

Cecilia Castellano

Candidate, Texas State House District 80

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Castellano, while out on bond for her felony criminal case, used Mother's Day 2026 at her church to explain that she did nothing wrong: "what did I do? I mean, I remember just handing out my card and asking people to vote for me." 44

Castellano's 2024 campaign received over $20,000 from Juan Manuel Medina, chief of staff to Texas state Rep. Liz Campos (San Antonio) and former Bexar County Democratic Chair indicted in the vote harvesting investigation alongside Castellano. 47

A San Antonio nonprofit that protects children from family conflict sued Castellano and Azteca Designs for alleged fraud related to a construction project for a new facility after a subcontractor sued them both alleging it had not been paid for work, stating in their claim: "Simply put, Guardian House has no idea what AZTECA did with the $1,070,873.64 Guardian House paid it." In an email, Castellano admitted that it was "my fault," while also throwing her own daughter-in-law under the bus for underbidding the project, partially funded with hundreds of thousands of dollars in federal ARPA funds. The case was dismissed with prejudice by an agreed motion in June 2026. 52

Castellano made personal loans to her 2024 campaign totaling $170,000. During the lawsuit with Guardian House, in July 2025 Castellano emailed the charity, which had paid her company over $1 million, "to date I have borrowed money this passed month just to pay bills and I now know why." *In just the 2 months before sending that email Castellano loaned her campaign $80,000.* 75

Castellano is campaigning on "jobs" as part of her "Platform for Progress!" but what good is a job if you don't get paid? Castellano and Azteca Designs were sued in Tarrant County in September 2024 by Peruna Glass Inc, dba Glass Doctor of North Texas, a subcontractor who complained Azteca Designs failed to pay them $60k for work completed on a job for Tarrant County. Castellano had the gall to counter sue for $142k. _____ 83

In February 2025, Azteca and Castellano were sued by Lynwood Building Materials in small claims court for $10,000 for alleged "non-payment for goods received through credit agreement." The case was dismissed in April 2026 at the Plaintiff's request._____ 91

Despite legal troubles, Castellano is campaigning on her business experience, telling voters she is "a business owner who understands responsibility, accountability and what it takes to make payroll and meet a budget." Court records show that in her own words Castellano admits that she miscalculated funds, could not complete a project and it was "all my fault" and she "should have paid more attention." _____ 93

In June 2023, Castellano and her husband purchased a parcel in Katy, Texas with a mortgage that required them to occupy the property as their principal residence within 60 days and for at least one year, as a primary residence mortgage has better terms for the borrower. At the time they purchased the property, the home in the planned community was not yet built. It has since been completed, but the Castellanos have never declared it their homestead. It is a federal and state crime to knowingly make false statements on mortgage documents. ___ 97

Castellano paid her property taxes late multiple times on her Katy home, resulting in hundreds of dollars in penalties and interest. _____ 104

Castellano wants a tax write off for rent._____ 107

Castellano reported a $250 contribution in 2024 from David Chincanchan, policy director for Workers Defense Action Fund. The group "fights for worker and immigrant justice" in the form of a path to citizenship for all illegals, driver's licenses for illegals, ending Operation Lone Star, prohibiting local law enforcement from cooperating with ICE._____ 108

Castellano has taken the bold step of calling for the government to do something about *illegal immigrants from Australia*._____ 111

Castellano took a $7,500 in-kind contribution from Lone Star Project for her 2024 campaign. The DC-based group boasts "Beating Republicans is our bottom line." Shortly after losing the general election, Castellano posted: "It's time to demolish and reform our government for "WE the people" and stop making it blue or red!"_____ 112

In 2024, Castellano reported a $20 contribution from Austin-based "researcher" Karen Conyngham. Conyngham is a prolific donor to Texas democrats and gave $25 to Zohran Mamdani in 2025._____ 114

In 2024, Castellano reported a contribution from University of Houston law professor Daniel Morales. Morales authored a 2023 article arguing the American immigration system is deeply flawed and the solution is to hand immigration power to municipalities and states: "his decentralized approach can increase our immigrant carrying capacity by allowing places that want and need immigrants to invite and attend to as many as they like." Morales described ICE as "a national agency with bloated resources tasked with solving a problem (illegal immigration) that causes no material harm." 117

Castellano received a $2,928.57 from Represent Texas. The PAC has also supported James Talarico. 121

Castello received $35,000 from Dallas trial lawyer Domingo Garcia in 2024, making him her biggest donor. Garcia is a prolific donor to Democrats including Bernie and the Squad. A former Texas House member, Garcia co-authored the Texas Dream Act to give illegals in-state tuition at Texas State universities. 123

Castello received $10,000 from Powered by People in her 2024 campaign. AG Paxton targeted Beto's PAC in 2025 when they handed out "Beto Bribes" to Democrat legislators in exchange for breaking quorum. Powered by People has also contributed $88,000 to Texas Organizing Project, a PAC affiliated with the Soros-backed group that bails accused criminals out of jail. 127

Castello received $5,000 from Tomas Torres of Houston in her 2024 campaign. Torres is a prolific donor to Texas Democrats like Beto and Talarico, and nationally including $5,000 to the Muslim Lieutenant Governor of Virginia whose 2025 election was celebrated by CAIR. 132

Castellano's 2024 campaign paid tens of thousands of dollars to Emilio Pena for voter contact. As the head of the Bexar County Tejano Democrats in 2026, Pena's group backed Maureen Galindo in her primary for congress specifically because her opponent did *not* call for the elimination of ICE. 136

In 2024, Castellano said she would close the border, but let people in through visas and those people would be citizens after 6 months. "There is a pathway for the immigrants, and just like anything, you know, you, you can have a group of churches, and you have one bad apple pastor, or two, or three, right, what's the same thing with the migrants." 140

In 2024 Castellano said, "we all know that the border issue is a federal issue. However, the federal government needs to learn to work with the state and local government to provide solutions, so we can 142

work inclusively to provide solutions." In 2026, Castellano claimed ICE was "persecuting" families "for no reason." 142

Castellano is weak on border security and blamed Republicans in 2024 since they are holding office." 146

In 2024, Castellano said she wanted to "stop talking about it" and come up with a solution for illegal immigration crisis, and at the same time wants to end Operation Lone Star, which is Texas's attempt at confronting the crisis while getting no help from the Biden Administration. She wants to take funding from Operation Lone Star and give it to schools. _____ 147

In 2024, Castellano said she thinks a "real solution" to the illegal immigration crisis is amnesty. She doesn't want to deport illegals but rather put them to work. She thinks there isn't a "proper way of access into the United States," so we should reward illegal immigrants with work. _____ 149

Castellano: "I know fentanyl is a drug, but there's a lot of drug issues."_____ 150

Castellano cares about the issues facing Texas, just not enough to vote in the 2025 Constitutional Amendments election during which voters approved property tax cuts for homeowners and businesses; funding for water, higher education, and dementia research; tax credit/exemptions for veteran families, border security, animal feed and victims of house fires; as well as constitutional protections against capital gains and death taxes. *Amazingly, on her campaign website, which has yet to be updated in 2026, Castellano "asks voters to approve this legislation in the upcoming November Constitutional Election."* _____ 151

Not sending their best. Castellano has not updated the writing on her website in 2026 from first rebranding in 2025. The website also contains random phrasing that is clearly placeholder text that wasn't deleted. _____ 153

In 2014, when Castellano ran for Somerset ISD Trustee, her opponent and others claimed she was bitter over her firm losing a contract with the ISD._____ 155

Full of it? During her 2014 ISD campaign, Castellano told the public that she filed a lawsuit against Somerset to demand that her opponent (the incumbent) issue a public apology for suggesting Castellano is motivated to run as a "disgruntled former vendor." However, "Bexar County records…showed no such lawsuit filing." _____ 156

Despite being vehemently opposed to school choice, Castellano sent her own son to a charter school because she "wasn't happy with how he was treated" by the ISD. _____ 157

Is Castellano operating and profiting from an entity that has had its right to transact business in Texas revoked for several years? Castellano is the owner and registered agent for Castellano Enterprises LLC. She has listed the entity on both of her Personal Financial Statements. The entity had its franchise tax status involuntarily ended in 2022. Although Castellano filed a public information report for 2025, the Comptroller still shows its tax status as forfeited as of June 18, 2026. _____ 158

Castellano: "since the day of inception, we registered as a minority woman owned business…Azteca Designs focuses on government work primarily. So, with that would cover the local state federal side, and also any K through 12 public education." _____ 164

Castellano: “I'm talking about all minorities. It's all about helping all minorities and making sure that everyone has a seat at the table and has an opportunity at bidding those multi million dollar contracts.” _____ 166

Castellano: “Being a woman in construction has been very challenging.” *Castellano’s businesses is built on being a “certified Hispanic woman-owned construction firm” and the special contracting opportunities that status affords her.* _____ 168

Ever the victim, Castellano complains about being a woman in a male dominated industry and that she was “told she wouldn’t make it,” but has built her construction business off her status as a female minority. As a certified Hispanic Woman-Owned construction firm that bills itself as “your agency’s one stop contractor for minor construction and maintenance projects” Castellano profited from discriminatory DEI policies. In December 2025, Texas ended the state contract program for women and minority-owned businesses under a new comptroller rule. _____ 169

Doesn’t want competition? DEI Civil War? Castellano attacked a black owned construction business, accusing the owners of not being black, of not having offices in San Antonio and being a “shell company,” after the company received a contract from the City of San Antonio. In 2020, Castellano was sued for defamation by Belt Built, a certified African American Owned Small Business that won a contract with the City of San Antonio. The District Court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs by denying Castellano’s motion to dismiss and awarding attorney’s fees of $36,500. Castellano appealed the district court’s denial of her motion to dismiss. The parties reached a settlement and dismissed the case before the appellate court could rule. ____ 179

In 2021, Castellano sued Belt Built in a separate suit claiming one of the owners stated Castellano “didn’t like to work with the Blacks” at 2019 event run by the City of San Antonio specifically for DEI contractors. In his response the defendant stated he repeated a statement that he overheard Castellano say, before he even knew who she was. The parties settled and filed a joint motion to dismiss. _____ 197

On top of the millions in government contracts, Castellano received over $143K in forgiven PPP loans, and then complained she wasn’t getting bailed out enough. _____ 202

Castellano wants to expand Medicaid: “Cecilia Castellano advocates for Medicaid expansion to provide essential healthcare services to those in need.” _____ 204

During an October 2023 Facebook live, in which she rambled for 25 minutes, Castellano claims Gov. Abbott has blocked Medicaid expansion because it’s called Obamacare even though the money is there and we need his heart to be warm and fuzzy: “And so as many of y'all know that our platform is public education, we're standing firm, say no to vouchers, number two health care. We want to enforce Medicaid expansion, the money is there, and the federal government has the money for Texas, we just need Abbott heart to turn from stone to being warm and fuzzy and just accept Medicaid expansion.” _____ 205

Castellano: “The money’s there on the federal level, ready to be released to the state of Texas, but the problem is [] it’s called Obamacare…let’s just take the money for the people…We want Medicaid for all, we want to have health care for all, we want to have affordable health care for all.” 208

Castellano vehemently opposes school choice: “She is an ardent supporter of public schools, vowing to reject vouchers that undermine public education.” Castellano claims it will “close public schools” and “get rid” of football. After winning the 2024 Democratic runoff, Castellano said, “We need to make sure we say ‘no’ to those vouchers” and repeated the proverb Hillary Clinton popularized “it takes a village to raise our children” as she demanded more money for failing public schools. 210

Castellano: “I am 100% AGAINST school vouchers.” 214

In 2024, Castellano ran ads calling vouchers a “scam.” 215

In 2024, Castellano ran ads calling for $40 billion in additional funding for schools, including a $5,500 raise for ALL school employees, and $15,000 for teachers. 216

Castellano: “IT IS NOT SCHOOL CHOICE IT IS PUBLIC SCHOOL DESTRUCTION!!” 217

Castellano supports universal full-day Pre-K. 218

Castellano, while shouting and referring to herself in the third person: “It’s very important House District 80 remain a Democrat seat. And it remains with somebody that has a voice that can speak eloquently, professionally, and to get the job done, not only for an elect view, but for everybody. Because everybody matters. Everybody matters, not just an elect few…I know that Cecilia Castellano will represent each one of you.” 219

Probably not something the Democrat base wants to hear from Castellano: “there's too many pointing back and forth of it's the Republicans, it's the Democrats, and there's no accountability. And so I believe that the reason all of this has happened is because we have left God out.” 221

It turns out Castellano has no idea what she’s talking about when she gets out into the district she’s seeking to represent and criticizes its major industry. In a May 2024 Facebook live, with pumpjacks in the background to seem gritty but grasping her phone with giant fake nails, Castellano criticized Henry Cuellar for being “a major proponent of the oil & gas industry” because oil is “pumping out of house district 80.” “Many gallons. 1000s of gallons being siphoned out of house district 80!” according to Castellano. According to the Texas RRC monthly production report, in May 2024 alone, just Atascosa County produced over 2.6 MILLION BARRELLS of crude. That’s over 111 million gallons. 223

Castellano says the reason why she is running is “first and foremost” that she was “asked to run.” *By who? She doesn’t say.* 226

Castellano claims that "the Lord spoke" to her and told her to run and that she is "anointed" to be the candidate. Castellano puts her religious faith front and center. Can you imagine the outrage from the left if a Republican said these things? _____ 227

Castellano's company was involuntarily terminated in 2010 by the Texas Secretary of State for failing to maintain a registered agent in the state and failing to correct the issue after 90 days. Azteca Designs was reinstated after correcting the defect and applying to the Secretary of State. _____ 231

Castellano's company brought an action against the Texas Department of Transportation through the Texas State Office of Administrative Hearings in 2020. While available records show the action was dismissed when the claims were resolved and no actual lawsuit filed, the interaction begs the question, *how would future disputes between Castellano and state agency clients be addressed if she were an elected official?* _____ 235

Castellano's campaign Facebook page ran a paid ad promoting her post after the attempted assassination of President Trump. _____ 237

Castellano is firmly anti data center. *Where does she think her AI slop campaign graphics come from?* _____ 239

Castellano owns stock in big pharma companies including Johnson & Johnson, Eli Lily & Co, and Pfizer. _____ 242

Castellano owns stock in BlackRock. Texas has pulled billions in state money from the investment firm for its promotion of ESG investing and banning fossil fuels. Blackrock has also been accused of killing the American dream of owning a home, due its predatory investing in residential real estate. _____ 243

Castellano's company is headquartered in Somerset, outside of house district 80, in Bexar County. _____ 245

Castellano is radically anti-gun. She wants to raise the age to purchase a semi-automatic rifle from 18 to 21, wants Texas guns laws to mirror federal gun laws, and wants to eliminate constitutional carry. _____ 247

Castellano in her own words: "The gun reform is a very sensitive issue…House district 80, the families out there, the farmers and ranchers, they need to have a, um, the shotguns and stuff like that, because of the wild animals coming to their cattle, what have you. But overall, it's not about having a gun reform, it's about having common sense, a gun reform, because nobody wants to be told how to adult." Castellano then goes on to describe how she would raise the age to buy guns, restrict access to anything but a shotgun because if you want to play with "the semi-automatic, all that stuff…join the military." _____ 248

Castellano: "Don't let a juice box or juice package buy a vote…You are worth more than a package of juice...Don't sell yourself to the devil. Don't sell your vote to the devil." _____ 250

As a candidate for Somerset ISD school board in 2014, Castellano received an in-kind contribution from the Texas Democratic Party for the "nonpartisan" school board post. Castellano described herself as an "up and coming politician" at the time and went on to lose the race. _____ 251

Castellano contributed money to Stonewall Democrats of San Antonio. The group describes itself as "the progressive political voice of the LGBTQIA community" and of course supports the most egregious aspects of pro-LGBT politics, from gender transitioning kids to vulgar drag queens. _____ 252

Castellano supported Julian Castro for President in the 2020 Democratic primary. Castro's Presidential campaign platform included: amnesty for illegals, Medicare for All, eliminating fossil fuels – including the immediate cessation of drilling on public lands, renewing the assault weapons ban, instituting red flag laws, and combating "racially discriminatory policing". And, of course, access to abortions for trans women. _____ 257

Castellano, who claims to be an outspoken Christian and a "godly mother", stated—in a very inarticulate way—that the Fourth of July is all about a woman's right to abortion. Women need abortion to "protect us from having children." Castellano claims that saying Democrats wanting to abort babies at full term (which they do) is "nonsense." _____ 259

In a bizarre Facebook post, Castellano mentioned how she had a busy and prayerful day and then advocated for abortions before thanking the Lord for the day. _____ 262

Castellano describes herself as "a dedicated member of New Life Christian Center since 2014" – a niche San Antonio church that supports Zionism and uses Hebrew phrases. They celebrate Hannukah and Yom Kippur, study the "Torah" and have a large menorah centered on their altar/stage. *Will this alienate her from Catholic voters or pro-Palestinian liberals?* _____ 263

Castellano describes herself as a "bossy woman" that her husband puts up with. _____ 270

Castellano: "mi Espanol no es muy bueno" _____ 271

Castellano's business has profited off taxpayer dollars. Azteca Designs has received at least $1.3 million from Texas state agencies at the same time her campaign website says, "She envisions abundant small business opportunities through collaboration with the state government." Azteca has also received over $1 million from federal contracts and worked with many Texas ISDs, while Castellano pushes for more funding for public schools and opposes vouchers._____ 272

Did Castellano fraudulently vote in Bexar County in 2010 when she was living in Atascosa? Bexar County records show Castellano cast a vote in the 2010 joint general special & bond election on 11/02/2010. This, despite the fact Castellano had not voted in Bexar since 2000 and purchased her Von Ormy home in 2001. Castellano registered to vote in Atascosa County

in 2003, and voter records show she voted there for before and after (but not during) 2010. 289

Castellano's 2024 campaign received a $5,000 contribution from the New York-based PAC "Democrats for Education Reform" a far-left group that funds the affiliate organization "Education Reform Now" that supports the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement, critical race theory (CRT) and affirmative action. 297

Castellano's 2024 campaign received a $150 contribution from Earnest Davila, union organizer for the Texas State Teachers Association. 301

Castellano's husband, Antonio Trujillo Castellano, was arrested in 2001 by San Antonio police for assault causing bodily injury, according to Texas Department of Public Safety conviction records. According to Bexar County court records, the charges were "Assault Bodily Injury-Married" and a "No HOI Contact with Cecilia Castellano" was put in place. 302

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Background

Identifying Information

Full Name	Cecilia Alicia Castellano (née Arzola)
Date of Birth	October 30, 1977
Place of Birth	Texas
Residence	430 Savannah Heights Von Ormy, TX 78073
Spouse	Antonio Castellano
Children	Anthony Castellano, Noah Castellano
Education	Texas A&M University at San Antonio, Psychology, Criminology (1999)
Professional History	President/Founder AZTECA Designs 2006 – Present
Political History	Democrat nominee, Texas House District 80 (2026) Democrat nominee, Texas House District 80 (2024) Candidate, Somerset ISD Board of Trustees (2014)

Public Biographies

The biographies that follow should not be taken as a representation of fact. They reflect how the subject presents herself. Where omissions, inconsistencies, exaggerations, embellishments, or outright falsehoods have been identified through the course of research, those are included in the findings section of this report.

