promote and preserve liberty principles in Texas. The Texas Freedom Coalition focuses on key issues related to core constitutional rights, individual liberty, and pro-family values. We support and defend medical freedom, economic freedom, state sovereignty, private property rights, parental rights, religious freedom, privacy, and pro-family values." [Texas Freedom Coalition, accessed <u>4/6/22</u>]

Education



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Garcia Claimed That Hispanics Felt A "Genuine Sense Of Belonging With The GOP" Because They Were "Conservative On Education" And Wanted School Choice.



Cassy Garcia for Congress @CasandraLGarcia

Now more than ever, Hispanics feel a genuine sense of belonging with the GOP. Hispanics are conservative on education, social issues, we are pro-gun & pro-life. Hispanics want lower taxes, religious freedom and school choice. 2/x

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[Cassy Garcia for Congress, Twitter, <u>3/17/22</u>]

Garcia And Other Members Of Trump's White House Hispanic Prosperity Commission Advocated For School Choice

Trump's White House Hispanic Prosperity Commission, Which Garcia Served On, Focused On Issues Related To School Choice. "This week, the President's White House Hispanic Prosperity Commission convened to tackle issues related to the Hispanic community such as school choice, reopening schools, access to capital and reducing barriers to Hispanic small business. President Trump's Executive Order on the White House Hispanic Prosperity Initiative established the Commission to advise the President on the best ways to increase access to educational and economic opportunities for Hispanic American students, workers, and communities. [...] From Left: [...] Commissioner Casandra Garcia Meade." [Seattle Latino Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Press Release, 9/2020]

• The Commission Stated That Hispanic "Families Should Be Given The Right To Choose How To Educate Their Children." "The Commission addressed the importance of having the option of reopening schools for Hispanic students in a statement: 'We call for the choice of educational options for Latino students across America, including in-person schooling, commensurate with all relevant CDC and other health guidelines. We Hispanic commissioners know that Latino children in America are disproportionately harmed by the lack of options that best fit their educational style, and their families should be given the right to choose how to educate their children." [Seattle Latino Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, Press Release, 9/2020]

Climate Change

Garcia Attacked The Biden Administration For Promoting Electric Cars Because Families In Her District Were "Struggling To Put Food On The Table."



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Cassy Garcia for Congress @CasandraLGarcia

The families in **#TX28** aren't buying expensive electric cars, they're struggling to put food on the table.

The Biden/Harris Administration needs to unleash American energy production, instead of just simply ignoring the problem.

The White House ② @WhiteHouse · Mar 10
When we have electric cars powered by clean energy, we will never have to worry about gas prices again. And autocrats like Putin won't be able to use fossil fuels as weapons against other nations.
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[Cassy Garcia for Congress, Twitter, 3/11/22]

Net Neutrality

Garcia Echoed Sen. Ted Cruz's Opposition To Net Neutrality

Garcia Retweeted Cruz's Call For The U.S. Department Of Agriculture To Stop Imposing Net Neutrality Rules On Rural Broadband Providers.



cruz.senate.gov

Sens. Cruz, Thune, Colleagues Urge USDA to Reverse Decision to Include So-C... WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Sens. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and John Thune (R-S.D.), members of the Senate...

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[Cassy Garcia for Congress, Twitter, 11/8/21]

• Cruz Claimed That Net Neutrality Rules "Would Threaten Future Investments In Broadband Infrastructure." "U.S. Sens. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and John Thune (R-S.D.), members of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, today sent a letter with several of their Republican colleagues to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack urging the agency to avoid imposing any unnecessary 'net neutrality' restrictions on broadband providers, which would threaten future investments in broadband infrastructure." [Senator Ted Cruz, Press Release, <u>11/8/21</u>]

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Net Neutrality Rules Would Stipulate That Internet Service Providers Should Not Be Allowed To Arbitrarily Block Or Slow Down Access To Particular Websites Or Online Services. "Net Neutrality is the idea that internet service providers like Comcast and Verizon should treat all content flowing through their cables and cell towers equally. That means they shouldn't be able to slide some data into 'fast lanes' while blocking or otherwise discriminating against other material. In other words, these companies shouldn't be able to block you from accessing a service like Skype, or slow down Netflix or Hulu, in order to encourage you to keep your cable package or buy a different video-streaming service." [Wired, 5/5/20]

Professional History

Aug. 2020: Garcia Was Appointed To Serve On Trump's White House Hispanic Prosperity Initiative Commission

Aug. 31, 2020: Garcia Was Appointed To Serve On Trump's White House Hispanic Prosperity Initiative Commission.

