

# Tano Tijerina (TX-28) Research Report

## Significant Findings

### **Tijerina Supported An “Overhaul” Of The Affordable Care Act, Which Would Risk Kicking More Than 121,000 People In TX-28 Off Their Health Insurance And Repeal Protections For People With Preexisting Conditions**

- ✓ 2025: Tijerina supported an “overhaul” of the Affordable Care Act and called the ACA “a failure.”
- ✓ Nearly 4 million Texas, including more than 121,000 people in TX-28, were enrolled in Affordable Care Act marketplace plans in 2025.
  - *NOTE: The TX-28 number is based on the pre-redrawn district boundaries.*
- ✓ Repealing the Affordable Care Act would repeal protections for people with preexisting conditions and allow insurance companies to reinstate lifetime coverage limits on people and charge unlimited out-of-pocket costs for in-network care.

### **Tijerina Supported Trump’s Tariffs And Blamed Business Owners When Tariffs Increased The Price Of Goods And Disrupted Supply Chains In Laredo**

- ✓ April 2025: Tijerina supported Trump’s tariffs and suggested they had not hurt South Texas.
- ✓ April 2025: Laredo Mayor Victor Trevino warned Laredo would be “impacted by the tariffs more than most communities.”
- ✓ April-August 2025: South Texas business leaders said tariffs would increase costs, disrupt supply chains, and hurt the trucking and customs industries.
- ✓ July 2025: Tijerina dismissed the impacts of “so-called tariffs,” and when a small business requested additional money from Tijerina’s County Court to cover increased costs, Tijerina said it was “their fault.”
- ✓ November 2025: When a contractor asked Webb County for a reimbursement to cover tariffs on equipment, Tijerina said “this tariff thing” had already come before the County Court and “it was not a tariff, it was just their way of making more money.”
  - ✓ Tijerina made air quotes around the word “tariffs” while suggesting a business was using the tariffs as a pretense to charge the county more money.
  - ✓ Webb County’s legal counsel said Webb County may be obligated to reimburse the contractor for extraordinary tariff costs.

### **A Complaint Was Filed Against Tijerina Alleging He Violated Federal Campaign Law By Using An Exploratory Committee To Skirt Texas’ Resign-To-Run Law**

- ✓ Texas had a resign-to-run law that Tijerina appeared to be intentionally and actively circumventing.
- ✓ Per Texas law, local Texas officeholders, including County Judges, automatically resigned their posts if they became a candidate for another office with more than 13 months left in their current term.
- ✓ Tijerina signaled his interest in running for Congress but said, “If I announce [for Congress], right now, today, I would lose my County Judge seat.”
- ✓ Tijerina made public comments alluding to a congressional campaign announcement on December 1, 2025.
  - ✓ June 2025: Tijerina told Laredo-based outlet KGNS he could potentially announce his run for Congress after December 1, 2025.
  - ✓ September 2025: Tijerina told Houston-based radio host Kenny Webster he could “publicly come out” and announce his run on December 1, 2025.
  - ✓ Tijerina told KGNS “everything is possible, I’m real to myself” when asked if there was a possibility he would decide not to run after his exploratory phase.
- ✓ An ethics professor filed a complaint before the FEC alleging Tijerina violated federal election law to protect his position as Webb County Judge.
  - ✓ An FEC complaint against Tijerina outlined statements from and actions by Tijerina that indicated he was using his exploratory committee as a way to circumvent resigning as Webb County Judge.

### **Tijerina Was Out Of Touch With Working-Class South Texans, Living On A \$7.3 Million, 152-Acre Estate That Had Multiple Houses, A Horse Ranch, And Various Wildlife**

- ✓ 2001-2025: Tijerina registered the name “El Bosal” for business/professional purposes, was a registered agent and manager of El Bosal, LLC, and was registered to vote at the address of El Bosal.
- ✓ El Bosal was a 152-acre estate that had a main house, guest house, horse ranch, foreman’s house, and various wildlife, and was listed for sale at \$7.3 million.
  - ✓ Compass Real Estate touted El Bosal as “one of the most prestigious horse properties in South Texas” and “perfect for corporate entertainment, weddings, or private dinners” with 100 “closest friends.”
  - ✓ El Bosal’s main house was more than 8,000 square feet.
  - ✓ El Bosal had a five-car garage, a swimming pool with fountains, and a lighted basketball court.
  - ✓ The main house of El Bosal had a guest house with a game room and foreman’s house.
- ✓ Webb County had a median home price of \$250,000 and median household income of about \$62,000.

### **Tijerina Was A Political Opportunist Who Switched Parties From Democrat To Republican When It Was Convenient To Advance His Political Career**

- ✓ 2014-2024: Tijerina was elected Webb County Judge as a Democrat three times and voted in Democratic primary elections as recently as 2024.
- ✓ 2024: Tijerina announced on Fox News he was switching parties from Democrat to Republican after Webb County flipped Republican in the presidential race for the first time in more than 100 years.

## Background

- **FULL LEGAL NAME:** Cayetano Eduardo “Tano” Tijerina
- **EDUCATION:** Bachelor’s Degree, Texas A&M International University (2002); Student, Navarro Junior College (1992); J.W. Nixon High School (1992)
- **PROFESSIONAL:** President, La Promesa Land Management, LLC (2008-2024); Manager, El Bosal, LLC (2004-2024); President, TK Classic Trucking, LLC (2011-2018); Player, Milwaukee Brewers Minor League Baseball (1993-1996); Executive Vice President, Precept Ministries Spanish Board (dates unknown)
- **POLITICAL:** Webb County Judge (2015-Present)
- **AWARDS:** Señor Internacional (2025), League of United Latin American Citizens, LULAC (2024); Wildlife Conservationist of the Year, Webb Soil and Water Conservation District (2006); Latin Sports Hall of Fame Inductee (2004)
- **ORGANIZATIONS:** Chair, Texas Border Coalition (2025); Member, Texas State Commission on Judicial Conduct (2023); Deacon and Head Usher, Church (Church name unknown); Mentor, Freddy Benavides Baseball Academy

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| Number Of TX-28 Residents Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans In 2025 |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| District  | ACA Marketplace Enrollees |
| TX-28   | 121,647                   |

[KFF, [10/3/25](#)]

*NOTE: The KFF numbers above are based on the TX-28 district boundaries that existed prior to the Texas GOP’s 2025 redistricting effort.*

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**2025: More Than 3.9 Million Individuals In Texas Were Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans.** [KFF, [4/2/25](#)]

| Number Of Texas Residents Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans In 2025 |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| State   | ACA Marketplace Enrollees |
| Texas   | 3,966,226                 |

[KFF, [4/2/25](#)]

**2025: The ACA Marketplace Helped Significantly Lower The Number Of Uninsured Texans**

**2025: Baker Institute For Public Policy: The ACA Marketplace “Helped Significantly Reduce The Number Of Uninsured Texans.”** “Twelve years of data show that the Affordable Care Act’s health insurance marketplace (marketplace) has helped significantly reduce the number of uninsured Texans. State and federal policy changes have helped more people in Texas obtain affordable health insurance coverage in the last four years.” [Baker Institute for Public Policy, [2/4/25](#)]

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## **About Half Of People On ACA Marketplace Plans Were Small Business Owners, Employees Of Small Businesses, Or Entrepreneurs**