CAMPAIGN WEBSITE (2026)

Democrat for State Representative

Cecilia Castellano, a devoted advocate for public education, affordable healthcare, and economic development, officially declares her candidacy for State Representative in HD80. With a faith-based commitment to serving the people of our district, Cecilia presents a comprehensive platform that prioritizes the needs and aspirations of the community.

PUBLIC EDUCATION, SAVE OUR SCHOOLS

Cecilia Castellano firmly believes that investing in our public schools is investing in our future. Her educational platform stands on five pillars: She is an ardent supporter of public schools, vowing to reject vouchers that undermine public education. She will strive to increase teacher pay and student allotment for all school districts. She will fight for significant school safety investments to foster safe learning environments in our schools. Cecilia is also dedicated to ensuring that educational opportunities for disabled and special needs students are expanded and enriched. She aims to improve graduation rates and enhance access to technical trades and pathways to military careers, empowering the next generation with diverse opportunities.

Cecilia for State Representative HD 80

https://cecilia4texas.com

AZTECA DESIGNS

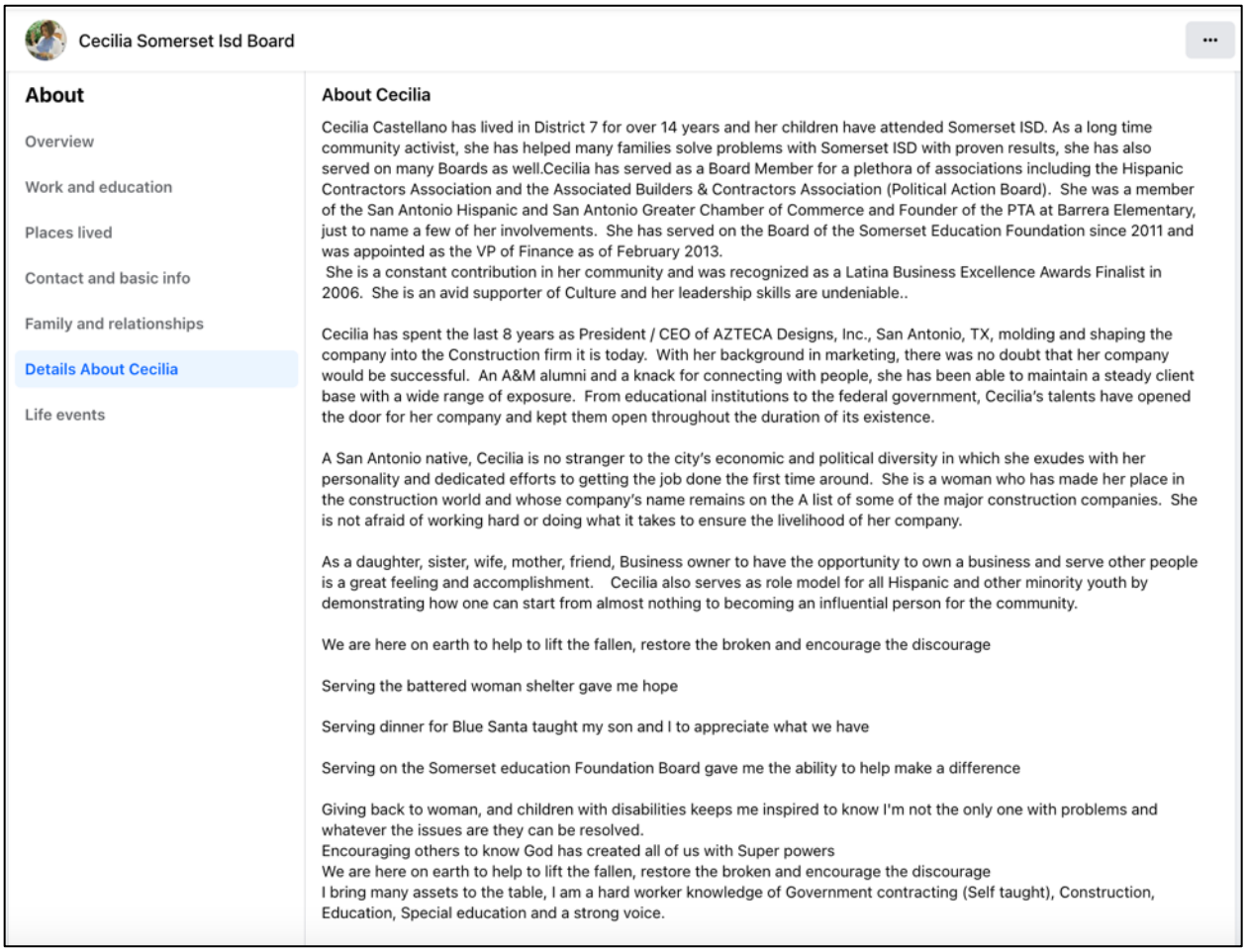
Cecilia Castellano

PRESIDENT/CEO

AZTECA Designs, Inc. was founded in March of 2006, by third generation Texan, Cecilia Castellano, who developed and shaped the construction company into the construction firm it is today. Cecilia Castellano was able to turn her love of design and business into a thriving company specializing in interior finishes. Part of the first attendees of Texas A&M San Antonio, with a knack for connecting with people, has been able to maintain a steady client base with a wide range of exposure. From Educational Institutions to the Federal Government, Mrs. Castellano's talents have opened the door for her company and kept them open throughout the duration of its existence. With a strong personality and hardball tactics, Cecilia has made her place in a male-dominated industry, the construction world. Her company name remains on the A-list of some of the major construction players. With strength, perseverance, and not taking NO for an answer, Cecilia is not afraid of working hard or doing what it takes to ensure her company succeeds.

https://www.aztecadesigns.com/founder/

SCHOOL BOARD CAMPAIGN (2014)



Cecilia Somerset Isd Board

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About Cecilia

Cecilia Castellano has lived in District 7 for over 14 years and her children have attended Somerset ISD. As a long time community activist, she has helped many families solve problems with Somerset ISD with proven results, she has also served on many Boards as well.Cecilia has served as a Board Member for a plethora of associations including the Hispanic Contractors Association and the Associated Builders & Contractors Association (Political Action Board). She was a member of the San Antonio Hispanic and San Antonio Greater Chamber of Commerce and Founder of the PTA at Barrera Elementary, just to name a few of her involvements. She has served on the Board of the Somerset Education Foundation since 2011 and was appointed as the VP of Finance as of February 2013.
She is a constant contribution in her community and was recognized as a Latina Business Excellence Awards Finalist in 2006. She is an avid supporter of Culture and her leadership skills are undeniable..

Cecilia has spent the last 8 years as President / CEO of AZTECA Designs, Inc., San Antonio, TX, molding and shaping the company into the Construction firm it is today. With her background in marketing, there was no doubt that her company would be successful. An A&M alumni and a knack for connecting with people, she has been able to maintain a steady client base with a wide range of exposure. From educational institutions to the federal government, Cecilia's talents have opened the door for her company and kept them open throughout the duration of its existence.

A San Antonio native, Cecilia is no stranger to the city's economic and political diversity in which she exudes with her personality and dedicated efforts to getting the job done the first time around. She is a woman who has made her place in the construction world and whose company's name remains on the A list of some of the major construction companies. She is not afraid of working hard or doing what it takes to ensure the livelihood of her company.

As a daughter, sister, wife, mother, friend, Business owner to have the opportunity to own a business and serve other people is a great feeling and accomplishment. Cecilia also serves as role model for all Hispanic and other minority youth by demonstrating how one can start from almost nothing to becoming an influential person for the community.

We are here on earth to help to lift the fallen, restore the broken and encourage the discourage

Serving the battered woman shelter gave me hope

Serving dinner for Blue Santa taught my son and I to appreciate what we have

Serving on the Somerset education Foundation Board gave me the ability to help make a difference

Giving back to woman, and children with disabilities keeps me inspired to know I'm not the only one with problems and whatever the issues are they can be resolved.
Encouraging others to know God has created all of us with Super powers
We are here on earth to help to lift the fallen, restore the broken and encourage the discourage
I bring many assets to the table, I am a hard worker knowledge of Government contracting (Self taught), Construction, Education, Special education and a strong voice.

https://www.facebook.com/SomersetISDBoardTrusteeDistrict7/about_details

Research Findings

In August 2024, Castellano's home was raided and her cell phone seized as part of an investigation into alleged vote harvesting by Castellano and other democratic operatives. In July 2025, Castellano was indicted and charged with two counts of vote harvesting, a third-degree felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison. Castellano was arrested, booked, and released on $2,000 bond. Castellano filed a pretrial habeas corpus appeal challenging the constitutionality of the vote harvesting statute. As of June 2026, the appeal and the underlying criminal case remain ongoing, with Castellano claiming she is the victim of political prosecution by Ken Paxton.

- In August 2024, AG Paxton's criminal investigation division executed search warrants as part of an "ongoing election integrity investigation."



August 21, 2024 | Press Release

Attorney General Ken Paxton's Criminal Investigation Division Executes Search Warrants in Frio, Atascosa, and Bexar Counties in Ongoing Election Integrity Investigation

On August 20, 2024, Attorney General Ken Paxton's Election Integrity Unit executed multiple search warrants in Frio, Atascosa, and Bexar Counties as part of an ongoing election integrity investigation.

In 2022, the Election Integrity Unit received a referral from the 81st Judicial District Attorney Audrey Louis regarding allegations of election fraud and vote harvesting that occurred during the 2022 elections. The subsequent two-year investigation

provided sufficient evidence to obtain the search warrants in furtherance of the ongoing investigation.

Attorney General Paxton has prioritized election integrity as a central initiative for the Office of the Attorney General. The OAG investigates and, when requested by county or district attorneys, prosecutes allegations of voter fraud to ensure election integrity within Texas.

"Secure elections are the cornerstone of our republic," said Attorney General Paxton. "We were glad to assist when the District Attorney referred this case to my office for investigation. We are completely committed to protecting the security of the ballot box and the integrity of every legal vote. This means ensuring accountability for anyone committing election crimes."

Due to the nature of the ongoing investigation, the Texas Attorney General's Office will have no further comment at this time.

Texas Attorney General, ***Press Release 08/21/2024***

- Castellano's home was raised and her phone seized.



POLITICS

Warrants detail allegations that led to search of Democratic candidate for Texas House

The Texas attorney general's office searched the home of Cecilia Castellano and a Democratic legislative aide. It said it's investigating vote harvesting. Activists called it "intimidation."

BY ALEJANDRO SERRANO

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Texas authorities who seized the cellphone of a Democratic candidate for the Texas House and searched the home of a legislative aide this week were investigating allegations that a longtime Frio County political operator had illegally harvested votes for multiple local races in recent years, court records obtained by The Texas Tribune show.

Those races include the 2024 Democratic primary campaign of Cecilia Castellano, the candidate whose phone was seized, the records show. An investigator with Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's office claims in a sworn affidavit that the aide, Manuel Medina, a former chair of the Bexar County Democratic Party and chief of staff to state Rep. Liz Campos, D-San Antonio, was recorded discussing a scheme to collect votes for Castellano with the Frio County operator.

No one has been charged in connection to the probe, and Castellano and Medina condemned the investigation as a political attack in interviews with the Tribune on Saturday. Latino rights advocates have decried the raids as a "disgraceful and outrageous" effort to intimidate Latino voters. The League of United Latin American Citizens on Friday said it will ask the U.S. Justice Department to scrutinize the state's actions.

Authorities searched the homes of at least five other Latinos, according to Texas LULAC's state director. All work on Castellano's campaign.

"I feel like I've been violated," Castellano said in an interview with the Tribune. "This political tactic is because the Republicans are vying for this seat. They want full power of the House. And we are not going to give up. We are going to continue to work hard."

Medina, who also spoke with the Tribune Saturday, described the tactics the attorney general's office used issuing the search warrant.

"I've been on campaigns for 30 years and never in my life could I have ever imagined anything that I do that would merit them breaking down my door and pointing six assault semi-automatic weapons in my face," Medina said.

Castellano is running for the seat of state Rep. **Tracy King**, D-Uvalde. King's district is the top Republican target in the Texas House this year, as Republicans seek to ensure that they have enough votes to pass **a school voucher bill** next legislative session.

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- By July 2025, a total of 15 people were arrested on indictments related to the investigation (**six indicted in May 2025** and **nine—including Castellano—in June 2025**). Castellano faced two counts of vote harvesting.

CAUSE NUMBER: 25-06-00116-CRF

DA FILE #: 013-0052793

THE STATE OF TEXAS

v.

CECILIA ALICIA CASTELLANO

SID: None
DL: [redacted]
DOB: [redacted]
Race: Hispanic/Latino
Sex: Female

INDICTMENT

Count	Charge	Degree	Bond
1	**Vote Harvesting** STATUTE: EC276.015(f) CJIS CODE: 59990110	3rd Degree	$2,000
2	**Vote Harvesting** STATUTE: EC276.015(f) CJIS CODE: 59990110	3rd Degree	$2,000

Witness: Presentation by District Attorney Audrey Louis, Texas Attorney General Sgt. Inv. Donald Smith

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

THE GRAND JURY, duly selected, organized, sworn and impaneled as such for the County of Frio, State of Texas, at the January A.D, 2025, Term of the 81st/218th Judicial District Court for said County, upon their oaths present in and to said Court, and before the presentment of this indictment, in the County and State aforesaid, **CECILIA ALICIA CASTELLANO** (hereinafter called Defendant), did then and there:

Count 1

On or about February 23, 2024, by and through a third party, namely Juan Medina, Defendant did knowingly provide compensation or other benefit, to-wit: U.S. Currency to Rachel Leal using Cash App for Cheryl Denise Castillo in exchange for vote harvesting services;

Count 2

On or about February 23, 2024, by and through a third party, Juan Medina, Defendant did knowingly provide compensation or other benefit, to-wit: U.S. Currency to Inelda Rodriguez in exchange for vote harvesting services;

AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE.

FILED 2:17 O'CLOCK P M
OFILIA M. TREVINO, DISTRICT CLERK

JUN 30 2025

CLERK DISTRICT COURT, FRIO CO. TX.
BY DEPUTY

Foreman of the Grand Jury

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- An arrest warrant was issued for Castellano.

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CAUSE NO. 25-06-00116CRF

THE STATE OF TEXAS	§	**IN THE 218TH DISTRICT COURT**
	§	
VS.	§	**OF**
	§	
CECILIA ALICIA CASTELLANO	§	**FRIO COUNTY, TEXAS**

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to arrest **CECILIA ALICIA CASTELLANO** and him/her safely keep so that you have him/her said before the Honorable 218TH DISTRICT COURT of Frio County, in the city of Pearsall, Texas INSTANTER, then and there to answer THE STATE OF TEXAS upon a charge by indictment pending in said Court, charging CECILIA ALICIA CASTELLANO with the offense of VOTE HARVESTING, VOTE HARVESTING.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but due return-make hereof to this Court showing how you have executed the same.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT AT PEARSALL, FRIO COUNTY, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 2nd day of July, 2025.

Ofilia M. Trevino, District Clerk
218TH DISTRICT COURT
Frio County
500 East San Antonio St.
Pearsall, Texas 78061

By _____
OFILIA M. TREVINO, CLERK

DISTRICT COURT OF FRIO COUNTY, TEXAS

OFFICER'S RETURN

Came to hand on the __ day of _____ 20___ at _____ o'clock ___M and executed on the ___ day of _____ A.D. 20___ by arresting the within named CECILIA ALICIA CASTELLANO in _____ County, Texas and
[ ] taking a _____ bond, which is herein returned or
[ ] placing him/her in the County Jail of Frio County Texas.

Fees
Executing capias: $50.00
Taking bond: $ _____
Commitment: $ _____

_____ Sheriff / Constable / District Clerk
_____ County, Texas
By _____ Deputy

Alias:
Address: , ,
RACE: **D** [redacted] **HAIR:**
SEX: **WT:** **EYES:**
SSN: -- **HT:** **D/L:**
TRN:

BOND AMOUNT: $2,000.00 SURETY BOND
REMARKS:

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PRECEPT TO SERVE COPY OF INDICTMENT

THE STATE OF TEXAS	§	Cause No: 25-06-00116CRF
VS.	§	IN THE 218TH DISTRICT COURT
CECILIA ALICIA CASTELLANO	§	OF
	§	FRIO COUNTY, TEXAS

OFFENSE: VOTE HARVESTING, VOTE HARVESTING

TO ANY SHERIFF OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SERVE: **CECILIA ALICIA CASTELLANO** who resides in your county and the State of Texas, the accompanying certified **Copy of Indictment.**

Herein Fail Not, but due return as the law directs.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT AT PEARSALL, FRIO COUNTY, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 2nd day of July, 2025.

