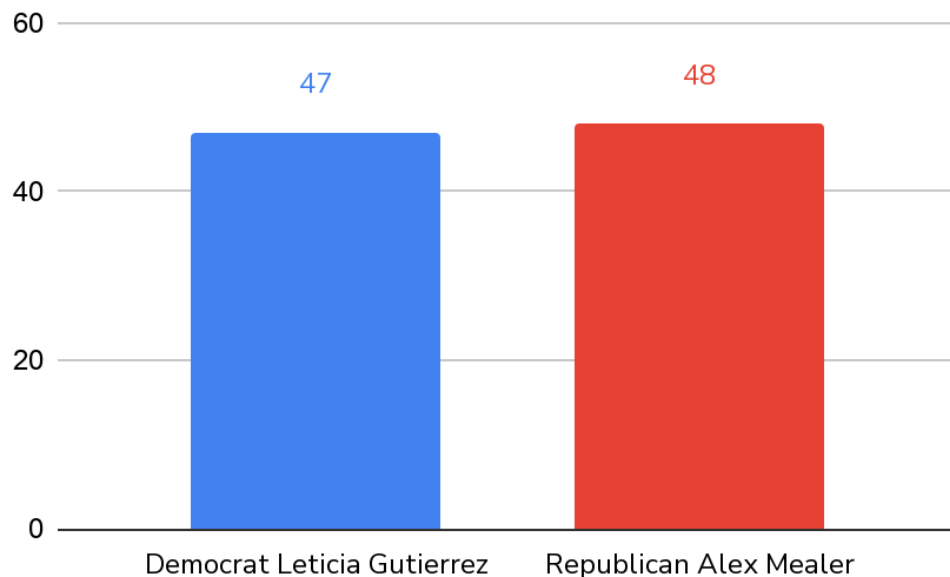


MEMORANDUM

To: Interested Parties
From: DCCC Analytics Department
Date: October 23rd, 2026
Subject: **Leticia Gutierrez Statistically Tied with Alex Mealer**

An internal DCCC Analytics Poll conducted October 20-22 among 490 likely general election voters in Texas's 9th Congressional District shows Democrat Leticia Gutierrez in a statistically tied race against Republican Alex Mealer in a district President Trump won by 20 points in 2024. In the initial vote, **Gutierrez trails Mealer by 1 point, 47% to 48%, with 5% of voters undecided.**

Initial Vote



Donald Trump is deeply unpopular with voters in TX-09, despite the fact that voters in this survey recall voting for him in the 2024 presidential race by a +20-point margin. Trump's job approval is -17 points underwater (37% approve / 54% disapprove).

In stark contrast, Democratic momentum is building at every level of the ballot in TX-09. In the Senate race, James Talarico leads by +5 points (50% Talarico / 45% Paxton), and in the gubernatorial race, Gina Hinojosa leads by +4 points (50% Hinojosa/ 46% Abbott).

The Bottom Line: Leticia Gutierrez is statistically tied in a district that voted for Donald Trump by 20 points just two years ago, showing real momentum for Democrats in the final stretch. With half of residents in TX-09 being Hispanic, and another 12% being Black, this district is yet another proof point that voters of color will reject the dummymanders in Texas this November.

Methodology: These results are based on a survey of 490 likely general election voters in TX-09 conducted from October 20-22, 2026, via phone and text-to-web interviews. The margin of error is +/- 4.4% at a 95% confidence interval.