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**KFF: About Half Of Adults Under 65 Who Were Enrolled In Individual ACA Marketplace Coverage Were Small Business Owners, Employees At A Small Business, Or Self-Employed Entrepreneurs.** “Much of the discussion about the ACA Marketplaces centers on individuals and families buying coverage on their own. However, many enrollees are connected to small businesses or are self-employed. [...] Using data from the Current Population Survey (CPS) Annual Social and Economic Supplement, we estimate that 48% of adults under age 65 enrolled in individual market (direct purchase) coverage are either employed by a small business with fewer than 25 workers, self-employed entrepreneurs, or small business owners.” [KFF, [9/10/25](#)]

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**The Affordable Care Act Prohibited Annual And Lifetime Limits On The Dollar Amount Of Coverage For People.** “The ACA also prohibits annual and lifetime limits on the dollar amount of coverage and restricts the amount of out-of-pocket costs individuals and families may incur each year for in-network care. Additionally, the law requires most health plans to cover preventive health services with no out-of-pocket costs.” [KFF, [10/8/25](#)]

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### **Repealing The Affordable Care Act Would End ACA Health Insurance Marketplaces Where People Without Insurance Through Work Could Buy Insurance**

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**The Affordable Care Act Allowed People Without Health Insurance Coverage Through Work To Buy Health Insurance On ACA Marketplaces.** “While many Americans are allowed to purchase unsubsidized coverage on the ACA Marketplaces, these markets primarily exist to fill a gap in coverage options for people who cannot get insurance through work or public programs. Some people who sign up for Marketplace coverage are unemployed or between jobs, while others are students, self-employed or work at businesses that do not offer coverage (e.g., very small companies) or offer coverage that is deemed unaffordable.” [KFF, [10/8/25](#)]

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**April 2025: Laredo Morning Times: Tijerina "Expressed His Support For President Donald Trump's Trade Policies Including Recent Tariffs On Global Imports."** "At the county level, Webb County Judge Tano Tijerina spoke this week about tariffs. He expressed his support for President Donald Trump's trade policies including recent tariffs on global imports, which he described as a step toward addressing trade imbalances and prioritizing American interests." [Laredo Morning Times, [4/20/25](#)]

- **Laredo Morning Times Headline: "Putting Our Nation First': Webb Co. Leader Tijerina Backs Trump's Tariff Policy."** [Laredo Morning Times, [4/20/25](#)]

**Tijerina On Trump's Tariffs: "I Do See What The President Is Doing."** "The Trump administration implemented sweeping tariffs in recent months, targeting China as the primary focus. Tariffs up to 245% were placed on Chinese imports, with exemptions for some tech goods and incremental adjustments. Globally, the administration also imposed a baseline tariff of 10% for most nations. Some criticized the move as disruptive, especially after the tariffs were announced on Liberation Day, which was followed by a stock market crash that ranked as one of the worst trading days this century. Tijerina said that despite these struggles, he supports the policies' aim to recalibrate fairness in trade. 'Everyone right now is kind of in a shock-wave mode, but I think it's for the long run,' Tijerina said. 'I do see what the president is doing. Look at what's happening already. All of a sudden, it seems like everybody's coming to the table. It's not fair we're paying 'x' amount, and all of a sudden, coming in, we're paying minus amount. I don't agree with that.'" [Laredo Morning Times, [4/20/25](#)]

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**April 2025: In Discussing Tariffs, Tijerina Said, "Sometimes, In Order For Us To Rebuild, We Must Break Down."** "At the county level, Webb County Judge Tano Tijerina spoke this week about tariffs. He expressed his support for President Donald Trump's trade policies including recent tariffs on global imports, which he described as a step toward addressing trade imbalances and prioritizing American interests. Leading the nation's No. 1 inland port of entry, Tijerina views these measures as a significant part of economic and trade policy, though they are not without challenges. 'Sometimes, in order for us to rebuild, we must break down,' Tijerina said." [Laredo Morning Times, [4/20/25](#)]

- **Tijerina Suggested Tariffs May Required Temporary Sacrifices For Long-Term Gains, Saying, "Maybe There Is A Certain Point Where We're Going To Have To Take Some Medicine To Make This Remedy Better."** "Tijerina described the economic transition brought by these policies as one that may require temporary sacrifices for long-term gains. 'Maybe there is a certain point where we're going to have to take some medicine to make this remedy better,' Tijerina said. 'The president has mentioned that, and I think it's

just a matter of time. I see what he's doing, and I understand what he's doing.” [Laredo Morning Times, [4/20/25](#)]

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### **...Despite Suggesting Tariffs Had Not Yet Hurt South Texas Businesses**

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**April 2025: Tijerina Said Local Businesses Had Not Reached Out To Him With Concerns About The New Tariffs.** “In Webb County, a hub for international trade with significant ties to Mexico and other regions, Tijerina said local businesses have not reached out to him with concerns about the new tariffs. He suggested that many might be starting to see the broader strategy.” [Laredo Morning Times, [4/20/25](#)]

- **Tijerina On Trump's Tariffs: “If Things Don't Get Better, It's Going To Start Hurting Some Pockets.”** “The president is being the president, doing what he can do, and I think there's going to be a time here before long when some great stuff comes out of it,” Tijerina said. ‘I really do feel confident in the long term. We're confident about that.’ For Webb County, a central player in the nation's trade, the evolving tariff landscape carries significant implications. Tijerina's perspective reflects cautious optimism and a belief that short-term economic challenges could pave the way for a more balanced and equitable trade environment. ‘There has to be some kind of understanding and sensitivity on this because eventually, if things don't get better, it's going to start hurting some pockets,’ Tijerina said. ‘But in the long run, if the tariff situation gets stronger and better, it will be a very great opportunity to move forward.’” [Laredo Morning Times, [4/20/25](#)]

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- **2025: Laredo Morning Times: “Report: Port Laredo Ranks No. 1 As Texas Leads US Trade.”** [Laredo Morning Times, [11/9/25](#)]

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**Laredo Morning Times Headline: “Tariffs Threaten Laredo’s Small Businesses And Fresh Produce Trade Routes.”** [Laredo Morning Times, [4/17/25](#)]

**April 2025: Laredo Morning Times: “Local Business And Agriculture Representatives Say Tariffs Will Drive Up Costs [And] Disrupt Supply Chains.”** “Local business and agriculture representatives say tariffs will drive up costs, disrupt supply chains and raise concerns about long-term impacts on food access and economic stability.” [Laredo Morning Times, [4/17/25](#)]

**April 2025: Laredo Chamber Of Commerce Executive Director Monica Martinez: “Even A Small Change In The Supply Chain Can Hurt The Small Businesses And Have Them Closed.”** “Local business and agriculture representatives say tariffs will drive up costs, disrupt supply chains and raise concerns about long-term impacts on food access and economic stability. Monica Martinez, executive director of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the impact of tariffs on small businesses at Laredo College this week at the De La Garza Building. [...] ‘Even a small change in the supply chain can hurt the small businesses and have them closed. About 56% of the goods that Americans consume are imported, and one of the things that can hurt a small business is if their suppliers are foreign and with tariffs it is going to disrupt their businesses in many ways.’” [Laredo Morning Times, [4/17/25](#)]

**April 2025: Texas International Produce Association President: “Our Industry Is Very Concerned About The Future Of This Conversation And How It’s Going To Impact Our Trade.”** “Dante Galeazzi, president and CEO of the Texas International Produce Association, spoke about the impact of tariffs on agricultural products. [...] ‘We are very concerned about this situation. We will continue to watch and monitor, and I can absolutely tell you that our industry is very concerned about the future of this conversation and how it's going to impact our trade, not just here in the U.S., but in all the countries.’” [Laredo Morning Times, [4/17/25](#)]