Ofilia M. Trevino, District Clerk
218TH DISTRICT COURT
Frio County
500 East San Antonio St.
Pearsall, Texas 78061

By _____
OFILIA M. TREVINO, CLERK

DISTRICT COURT OF FRIO COUNTY, TEXAS

OFFICER'S RETURN

Came to hand on the __ day of _____ 20___ at _____ o'clock ___M and executed at _____ o'clock ___M on the ___ day of _____ A.D. 20___ by delivering to the within named defendant CECILIA ALICIA CASTELLANO , the accompanying Certified Copy of Indictment.

Fees $_____

_____ Sheriff / Constable
_____ County, Texas
By_____ Deputy

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MAGISTRATE WARNING

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF FRIO

BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED MAGISTRATE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS ON THIS 2 DAY OF July, 20 25 PERSONALLY APPEARED Cecilia Alicia Castellano, BEFORE ME AND SAID PERSON WAS GIVEN THE FOLLOWING WARNING BY ME IN CLEAR LANGUAGE AS FOLLOWS: YOU ARE CHARGED WITH THE OFFENSE OF:

a. Vote Harvesting Count 1 (F3) b. Vote Harvesting Count 2 (F3)
c. _____ d. _____

1. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT;

2. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY.

3. HE/SHE HAS THE RIGHT TO REQUEST THE APPONINTMENT OF COUNSEL IF HE/SHE IS INDIGENT AND CANNOT AFFORD COUNSEL
   a. An application needs to be completed to determine if he/she qualifies for court appointed counsel;
   b. A clerk will assist him/her in filling out the application;
   c. An affidavit needs to be signed;
   d. An affidavit is a written or printed declaration or statement of facts made voluntarily and confirmed by oath before a person having authority to administer such oath;
   e. The accused must qualify for court appointed counsel;
   f. If he/she meets the indigent standards he/she will qualify for court appointed counsel
   g. Will be the name of the attorney and phone number;
   h. That court appointed counsel should contact you within 24 hours.

DO YOU WANT TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY? YES _____ OR NO X atc

4. THE ACCUSED WILL BE ALLOWED A REASONABLE TIME AND OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT COUNSEL;

5. HE/SHE HAS THE RIGHT TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY PRESENT DURING AN INTERVIEW WITH PEACE OFFICERS;

6. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STOP ANY INTERVIEW OR QUESTIONING AT ANY TIME.

7. HE/SHE IS NOT REQUIRED TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT.

8. ANY STATEMENT MADE BY HIM/HER MAY BE USED AGAINST HIM/HER AT TRIAL AND IN COURT;

9. HE/SHE HAS THE RIGHT TO HAVE AN EXAMINING TRIAL. (applicable ONLY in felony cases).

10. IF ACCUSED OF A FELONY: CONDITIONS ON BOND ORDERED; YES ✓ **NO** _____

* BAIL SET AT: 1a. $ 2,000 (✓ SURETY, ___ P/B., ___ PR, ___ CASH) 1b $ 2,000 (✓ SURETY, ___ P/B., ___ PR, ___ CASH)
1c. $ _____ (___ SURETY, ___ P/B., ___ PR, ___ CASH) 1d. $ _____ (___ SURETY, ___ PB., ___ PR, ___ CASH)

MAGISTRATE

ACCUSED

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CASE/WARRANT NO. 25-06-00116 CRF count 192

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
vs. Cecilia Alicia Castellano §
D[redacted] DL#[redacted] §

IN THE JUSTICE/MUNICIPAL COURT
PRECINCT 4, PLACE ____
FRIO COUNTY, TEXAS

Offense(s) / Bond Amounts: *SEE ATTACHED MAGISTRATE FORM*

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF BOND

The following conditions are hereby ordered and imposed upon the above-named defendant and incorporated into and made a part of any bond the defendant shall apply for and/or become bound by in the above styled and numbered cause.

The Defendant shall:

1. Remain in Frio County, Texas, or the county in which you reside or work; **unless** permitted to leave by the Judge of this court.
2. Commit no offense against the laws of this state or any other state or of the United States.
3. Abstain from the consumption of alcohol and the unlawful use of drugs, narcotics, or other substances unless prescribed by a doctor and approved by the Court. Do not use, sell or possess CBD, "bath salts", synthetic cocaine, Blue Silk, Ivory Wave, Vanilla Snow, Hurricane Charlie, Cloud 9, Red Dove, White Lightening, Scarface, Super Coke, Pee Vee, Magic Kush, Serenity, Serenity Now, Spice, Mojo, Salvia, JWH-018, JWH-073, HU-210, K2, piperazine derivatives, TFMPP, mCPP, pFPP, MeOPP, MBZP, MDPV (methylenedioxypyrovalerone), LSD, marijuana, kratom, MDMA, and/or any drug psychoactive drug, herb, herbal blend, sage inhalant, hallucinogen, stimulant cannabinoid, synthetic or powder that creates or is intended to create a high, low, or mood altering effect or mental effect.
4. Shall not go to places where alcoholic beverages are served, such as, but not limited to: nightclubs, bars, and pool halls.
5. Shall avoid injurious or vicious habits, and persons or places of disreputable or harmful character. Defendant shall not associate with known or suspected gang members.
6. Shall not buy, sell, or possess firearms, knives, or weapons of any kind under any circumstances.
7. Shall not operate a vehicle without a valid driver's license and the required liability insurance or proof of financial responsibility.
8. Shall have no contact, direct or indirect, with any and all alleged victims, victims' family members, witnesses, or co-defendants in the alleged charge unless authorized by the Court. (Contact means any form of communication, either in person, electronically, by mail, text, social media, phone, or any other mode of communication).
9. Shall not communicate directly or indirectly in a threatening or harassing manner with the alleged victim, victims' family, or witness.

If checked, the defendant shall also:

10. ☐ Shall submit to electronic monitoring at the defendant's own expense. The defendant shall not be released from jail until the GPS ankle monitor is installed. Defendant shall fully comply with the servicing company's instructions, including properly charging the device.
    - ☐ **FULL HOUSE ARREST – NO LOCATIONS ALLOWED.**
    - ☐ **Full House Arrest; following locations allowed:** _____
    - ☐ **Prohibited Address(s):** _____
11. ☐ Shall not drive or operate any motor vehicle unless said vehicle is equipped with a device that uses a **deep lung breath analysis mechanism** to make the impractical the operation of a motor vehicle if ethyl alcohol is detected in the breath of the operator. The defendant shall obtain the device at defendant's own expense and provide this Court with proof of installation of said device within thirty (30) days of this Court's order and that said device remain installed pending resolution of defendant's case. The defendant shall fully comply with the servicing company's instructions, including properly charging the device. (Required on: DWI 2nd, 3rd, Intoxication Assault and Intoxication Manslaughter).
12. ☐ The defendant shall submit to **SCRAM** monitoring at the defendant's own expense. The defendant shall not be released from jail until the **SCRAM** ankle monitor is installed. Defendant shall fully comply with the servicing company's instructions, including properly charging the device.
13. ☐ Shall not come into contact with a child younger than 18 years of age without the child's parent or guardian present. Defendant shall not come within 1,000 yards of any school, church, playground, shopping mall or other public or private place where children usually congregate.
14. ☐ Other: Submit to outpatient or inpatient mental health treatment or intellectual and developmental disability services as recommended by the service provider that contracts with the jail to provide mental health or intellectual and developmental disability services, the LMHA, the LIDDA, or another qualified mental health or intellectual and developmental disability expert.
15. ☐ Defendant is ordered to provide a specimen of DNA to local law enforcement for the purpose of creating a DNA record. (Mandatory described by Gov't Code Section 411.1471(a)): (A) Section 1302 Murder (B) Section 19.03 Capital Murder (C) Section 20.01 Kidnapping (D) Section 21.04 Aggravated Kidnapping (E) Section 20.05 Smuggling of Persons (F) Section 20.06 Continuous Smuggling of Persons (G) Section 20a.02 Trafficking of Persons (H) Section 20a.03 Continuous Trafficking of Persons (I) Section 21.02 Continuous Sexual Abuse of Young Child or Disabled Individual (J) Section 21.11 Indecency with a Child (K) Section 22.01 Assault (L) Section 22.011 Sexual Assault (M) Section 22.02 Aggravated Assault (N) Section 22.021 Aggravated Sexual Assault (O) Section 25.02 Prohibited Sexual Conduct (P) Section 29.02 Robbery (Q) Section 29.03 Aggravated Robbery (R) Section 30.02 Burglary (S) Section 31.03 Theft (T) Section 43.03 Promotion of Prostitution (U) Section 43.04 Aggravated Promotion of Prostitution (V) Section 43.05 Compelling Prostitution (W) Section 43.25 Or Sexual Performance by a Child (X) Section 43.26 Or Possession or Promotion of Child Pornography.

It is therefore the ORDER of this Court the defendant shall comply with the above conditions of bond and sign the below acknowledgement before being released from custody in this cause. I understand the conditions of bail as stated above and agree to obey all conditions of bail. I further understand that if I violate any conditions of bail, my bond may be revoked, I will be re-arrested and I may be kept in jail until my case is reached for trial.

SIGNED and entered this the 2 day of July, 2025

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DEFENDANT

PRESIDING JUDGE / MAGISTRATE

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Frio County Sheriff's Department

ARRESTEE DATA



Name	CCN	ATN
CASTELLANO CECILIA ALICIA	962880	820012513840

Hair	Eyes	Height	Weight	Race	Sex	DOB	Ethnicity
BRO	BRO	501	130	W	F	[redacted]	HISP

Housing Class (JPR)	Marital Status
	MAR

Arrestee Address

[redacted]

No aliases found.

Identification Numbers

Type	Number	State
SSN	[redacted]	
DL	[redacted]	

Phone Numbers

Area Code	Phone #
[redacted]	

Classifications

Date	Classification
07/02/2025	Minimum

No Scars, Marks or Tattoos found.

Emergency Contacts / Next of Kin

Name	Address	[illegible]
[redacted]		[redacted]

No detainers found.

ARREST DATA

Location of Arrest	Arrest Date & Time
TX	07/02/2025 14:30

Cross Street

Arresting Officer's Name	Officer's Employee #

Transporting Officer Name	Trans. Officer's Emp #

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Jail Card

Frio County Sheriff's Department

CHARGES

Statute Code	Charge	Type	Case #	Warrant #	Active
59990110	VOTE HARVESTING - VOTE HARVESTING Comments: NONE	F3		25-06-00116CRF CT I	Y
59990110	VOTE HARVESTING - VOTE HARVESTING Comments: NONE	F3		25-06-00116CRF CT II	Y

ARREST COMMENTS

No comments at this time.

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CRIMINAL HISTORY REPORTING FORM

ARREST/IDENTIFICATION

TRN	DATE OF ARREST (DOA)	DPS NO. (SID)	FBI NO.	CONTRIBUTOR ORI	OUT OF COUNTY?	OUT OF COUNTY ORI
9235091063	07022025			TX0820000		

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) (NAM)	PLACE OF BIRTH (POB)	SEX	RACE	ETH.	HGT.	WGT.	OUT OF COUNTY WARRANT NO.
CASTELLANO, CECILIA ALICIA [redacted]	TX	F	W	H	501	130	

EYE	HAIR	SKIN TONE	SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS, AMPUTATIONS (SMT)
BR	BRO	FAR [redacted]	

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MISC. NO. (MNU)	CITZ.	DRIVER LICENSE NO. (OLN)	STATE	TYPE	ID CARD NO. (ICN)	STATE
	US					

LICENSE CERTIFICATION AND ISSUING AUTHORITY | LICENSE NO.

ALIAS NAME(S) (AKA) [redacted]

CHARGING AGENCY ORI	CHARGING AGENCY NAME	AGENCY ARREST NO. (AGN)	AGENCY CASE NO. (OCA)	FIREARM USE
TX0820000	FRIO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	TX0820000	250600116CRF	

TRS	GOC	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE? Y or N	OFFENSE CODE (ADN)	OFFENSE LITERAL (ADL)
A001			59990110	VOTE HARVESTING [redacted]

VICTIM'S AGE (VIC)	STATUTE CITATION (CIT)	LEVEL & DEGREE	FELONY (X,1,2,3 or S)	MISDEMEANOR (A, B or C)	DATE OF OFFENSE (DOO)	WARRANT HOLDER ORI
	EC 276.015(F)	3			02232024	

WARRANT HOLDER CASE NO.	ARREST DISPOSITION (ADN)	DISPOSITION DATE (ADA)	PROSECUTOR ORI (REF)	TRANS HAZ MATERIALS Y or N	OPER COM VEHICLE? Y or N	LICENSE NO.	STATE	YEAR
	HELD	07022025	TX08201 5A					

PREPARED BY, PLEASE PRINT: Ramirez, Alex | DATE: 07022025

PROSECUTOR

PROSECUTOR ORI (ORIP)	PROSECUTOR OFFICE

PROSECUTOR ACTION CODE USE ONLY ONE CODE REFER TO PAT CODE LIST	PROSECUTOR ACTION LITERAL	PROSECUTOR ACTION DATE (PAD)

GOC	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE? Y or N	CHANGED OFFENSE CODE (FON)	OFFENSE LITERAL (FOL)	VICTIM'S AGE (VIC)	STATUTE CITATION (CIT)

CHARGES FILED IN (COURT ORI)	COURT NAME	LEVEL & DEGREE	FELONY (X,1,2,3 or S)	MISDEMEANOR (A,B or C)

PREPARED BY, PLEASE PRINT	DATE	ADDITIONAL CHARGES BY PROSECUTOR, NOT PRESENT AT ARREST? Y or N	IF YES, FILL OUT SUPPLEMENTAL FORM

COURT

COURT ORI (ORIC)	COURT NAME	CAUSE NUMBER (CAU)

GOC	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE? Y or N	OFFENSE CODE (CON)	OFFENSE LITERAL (COL)	VICTIM'S AGE (VIC)	STATUTE CITATION (CIT)	DEGREE OF DISPOSED OFFENSE	FELONY (X,1,2,3 or S)	MISDEMEANOR (A,B, or C)

FINAL PLEA (FPC)	GUILTY	NO CONTEST	NOT GUILTY	COURT DISPOSITION DATE (COD)	SENTENCE/STATUS DATE (DOS)	COURT DISPOSITION (CDN)	COURT COST (CST)

CONFINEMENT (CNT)	SENTENCE SUSPENDED - TIME (CSS)	PROBATION (CPR)	FINE (CFN)	SENTENCE SUSPENDED-FINE (CSF)
___Y___M___D	___Y___M___D	___Y___M___D		

COURT PROVISION (CPN)	COURT PROVISION LITERAL (CPL)	MULTIPLE SENTENCES (MCS) CONCURRENT	CONSECUTIVE

AGENCY TO RECEIVE CUSTODY (ARC)	APPEAL DATE (DCA)	OFFENDER STATUS DURING APPEAL (DDA)	RESULT OF APPEAL (FCD)

CHECK BOX TO INDICATE DIC-17 DATA IS PRESENT	BEGINNING DATE OF SUSPENSION	EDUCATION PROGRAMS	DWI	DRUGS	EDUCATION REQUIRED	EDUCATION WAIVED	REPEAT OFFENDER REQUIRED
	ENDING DATE OF SUSPENSION				EDUCATION COMPLETED	INTERLOCK REQUIRED	REPEAT OFFENDER COMPLETED

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IS THE USE OF SUPPLEMENT REQUIRED ON THIS INCIDENT? YES ☐

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*YouTube **07/10/2025**; Video archived **here***

- Castellano's co-defendants include a county judge, commissioner, former mayor, school board members, and others.

On May 1, 2025, Frio County District Attorney Audrey Louis and the Election Integrity Unit of the Office of the Attorney General presented a criminal vote harvesting case to a grand jury in Frio County. The grand jury returned true bills for the following indictments:

- Frio County Judge, Rochelle Camacho: 3 counts of Vote Harvesting
- Former Frio County Elections Administrator, Carlos Segura: 1 count of Tampering with or Fabricating Physical Evidence
- Pearsall City Council, Ramiro Trevino: 1 count of Vote Harvesting
- Pearsall City Council, Racheal Garza: 1 count of Vote Harvesting
- Pearsall ISD Trustee, Adriann Ramirez: 3 counts of Vote Harvesting
- Alleged Frio County Vote Harvester, Rosa Rodriguez: 2 counts of Vote Harvesting

Each suspect was arrested on May 2, 2025, with the exception of Rochelle Camacho, who will be processed at a later date. Attorney General Paxton's Election Integrity Unit continues to investigate the case along with the Frio County DA.

Texas Attorney General, ***Press Release 05/07/2025***

On June 30, 2025, Frio County District Attorney Audrey Louis and the Election Integrity Unit of the Office of the Attorney General presented additional subjects of the criminal vote harvesting conspiracy to a grand jury in Frio County. The grand jury returned true bills for the following indictments:

- Chief of Staff to Texas State Rep Elizabeth Campos, Manuel Medina: 2 counts Vote Harvesting
- Former Candidate for Texas State Rep. District 80, Cecilia Castellano: 2 counts Vote Harvesting
- Frio County Commissioner Pct. 3, Raul Carrizales: 1 count Vote Harvesting
- Former Dilley Mayor, MaryAnn Obregon: 2 counts Vote Harvesting
- Former Dilley City Council, Inelda Rodriguez: 3 counts Vote Harvesting

- Former Candidate for Pearsall City Council, Davina Trevino: 1 count Vote Harvesting
- Pearsall ISD Board Trustee, Mari Benavides: 1 count Vote Harvesting
- Susie Carrizales: 1 count Vote Harvesting
- Rachel Leal: 1 count Vote Harvesting

*Texas Attorney General, **Press Release 07/14/2025***

♦ Castellano and the others **pled not guilty**.

♦ In August 2025, Castellano's attorney moved to dismiss the indictment against her.