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Incredibly honored to serve as Commissioner on the **@WhiteHouse** Hispanic Prosperity Initiative Commission!

Look forward to working alongside @POTUS, @BetsyDeVosED, @SBAJovita & our fellow commissioners to strengthen the links between the federal govt & the Hispanic community!

Jovita Carranza, SBA @ @SBAJovita · Aug 31, 2020 Like many, I know firsthand how important opportunity is to achieving personal success. However, those doors of opportunity were sometimes hard to open. The @WhiteHouse Hispanic Prosperity Initiative Commission is here to help Hispanic Americans build a better life. Show this thread

[Cassy Garcia for Congress, Twitter, 8/31/20]



The White House Hispanic Prosperity Initiative Was Tasked With Improving "Access By Hispanic Americans To Educational And Economic Opportunities"

The White House Hispanic Prosperity Initiative Was Tasked With Improving "Access By Hispanic Americans To Educational And Economic Opportunities." "The mission of the Initiative shall be to improve access by Hispanic Americans to educational and economic opportunities. Consistent with its mission, the Initiative shall: (i) identify and promote educational and workforce development practices that have improved educational, professional, and economic outcomes for Hispanic Americans; (ii) encourage private-sector initiatives and foster public-private partnerships that improve access to educational and economic opportunities for Hispanic Americans; (iii) develop a national network of individuals, organizations, and communities, with which to consult and collaborate regarding practices and policies that improve access to educational and economic opportunities for Hispanic Americans; (iv) monitor the development, implementation, and coordination of Federal Government educational, workforce, and business development programs designed to improve outcomes for Hispanic Americans; and (v) advise the President, through the Secretary of Education (Secretary), on issues of importance to Hispanic Americans and policies relating to Hispanic Americans' prosperity." [Federal Register, Executive Order 13935, 7/9/20]

March 2017-Dec. 2021: Garcia Served As Sen. Cruz's Deputy State Director

March 2017-Dec. 2021: Garcia Was Sen. Cruz's Deputy State Director. According to Garcia's LinkedIn, Garcia worked as the Deputy State Director in Ted Cruz's Senate office in McAllen, Texas. [LinkedIn, accessed 3/29/22]

Feb. 2013-April 2017: Garcia Served As Sen. Cruz's South Texas' Regional Director

Feb. 2013-April 2017: Garcia Was Sen. Cruz's South Texas Regional Director. According to Garcia's LinkedIn, Garcia worked as the South Texas Regional Director in Ted Cruz's Senate office in McAllen, Texas. [LinkedIn, accessed <u>3/29/22</u>]

Nov. 2009-Feb. 2013: Garcia Served As The Texas Department Of Agriculture's South Texas Regional Representative

Nov. 2009-Feb. 2013: Garcia Was The South Texas Regional Representative For The Texas Department Of Agriculture. According to Garcia's LinkedIn, Garcia worked as the South Texas Regional Representative for the Texas Department of Agriculture in Austin, Texas. [LinkedIn, accessed <u>3/29/22</u>]

June 2007-Feb. 2009: Garcia Served As The Business Development Specialist For Workforce Solutions

June 2007-Feb. 2009: Garcia Was Workforce Solutions' Business Development Specialist. According to Garcia's LinkedIn, Garcia worked as the Business Development Specialist at Workforce Solutions in McAllen, Texas. [LinkedIn, accessed <u>3/29/22</u>]

Nov. 2004-June 2007: Garcia Served As Environmental Education Coordinator For The City Of McAllen

Nov. 2004-June 2007: Garcia Was The Environmental Education Coordinator For The City Of McAllen. According to Garcia's LinkedIn, Garcia worked as the City of McAllen's Environmental Education Coordinator. [LinkedIn, accessed <u>3/29/22</u>]



Political Career

Election Results

2022 Texas 28th Congressional District Republican Primary Election Results						
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage				
Cassy Garcia	5,923	23.55%				
Sandra Whitten	4,534	18.02%				
Steven Fowler	3,388	13.47%				
Willie Vasquez Ng	3,358	13.35%				
Ed Cabrera	3,343	13.29%				
Eric Hohman	2,988	11.88%				
Rolando Rodriguez	1,622	6.45%				
	[Texas Sec	retary of State, <u>3/1/22</u>]				

Campaign Finance

As Of 02/09/2022, Garcia Raised A Total Of \$113,201 And Spent A Total Of \$11,738 In Her 2022 Congressional Campaign So Far

According to the Federal Election Commission, Garcia raised \$113,201 and spent a total of \$11,738 in her 2022 Congressional campaign so far as of a pre-primary filing through February 9th, 2022.