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**April 2025: A Laredo Trucking Leader Said Implementing Tariffs Was “Not Good For Our Industry” And A Customs Leader Said He Was “Really Concerned About The Impact” Of Tariffs On The Industry**

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**April 2025: Laredo Morning Times Headline: “Tariff Uncertainty Puts Pressure On Laredo’s Trucking And Customs Sectors.”** [Laredo Morning Times, [4/16/25](#)]

**April 2025: Laredo Morning Times: Representatives Of Laredo’s Trucking And Customs Sectors Said Tariff Confusion Was Disrupting Their Operations.** “Representatives from Laredo’s trucking and customs sectors say tariff confusion and a lack of federal direction are disrupting operations and worsening conditions for cross-border trade. Jerry Maldonado, chairman of the board for the Laredo Motor Carriers Association, said that his association represents the trucking industry during a discussion this week in the De La Garza Building at Laredo College. ‘The implementation of tariffs for the transportation industry is not good for our industry,’ he said. ‘The uncertainty surrounding the implementation of tariffs unbalances the market.’” [Laredo Morning Times, [4/16/25](#)]

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**April 2025: Laredo Licensed U.S. Customs Brokers Association President Jorge Cavazos Said He Was “Really Concerned About The Impact” Of Tariffs On The Customs Industry And On Consumers.** “Jorge Cavazos, president of the Laredo Licensed U.S. Customs Brokers Association, said they have approximately 200 members and another 100 who are not members. [...] He said that as customs brokers and business owners, they have highly qualified personnel specializing in tariffs, and that tariffs are taxes that can be harmful and are paid by clients and, ultimately, by the end consumer. ‘The decisions they make affect all of us here in Laredo, with everything related to logistics — starting with U.S. customs brokers, trucking companies, among others,’ he said. ‘I am really concerned about the impact not only on the industry here but on something that will affect all consumers.’” [Laredo Morning Times, [4/16/25](#)]

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**August 2025: Laredo Trucking And Warehousing Businessman Ricardo Sandoval Who Had Previously Supported Trump Said Trump’s Tariffs Upended His Business And Forced Him To Lay Off More Than A Dozen Employees**

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- **2024: Sandoval, A Trucking And Warehousing Businessman, Supported Trump.** “‘The Republican Party is going to lose a lot of votes around here,’ said Ricardo Sandoval, 35, a trucking and warehousing businessman in Laredo who supported Mr. Trump in November.” [New York Times, [8/5/25](#)]

**July 2025: Tijerina Dismissed The Impacts Of “So-Called Tariffs,” And When A Small Business Requested Additional Money From Tijerina’s County Court To Cover Increased Costs, Tijerina Said It Was “Their Fault”**

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**July 2025: A Small Business Vendor Requested An Additional \$15,000 From Webb County Court Where Tijerina Was County Judge For Portable Restroom Trailers, Citing Tariffs That Raised The Cost Of Materials**

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**Webb County Contracted With Elk Creek Trailers LLC To Provide Portable Restrooms For Countywide Events.** “Webb County is pushing back against a vendor’s request for additional funding after the company failed to deliver all of the portable restrooms purchased for countywide events. Webb County leaders addressed a request from Elk Creek Trailers LLC, the vendor contracted to provide portable restroom trailers, which asked for a \$15,000 increase over the original contract price. The company cited tariffs as the reason for a recent spike in the cost of metal and other materials.” [Laredo Morning Times, [7/16/25](#)]

**July 2025: Elk Creek Trailers LLC Requested \$15,000 More Than The Original Contract Price From Webb County, Citing Tariffs That Raised The Cost Of Metal And Other Materials.** “Webb County is pushing back against a vendor’s request for additional funding after the company failed to deliver all of the portable restrooms purchased for countywide events. Webb County leaders addressed a request from Elk Creek Trailers LLC, the vendor contracted to provide portable restroom trailers, which asked for a \$15,000 increase over the original contract price. The company cited tariffs as the reason for a recent spike in the cost of metal and other materials.” [Laredo Morning Times, [7/16/25](#)]

- **The Vendor Requested \$5,000 More Per Unit For Three Of The Eight Portable Restrooms That Had Not Yet Been Delivered To Webb County.** “Webb County is pushing back against a vendor’s request for additional funding after the company failed to deliver all of the portable restrooms purchased for countywide events. [...] Three of the eight portable restrooms purchased had yet to be delivered, and the vendor requested \$5,000 more per unit.” [Laredo Morning Times, [7/16/25](#)]

**As Webb County Judge, Tijerina Received A Request From A Restroom Vendor.** “Webb County is pushing back against a vendor’s request for additional funding after the company failed to deliver all of the portable restrooms purchased for countywide events. [...] Before the item was discussed, Webb County Judge Tano Tijerina — who in April called President Donald Trump’s tariffs ‘a medicine’ for fair trade as he considers a potential run as a Republican for Henry Cuellar’s congressional seat — took exception to the idea of paying more for ‘so-called tariffs’ after previous delays.” [Laredo Morning Times, [7/16/25](#)]

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**July 2025: Tijerina Said It Was “Not Right” For The Small Business Vendor To Charge More Money Because Of “So-Called Tariffs” When It Was “Their Fault”**

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**July 2025: Tijerina Said The Small Business Vendor Charging More Money After Previous Delays Was “Their Fault” And Said “Blaming It On Tariffs” Was “Not Right.”** “Webb County is pushing back against a vendor’s request for additional funding after the company failed to deliver all of the portable restrooms purchased for countywide events. [...] Before the item was discussed, Webb County Judge Tano Tijerina — who in April called President Donald Trump’s tariffs ‘a medicine’ for fair trade as he considers a potential run as a Republican for Henry Cuellar’s congressional seat — took exception to the idea of paying more for ‘so-called tariffs’ after previous delays. ‘So now because of their fault, and they’re blaming it on tariffs, because of their fault now they’re charging us \$5,000 per trailer? That’s not right,’ Tijerina said. ‘It’s actually an insult to a certain point. We spent \$500,000 or so many dollars with them, we go above and beyond, and now they’re charging us \$15,000 more because of so-called tariffs?’” [Laredo Morning Times, [7/16/25](#)]

- **Tijerina: “Because Of Their Fault, Now They’re Charging Us \$5,000 Per Trailer? I Don’t Think That’s Right.”** TIJERINA: “So because of their fault. We ordered this a long time ago and the commissioner’s right. We were supposed to get this delivered in November. Because of their fault, now they’re charging us \$5,000 per trailer? I don’t think that’s right.” [Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting, 01:07:48, [7/14/25](#)] (VIDEO)

**Purchasing Agent Jose Lopez Said The Vendor Provided Documentation Of Cost Increases Due To Tariffs And Said They Did Not Order Materials Sooner Because They Were A Small Business.** TIJERINA: “So because of their fault. We ordered this a long time ago and the commissioner’s right. We were supposed to get this delivered in November. Because of their fault, now they’re charging us \$5,000 per trailer? I don’t think that’s right.” JOSE LOPEZ: “So Judge to respond to that, I’m with the Court. I’m not happy with this. I did question them. I asked them to provide me proof of these spikes because of the tariffs. They did provide documentation, but when I saw the documentation, the documentation of the increase were way after we had ordered. So I told them why didn’t you order everything when I issued the PO, back when the Court ordered— authorized it back in October, November when we issued the PO for it? They said we’re a small company. We couldn’t do that.” [Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting, 01:07:48, [7/14/25](#)] (VIDEO)