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District Clerk
Frio County, Texas

Lupe Esquivel

NO. 25-06-00116CRF

STATE OF TEXAS	§	**IN THE DISTRICT COURT**
	§	
vs.	§	**218TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**
	§	
CECILIA ALICIA CASTELLANO	§	**FRIO COUNTY, TEXAS**

MOTION TO DISMISS INDICTMENT

[VOTE HARVESTING STATUE
VIOLATES THE FIRST AMENDMENT,
IS UNCONSTITUTIONALLY VAGUE AND OVERBROAD
AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL AS APPLIED]

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE SID HARLE VISITING IN THE 218TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT:

NOW COMES, CECILIA ALICIA CASTELLANO, Defendant, (hereinafter referred to as "Castellano"), in the above-styled and numbered cause, by and through Undersigned Counsel, Donald H. Flanary, III., pursuant to the Due Process and Equal Protection clauses of the United States Constitution as well as the rights to Political Speech, Political Advocacy, and Free Association guaranteed by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and the due course of law provision of the Texas Constitution [U.S. CONST. amends I, V, VI, XIV; TEX. CONST. art. I §§ 8, 10, 19, and art. VI § 2], Chapters 21 and 28 and Article 1.14(b) of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and respectfully files this Motion to Dismiss the indictment against her and in support thereof would show the Court that Section 276.015 of the Texas Election Code, "Vote Harvesting" is unconstitutional on its face and as applied to Castellano as follows:

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> "(2) "Vote harvesting services" means in-person interaction with one or more voters, in the physical presence of an official ballot or a ballot voted by mail, intended to deliver votes for a specific candidate or measure."
>
> Tex. Elec. Code § 276.015(a)(2).

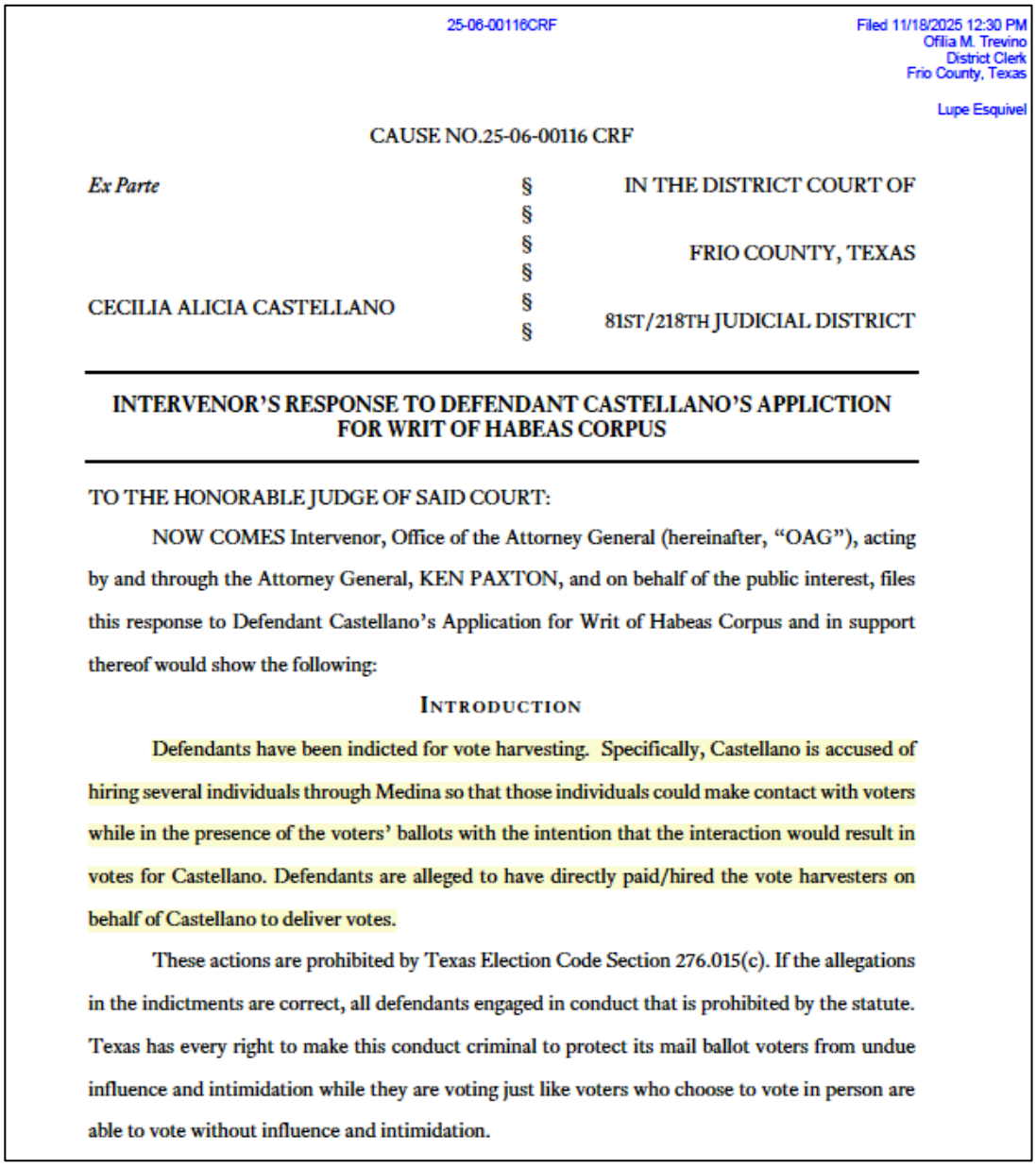
Conduct and speech associated with "Vote Harvesting Services" are protected by the First Amendment and Article 1§§ 8 of the Texas Constitution. The Statute criminalizes said "Vote Harvesting Services" when done for compensation or other benefit. Tex. Elec. Code § 276.015(c).

The statute is unconstitutional for multiple reasons. First, it imposes a content-based restriction on the Defendant's rights to Political Speech, Political Advocacy, and Free Association facially and as applied because it criminalizes her protected conduct and speech only when done for compensation or other benefit in violation of the First Amendment and the Texas Constitution. Laws burdening Political Speech, Political Advocacy, and Free Association are subject to strict scrutiny and are "presumptively unconstitutional" unless narrowly tailored to serve a compelling state interest. *Reed v. Town of Gilbert, Ariz.*, 576 U.S. 155, 163 (2015). Section 276.015 (c) fails strict scrutiny; it is vastly overinclusive relative to any legitimate anti-fraud interest and suppresses protected political activity, as recently recognized in *La Unión del Pueblo Entero v. Abbott*, a federal case enjoining § 276.015. *La Unión del Pueblo Entero v. Abbott*, No. 5:21-cv-844-XR (W.D. Tex. Sept. 28, 2024).

Second, it is unconstitutionally vague because its terms are undefined and ambiguous, failing to give ordinary people fair notice of what is prohibited and inviting arbitrary enforcement. Key terms like "compensation or other benefit" and "physical presence of a ballot" are undefined, leaving people to guess whether innocuous acts – offering a volunteer a slice of pizza, or speaking to a voter who simply has their mail ballot in the room – will trigger felony liability. This vagueness invites arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement, chilling lawful campaign speech and assistance in violation of the Due Process Clause (U.S. CONST. amend. XIV; TEX. CONST. art. I, § 19).

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- The Office of the Attorney General responded to Castellano's challenge to the constitutionality of the election code: "Castellano is accused of hiring several individuals through Medina so that those individuals could make contact with voters while in the presence of the voters' ballots with the intention that the interaction would result in votes for Castellano. Defendants are alleged to have directly paid/hired the vote harvesters on behalf of Castellano to deliver votes."



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CAUSE NO.25-06-00116 CRF

Ex Parte	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
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	§	FRIO COUNTY, TEXAS
	§	
CECILIA ALICIA CASTELLANO	§	81ST/218TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
	§	

INTERVENOR'S RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT CASTELLANO'S APPLICTION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

NOW COMES Intervenor, Office of the Attorney General (hereinafter, "OAG"), acting by and through the Attorney General, KEN PAXTON, and on behalf of the public interest, files this response to Defendant Castellano's Application for Writ of Habeas Corpus and in support thereof would show the following:

INTRODUCTION

Defendants have been indicted for vote harvesting. Specifically, Castellano is accused of hiring several individuals through Medina so that those individuals could make contact with voters while in the presence of the voters' ballots with the intention that the interaction would result in votes for Castellano. Defendants are alleged to have directly paid/hired the vote harvesters on behalf of Castellano to deliver votes.

These actions are prohibited by Texas Election Code Section 276.015(c). If the allegations in the indictments are correct, all defendants engaged in conduct that is prohibited by the statute. Texas has every right to make this conduct criminal to protect its mail ballot voters from undue influence and intimidation while they are voting just like voters who choose to vote in person are able to vote without influence and intimidation.

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- Attorney General's argument: "There is no protect [sic] First Amendment right to harvest someone's vote by any kind of influence of that voter in the knowing physical presence of the ballot."

> **ARGUMENT**
>
> The vote harvesting statute does not interfere with anyone' First Amendment rights in any way. There is no protect First Amendment right to harvest someone's vote by any kind of influence of that voter in the knowing physical presence of the ballot. Regular get out the vote and other political door knocking campaigns are not implicated by the vote harvesting statute in any way. If a person has been paid to get a particular voter to vote for a particular candidate on a particular physical ballot while the paid person is watching, that is vote harvesting and not legally protected speech.

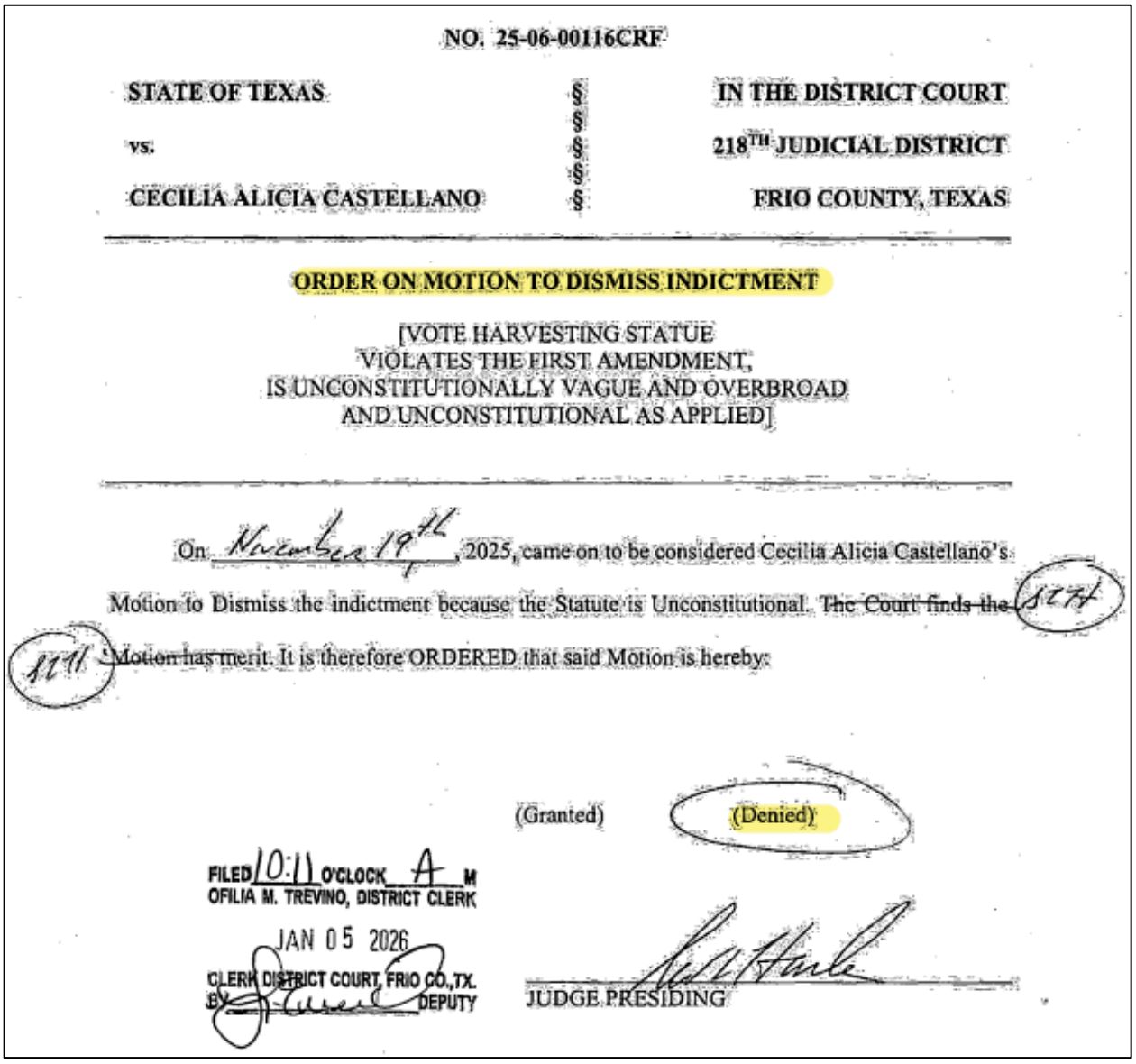
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- Castellano claims she is the victim:

> In her Thursday statement to KSAT, Castellano maintained innocence of her charges.
>
> "What Republicans are calling 'vote harvesting' is simply what Democrats — and grassroots movements across this country — call democracy: block walking, knocking on doors, and talking directly with voters," Castellano said, in part. "Those are the fundamentals of civic engagement, and they are now trying to criminalize them."
>
> She also viewed the charges as "political targeting" coming from the state Capitol in Austin.
>
> "Attorney General Ken Paxton has consistently weaponized his office, going after me, Beto O'Rourke, and Democrats across Texas," Castellano said, in part. "This is not about justice — it is about intimidation. It is about silencing voices that threaten the status quo. But I refuse to be silenced."

KSAT "Accused Frio County vote harvester announces bid to become District 80's state representative"
12/04/2025

- Castellano's motion to dismiss the indictment was denied by the District Court in January 2026:



NO. 25-06-00116CRF

STATE OF TEXAS	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
vs.	§	218TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
CECILIA ALICIA CASTELLANO	§	FRIO COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER ON MOTION TO DISMISS INDICTMENT

[VOTE HARVESTING STATUE
VIOLATES THE FIRST AMENDMENT,
IS UNCONSTITUTIONALLY VAGUE AND OVERBROAD
AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL AS APPLIED]

On November 19th, 2025, came on to be considered Cecilia Alicia Castellano's Motion to Dismiss the indictment because the Statute is Unconstitutional. The Court finds the ~~Motion has merit~~. It is therefore ORDERED that said Motion is hereby:

(Granted) (Denied)

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- In February 2026, Castellano's attorney filed a notice of appeal of the denial of her application for pre-trial writ of habeas corpus seeking relief from facially unconstitutional statute.

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	§	**218th JUDICIAL DISTRICT**
CECILIA ALICIA CASTELLANO	§	
	§	**FRIO COUNTY, TEXAS**

NOTICE OF INTERLOCUTORY APPEAL
PURSUANT TO TEXAS RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE 31

TO THE HONORABLE VISITING JUDGE SID HARLE OF THE 218TH JUDICICAL DISTRICT OF FRIO COUNTY:

NOW COMES, Cecilia Alicia Castellano, Defendant in the above-entitled and numbered cause, by and through undersigned counsel, Donald H. Flanary, III., her attorney, gives this written notice of interlocutory appeal to the Court of Appeals of the State of Texas from the Trial Court's February 4th, 2026, denial of the Defendant's Application for Pre-Trial Writ of Habeas Corpus Seeking Relief from Facially Unconstitutional Statute herein rendered against Cecilia Alicia Castellano pursuant to Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure 31 and *Greenwell v. Court of Appeals for Thirteenth Judicial District*, 159 S.W.3d 645, 650 (Tex. Crim. App. 2005).

Respectfully submitted,

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- The trial court proceedings were stayed pending a decision from the Court of Appeals.

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Please be advised that all Vote Harvesting Cases with Judge Sid Harle will be stayed pending a ruling from the 4th Court of Appeals.

The March 12th Hearing will NOT take place.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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- Castellano's attorney filed their appellate brief on April 14, 2026.

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	§	**Appeal from the**
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	§	**25-06-00116CRF**
Cecilia Alicia Castellano	§	

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ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

This appeal arises from proceedings in the case of *State v. Cecilia Alicia Castellano*, Cause Number 25-06-00116CRF, which charges Ms. Castellano with two counts of Vote Harvesting in 81st/218th District Court of Frio County. That case was indicted on June 30, 2025, Cecilia Alicia Castellano filed a Writ of Habeas Corpus in *Ex Parte Cecilia Alicia Castellano* Cause Number 25-06-00116CRF on November 14, 2025. Appellant, Cecilia Alicia Castellano, now seeks relief from Judge Sid Harle's denial of Ms. Castellano's Writ of Habeas Corpus Seeking Relief from Facially Unconstitutional Statute pursuant to Rule 31 of the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure.

***Texas 4th Court of Appeals, 04-29-00096-CR**, case file p. 25*

- Castellano's appeal argued the vote harvesting statute is unconstitutional and facially invalid "because it criminalizes compensated political interaction with voters whenever a ballot is present and the interaction is 'intended to deliver votes.'"