Garcia Federal Campaign Finance History							
Year	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Raised	Spent				
2022	Cassy Garcia for Congress	\$113,201	\$11,738				
	Total:	\$113,201	\$11,738				

[FEC.gov, accessed <u>3/31/22</u>]

Personal Political History

Personal Political Donations

Garcia Has Given \$5,800 To Her Own Campaign

According to the Federal Election Commission, Garcia has given \$5,800 to federal political candidates, her 2022 campaign being the only recipient.

Garcia Political Giving History - Federal							
Date Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee Party Amount							
12/31/21	Cassy for Congress	R	\$2,900				
12/30/21	12/30/21 Cassy for Congress		\$2,900				
		Total	\$5,800				
[EEC. Individual Contribution Second 2/20/22]							

[FEC, Individual Contribution Search, accessed 3/29/22]

Garcia Has Given \$0 To State-Level Political Candidates



According to the Texas Ethics Commission, Garcia has given \$0 to state-level candidates. [Texas Ethics Commission, accessed 3/31/22; National Institute on Money in State Politics, accessed 3/31/22]

Voter Activity

Garcia Was Registered To Vote In Texas' 15th Congressional District As Of April 2022

Garcia Was Registered To Vote In Edinburg, TX As Of April 2022.

[Texas Secretary of State, accessed <u>4/6/22</u>]

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DISTRICT CHANGES FOR THIS LOCATION PREVIOUSLY NOW District 15 District 15 In 2020, this district voted 48.5% for Trump and 50.4% In 2020, this new district would have voted 50.9% for for Biden , and Biden won by 1.9 percentage points Trump and 48.1% for Biden , and Trump would have This district is represented by U.S. Rep. Vicente Gonzalez 💿. won by 2.8 percentage points . Among eligible voters, this district has: Among eligible voters, this district has: A Hispanic majority A Hispanic majority White Hispanic Black Asian White Hispanic Black Asian 22% PREVIOUS NEW CD-15 CD-15 [Texas Tribune, accessed 3/16/22]

2006 – 2021: Garcia Voting History

	Garcia Voting History (2006-2021)						
Year	ar Description						
2021	Did not vote						
2020	Voted in the general election						
2019	Did not vote						
2018	Voted in the Republican primary and general election						
2017	Did not vote						



2016	Voted in the Republican primary and general election					
2015	Voted in the general election					
2014	Voted in the Republican primary, primary runoff, and general election					
2013	Voted in the May and November elections					
2012	Did not vote					
2011	Did not vote					
2010	Voted in the general election					
2009	Did not vote					
2008	Voted in the Democratic primary and general election					
2007	Did not vote					
2006	Voted in the general election					
	[VotePuilder, accessed 2/20/22]					

[VoteBuilder, accessed 3/29/22]

Garcia Appeared To Have Voted In The 2008 Texas Democratic Primary

According To Votebuilder, Garcia Voted In The 2008 Texas Democratic Primary.

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Primary					E-R		E-R		E-R		E-R				Y-D		

[VoteBuilder, accessed 3/29/22]

Note: Garcia's voting records need to be verified through public records

Public Records

Associated Entities

As of March 2022, Garcia was potentially associated with the following entities.

Garcia Associated Entities						
Entity Name	Persons Associated	Years				
Rio Grande Valley Pregnancy Center	Cassy Garcia-Supporter	Unknown				

[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 3/31/22; Susan B. Anthony List, Press Release, 2/10/22]

The Susan B. Anthony List, An Anti-Choice Group, Said That Garcia Supported The Rio Grande Valley Pregnancy Center. "Garcia grew up in the Rio Grande Valley and returned home to serve as a regional field representative for the office of the agricultural commissioner. She went on to serve as deputy state director to U.S. Senator Ted Cruz and was appointed commissioner for the White House Hispanic Prosperity Initiative by President Trump. She has participated in the March for Life in the Rio Grande Valley, Austin, and D.C. and is a supporter of the Rio Grande Valley Pregnancy Center." [Susan B. Anthony List, Press Release, 2/10/22]

NOTE: Further research necessary into Garcia's associated entities.



Criminal And Traffic Violation Record

As of March 2022, Garcia was not associated with any criminal or traffic violations. [Nexis Criminal Records search, accessed, 3/25/22]

NOTE: Records requests have been submitted to determine whether Garcia has a criminal record.

No Evidence Of Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens

As of March 2022, Garcia is not associated with any bankruptcy, judgments, or liens. [Nexis Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens search, accessed 3/25/22]

NOTE: Records requests have been submitted to obtain further information about whether Garcia or her associated entities had bankruptcies, judgments or liens.