**Tijerina Said It Was An “Insult” For The Business To Charge The County \$15,000 More “Because Of So-Called Tariffs.”** JOSE LOPEZ: “So Judge to respond to that, I’m with the Court. I’m not happy with this. I did question them. I asked them to provide me proof of these spikes because of the tariffs. They did provide documentation, but when I saw the documentation, the documentation of the increase were way after we had ordered. So I told them why didn’t you order everything when I issued the PO, back when the Court ordered—authorized it back in October, November when we issued the PO for it? They said we’re a small company. We couldn’t do that.” TIJERINA: “This is actually an insult to a certain point. I mean we spent \$500 and some odd thousand dollars with them. We go I think above and beyond and now they’re charging us \$15,000 more because of so-called tariffs.” [Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting, 01:08:00, [7/14/25](#)] (VIDEO)

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**July 2025: Webb County Did Not Approve The Additional \$15,000 Charge**

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**July 2025: The Webb County Court Decided Not To Approve The Additional \$15,000 Charge.** “Webb County is pushing back against a vendor’s request for additional funding after the company failed to deliver all of the portable restrooms purchased for countywide events. [...] The county found the vendor through the BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative, which was formed by governmental entities to streamline the buying process for public schools, municipalities and other governmental agencies, according to its website. The court decided not to approve the additional \$15,000 charge, and Galo said they are considering flagging the company to the BuyBoard because of the added financial request.” [Laredo Morning Times, [7/16/25](#)]

**November 2025: When A Contractor Asked Webb County For A Reimbursement To Cover Tariffs On Equipment, Tijerina Said “This Tariff Thing” Had Already Come Before The County Court And “It Was Not A Tariff, It Was Just Their Way Of Making More Money”**

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**November 2025: A Wastewater Plant Contractor Asked Webb County For A \$46,131 Reimbursement To Cover Tariffs On Equipment**

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**November 2025: A Wastewater Plant Contractor Asked Webb County For A \$46,131 Reimbursement, Citing Newly Imposed Federal Tariffs On Equipment Orders.** “Webb County leaders tabled a \$46,131 reimbursement request from a wastewater plant contractor this past week after they cited newly imposed federal tariffs on equipment orders. The contractor sought to use contingency funds to offset costs allegedly incurred after ordering positive displacement blowers for the treatment plant.” [Laredo Morning Times, [11/16/25](#)]

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**November 2025: Tijerina Said “This Tariff Thing” Had Already Come Before The Webb County Court And “It Was Not A Tariff, It Was Just Their Way Of Making More Money”**

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**Tijerina Said “This Tariff Thing” Had “Already Come To The Court Two Or Three Times” And “All Of A Sudden We Come To Find Out It Was Not A Tariff, It Was Just Their Way Of Making More Money.”** GUILLERMO CUELLAR: “We are paying for tariffs on positive displacement blowers for the wastewater treatment plant facility project we are doing. Back in July the contractor ordered equipment and there or shortly thereafter taxes were imposed by the government, some tariffs. And so now they’re asking to get compensated—” TIJERINA: “Well this has already come to the Court two or three times, this tariff thing. All of a sudden we come to find out it was not a tariff, it was just their way of making more money. So how do we know the difference?” [Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting, 01:28:38, [11/15/25](#)] (VIDEO)

**Tijerina: “Where I’m Sitting, I’ve Heard The Tariff Thing Already Two Or Three Times Come Out To Be Not True.”** GUILLERMO CUELLAR: “And so the tariffs came in in July like a few days after.” TIJERINA: “Please understand, sitting here where I’m sitting, I’ve heard the tariff thing already two or three times come out to be not true. They were just— Perfect example the restrooms. They wanted to charge us \$5,000 more because of ‘tariffs.’ Come to find out, we called their bluff and all of a sudden it didn’t happen. So how do I know that this is a tariff?” [Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting, 01:29:30, [11/15/25](#)] (VIDEO)

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GUILLERMO CUELLAR: “And so the tariffs came in in July like a few days after.” TIJERINA: “Please understand, sitting here where I’m sitting, I’ve heard the tariff thing already two or three times come out to be not true. They were just– Perfect example the restrooms. They wanted to charge us \$5,000 more because of ‘tariffs.’ Come to find out, we called their bluff and all of a sudden it didn’t happen. So how do I know that this is a tariff?” [Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting, 01:29:30, [11/15/25](#)] (VIDEO)
- **Tijerina Made Air Quotes Around The Word “Tariffs.”** [Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting, 01:29:38, [11/15/25](#)] (VIDEO)




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**November 2025: Webb County’s Legal Counsel Said Webb County May Be Obligated To Reimburse The Contractor For Extraordinary Tariff Costs**

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- **Webb County’s Legal Counsel: “Under The Contract, It’s My Understanding That We’re Obligated To Pay These Expenditures Because They’re Extraordinary.”** COUNSEL: “Under the contract, it’s my understanding that we’re obligated to pay these expenditures because they’re extraordinary. We did track them down and they did get invoicing that showed that the tariffs had been applied timely to these items.” [Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting, 01:31:15, [11/15/25](#)] (VIDEO)

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**November 2025: Webb County Tabled The Reimbursement While Legal Counsel Reviewed The Agreement**

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**November 2025: Webb County Tabled The \$46,131 Reimbursement Request While Legal Counsel Reviewed The Agreement.** “Webb County leaders tabled a \$46,131 reimbursement request from a wastewater plant contractor this past week after they cited newly imposed federal tariffs on equipment orders. The contractor sought to use contingency funds to offset costs allegedly incurred after ordering positive displacement blowers for the treatment plant. Webb County Judge Tano Tijerina and the commissioners expressed skepticism that the charges were valid or that the county was responsible for paying them. He questioned whether the tariffs were actually applied after the order and said contractors should account for such risks when submitting bids. The county’s legal

counsel said the contract may require reimbursement for extraordinary tariff costs but asked for time to review the agreement and documentation before making a recommendation.” [Laredo Morning Times, [11/16/25](#)]

## **A Complaint Was Filed Against Tijerina Alleging He Violated Federal Campaign Law By Using An Exploratory Committee To Skirt Texas’ Resign-To-Run Law**

### **Texas Had A Resign-To-Run Law That Tijerina Appeared To Be Intentionally, And Actively, Circumventing**

#### **Per Texas Law, Local Texas Officeholders, Including County Judges, Automatically Resigned Their Posts If They Became A Candidate For Another Office With More Than 13 Months Left In Their Current Term**

**Article 16, Section 65 Of The Texas Constitution Stipulated That Officeholders Of Certain Positions, Including County Judges, Automatically Resigned Their Post If They Aspired For Another Office With More Than 13 Months Left In Their Term.** “ARTICLE 16. GENERAL PROVISIONS Sec. 65. AUTOMATIC RESIGNATION ON BECOMING CANDIDATE FOR ANOTHER OFFICE. (a) This section applies to the following offices: District Clerks; County Clerks; County Judges; Judges of the County Courts at Law, County Criminal Courts, County Probate Courts and County Domestic Relations Courts; County Treasurers; Criminal District Attorneys; County Surveyors; County Commissioners; Justices of the Peace; Sheriffs; Assessors and Collectors of Taxes; District Attorneys; County Attorneys; Public Weighers; and Constables. (b) If any of the officers named herein shall announce their candidacy, or shall in fact become a candidate, in any General, Special or Primary Election, for any office of profit or trust under the laws of this State or the United States other than the office then held, at any time when the unexpired term of the office then held shall exceed one year and 30 days, such announcement or such candidacy shall constitute an automatic resignation of the office then held, and the vacancy thereby created shall be filled pursuant to law in the same manner as other vacancies for such office are filled.” [Texas Constitution, [accessed 7/1/25](#)]