> (d) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly collects or possesses a mail ballot or official carrier envelope in connection with vote harvesting services.
>
> TEX. ELEC. CODE § 276.015(a)-(d).
>
> **I. Section 276.015, Vote Harvesting is Unconstitutional on its Face.**
>
> **a. Section 276.015 Regulates Core Political Speech and Advocacy.**
>
> The Vote Harvesting Statute §276.015 is facially invalid because it criminalizes compensated political interaction with voters whenever a ballot is present and the interaction is "intended to deliver votes." TEX. ELEC. CODE § 276.015(a)(2). Unlike fraud, intimidation, or ballot tampering, which is already prohibited elsewhere, this law directly targets speech and advocacy based on content and intent. TEX. ELEC. CODE § 276.015. Even if the State claims "preventing voter fraud" is compelling, existing provisions (§§ 276.013, 64.012, 64.036) already criminalize fraud, undue influence, and unlawful assistance, rendering Section 276.015 both redundant and underinclusive (since it ignores fraud outside ballot presence) and overinclusive (since it sweeps in nonfraudulent speech). TEX. ELEC. CODE §§ 276.015, 276.013, 64.012, 64.036. This provision burdens core political speech and associational rights, as it directly regulates political advocacy and voter assistance, which are protected under the First Amendment. *Meyer v. Grant*, 486 U.S. 414, 421–22 (1988).

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- The Office of the Attorney General filed their brief in the appeal May 28, 2026, which is the **last action as of this report**.

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Nature of the Case:	The underlying proceeding is a criminal prosecution of Defendant Cecilia Alicia Castellano (Defendant), who has been indicted for vote harvesting. In defense of her position, Defendant challenged the constitutionality of the relevant vote harvesting statute, Texas Election Code § 276.015, which criminalizes certain actions related to election activities.
Course of Proceedings:	Defendant filed a writ of habeas corpus. The Office of the Attorney General intervened in the litigation to defend the constitutionality of the challenged statute.
Trial Court:	81st District Court, Frio County The Honorable Judge Sid Harle
Disposition in the Trial Court:	On March 2, 2026, the Court denied Defendant's Application for Pre-Trial Writ of Habeas Corpus Seeking Relief from Unconstitutional Statute.

***Texas 4th Court of Appeals, 04-29-00096-CR**, case file p. 76*

INTRODUCTION

This appeal centers around the constitutionality of Texas Election Code § 276.105, which criminalizes vote harvesting, i.e. "in-person interaction with one or more voters, in the physical presence of an official ballot or a ballot voted by mail, intended to deliver votes for a specific candidate or measure." Tex. Elec. Code § 276.015(a)(2). The State contends that Defendant Cecilia Alicia Castellano participated in an illegal vote harvesting scheme to deliver votes on her own behalf and with the assistance of her co-defendant, Juan Manuela Medina.

Defendant, for her part, along with Medina, challenged the constitutionality of Texas Election Code § 276.015 (the Prohibition), claiming that it did not survive first amendment scrutiny and that it was vague and overly broad. But Castellano's defense is little more than a pipedream. The Fifth Circuit recently decided a nearly identical challenge, and the Prohibition has survived with flying colors. *See generally La Unión del Pueblo Entero v. Abbott*, 167 F.4th 743, 752 (5th Cir. 2026) (*LUPE*). And the Fifth Circuit's reasoning is sound. The Prohibition is undoubtedly a reasonable restriction on election activity given the critical state interests at play, and the law is not so vague that it does not put an ordinary person on notices of the prohibited activities.

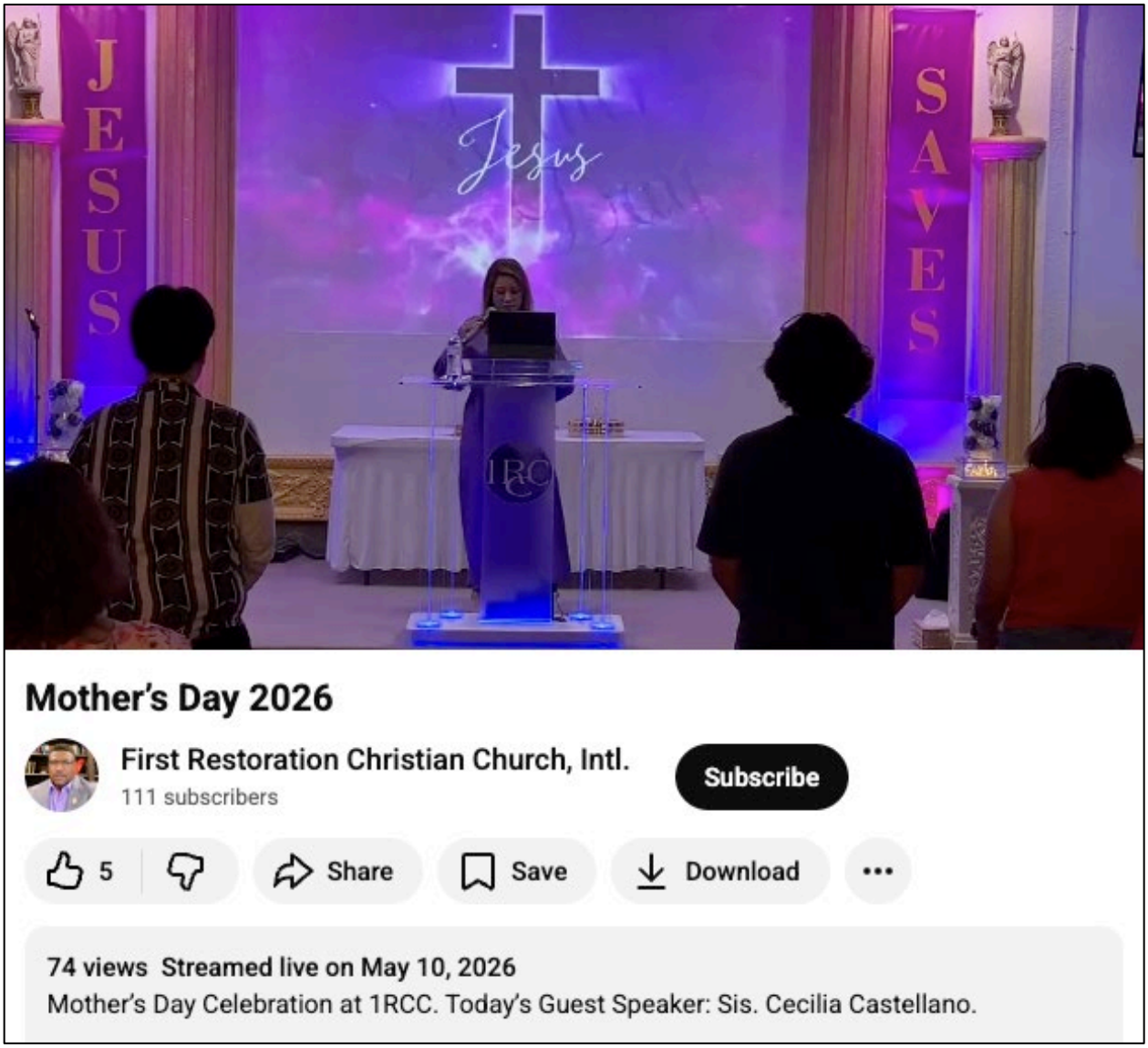
This Court should adopt the Fifth Circuit's logic and affirm the lower court's denial of Defendant's motion to dismiss.

***Texas 4th Court of Appeals, 04-29-00096-CR**, case file p. 78*

Castellano, while out on bond for her felony criminal case, used Mother's Day 2026 at her church to explain that she did nothing wrong: "what did I do? I mean, I remember just handing out my card and asking people to vote for me."



*Facebook, **05/09/2026***



***https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PX4zhmX_A6Q**; full live stream archived **here** (Castellano segment archived **here**)*

- Castellano (**segment begins 16:59**):

  There was a moment in my life

  when everything I built, everything that I thought was stable, everything that I thought was secure, it got shaken in 2024 August 20, and isn't it funny that many of us remember the date and the time of when the enemy attacks, but we often forget the date and the time when our blessings come august 20, 2024 and we're in 2026 family friends, so it has been two years of hell, honey, but God is turning it around. August 20, 2024 at 630 in the morning is when the office of the attorney general knocked on my door, rang my doorbell. I wasn't awake. I was like, am I dreaming? What is that noise? My husband was in the shower. I looked at the window, through the blinds, and I saw a flashlight pointing inside my home it was

dark outside, and these men asked me if I was Cecilia Castilla. Said yes, and I thought it was somebody trying to play a dirty joke on me because I'm running for office. No, it was two men from the Office of Attorney General, police officers that were there to raid my home, very humiliating. This is a very humiliating story for me, because I've never been in trouble. Family, I've never been in trouble, and I was so scared that to this day, I can tell you that there's times when I hear noise on my deck, or someone rings my doorbell, and it's unexpected. I freak out, not a warning, not a conversation. They just came to my home. In that moment, everything in me, I was pressured, I couldn't breathe. I remember opening the door, and they asked me again if I was Cecilia Castellano. I said yes, and they told me, Can I come into your home? I said, Well, I need to get my husband, you need to wait. Well, even though I closed my door, they still made their way into my home. My son was asleep, just a few feet away. His bedroom is not far from the entrance of our home, and I remember coming out, and they were standing on against my dinner table, and to this day it's really hard for me to sit. At that dinner table, or when I walk by, and I have my moments, I can see them standing there. And once again, isn't it crazy that we can remember the negative, but we can't remember the positive. We, we built that altar of the negative, but we failed to build the altar of what God has done for us, and I'm breaking down that altar, family and friends, but it's taking a while. I'm breaking it down to my home, but I'm going to look that devil in the eye, and I say that this is my house, and I'm claiming possession of my home and the things that God has given us. I asked God in that moment, Lord, what is happening? How did I get here? How is this going to end? All I did was work hard from for my community, knocked on doors, made sure people knew that I really truly wanted to be the voice for the voiceless. I truly wanted to take their concerns to Austin. I truly wanted to make a difference, but the more and more they asked me questions, things were just going through my head, like, what did I do? I mean, I remember just handing out my card and asking people to vote for me, and having a big rent with them in their living room, or taking water from them, but never, never doing the false accusations that they claimed I did. It was in one of those moments. Well, family, that wasn't just a situation for me, though. That has been a storm that has been going through my life, through my family's life, emotionally, financially, physically. We've been stripped like Job, that was that's been our storm, and that was one of those moments when you don't know what's coming next, where your name, your peace, your future feels like it's under attack, you know, those moments when they lie about you, and you're wondering, Should I make that call?

Castellano's 2024 campaign received over $20,000 from Juan Manuel Medina, chief of staff to Texas state Rep. Liz Campos (San Antonio) and former Bexar County Democratic Chair indicted in the vote harvesting investigation alongside Castellano.

REPNO	Contributor Name	Amount	Description	Date	Employer	Occupation	City	State
100937703	Medina ,Manuel	5,000.00		10-25-2023	State of Texas	House Employee	San Antonio	TX
100944589	Medina ,Manuel	5,000.00		02-15-2024	State of Texas	House Employee	San Antonio	TX
100972009	Medina ,Manuel	1,763.00	Campaign Signs	08-14-2024	State of Texas	Legislative Aide	San Antonio	TX
100937703	Medina ,Manuel	1,500.00		11-22-2023	State of Texas	House Employee	San Antonio	TX
100937703	Medina ,Manuel	1,500.00		10-24-2023	State of Texas	Chief of Staff	San Antonio	TX
100940988	Medina ,Manuel	1,368.00	Food/Beverages/Rental	01-20-2024	State of Texas	House Employee	San Antonio	TX
100940988	Medina ,Manuel	1,300.00	Office Rental	01-05-2024	State of Texas	House Employee	San Antonio	TX
100972009	Medina ,Manuel	1,000.00	Campaign Signs	08-06-2024	State of Texas	Legislative Aide	San Antonio	TX
100972009	Medina ,Manuel	1,000.00	Campaign Signs	07-25-2024	State of Texas	Legislative Aide	San Antonio	TX
100940988	Medina ,Manuel	562.00	Food/Beverage/Flyers	01-19-2024	State of Texas	House Employee	San Antonio	TX
100972009	Medina ,Manuel	100.00		09-13-2024	State of Texas	Legislative Aide	San Antonio	TX
Total		**20,093.00**						

Table sourced from Texas Ethics Commission

- Medina is chief of staff to **Liz Campos** and Chair of the **Tejano Democrats**.



https://www.statetejanodemocrats.org/leadership

- In her campaign for school board, Castellano got support from big names in the Democratic Party, including Medina, and said they see her as an "an up-and-coming politician."

> "Castellano has reported raising the most money among all Somerset candidates, at least $3,800, including donations from the Texas Democratic Party, LULAC Council No. 649, Bexar County Democratic Party Chairman Manuel Medina, and Rep. Joe Farias, D-San Antonio. She said they see her as an up-and-coming politician."

*San Antonio Express-News, "**VOTE 2014 Gloves off in trustee races at Somerset ; 3 school district seats to be decided**" 10/26/2014*

- Medina's time as chairman of the Bexar County Democratic Party was not without controversy: "Bexar County Dems' murky finances will be a headache for FBI"

> It's something to keep in mind while we navigate through the maze of unanswered questions about the operations of the Bexar County Democratic Party under its former chairman, Manuel Medina.
>
> On Wednesday, Monica Alcantara, the party's current chair, stood in front of the Bexar County Courthouse and read a prepared statement announcing that she and a 12-member committee had found numerous instances of financial corruption

on Medina's watch, including "money laundering," "forgery" and "excessive and illegal cash disbursements with no supporting documentation."

*San Antonio Express News, "**Bexar County Dems murky finances will be a headache for FBI**", 03/16/2019*

Voter Fraud Indictments Climb to 15 in Frio County

The list includes a former Texas House candidate and a former San Antonio mayoral candidate.

BY IAN CAMACHO | July 7, 2025

Frio County's District Attorney and Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's Election Fraud Unit added nine more indictments to an ongoing vote harvesting investigation, bringing the total number of suspects in the case to 15.

Vote harvesting involves knowingly providing or offering compensation for collecting ballots, except in specific cases like caregiving.

Each conviction for vote harvesting, classified as a third-degree felony under a 2021 law, carries a prison sentence of up to ten years and fines of up to $10,000.

Audrey Gossett Louis, the 81st Judicial District Attorney, confirmed the following indictments in connection with the investigation:

- Former Texas House candidate Cecilia Castellano (D-Somerset): two counts of vote harvesting.
- Former Bexar County Democratic Party Chair, current chief of staff to State Rep. Liz Campos (D–San Antonio), and former San Antonio mayoral candidate Juan Manuel Medina: two counts of vote harvesting.
- Former Pearsall Mayor Petra Davina Trevino: one count of vote harvesting.
- Former Dilley Mayor Mary Ann Obregon: two counts of vote harvesting.
- Former Dilley Council member Inelda Rodriguez: three counts of vote harvesting.
- Frio County Commissioner Precinct 3 Raul Carrizales III: one count of vote harvesting.
- Pearsall ISD Board Secretary Maricella Garcia Benavides: one count of vote harvesting.
- Rachel Leal: one count of vote harvesting.
- Susanna Flores Carrizales: one count of vote harvesting.

*Texas Scorecard, **07/07/2025***

CAUSE NUMBER: 25-06-00116 CRF

DA FILE #: 013-0052793

THE STATE OF TEXAS

v.

CECILIA ALICIA CASTELLANO

SID: None
DL: [redacted]
DOB: [redacted]
Race: Hispanic/Latino
Sex: Female

INDICTMENT

Count	Charge	Degree	Bond
1	**Vote Harvesting** STATUTE: EC276.015(f) CJIS CODE: 59990110	3rd Degree	$2,000
2	**Vote Harvesting** STATUTE: EC276.015(f) CJIS CODE: 59990110	3rd Degree	$2,000

Witness: Presentation by District Attorney Audrey Louis, Texas Attorney General Sgt. Inv. Donald Smith

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

THE GRAND JURY, duly selected, organized, sworn and impaneled as such for the County of Frio, State of Texas, at the January A.D, 2025, Term of the 81st/218th Judicial District Court for said County, upon their oaths present in and to said Court, and before the presentment of this indictment, in the County and State aforesaid, **CECILIA ALICIA CASTELLANO** (hereinafter called Defendant), did then and there:

Count 1

On or about February 23, 2024, by and through a third party, namely Juan Medina, Defendant did knowingly provide compensation or other benefit, to-wit: U.S. Currency to Rachel Leal using Cash App for Cheryl Denise Castillo in exchange for vote harvesting services;

Count 2

On or about February 23, 2024, by and through a third party, Juan Medina, Defendant did knowingly provide compensation or other benefit, to-wit: U.S. Currency to Inelda Rodriguez in exchange for vote harvesting services;

AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE.

Foreman of the Grand Jury

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INTRODUCTION

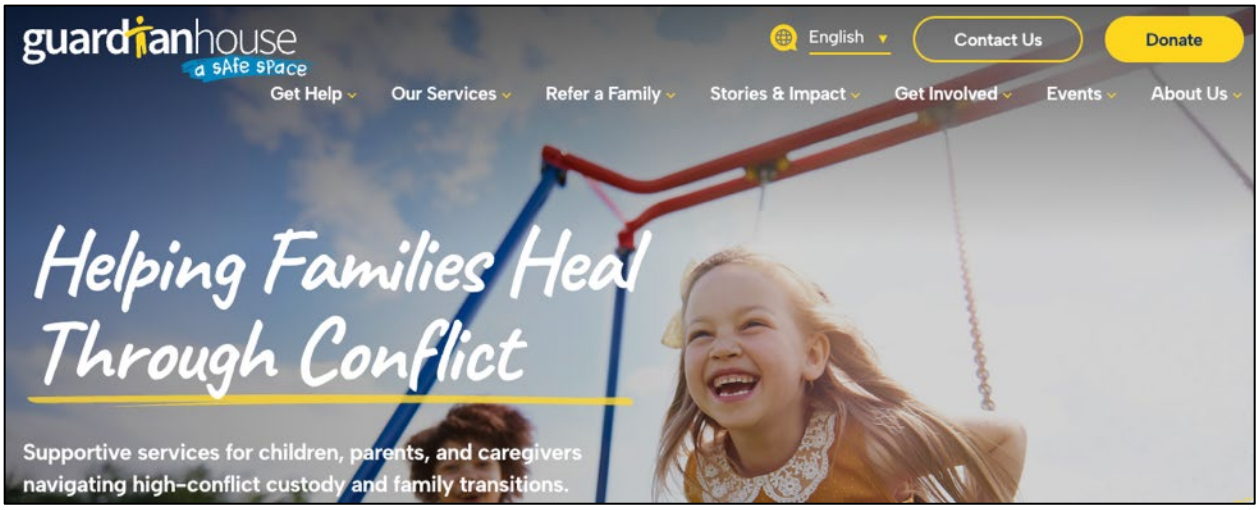
Defendants have been indicted for vote harvesting. Specifically, Castellano is accused of hiring several individuals through Medina so that those individuals could make contact with voters while in the presence of the voters' ballots with the intention that the interaction would result in votes for Castellano. Defendants are alleged to have directly paid/hired the vote harvesters on behalf of Castellano to deliver votes.