**In An Interview, Tijerina Said His Term As Webb County Judge Expired On December 31, 2026.** TIJERINA: “But in the local levels, you have your you have your council members, you have your school board members, you have your Commissioner’s court.” INTERVIEWER: “You can’t hold an office and run for another.” TIJERINA: “That is correct, and the way the law is written is a year and 30 days prior to your last day in office.” INTERVIEWER: “In office, not an election day to prior office, right? So when is that for you currently? When does your term as county judge end?” TIJERINA: “December 31, 2026.” [KGNS, 9:19, [6/29/25](#)] (VIDEO)

#### **Tijerina Signaled His Interest In Running For Congress But Said, “If I Announce [For Congress], Right Now, Today, I Would Lose My County Judge Seat.”**

**Tijerina: “If I Announce, Right Now, Today, I Would Lose My County Judge Seat.”** TIJERINA: “But I’ll tell you right now my I’m considering it greatly, but the way it works, and this is most important part of your answer, the answer, it’s a resign to run. You see, if I announce right now today, I would lose my county judge seat. Texas is probably one of the only states in the state, in the United States that and there’s some other ones, but almost all of them are pretty much you could run for whatever you want, whenever you want, and you won’t lose your seat. Texas is a little different. Your district judges, anybody that works for Texas, your state legislators, your senators, your governor, your lieutenant governor, they could run for whatever they want, and they won’t lose their seat. But in the local levels, you have your you have your council members, you have your school board members, you have your Commissioner’s court. You can hold an office and run for another that is correct, and the way the law is written is a year and 30 days prior to your last day in office.” [KGNS, 8:31, [6/29/25](#)] (VIDEO)

**Tijerina Said The Reason He Made An Exploratory Committee Was So He Could Remain In Office As Webb County Judge While Running For Office.** “INTERVIEWER: So you could, if you were to announce officially, you would do it sometime after December 1 of this year? TIJERINA: potentially. INTERVIEWER: Potentially that’s when you could say, and that would not, that would not require you to leave your county.

TIJERINA: That is correct. See, that is correct. And so that is the reason why we did an exploratory committee. I've been, I've been working on this, you know, for a good while now, and it's something that I've been really contemplating on doing. And I just think it's disheartening, and it's very disappointing." [KGNS, 9:38, [6/29/25](#)] (VIDEO)

- **When Pressed On His Timeline To Announce His Official Run For Congress, Tijerina Said “That Is The Reason We Did An Exploratory Committee. I’ve Been, I’ve Been Working On This, You Know, For A Good While Now, And It’s Something That I’ve Been Really Contemplating Doing.”** “INTERVIEWER: So you could, if you were to announce officially, you would do it sometime after December 1 of this year? TIJERINA: potentially. INTERVIEWER: Potentially that's when you could say, and that would not, that would not require you to leave your county. TIJERINA: That is correct. See, that is correct. And so that is the reason why we did an exploratory committee. I've been, I've been working on this, you know, for a good while now, and it's something that I've been really contemplating on doing. And I just think it's disheartening, and it's very disappointing.” [KGNS, 9:38, [6/29/25](#)] (VIDEO)

### **Tijerina Made Public Comments Alluding To A Congressional Campaign Announcement On December 1, 2025**

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#### **June 2025: Tijerina Told Laredo-Based Outlet KGNS He Could Potentially Announce His Run For Congress After December 1, 2025**

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**Tijerina Acknowledged He Could “Potentially” Announce His Run For Office After December 1, 2025.** “INTERVIEWER: So you could, if you were to announce officially, you would do it sometime after December 1 of this year? TANO: potentially. INTERVIEWER: Potentially that's when you could say, and that would not, that would not require you to leave your county. TANO: That is correct. See, that is correct. And so that is the reason why we did an exploratory committee. I've been, I've been working on this, you know, for a good while now, and it's something that I've been really contemplating on doing. And I just think it's disheartening, and it's very disappointing.” [KGNS, 9:38, [6/29/25](#)] (VIDEO)

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#### **September 2025: Tijerina Told Houston-Based Radio Host Kenny Webster He Could “Publicly Come Out” And Announce His Run On December 1, 2025**

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**Tijerina: “December 1st, I Will Be Able To Publicly Come Out And Without The Exploratory [Committee].”** Tano: “As I go around district 28, I have an exploratory committee by the way, and the reason why I have an exploratory committee because there’s a resign to run clause in the state of Texas, which I wish there wasn’t one, but here in Texas we still have it. So, until December 1st, it’s the way it works, by the law it’s written it’s a year and one month, so December 1st I will be able to publicly come out and without the exploratory.” [Kenny Webster KPRC 950 AM, 22:28, [9/5/25](#)] (VIDEO)

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#### **Tijerina Told KGNS “Everything Is Possible, I’m Real To Myself” When Asked If There Was A Possibility He Would Decide Not To Run After His Exploratory Phase**

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**Asked If It Was Possible He Would Choose Not To Run After Exploring A Run For Congress, Tijerina Said “Everything Is Possible, You Know, But I’m Real To Myself.”** INTERVIEWER: “Judge, as you explore the possibilities, is it about Tano Tijerina or is it about Webb County? In other words, can you see yourself as part of this exploratory committee finding in a situation where you say, you know what? It is best that I don’t do this for the county. Is that a possibility? Or are we just buying time so that you can announce?” TIJERINA: “Everything is possible, you know, but I’m real to myself. That guy that I look at in the mirror every single day, the same person that I am. Look, the first day that I got elected as county judge, I had a lot of people in the media come up to me and they asked me one question: ‘what do you want to say to the people that voted for you?’ and I told them this, and you can look it up, I said I want to thank them, but more importantly the ones who didn’t vote for me, those are the ones that I want to be able to win them over, show them who I am. It’s no different if I run for this position or

not. Just because I'm Republican now, or Democrat, in all reality, I'm the same guy that hasn't changed anything, and so I'm going to do everything I can." [KGNS, 13:05, [6/29/25](#)] (VIDEO)

## **An Ethics Professor Filed A Complaint Before The FEC Alleging Tijerina Violated Federal Election Law To Protect His Position As Webb County Judge**

### **An FEC Complaint Against Tijerina Outlined Statements From And Actions By Tijerina That Indicated He Was Using His Exploratory Committee As A Way To Circumvent Resigning As Webb County Judge**

**Headline: "Complaint Filed Accusing Judge Tijerina Of Violating Federal Campaign Law"** [Laredo Morning Times, [11/23/25](#)]

**An FEC Complaint Was Filed Against Tano Tijerina For Allegedly Violating Federal Campaign Law, Accusing Him Of Trying To Sidestep Texas's Resign-To-Run Law By Falsely Operating An "Exploratory Committee."** "A federal complaint was filed with the Federal Election Commission, alleging Webb County Judge Tano Tijerina violated federal campaign law. The complaint alleges Tijerina has attempted to avoid the state's resign-to-run law by falsely operating under an 'exploratory committee' while running for Congress." [Laredo Morning Times, [11/23/25](#)]

**San Antonio Resident Cecilia Martinez, PhD, A Former Ethics Professor, Filed The Complaint And Added "If Judge Tijerina Is Willing To Disregard Federal Election Law Requirements Before Even Announcing His Candidacy, It Raises Serious Concerns About How He Would Conduct Himself If Elected To Federal Office."** "The complaint was filed Friday, Nov. 21 by San Antonio's Cecilia Martinez, Ph.D. 'As someone who has taught ethics and decision making at Northern Kentucky University and worked as a journalist, I strongly believe transparency is a non-negotiable,' Martinez said. 'A candidate who is evading that transparency obligation now undermines public trust and suggests a troubling pattern of behavior that may continue once in office. If Judge Tijerina is willing to disregard federal election law requirements before even announcing his candidacy, it raises serious concerns about how he would conduct himself if elected to federal office.'" [Laredo Morning Times, [11/23/25](#)]

**The Complaint Alleged Tijerina Was Using An Exploratory Committee To Avoid Facing "The State-Law Consequences Of Declaring His Candidacy."** "The resign-to-run law in Texas requires local officeholders to automatically resign their post if they become a candidate for another office with more than one year and 30 days remaining in their current term. Tijerina was re-elected in 2022 and is not set to leave office until after the last day of 2026. With Dec. 8 being the final day for candidates to file a declaration of intent with the FEC, he could theoretically wait until early December to declare his candidacy and retain his position through the end of his term. However, the complaint alleges Tijerina has already decided to run and provides evidence intended to support the claim. The complaint states, 'Judge Tijerina's congressional campaign remains under the guise of an exploratory committee not because he is legitimately testing the waters, but because he does not want to face the state-law consequences of declaring his candidacy.'" [Laredo Morning Times, [11/23/25](#)]

**Tijerina Told A Houston Radio Station He Had An Exploratory Committee Because Of The Resign-To-Run Law In Texas, And Said He Could Announce His Candidacy On December 1 "Without The Exploratory."** "The complaint cites an interview with a Houston radio station during which Tijerina said, 'the reason why I have an exploratory committee [is] because there's a resign to run clause in the state of Texas, which I wish there wasn't one ... so December 1st I will be able to publicly come out and without the exploratory.'" [Laredo Morning Times, [11/23/25](#)]

**On October 30, Tijerina Reposted An Instagram Story Alluding To A Potential Future As A Member Of Congress.** "It also cited a post on X on July 30, when Tijerina responded to a post featuring an image of Texas' proposed new congressional map with a series of eyeball emojis and an image of himself coming out of a corral. On

Oct. 30, he reposted an Instagram story from Daisy Campos that said, ‘As hard as it is to let him go as a Boss! It’s exciting to witness the greater things he will do in Congress.’” [Laredo Morning Times, [11/23/25](#)]

**Tijerina’s Exploratory Committee Accepted Contributions Totaling Up To \$7,000 From Individuals Since July 2025, And Worked With Texas-Based Political Strategy Firm Lilly And Company.** “While the totals are not publicly known, the complaint alleges it is probable Tijerina is well beyond those thresholds. The Tano Tijerina Exploratory Committee has been soliciting contributions to ‘Team Tano’ since at least July 1 through WinRed. It also is working with Texas-based political strategy firm Lilly and Company, which the complaint says has a track record of raising millions of dollars for clients. On the WinRed donation website, the available options to select for donations are \$500, \$1,000, \$2,500, \$3,500, \$7,000 and other.” [Laredo Morning Times, [11/23/25](#)]

**The Complaint Cited An October 29 Fundraiser For Tijerina That Could Have Plausibly Cost More Than \$5,000 Or Raised More Than \$5,000.** “The complaint also cites an Oct. 29 fundraising event held to honor Team Tano at Otilia’s, located at 3311 E. Del Mar Blvd. Ste. 101, saying the event ‘could plausibly have cost more than \$5,000 to host, and seems likely to have generated more than \$5,000 in contributions.’ If the \$5,000 threshold was reached by or before the Oct. 29 fundraiser, then the filing deadline would have been Nov. 13. Based on these factors, the complaint is requesting the FEC investigate whether Tijerina violated the resign-to-run law and determine the exact date his candidacy began. It also requests that, if a violation occurred, the FEC issue a fine up to the maximum amount allowable by law.” [Laredo Morning Times, [11/23/25](#)]

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### **Tijerina Later Announced His Candidacy After The Threshold When He Would No Longer Be Required To Resign**

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**Tijerina Announced His Candidacy Following An FEC Complaint Alleging He Violated Federal Campaign Law By Falsely Operating Under An Exploratory Committee To Avoid Triggering Texas’ Resign-To-Run Law.** “Last month, a federal complaint was filed with the Federal Election Commission, alleging Tijerina had violated federal campaign law. It stated the judge was skirting Texas’ resign-to-run law — requiring local officeholders to step down if they become a candidate for another office with more than a year and 30 days left in their term — by falsely operating under an ‘exploratory committee’ while running for Congress.” [Laredo Morning Times, [12/3/25](#)]

**Tijerina Made Expressions To Media Confirming He Established An Exploratory Committee To Circumvent An Automatic Resignation.** “Among the evidence cited quoted Tijerina in an interview with a Houston radio station during which Tijerina said, ‘the reason why I have an exploratory committee [is] because there’s a resign to run clause in the state of Texas, which I wish there wasn’t one ... so December 1st I will be able to publicly come out and without the exploratory.’ In a similar situation, El Paso Councilmember Cassandra Hernandez was forced to resign in 2019 after a post that read ‘Cassandra Hernandez for Mayor of El Paso, Texas’ was posted for about 15 minutes on a dormant Facebook page by a campaign volunteer.” [Laredo Morning Times, [12/3/25](#)]

**Tijerina Had An Active WinRed Donation Page Since July 2025, And Held A Fundraiser In Late October That Could Plausibly Have Raised Or Costed More Than \$5,000.** “The complaint also asked the FEC to look into financial records, as a potential candidate must file a statement of candidacy within 15 days of raising \$5,000 in contributions or making \$5,000 in expenditures. It stated that The Tano Tijerina Exploratory Committee had been soliciting contributions through WinRed through at least July, which featured donation options including \$500, \$1,000, \$2,500, \$3,500, \$7,000 and other. It also questioned if an Oct. 29 fundraising effort at Otilia’s itself ‘could plausibly have cost more than \$5,000 to host, and seems likely to have generated more than \$5,000 in contributions.’” [Laredo Morning Times, [12/3/25](#)]

**Tijerina Was Out Of Touch With Working-Class South Texans, Living On A \$7.3 Million, 152-Acre Estate That Had Multiple Houses, A Horse Ranch, And Various Wildlife**

**2001: Tijerina Registered The Name “El Bosal” For Business/Professional Purposes**

**2001: Tijerina Registered The Name “El Bosal” For Business Or Professional Purposes.** [Webb County Recorder, Assumed Name Certificate, Doc #: 722544, 3/20/01]

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE—FORM 1, REV. 8-17.