These actions are prohibited by Texas Election Code Section 276.015(c). If the allegations in the indictments are correct, all defendants engaged in conduct that is prohibited by the statute. Texas has every right to make this conduct criminal to protect its mail ballot voters from undue influence and intimidation while they are voting just like voters who choose to vote in person are able to vote without influence and intimidation.

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A San Antonio nonprofit that protects children from family conflict sued Castellano and Azteca Designs for alleged fraud related to a construction project for a new facility after a subcontractor sued them both alleging it had not been paid for work, stating in their claim: "Simply put, Guardian House has no idea what AZTECA did with the $1,070,873.64 Guardian House paid it." In an email, Castellano admitted that it was "my fault," while also throwing her own daughter-in-law under the bus for underbidding the project, partially funded with hundreds of thousands of dollars in federal ARPA funds. The case was dismissed with prejudice by an agreed motion in June 2026.

- Guardian House is a San Antonio nonprofit that provides "supportive services for children, parents, and caregivers navigating high-conflict custody and family transitions."



https://guardianhouse.org/

- *San Antonio Express* covered the story:

Texas House candidate's company facing fraud allegations

San Antonio nonprofit Guardian House has accused a company headed by Cecilia Castellano, candidate for State Representative in District 80, of fraud in connection with construction work on a building on Basse Road. She is shown in September talking with a supporter in September at the Atascosa County Courthouse in Jourdanton.



Guardian House's new facility at 1354 Basse Road that is the subject of litigation. It expects the building will open Monday.

A general contracting company headed by Texas House District 80 candidate Cecilia Castellano has been hit with fraud allegations by a San Antonio nonprofit that hired the firm to oversee construction work.

Guardian House, which works with families going through divorce, took legal action against Castellano's Azteca Designs Inc. last week after a subcontractor sued them both alleging it had not been paid for work on the project at 1354 Basse Road.

"Simply put, Guardian House has no idea what Azteca did with the $1,070,873.64 Guardian House paid it," the nonprofit said in court documents. "Azteca has failed to provide any accounting specifically identifying *when*, *how much*, or to *whom* Azteca paid out the monies it received from Guardian House."

The nonprofit seeks unspecified actual, liquidated and punitive damages. It also wants a judge to appoint an auditor to investigate and examine the company's books and records.

In a statement, Azteca attorney Juan M. Gonzalez said Castellano's company "stands behind its work" and indicated it would address Guardian House's allegations in court with an answer and counterclaim.

"Guardian House ejected Azteca from the job while Azteca was still performing," Gonzalez said. "Guardian House failed to pay Azteca for work that had been done."

He also suggested the suit is politically motivated.

"The fact that Guardian House resorted to making this case overtly political on the eve of the election involving Mrs. Castellano says much about the merits of their claims," Gonzalez said.

Brandy Peery, a lawyer for Guardian House, responded that Castellano "conveniently forgets her admitted failure to pay attention to this project and staff it with competent people.

"She is borrowing from a more notorious politician who blames legal actions taken against him for wrongdoing as being politically motivated," Peery said, referring to former President Donald Trump…

$1.8 million project

Guardian House helps children and parents in high-conflict divorce situations by offering counseling, monitored child exchanges, supervised visitation and parent education.

It selected Azteca through a bidding process to serve as the general contractor for work on the building. The project cost was pegged at $1.8 million, which was covered by more than $1 million in donations and $500,000 allocated by Bexar County Commissioners from funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act, the COVID-19 stimulus package.

Castellano's daughter-in-law, Julia Castellano, prepared the bid and acted as "purported 'Project Manager,' " Guardian House says. Azteca agreed to complete the project by May 24, but substantial delays occurred.

The nonprofit also says it began receiving phone calls and lien notices from subcontractors alleging they had not been paid for work performed and/or materials provided to the project.

Officials from Guardian House, Azteca and the project's architecture firm met in July to discuss the issues. At the meeting, Cecilia Castellano accused the nonprofit of falling three months behind on pay applications. Guardian House says her claim was "patently false."

As of July 11, Guardian House had paid Azteca almost $1.1 million since the commencement of construction, the court filing says. That left a balance of more than $700,000 to complete the contract.

'My fault'

In a July email to representatives for Guardian House and the architecture firm, the court filing says, Castellano said that "Julia underbid the Project."

"I can't continue doing this project at the rate Julia bid this project at," Castellano said in the email, which is included as an exhibit in the court filing. "I am not sure if maybe we can see what it would cost to finish just interiors for the remaining amount but to do the rest that is in the contract is not possible."

She also said, "I know this is my fault … I should have paid more attention to all this."

Guardian House says it now "fears it may never recoup the damages" it alleges Azteca has caused. The nonprofit cited other lawsuits and claims made by other parties who say they have not been paid by Azteca or Castellano.

In response to the email, Guardian House issued a stop work order on July 17. The architect sent written notice of termination for cause to Azteca five days later, Guardian House says.

Since then, the nonprofit says, it has received numerous demands for payment and notices of liens totaling almost $500,000 from several subcontractors who say they were never paid. It has asked Azteca for a list of subcontractors but says the company refuses to provide it.

Last week's action was prompted by an Aug. 21 suit by Pella South Texas LLC. It sued Guardian House and Azteca alleging the window and door supplier and installer had not been paid at least $132,000 for work performed.

Guardian House says it didn't learn about the Pella contract until the lawsuit. Julia Castellano signed the Pella contracts without telling the nonprofit. She also "falsely" represented that the contract for windows and doors was $65,000, the nonprofit adds.

The issue with Pella is "just some of the the many breaches of contract and acts of negligence and fraud committed by Azteca that Guardian House has discovered since terminating the Contracts," Guardian House says.

It now expects its new facility will open Monday, more than five months behind schedule. It says it has been forced to raise additional money to cover construction costs.

"Unfortunately, these funds could have otherwise been used to fund and support the much-needed services Guardian House provides to the children and parents of this community," it says.

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- The docket can be **viewed here**. The full case file can be **viewed here**.

- Guardian House filed a crossclaim against Azteca Designs alleging breach of contract, fraudulent inducement, and negligent misrepresentation.

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CAUSE NO. 2024CI18483

PELLA SOUTH TEXAS LLC	§	**IN THE DISTRICT COURT**
	§	
Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
v.	§	**57TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**
	§	
AZTECA DESIGNS, INC. and GUARDIAN HOUSE,	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	**BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS**

DEFENDANT GUARDIAN HOUSE'S ORIGINAL ANSWER AND CROSSCLAIMS AGAINST AZTECA DESIGNS, INC.

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

NOW COMES, Defendant, GUARDIAN HOUSE, a Texas 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation ("Defendant" and "Guardian House") submits this Original Answer and Crossclaims and in support thereof, respectfully show the Court as follows:

I.
FACTUAL BACKGROUND

1. Founded in 1997, Guardian House is a non-profit corporation committed to helping children and parents in high-conflict divorce situations redefine and restructure their families during this unstable transition period. Guardian House offers vital services, including counseling, monitored kids exchanges, supervised visitation, and parent education, that protect and improve the lives of children and their families in San Antonio and the surrounding area.[1]

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2. This suit arises from the numerous breaches of contract and unlawful conduct committed by Defendant, AZTECA Designs, Inc., a Texas corporation d/b/a AZTECA Designs & Construction ("Plaintiff" and "AZTECA"), in connection with the construction of Guardian House's new facility located at 1354 Basse Rd., San Antonio, Texas 78212 (the "Project").

3. AZTECA submitted a bid for the Project through a bidding process and was ultimately selected by Guardian House to serve as the General Contractor of the Project. Guardian House and AZTECA entered into two written *stipulated sum* contracts dated September 2023 which, collectively, covered the Project (collectively, the "Contracts"):

ARPA Contract	$ 653,360.00
Non-ARPA Contract	$1,154,501.00
Total Stipulated Sum	**$1,807,861.00**[2]

4. Cecilia Castellano ("Cecilia") is the CEO and President of AZTECA. She has also been running as the Democratic candidate in a hotly contested November 5, 2024 election for Texas House District 80, which consists of a portion of Webb County and the entirety of Atascosa County, Dimmit County, Frio County, Uvalde County and Zavala County.

5. Cecilia's daughter-in-law, Julia Castellano ("Julia"), prepared and provided the bid for the Project and was the purported "Project Manager" since commencement of construction of the Project.

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[2] In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government created the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") to address its economic fallout and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery. Bexar County received $389 million as its ARPA award. The Bexar County Commissioners then allocated $500,000.00 to Guardian House to partially fund the $653,360.00 contract for the construction of the Project (the "ARPA Contract"). The remaining balance of the ARPA Contract and the contract for $1,154,501.00 (the "Non-ARPA Contract") was funded entirely by donations made to Guardian House as a result of a fundraising campaign spearheaded by Guardian House's CEO and Chief Clinical Director, Shannon White, MS, LPC-S.

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- According to Guardian House, Azteca failed to pay subcontractors despite being paid in full for the project.

6. Under the Contracts, AZTECA agreed to substantially complete the Project by **May 24, 2024** for the total stipulated sum of $1,807,861.00. Moreover, each of the Contracts included an approved budget with a schedule of values for each category of work and materials. On October 6, 2023, Julia as "Chief Estimator" sent two letters to "Lorie Campos, [Guardian House's] Owner Representative" with the above ARPA Contract budget ($653,30.00) and Non-ARPA Contract budget ($1,154.501.00) and stated:

> THIS LETTER IS TO SERVE AS CONFIRMATION ON BEHALF OF AZTECA DESIGNS & CONSTRUCTION TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT **WITH THE BUDGET ATTACHED**. AZTECA DESIGNS INC TO RUN BOTH CONTRACTS CONSECUTIVELY TO GET THIS PROJECT COMPLETED AND TURNED OVER TO THE CUSTOMER. AZTECA ACKNOWLEDGES ADDENDUMS 1-3 PROVIDED DURING BIDDING PROCESS.

7. Despite the contractual May 24, 2024 substantial completion date, there were substantial delays in AZTECA's construction of the Project. AZTECA consistently failed to communicate with Guardian House and the Project architect, JoAnn Sosa, RID of Luna Architecture (the "Architect"), and failed to provide any explanation or documentation to support the cause of such construction delays. As of July 2024, the Project was nowhere near completion, and AZTECA still had not provided any verifiable justification for the delays or any updated plan or timeline for completion of the Project.

8. More significantly, despite promptly paying all pay applications submitted by AZTECA *in full*, Guardian House began receiving phone calls and lien notices from subcontractors in or about April – May 2024 alleging they had not been paid for work performed and/or materials provided to the Project.

9. Accordingly, Guardian House made AZTECA aware of its concerns regarding AZTECA's lack of communication, failure to comply with the May 24, 2024 substantial completion date, and continuous excessive delays, as well as the issues regarding the notices of

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unpaid claims Guardian House was receiving from the subcontractors. AZTECA was on notice that Guardian House was evaluating its remedies under the Contracts and was contemplating termination of the Contracts with AZTECA. Therefore, the parties agreed to "meet and confer" on these issues at an in-person meeting held on July 9, 2024 (the "July 9th Meet and Confer").

10. The following individuals attended the July 9th Meet and Confer on behalf of the parties:

- Guardian House:
  - Shannon White, CEO and Chief Clinical Director
  - Victoria Gonzalez, Director of Development
  - Brad Muslow of VALERO ENERGY, Chair of the Board of Directors
  - Lorie Campos of LORIE CAMPOS CONSULTING, Owner's Representative
- AZTECA:
  - Cecilia Castellano, President and CEO
  - Tony Castellano, Project Manager
  - Julia Castellano, Project Manager
  - Laura Esquivel, Accountant
- Luna Architecture
  - JoAnn Sosa
  - Xavier Delgado
  - Jonathan Pace

11. At the meeting, Cecilia claimed that Guardian House had pay applications that were outstanding by three (3) months. However, the Architect displayed a summary of the Pay Application Status on the screen for all the parties and read the document which confirmed that

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- According to Guardian House, "Cecilia's allegation regarding Guardian House's non-payment was patently false."

Cecilia's allegation regarding Guardian House's non-payment was patently false.

Pay App #	Original Date Received	Correspondence	Payment Requested Non-ARPA/ ARPA	Certified, Issued to owner	Paid Date	Total Paid
October Pay App-01	11/15/23	11/15 – not signed 11/15 – retainage needs to be corrected. 11/16 – Corrected pay apps received.	18,000.00/ 27,000.00	11/20/23	12/13/23	$45,000
November Pay App -02	12/19/23	12/19 – requests certified payroll & questioned line items 12/19 – requested meeting on site, scheduled 12/21	118,350.00/ 126,000.00	1/2/24	01/09/24	$244,350
December		No Pay App provided				0.00
January Pay App-03	2/15/24	2/22 – confirmation of materials requested. 2/23 – confirmation provided. 2/23 – certified payroll requested. Provided 2/23 2/26 – issued to Lorie 2/26 – questions regarding concrete. 2/27 – corrected pay app received.	181,890.00/ 212,850.00	2/29/24	03/01/24	$394,740
February		No Pay App provided				0.00
March Pay App-04	4/2/24	4/4 – provide itemized change orders. 4/5 – updated provide with CO's 4/9 – confusion on CO's 4/15 – revised updated pay app provided 4/19 – Corrected pay app received.	192,833.64/ 31,500.00	4/24/24	4/25/24	$224,333.64
April		No Pay App provided				0.00

12. AZTECA submitted four pay applications between November 15, 2023 and April 19, 2024 that collectively totaled $908,423.64, which were approved by the Architect and paid *in full* by Guardian House as of April 25, 2024 (over 2 months before the July 9th Meet and Confer).

13. Cecilia stated that she pays subcontractors within three days of getting paid and claimed that because Pay Application No. 5 had not been paid, that is why some subcontractors had not been paid. She further advised Guardian House that it would likely receive more lien notices from subcontractors until Pay Application No. 5 was paid.

14. However, the Architect showed Cecilia that Pay Application No. 5 in the total amount of $162,450.00 had not been submitted by AZTECA *until June 6, 2024* (approx. 1 month before the meeting). Moreover, the Architect also advised that Pay Application No. 5 had not been approved for payment because the Architect requested that AZTECA make revisions and provide lien releases and additional information *that Julia had not provided until July 2, 2024* (7 days before the July 9th Meet and Confer).

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15. When Cecilia was confronted with the foregoing undisputed facts regarding the pay applications during the July 9th Meet and Confer, Cecilia asked Julia what happened and why there were delays in Julia submitting the revisions and information requested by the Architect. Julia simply stated that "[she] was waiting to clear up some items with contractors."

16. Cecilia also asked Julia during the meeting to clarify how many change orders had been processed because Cecilia had two (2) change orders on her records. Julia reported that there had only been *three* (3) change orders (1. insulation, 2. theft, 3. issues with stone). Cecilia then told Julia that she should communicate with Cecilia, Guardian House, and the Architect if there is a delay with pay applications or change orders.

17. At the conclusion of the July 9th Meet and Confer, Cecilia advised that *she* would be the Project Manager going forward but nevertheless advised that she refused to personally communicate directly with Guardian House's Owner's Representative, Ms. Lorie Campos, and would only communicate with Ms. Shannon White. Cecilia further advised that she would provide a revised project schedule to Guardian House by the end of the day on July 9, 2024. Ms. Shannon White said Guardian House would cut a check for Pay Application No. 5 as soon as it was approved by the Architect.

18. On July 10, 2024 (the day after the meet and confer), the Architect approved Pay Application No. 5 in the amount of $162,450.00 and Guardian House paid it *in full* on July 11, 2024. Accordingly, as of July 11, 2024, Guardian House had paid AZTECA a total amount of $1,070,873.64 since commencement of construction, and the then total remaining balance of the stipulated sum Contracts allocated to fully complete construction of the Project was $736,987.36.

19. Nevertheless, Cecilia sent an email on July 15, 2024 to Shannon White, Lorie Campos, and the Architect advising that Julia underbid the Project. See Exhibit A. Cecilia

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- According to Guardian House, "[Cecilia] unequivocally admitted fault in her email"

expressly and unequivocally admitted fault in her email and said she "should have paid more attention." Specifically, Cecilia wrote:

> I have been auditing this project and trying to figure out why since day on we have been under billed by $40k and has continued to grow…
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> I could not figure it out, as time has gone and we have billed, I am literally billing and nothing is left overs [sic]. **I am drowning and I have to tell you what is going on**.
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> After I pulled all emails and all past documents, this project was VE from $4 million to $1 million.
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> I have separated both contracts: and read both contracts as JoAnn [the Architect] said I should…It's been very busy and I am trying to see what the heck is going on with this.
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> ARPA Contract $601,660 with a contingency of $51,700.00
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> This ARPA project for only plumbing and millwork should have been proposed at $685,000, not $601,660.00
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> The second contract which is NON-ARPA funds for $1,076,410.00 with a contingency of $78,091.00
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> This should have been bid at $1,383,000.00 not what was submitted.
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> **I know this is my fault, my fault [sic] I should have paid more attention to all this.** We have paid everyone up to date all material up to date [sic]. I have never had a cash flow issue as I have since we got deeper into this project and I realized we underbilled but we are not.
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> Schedule of values are incorrect, schedule of values should have been detailed out for proper line item billing.
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> **Contractors such as Pella have asked for $30k more, electricians asking for $145,650.00 more**. There are too many changes and revisions that have happened and **I believe with all the changes Julia got caught up and confused**.
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> From the business perspective I have never gone through this…I wanted to come to you prior to me talking to my attorney, **I can't continue doing this project at the [$1,807,861.00] rate Julia bid this project at**.
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> **We can meet, but it won't solve the issue**. I am still moving forward but **I can't keep working on this project. To date I have borrowed money this passed [sic]**

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- According to Guardian House, "it became evident that AZTECA's breaches of the Contracts were incurable due to Cecilia's admission that AZTECA was underfunded and undercapitalized."

> **month just to pay bills and I now know why. I am not sure if maybe we can see what it would cost to finish just interiors for the remaining amount but to do the rest that is in the contract is not possible.**
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> *See* Exhibit A (emphasis added).
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> 20. After receiving the foregoing written admission of fault and admission of AZTECA's inability to perform its obligations under the Contracts, it became evident that AZTECA's breaches of the Contracts were incurable due to Cecilia's admission that AZTECA was underfunded and undercapitalized. Therefore, Guardian House issued a Stop Work Order on July 17, 2024 and the Architect, per the directive of Guardian House and pursuant Sections 14.2 of the Contracts, sent written notice of termination for cause to AZTECA on July 22, 2024.
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> 21. After termination of the Contracts, Guardian House received numerous demands for payment and notices of lien claims from several subcontractors claiming they were never paid by AZTECA. Guardian House has repeatedly requested that AZTECA provide it with a complete list of subcontractors, subcontractor waivers, material inventories, itemized inventories and scopes of work, but AZTECA refuses to do so.
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> 22. On September 21, 2024, Plaintiff, Pella South Texas LLC ("Plaintiff" and "Pella"), filed this lawsuit against AZTECA and Guardian House. Pella is a supplier and installer of windows, doors, and related hardware, and alleges it furnished labor and materials to the Project pursuant to two written agreements with AZTECA. The first contract with Pella is dated March 27, 2024 in the total amount of $130,973.44 and *is signed by Julia Castellano* ("Pella Contract 1"). The second contract with Pella is dated May 2, 2024, in the amount of $1,204.02 ("Pella Contract 2").
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> 23. Pella claims it was never paid by AZTECA. Consequently, Pella filed this lawsuit seeking, among other things, a foreclosure of its mechanic's lien against the Project in the amount
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$132,177.46 and an Order of Sale and Writ of Possession of Guardian House's real property due to AZTECA's failure to pay Pella for the labor and materials Pella furnished to the Project.

24. **However, AZTECA never disclosed to Guardian House that AZTECA entered into a $132,177.46 contract with Pella to provide labor and materials to the Project.** In fact, the agreed budgeted amount for "Opening – Doors & Windows" included in the Project Budget attached to the Non-ARPA Contract *only* totals $65,000.00.

TOTAL PER DIVISION	
08_OPENINGS - DOORS & WINDOWS	
Hollow Metal Door & Frame	16,000.00
Wood Doors & Frames	15,000.00
Storefront Windows, Doors & Frames	10,000.00
Hardware	10,000.00
Miscellaneous Glazing	12,000.00
Glass & Glazing	
Doors/Hardware, interiors	

25. Consequently, Guardian House did not discover until Pella filed this lawsuit that AZTECA, *without Guardian House's knowledge or consent*, had entered into contracts with Pella that collectively totaled $132,177.46 (more than double the contractual budgeted amount of $65,000).

26. Moreover, *Julia Castellano signed the Pella contracts* on behalf of AZTECA and *knew* Pella was entitled to payment of $132,177.46 under the contracts for labor and materials provided to the Project. Yet, she never told Guardian House. Instead, *after* Julia signed the Pella contract on March 27, 2024 for $130,973.44, Julia intentionally submitted two signed and *sworn* Pay Applications to Guardian House on April 19, 2024 and June 17, 2024 falsely representing that the schedule of values for "Openings – Doors/Windows" was still $65,000.00.

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28. Accordingly, when Cecilia emailed Guardian House on July 15, 2024 claiming that "the [s]chedule of values are incorrect…[c]ontractors such as Pella have asked for $30k more...," she failed to inform Guardian House that *Julia Castellano*, on behalf of AZTECA, had already intentionally entered into written contracts with Pella on March 27, 2024 and May 2, 2024 (*without Guardian House's knowledge or consent*) agreeing to pay Pella a total of $132,177.46 (*more than double the contractual budgeted amount of $65,000 under the Non-ARPA Contract*).

29. As of this date, AZTECA has failed and refused to provide Guardian House with any explanation whatsoever as to (i) *why* it intentionally entered into a contract with Pella to provide labor and materials to the Project for $132,177.46 when the Non-ARPA Contract only budgeted $65,000.00 for door and windows, or (ii) *why* AZTECA continuously and intentionally failed to disclose or obtain Guardian House's approval by change order of the 100% price increase over and above the budgeted contract amount for labor and materials from Pella.

30. Guardian House also recently discovered that AZTECA authorized "change orders" in the total amount of $84,588 for plumbing and HVAC work performed by Bustamante Construction without disclosing or obtaining approval from Guardian House. Consequently, Bustamante Construction now claims it is still owed approximately $25,290 for unpaid change orders.

31. Unfortunately, the issues with Pella and Bustamante are just some of the many breaches of contract and acts of negligence and fraud committed by AZTECA that Guardian House has discovered since terminating the Contracts.

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- "Guardian House has been forced to raise additional funds to cover the costs resulting from AZTECA's breach of contract and unlawful conduct. Unfortunately, these funds could have otherwise been used to fund and support the much-needed services Guardian House provides to the children and parents of this community."

34. Despite having paid AZTECA a total amount of $1,070,873.64 as of July 11, 2024, **Guardian House has received notices of lien claims totaling approximately $478,085.48 as of this date.** AZTECA has refused to provide a complete list of subcontractors and suppliers who actually provided labor and/or materials to the Project so it is not possible at this time for Guardian House to ascertain the total amount of all unpaid claims that may still remain unpaid.

35. Guardian House has made every effort to mitigate its damages by collaborating directly with the subcontractors and other third-party vendors to secure new agreements for the completion of the Project. As a result of Guardian House's efforts to complete the Project, it now anticipates opening for operations in its new location on or about November 4, 2024.

36. However, Guardian House has been forced to raise additional funds to cover the costs resulting from AZTECA's breach of contract and unlawful conduct. Unfortunately, these funds could have otherwise been used to fund and support the much-needed services Guardian House provides to the children and parents of this community.

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37. Now, Guardian House fears that it may never recoup the damages it has incurred as a result of AZTECA's breaches of contract and fraudulent conduct. Not only did Cecilia admit in her July 15, 2024 email that AZTECA is underfunded and undercapitalized,[3] but Guardian House has discovered that there are other prior and current claims and lawsuits pending against AZTECA and Cecilia Castellano wherein other claimants, contractors, and subcontractors allege they have not been paid by AZTECA and/or Cecilia.

38. An Affidavit Claiming a Mechanic's and Materialman's Lien was filed in the Real Property Records of Bexar County, Texas on May 15, 2023 by Double M Construction & Contracting, LLC ("Double M") wherein Double M, as claimant, states that AZTECA owes Double M $60,350.00 for labor and materials Double M provided in connection with improvements made to AZTECA's warehouse in Somerset, Texas.[4]

39. In addition, Guardian House recently learned that another lawsuit was filed on September 20, 2024 against AZTECA and Cecilia Castellano in Tarrant County, Texas by Peruna Glass Inc. d/b/a Glass Doctor of North Texas (the "Glass Doctor").[5] Glass Doctor alleges that, AZTECA, as general contractor of a project in Tarrant County, entered into a contract with Glass Doctor on or about November 27, 2023[6] whereby Glass Doctor agreed to provide glass and glass

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[3] *See* Exhibit A ("I am drowning and I have to tell you what is going on…I can't keep doing this project at the [$1,807,861.00] rate Julia bid…To date I have borrowed money this passed [sic] month just to pay bills and now I know why…I have no words for what I have discovered and how this will hurt everyone around me.").

[4] Recorded as Document No. 20230086356 in the Official Public Records of Bexar County, Texas on May 15, 2023.

[5] Cause No. 153-357912-24, *Peruna Glass Inc., d/b/a Glass Doctor of North Texas v. AZTECA Designs, Inc., d/b/a AZTECA Designs and Construction, and Cecilia Castellano*, in the Judicial District of Tarrant County, Texas (the "Tarrant County Lawsuit").

[6] AZTECA entered into the Glass Doctor contract in Tarrant County approximately 2 months after AZTECA entered into the Contracts with Guardian House on September 2023 that are the subject of this lawsuit. Julia Castellano's name also appears in the signature block for AZTECA on the contract between Glass Doctor and AZTECA attached as Exhibit A-1 to the Original Petition filed by Glass Doctor in the Tarrant County lawsuit.

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*Bexar County District Court, 2024CI18483, **full case file** p. 74*

- The email from Castellano was an exhibit in Guardian House's amended answer to the petition and crossclaims against Azteca Designs:

Gmail — Shannon White <swhite@guardianhouse.org>

Project Update
7 messages

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- In June 2026, the parties filed an **agreed motion to dismiss with prejudice**.

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Bexar County District Clerk
Accepted By: Dorian Chavez
Bexar County - 57th District Court

CAUSE NO. 2024CI18483

PELLA SOUTH TEXAS LLC	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
	§	
Plaintiffs,	§	
	§	
v.	§	57th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
	§	
AZTECA DESIGNS, INC. and GUARDIAN HOUSE	§	
	§	
Defendant.	§	BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

AGREED MOTION TO DISMISS WITH PREJUDICE

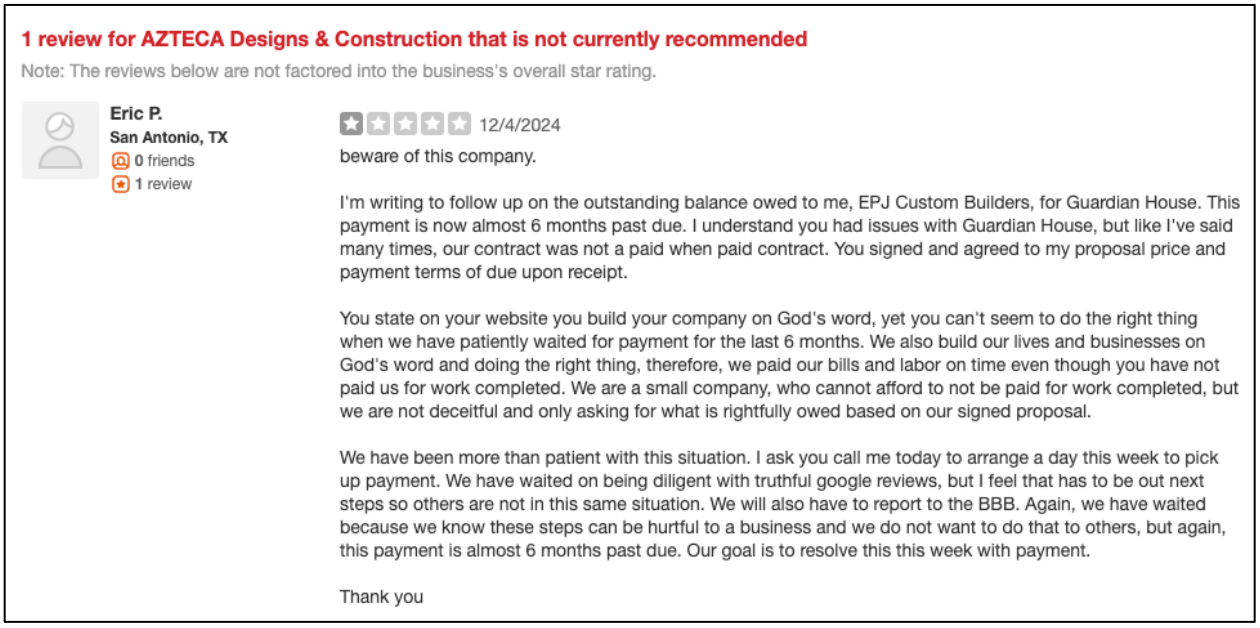
TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

NOW COME Defendant/Cross-Plaintiff, GUARDIAN HOUSE, a Texas non-profit corporation ("Guardian House"), and Defendant/Cross-Defendant, AZTECA DESIGNS, INC. ("Azteca"), a Texas corporation ("AZTECA") (collectively, the "Parties"), and move this Court to dismiss *with prejudice* all the claims, crossclaims, and causes of action alleged and asserted by Guardian House against AZTECA and by AZTECA against Guardian House in the above numbered and styled cause and, in support thereof, would respectfully show unto the Court the following:

The Parties hereby request the Court to dismiss this matter and all claims, crossclaims, and causes of action alleged and asserted in the above numbered and styled cause by Guardian House against AZTECA and by AZTECA against Guardian House *with prejudice* to the refiling of same, and ask that costs be taxed against the party incurring the same.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, GUARDIAN HOUSE and AZTECA DESIGNS, INC. pray that all claims, crossclaims, and causes of actions alleged and asserted by the Parties against each other in the above numbered and styled cause be dismissed *with prejudice* and all costs incurred will be taxed to the party incurring same.

- Some other apparent contractors even took to Yelp to try and get paid:



1 review for AZTECA Designs & Construction that is not currently recommended

Note: The reviews below are not factored into the business's overall star rating.

Eric P.
San Antonio, TX
0 friends
1 review

12/4/2024

beware of this company.

I'm writing to follow up on the outstanding balance owed to me, EPJ Custom Builders, for Guardian House. This payment is now almost 6 months past due. I understand you had issues with Guardian House, but like I've said many times, our contract was not a paid when paid contract. You signed and agreed to my proposal price and payment terms of due upon receipt.

You state on your website you build your company on God's word, yet you can't seem to do the right thing when we have patiently waited for payment for the last 6 months. We also build our lives and businesses on God's word and doing the right thing, therefore, we paid our bills and labor on time even though you have not paid us for work completed. We are a small company, who cannot afford to not be paid for work completed, but we are not deceitful and only asking for what is rightfully owed based on our signed proposal.

We have been more than patient with this situation. I ask you call me today to arrange a day this week to pick up payment. We have waited on being diligent with truthful google reviews, but I feel that has to be out next steps so others are not in this same situation. We will also have to report to the BBB. Again, we have waited because we know these steps can be hurtful to a business and we do not want to do that to others, but again, this payment is almost 6 months past due. Our goal is to resolve this this week with payment.

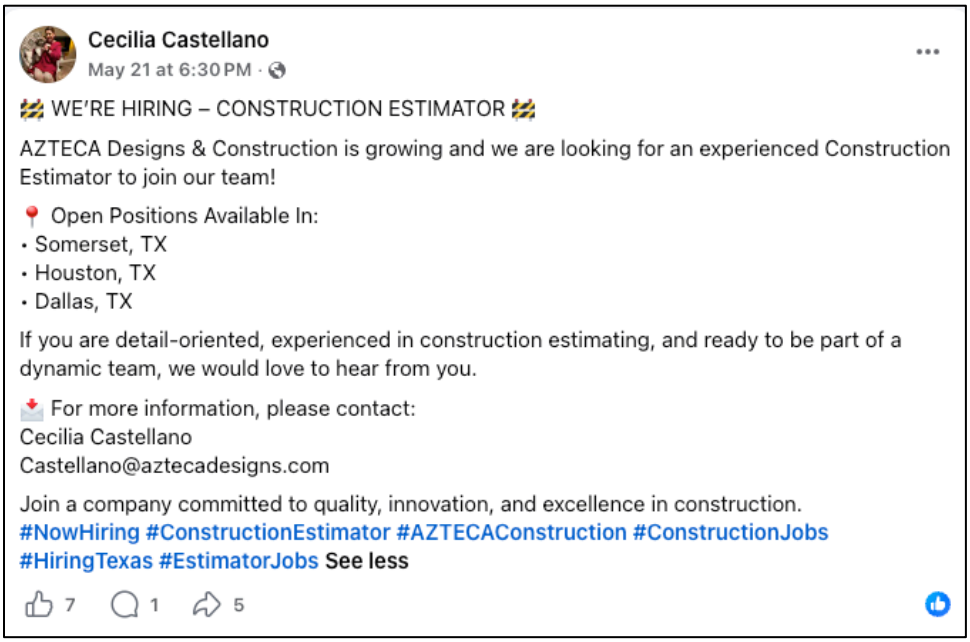
Thank you

https://www.yelp.com/not_recommended_reviews/azteca-designs-and-construction-somerset-2

- Azteca advertised in May 2026 they were hiring construction estimators.



*Facebook, **05/21/2026***



*Facebook, **05/21/2026***

Castellano made personal loans to her 2024 campaign totaling $170,000. During the lawsuit with Guardian House, in July 2025 Castellano emailed the charity, which had paid her company over $1 million, "to date I have borrowed money this passed month just to pay bills and I now know why." *In just the 2 months before sending that email Castellano loaned her campaign $80,000.*

- During her 2024 campaign, Castellano loaned her campaign $170k.