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
COUNTY OF Webb } KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT Tano E. Tijerina, the undersigned, for the purpose of complying with Chapter 36, Title 4, Business and Commerce Code of the State of Texas, do hereby certify to the following facts:

1. El Bosal is the assumed name under which the business or professional services is or is to be conducted or rendered.

2. Registrant: Tano E. Tijerina

3. Names and Addresses:<sup>2</sup>

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>Tano E. Tijerina</u><br>Name | _____                             |
| <u>Owner</u><br>Title           | <u>201 Oriole Lane</u><br>Address |

**2004-2024: Tijerina Was A Registered Agent And Manager Of El Bosal, LLC**

**2004: El Bosal, LLC Registered With The Texas Secretary Of State With Tijerina As A Registered Agent.** [Texas Comptroller, Franchise Tax Account Status, Texas Taxpayer #: 17215872007, registered 7/2/04, accessed [11/3/25](#)]

- **As Of November 2025, El Bosal, LLC Had An Active Registration.** [Texas Comptroller, Franchise Tax Account Status, Texas Taxpayer #: 17215872007, accessed [11/3/25](#)]

**2024: Tano Tijerina And Kimberly Tijerina Were Managers Of El Bosal, LLC.** [Texas Comptroller, Franchise Tax Account Status, Texas Taxpayer #: 17215872007, accessed [11/3/25](#)]

**Tijerina Was A Political Opportunist Who Switched Parties From Democrat To Republican When It Was Convenient To Advance His Political Career**

**2014-2024: Tijerina Was Elected Webb County Judge As A Democrat Three Times And Voted In Democratic Primary Elections As Recently As 2024**

**2014-2022: Tijerina Was Elected Webb County Judge As A Democrat Three Times**

**2014-2022: Tijerina Was Elected Webb County Judge As A Democrat Three Times.** “Tijerina was sworn into office on Jan. 1, 2015, as the 15th Webb County judge. He was reelected to a third term on Jan. 5, 2023. Despite switching parties after being elected three times as a Democratic candidate, Tijerina said the decision does not represent a shift in his philosophy.” [Laredo Morning Times, [12/10/24](#)]

**Tijerina Voted In Democratic Primary Elections As Recently As 2024**

**Tijerina Consistently Voted In Democratic Primary Elections Until 2024.** [Webb County Elections Department Public Record, 2/4/26]

**Jose L. Castillo**  
Election Administrator  
Election Participation

Webb County, TX

Voter ID 1134613344 TIJERINA, TANO E

| Elec# | Date       | Name                             | Status/History |
|-------|------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 204   | 11/04/2025 | Nov 4, 2025 Const. Amendment. E. | Voted          |
| 201   | 11/05/2024 | Joint General Election 2024      | Voted Early    |
| 198   | 05/28/2024 | DEM 052824 Joint Primary Runoff  | Voted Early    |
| 194   | 03/05/2024 | DEM Joint Primary Election 2024  | Voted Early    |
| 193   | 11/07/2023 | Joint General/Special Election   | Voted Early    |
| 190   | 11/08/2022 | 11/08/2022 General Election      | Voted Early    |
| 188   | 05/24/2022 | DEM Joint Primary Runoff 2022    | Voted Early    |
| 183   | 03/01/2022 | DEM Joint Primary Election       | Voted Early    |
| 179   | 11/03/2020 | 2020 General Election            | Voted Early    |
| 177   | 07/14/2020 | DEM Dem Primary Runoff Election  | Voted Early    |
| 174   | 03/03/2020 | DEM 2020 Joint Primary Election  | Voted Early    |
| 172   | 11/05/2019 | Constitutional Amendments/Spec   | Voted Early    |
| 170   | 11/06/2018 | General/Joint/Special Election   | Voted Early    |
| 168   | 05/22/2018 | DEM 2018 DEMO PRIMARY RUNOFF     | Voted Early    |
| 164   | 03/06/2018 | DEM 2018 Primary Election        | Voted Early    |
| 163   | 11/07/2017 | Special Cons. Amendment Elec.    | Voted Early    |
| 161   | 11/08/2016 | 2016 General Election            | Voted Early    |
| 156   | 03/01/2016 | DEM 2016 Joint Primary Election  | Voted Early    |
| 150   | 11/04/2014 | Joint General/Special Election   | Voted Early    |

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| 145 | 03/04/2014 | DEM 2014 Joint Primary Election | Voted Early |
| 144 | 11/05/2013 | 2013 Nov. 5th Election          | Voted Early |
| 142 | 11/06/2012 | Joint General Election          | Voted Early |
| 139 | 07/31/2012 | DEM JOINT PRIMARY RUNOFF        | Voted Early |
| 137 | 06/01/2012 | DEM 2012 PARTY AND RUNOFF HISTO | Voted Early |
| 135 | 05/29/2012 | DEM 2012 JOINT PRIMARY ELECTION | Voted Early |
| 128 | 11/02/2010 | Joint General Election          | Voted Early |
| 125 | 04/13/2010 | DEM 2010 JOINT PRIMARY RUNOFF E | Voted Early |
| 122 | 03/02/2010 | DEM 2010 JOINT PRIMARY ELECTION | Voted Early |
| 119 | 11/04/2008 | 2008 GENERAL                    | Voted Early |
| 116 | 04/08/2008 | Primary Runoff Election         | Voted Early |
| 111 | 03/04/2008 | DEM 2008 PRIMARY                | Voted Early |
| 106 | 05/23/2006 | ELECTION: 05/23/2006            | Voted       |
| 102 | 04/11/2006 | DEM 2006 PRIMARY RUNOFF         | Voted       |
| 99  | 03/07/2006 | DEM 2006 PRIMARY                | Voted       |

[Webb County Elections Department Public Record, 2/4/26]

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**December 2024: Tijerina Announced He Was Switching From The Democratic To The Republican Party On Fox & Friends.** “Webb County Judge Tano Tijerina, elected nearly a decade ago as the top executive of the border county that includes Laredo, announced Tuesday that he is switching from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party. ‘Over the years, I’ve watched the Democratic Party shift further and further to the left and leaving the values that I hold dear to my heart,’ Tijerina said during an interview on Fox & Friends.” [Texas Tribune, [12/10/24](#)]

**November 2024: Webb County Flipped Republican In The Presidential Race For The First Time In More Than 100 Years**

**November 2024: Webb County Flipped Republican In The Presidential Race For The First Time In More Than 100 Years.** “For the first time in more than 100 years, Webb County has flipped to red in a presidential race.

In a historic shift, more than 50% of the votes in the county went to former President Donald Trump, marking a significant change in the county’s voting patterns. The last time a Republican candidate won the majority of Webb County’s votes was in the 1912 presidential election.” [KGNS News, [11/6/25](#)]

- **Trump Won 50.61% Of The Votes To Harris’s 48.48% In Webb County.** [Webb County, Unofficial Election Results, [11/13/24](#)]

| Summary Results Report                |               |                |              |               |               |             |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Webb County General Election 11.05.24 |               |                |              |               |               |             |
| November 13, 2024                     |               |                |              |               |               |             |
| <b>President/Vice President</b>       |               |                |              |               |               |             |
| Vote For 1                            |               |                |              |               |               |             |
|                                       | TOTAL         | VOTE %         | Absentee     | Early Voting  | Election Day  | Provisional |
| REP Donald J. Trump/JD Vance          | 33,397        | 50.61%         | 335          | 22,384        | 10,665        | 13          |
| DEM Kamala D. Harris/Tim Walz         | 31,996        | 48.48%         | 1,042        | 21,910        | 9,000         | 44          |
| LIB Chase Oliver/Mike ter Maat        | 227           | 0.34%          | 7            | 155           | 64            | 1           |
| GRN Jill Stein/Rudolph Ware           | 283           | 0.43%          | 7            | 171           | 105           | 0           |
| Write-In Totals                       | 92            | 0.14%          | 5            | 55            | 32            | 0           |
| <b>Total Votes Cast</b>               | <b>65,995</b> | <b>100.00%</b> | <b>1,396</b> | <b>44,675</b> | <b>19,866</b> | <b>58</b>   |
| Contest Totals                        | 66,411        |                | 1,420        | 44,982        | 19,951        | 58          |

## Professional History

### Tijerina Owned And Operated Businesses Related To Ranching, Oil And Gas, Rodeo Stock Management, Financial Investments, And Transportation

**2017: The Laredo Rotary Club Said Tijerina Was “Highly Involved” In Ranching, Oil And Gas, Rodeo Stock Management, Financial Investments, And Transportation**

**2017: The Rotary Club Of Laredo Described Tijerina As “Highly Involved In The Ranching Industry In Webb County, Particularly In Oil And Gas, Rodeo Stock Management, Financial Investments, And Transportation.”** “Born and raised in Laredo, Texas, Webb County Judge Tano Tijerina originates from a family of civil servants. [...] He is highly involved in the ranching industry in Webb County, particularly in oil and gas, rodeo stock management, financial investments, and transportation. He served for three years as Executive Vice President of Precept Ministries Spanish Board managing and directing operations involving 20 Spanish speaking countries. He is a past board member of the South Texas Food Bank and an avid supporter of several local and international non-profit organizations in particular those that involve youth.” [Rotary Club of Laredo Daybreak, Webb County Judge, [10/6/17](#)]

### 2008-2024: Tijerina Was President Of La Promesa Land Management, LLC

**2008: La Promesa Land Management, LLC Registered With The Texas Secretary Of State With Tijerina As A Registered Agent.** [Texas Comptroller, Franchise Tax Account Status, Texas Taxpayer #: 32037071316, accessed [11/3/25](#)]

- **As Of 2025, La Promesa Land Management, LLC Had An Active Registration.** [Texas Comptroller, Franchise Tax Account Status, Texas Taxpayer #: 32037071316, accessed [11/3/25](#)]

**2024: Tijerina Was President Of La Promesa Land Management, LLC And Kimberly Tijerina Was Secretary.** [Texas Comptroller, Franchise Tax Account Status, Texas Taxpayer #: 32037071316, accessed [11/3/25](#)]

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## **2011-2018: Tijerina Was President Of TK Classic Trucking, LLC**

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**2011: TK Classic Trucking, LLC Registered With The Texas Secretary Of State With Tijerina As A Registered Agent.** [Texas Comptroller, Franchise Tax Account Status, Texas Taxpayer #: 14529785637, accessed [11/3/25](#)]

- **As Of 2025, TK Classic Trucking, LLC Had An Inactive Registration.** [Texas Comptroller, Franchise Tax Account Status, Texas Taxpayer #: 14529785637, accessed [11/3/25](#)]

**2018: Tijerina Was President Of TK Classic Trucking, LLC And Kimberly Tijerina Was Vice President, Treasurer, And Secretary.** [Texas Comptroller, Franchise Tax Account Status, Texas Taxpayer #: 14529785637, accessed [11/3/25](#)]

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## **Kimberly Tijerina, Tano Tijerina's Wife, Was CEO Of CBD Texas Farms, Which Grew Hemp For CBD Oil Used In Cosmetics, Pharmaceuticals, And Supplements**

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### **Kimberly Tijerina, Tano Tijerina's Wife, Was CEO Of CBD Texas Farms**

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**2020: Kimberly Tijerina Was CEO Of CBD Texas Farms.** “Kimberly Tijerina is a multifaceted woman making waves in Webb County. Born and raised in Laredo, Tijerina wears many hats - from ranch girl to cattlemen’s daughter to her current role as a businesswoman. Married to Webb County Judge Tano Tijerina, Kimberly Tijerina is a mother and a wife, balancing her family life with her newfound entrepreneurial pursuits. [...] In 2020, Tijerina embarked on a new adventure, transitioning into the role of a businesswoman as the CEO of CBD Texas Farms, growing hemp to make skincare products.” [KGNS News, [3/27/24](#)]

- **Kimberly Tijerina Was Married To Tano Tijerina.** “Kimberly Tijerina is a multifaceted woman making waves in Webb County. Born and raised in Laredo, Tijerina wears many hats - from ranch girl to cattlemen’s daughter to her current role as a businesswoman. Married to Webb County Judge Tano Tijerina, Kimberly Tijerina is a mother and a wife, balancing her family life with her newfound entrepreneurial pursuits.” [KGNS News, [3/27/24](#)]

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### **CBD Texas Farms Grew Hemp For CBD Oil Used In Cosmetics, Pharmaceuticals, and Supplements**

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**CBD Texas Farms Grew Hemp For CBD Oil To Be Used In Cosmetics, Pharmaceuticals, And Nutritional Supplements.** “Cbd Texas Farms hemp is grown outdoors and indoors depending on the season. Unlike marijuana and medical marijuana, which have high levels of THC, our hemp is grown for CBD which contains under .3% THC. Our CBD oil is grown to be used in cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, and nutritional supplements.” [CBD Texas Farms, About, accessed [11/10/25](#)]

# Our Story

## Family, Heritage and The Future

For five generations, our family has been a steward of the land. South Texas heritage soil is part of our past and is our future. Our venture into hemp farming compliments our established ranching and deer operations and we continue the family tradition of hard work, hands on management, and organic stewardship.

From the time a hemp seed goes in the ground, until it is used in a consumable product, it is a healer. Cbd Texas Farms hemp is grown outdoors and indoors depending on the season. Unlike marijuana and medical marijuana, which have high levels of THC, our hemp is grown for CBD which contains under .3% THC. Our CBD oil is grown to be used in cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, and nutritional supplements. The seeds are certified hemp seeds approved by the State of Texas. We have implemented a rigorous testing schedule and have been 100% compliant. Our girls, as we call them, are tested continuously throughout the flower season, are officially tested by a Texas certified sample contractor, and are tested again before leaving our facility. All that to say, we grow it, so we know it!

Once extracted, our oil undergoes several panels of testing for pesticides, mycotoxins, residual solvents, density, Cbd and THC content. The final product, whether it be our 20% Full Spectrum blend for our manufacturing clients, or any of our custom formulated products, we test again once it reaches our warehouse.



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## Kimberly Tijerina Said She Started Farming Hemp After Experiencing Health Benefits From CBD

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**Kimberly Tijerina Said She Started Farming Hemp On Her Ranch After Experiencing Health Benefits From CBD.** “Kimberly Tijerina is a multifaceted woman making waves in Webb County. [...] Tijerina was motivated to delve deeper into the industry when she saw the benefits of CBD for her health. ‘That made my health turn around, and I started feeling better. I started sleeping. My pain was decreased,’ she recounted. Taking advantage of Texas’ new law legalizing the farming of industrial hemp in 2019, Tijerina seized the opportunity to cultivate hemp on her ranch. ‘A lot of people have this misconception that it’s the same thing as marijuana, but it’s very different. It’s different genetics, it’s grown differently, it’s regulated differently, and it’s legal in all 50 states,’ Tijerina clarified.” [KGNS News, [3/27/24](#)]

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## CBD Was A Non-Psychoactive Compound Found In Hemp

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**Associated Press: CBD Was A “Non-Psychoactive Compound Found In Hemp That Many See As A Way To Better Health.”** “A provision of the farm bill that received final approval in Congress on Wednesday removes hemp from the list of federally controlled substances and treats the low-THC version of the cannabis plant like any other agricultural crop. THC is the cannabis compound that gives pot its high. President Trump is expected to sign the bill into law next week. The change sets the stage for greater expansion in an industry already seeing explosive growth because of growing demand for cannabidiol, or CBD, a non-psychoactive compound found in hemp that many see as a way to better health.” [Associated Press, [12/13/18](#)]