16 CONTRIBUTION TOTALS	1.	TOTAL UNITEMIZED POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS (OTHER THAN PLEDGES, LOANS, OR GUARANTEES OF LOANS, OR CONTRIBUTIONS MADE ELECTRONICALLY)	$ 460.00
	2.	**TOTAL POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS** (OTHER THAN PLEDGES, LOANS, OR GUARANTEES OF LOANS)	$ 45,441.15
EXPENDITURE TOTALS	3.	TOTAL UNITEMIZED POLITICAL EXPENDITURES	$ 1,153.74
	4.	**TOTAL POLITICAL EXPENDITURES**	$ 90,325.95
CONTRIBUTION BALANCE	5.	TOTAL POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS MAINTAINED AS OF THE LAST DAY OF THE REPORTING PERIOD	$ 21,458.40
OUTSTANDING LOAN TOTALS	6.	TOTAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF ALL OUTSTANDING LOANS AS OF THE LAST DAY OF THE REPORTING PERIOD	$ 170,000.00

*Texas Ethics Commission, **Campaign Finance Report** submitted 10/24/2024*

- Individual loan amounts:

5 Date of loan 10/01/2023	**7** Name of lender ☐ out-of-state PAC (ID#:_____) Castellano, Cecilia		**9** Loan Amount ($) $20,000.00
6 Is lender a financial institution? No	**8** Lender address; City; State; Zip Code Von Ormy, TX 78703		**10** Interest Rate 0 **11** Maturity Date 10/01/2025
12 Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) CEO/President		**13** Employer (See Instructions) Azteca Designs and Construction	
14 Description of Collateral ☒ None		**15** Check if personal funds were deposited into political account (See Instructions) ☐	
16 GUARANTOR INFORMATION ☒ not applicable	**17** Name of guarantor **18** Guarantor address; City; State; Zip Code		**19** Amount Guaranteed ($)
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*Texas Ethics Commission, **Campaign Finance Report filed 01/16/2024***

Date of loan 12/15/2023	Name of lender ☐ out-of-state PAC (ID#:_____) Castellano, Cecilia	Loan Amount ($) $5,000.00
Is lender a financial institution? No	Lender address; City; State; Zip Code Von Ormy, TX 78703	Interest Rate Maturity Date 12/15/2025
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) CEO/President	Employer (See Instructions) Azteca Designs and Construction	
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Texas Ethics Commission, ***Campaign Finance Report filed 02/05/2024***

5 Date of loan 02/01/2024	7 Name of lender ☐ out-of-state PAC (ID#:_____) Castellano, Cecilia		9 Loan Amount ($) $25,000.00
6 Is lender a financial institution? No	8 Lender address; City; State; Zip Code Von Ormy, TX 78073		10 Interest Rate 11 Maturity Date 01/31/2026
12 Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) CEO/President		13 Employer (See Instructions) AZTECA Designs & Construction	
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Texas Ethics Commission, ***Campaign Finance Report filed 02/25/2024***

Date of loan 02/24/2024	Name of lender ☐ out-of-state PAC (ID#:_____) Castellano, Cecilia		Loan Amount ($) $5,000.00
Is lender a financial institution? No	Lender address; City; State; Zip Code Von Ormy, TX 78703		Interest Rate Maturity Date 02/23/2026
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) CEO/President		Employer (See Instructions) AZTECA Designs & Construction	
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Texas Ethics Commission, ***Campaign Finance Report filed 02/25/2024***

5 Date of loan 03/15/2024	7 Name of lender ☐ out-of-state PAC (ID#:_____) Castellano, Cecilia	9 Loan Amount ($) $15,000.00
6 Is lender a financial institution? No	8 Lender address; City; State; Zip Code Von Ormy, TX 78703	10 Interest Rate 0 11 Maturity Date 03/14/2026
12 Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) President/CEO	13 Employer (See Instructions) Azteca Designs and Construction	
14 Description of Collateral ☒ None	15 Check if personal funds were deposited into political account (See Instructions) ☐	
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Texas Ethics Commission, ***Campaign Finance Report filed 05/20/2024***

Date of loan 04/20/2024	Name of lender ☐ out-of-state PAC (ID#:_____) Castellano, Cecilia	Loan Amount ($) $15,000.00
Is lender a financial institution? No	Lender address; City; State; Zip Code Von Ormy, TX 78703	Interest Rate Maturity Date 04/19/2026
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) President/CEO	Employer (See Instructions) Azteca Designs and Construction	
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Texas Ethics Commission, ***Campaign Finance Report filed 05/20/2024***

5 Date of loan 05/15/2024	7 Name of lender ☐ out-of-state PAC (ID#:_____) Castellano, Cecilia	9 Loan Amount ($) $30,000.00
6 Is lender a financial institution? No	8 Lender address; City; State; Zip Code Von Ormy, TX 78703	10 Interest Rate 0 11 Maturity Date 05/14/2026
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Texas Ethics Commission, ***Campaign Finance Report filed 05/20/2024***

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Texas Ethics Commission, ***Campaign Finance Report filed 07/15/2024***

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05/30/2024	Castellano, Cecilia (Mrs.) ☐ out-of-state PAC (ID#:_____)	$15,000.00
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Texas Ethics Commission, ***Campaign Finance Report filed 07/15/2024***

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06/25/2024	Castellano, Cecilia (Mrs.) ☐ out-of-state PAC (ID#:_____)	$30,000.00
6 Is lender a financial institution? No	8 Lender address; City; State; Zip Code Von Ormy, TX 78703	10 Interest Rate 0.00 11 Maturity Date 06/24/2026
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- Castellano was sued during her 2024 campaign by **a glass installer company** because of lack of payment on a project for Tarrant County. Castellano was also sued separately in 2024 by a **nonprofit who helps children, Guardian House**, for failed to complete the construction project she admitted they underbid. The Guardian House lawsuit includes an email that Castellano sent in July 2024 where she states, "to date I have borrowed money this passed month just to pay bills"

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Castellano is campaigning on "jobs" as part of her "Platform for Progress!" but what good is a job if you don't get paid? **Castellano and Azteca Designs were sued in Tarrant County in September 2024 by Peruna Glass Inc, dba Glass Doctor of North Texas, a subcontractor who complained Azteca Designs failed to pay them $60k for work completed on a job for Tarrant County. Castellano had the gall to counter sue for $142k.**



https://www.facebook.com/Cecilia4Texas

- Glass Doctor filed the lawsuit on 09/20/2024 in Tarrant County District Court (**full case here**).

PERUNA GLASS INC., D/B/A GLASSDOCTOR OF NORTH TEXAS VS. AZTECA DESIGNS, INC., ET AL
153-357912-24

Location
Tarrant County - District Clerk

Case Category
Civil - Other Civil

Case Type
Debt/Contract - Other

Case Filed Date
9/20/2024

Case Status
Open (DISM)

Parties 12

Type	Name	Nickname/Alias	Attorneys
Plaintiff	THE PERUNA GLASS INC		
Counter Defendant	THE PERUNA GLASS INC		
Counter Plaintiff	THE AZTEC DESIGNS INC		
Counter Plaintiff	CECILIA CASTELLANO		
Defendant	THE AMERICAN ALTERNATIVE INSURANCE CORPORATION		
Defendant	THE AZTECA DESIGNS INC		
Defendant	CECILIA CASTELLANO		
Defendant	THE MUNICH RE SPECIALTY GROUP NORTH AMERICA INC		
Doing Business As	THE AZTEC DESIGNS		
Doing Business As	THE AZTECA DESIGNS AND CONSTRUCTION		
Doing Business As	THE GLASS DOCTOR OF NORTH TEXAS		
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*Tarrant County District Court, Case **153-357912-24 Docket***

- The **original petition can be read here**. In it, Glass Doctor alleged Azteca refused to pay anything until the job was completed, then refusing to pay once it was completed and then demanding more work be done before payment due to deadlines.

Lawsuit Accuses Democrat State House Candidate of Not Paying Vendors

House District 80 Democrat candidate Cecilia Castellano is already under investigation by Attorney General Ken Paxton in a separate voter fraud case.

BY LUCA CACCIATORE | September 27, 2024

A lawsuit filed in Tarrant County is accusing a Democrat running for the Texas House of Representatives of failing to pay her vendors and subcontractors in the business she operates.

House District 80 candidate Cecilia Castellano, who operates Azteca Designs and Construction, allegedly failed to provide proper compensation for work done by one of Azteca's subcontractors, the Glass Doctor of North Texas, according to the suit.

Glass Doctor had entered an agreement to work on a project with Azteca in November 2023, where the subcontractor was slated to earn $49,643.36, according to the filing. Later, Glass Doctor was tasked with replacing damaged glass installed by another subcontractor for an additional $18,487.77.

However, Glass Doctor says the payments never arrived.

Plaintiffs instead painted a picture of Azteca going out of their way to avoid providing the payments, claiming the project was "not built pursuant to written plans" and back-charging Glass Doctor to fix work done by a third party.

Azteca also "claimed at various times that Glass Doctor damaged the Project's drywall," the filing read. "Glass Doctor inspected the drywall and, despite clear evidence, its representatives did not cause the damage, Glass Doctor made repairs at its own cost without charging Azteca in hopes that Azteca would finally pay the amounts owed and due."

Glass Doctor later discovered that other subcontractors were not paid fully for their contributions to the Azteca-led project, leading plaintiffs to conclude in their filing that "Azteca is nothing more than a shell corporation."

Upon information and belief, Defendant Azteca is undercapitalized and cannot meet its obligations, or it has diverted corporate funds to benefit Defendant Castellano's political ambitions.

Castellano is currently in a hotly-contested campaign for HD 80—a historically Democrat seat that has become competitive since former President Donald Trump's 2020 overperformance in the majority Hispanic South Texas.

Over the summer, Castellano beat the sister of disgraced U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar in the Democrat primary for the district, following the announcement that current State Rep. Tracy King (D-Uvalde) would retire.

She now faces former Uvalde Mayor Don McLaughlin, a Republican who led the city from 2014 to 2023 and through the aftermath of the 2022 Robb Elementary School shooting.

McLaughlin campaign spokesman Nick Maddux told Texas Scorecard that the news about the lawsuit was unsurprising given her previous track record.

Castellano and one of her aides, Manuel Medina, are currently under investigation by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's office for potential voter fraud in their recent Democrat primary victory.

"From supporting biological males participating in girls' sports to supporting amnesty for the illegal immigrants overwhelming border communities, it is well established that Cecilia Castellano is too radical for South Texas," stated Maddux.

"Now, this lawsuit highlights that she is also incompetent in business. Despite receiving massive taxpayer-funded bailouts and millions in government contracts, Castellano allegedly refuses to pay her vendors," he continued. "With her integrity already in question as she is under investigation for voter fraud, this lawsuit further proves that she will put her interests above those of South Texas."

Medina commented on behalf of the Castellano campaign that McLaughlin's business has also come under scrutiny in the past.

His statement targeted a 2021 incident where McLaughlin's supplier company, DKM Enterprises, was involved in a road accident that led to the death of a 29-year-old woman.

The case against McLaughlin and DKM was ultimately dismissed by a Missouri judge.

"Don McLaughlin is a snake," insisted Medina. "Once again, he instructs his 'Good Old Boy' network to harass, intimidate, and do his dirty work. Instead of raising bogus claims against small business owner Cecilia Castellano, McLaughlin should take responsibility for his role in the tragic death of Ms. Brooke Rees."

He continued, "Instead of hiding behind 'legal maneuvers', McLaughlin should accept responsibility for the death of Ms. Brees. His 'power and privilege' should not grant him immunity from liability and prosecution."

Texas Scorecard *09/27/2024*

- Castellano countersued for $142,739.60 for breaching the contract and failing to do the work.

52. Counter-Defendant failed and refused to perform to satisfaction its contract to completion and delayed the process in providing all materials for the completion of the project within a timely manner.

53. Furthermore, Counter-Defendant breached the contract by removing its workers from the job site for a matter wholly separate from the Master Contract. Counter-Plaintiffs have been damaged in the amount of $142,739.60.

54. By Counter-Defendant failing and refusing to continue to perform under the contract, after being given notice to do so, which was specified numerous times via telephone calls and emails, causing Counter-Plaintiffs to incur the additional expenses of performing work to completion and engaging another subcontractor, Vortex to complete the remainder of the work. Counter-Plaintiffs are owed in the amount of $3,136.60 for hiring Vortex to complete the work, plus $139,603.00 for Counter-Defendant's failure to complete the work. The total amount owed to Counter-Plaintiffs is in the amount of $142,739.60, not including attorney's fees for representation to handle this legal matter as it progresses.

Tarrant County District Court, Case ***153-357912-24*** ***DEFENDANTS VERIFIED FIRST AMENDED ANSWER, SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, AND COUNTERCLAIMS*** *11/27/2024*

- In response, Glass Doctor called the demand for money comical and stated that Azteca is a "shell corporation" that embezzles funds, bringing up the charge of voter fraud against Castellano.

19. Azteca has not paid Glass Doctor anything on the amounts due and owed under the Agreement as well as the amount owed for the Repair Work. Instead, and in an apparent attempt

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to force Glass Doctor to perform the remaining, yet minor, work on the Project, Defendants Azteca and Castellano threatened to deduct thousands of dollars due and owed if Glass Doctor did not complete all of the work they demanded, even though they had not made any of their required and agreed upon payments.

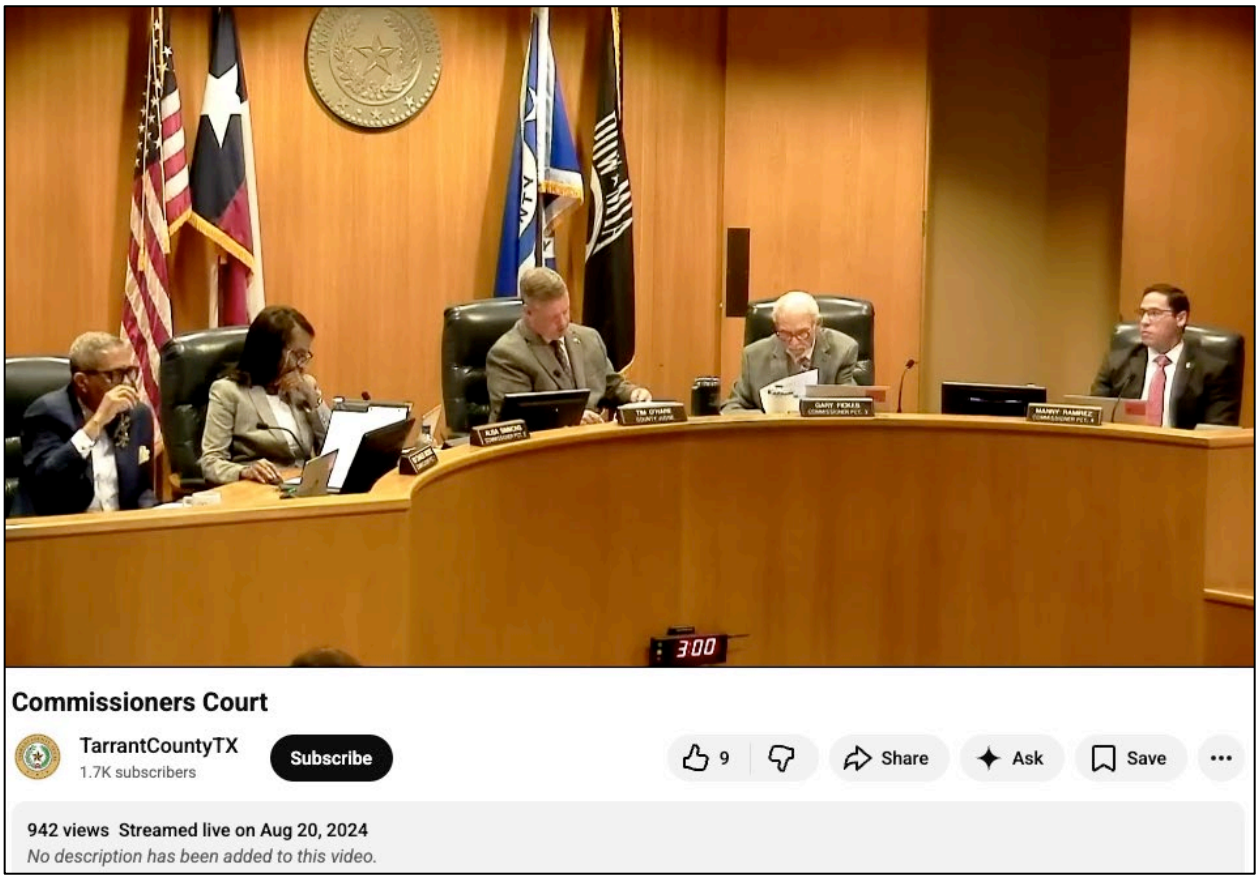
20. Defendants Azteca and Castellano claimed these deductions were due to their need to meet the Project's completion timeline with Tarrant County, as well as due to unidentified damage; damage believed to be invented as justification for the deductions. Through correspondence from Defendant Munich, Azteca now comically asserts deductions totaling at least $127,490.74 from the amount it owes to Glass Doctor, including over 100 separate charges of varying amounts for travel, internal meetings, and other "administrative fees." In reality, these deductions were created from whole cloth, were not authorized by any agreement between the parties, and have been lodged as an excuse to string Glass Doctor along in Defendants Azteca and Castellano' fraudulent scheme and in furtherance of the Defendants' bad faith activities.

21. Neither Azteca nor Castellano have claimed that Tarrant County did not pay for the work performed on the Project. However, Glass Doctor discovered that Azteca has refused to pay numerous other subcontractors on the Project, and instead choosing to embezzle hundreds of thousands of dollars belonging to the Project's hardworking subcontractors.

22. Upon information and belief, Azteca is nothing more than a shell corporation employed to perpetuate this fraudulent scheme, propped up to personally benefit Defendant Castellano. It appears that Defendant Azteca is undercapitalized and cannot meet its obligations, or it has diverted corporate funds (and funds belonging to Azteca's subcontractors) to benefit Defendant Castellano's political ambitions and related investigations for illegal voter fraud. Glass

*Tarrant County District Court, Case **153-357912-24** **PLAINTIFF'S FIRST AMENDED PETITION***

- The issues and delays with Azteca were discussed during the Tarrant County Commissioner's Court meeting August 20, 2024. Tarrant County Judge Tim O'Hare questioned why a contractor from San Antonio was hired when a county staff member blamed delays on Azteca's difficulties finding subcontractors. (segment begins 42:49)



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpCRGYDNNgM; video archived here

- The case was settled and dismissed with prejudice in June 2025.

ORDER GRANTING JOINT NOTICE OF NONSUIT WITH PREJUDICE

On this day, came to be considered the parties' *Joint Notice of Nonsuit With Prejudice.*

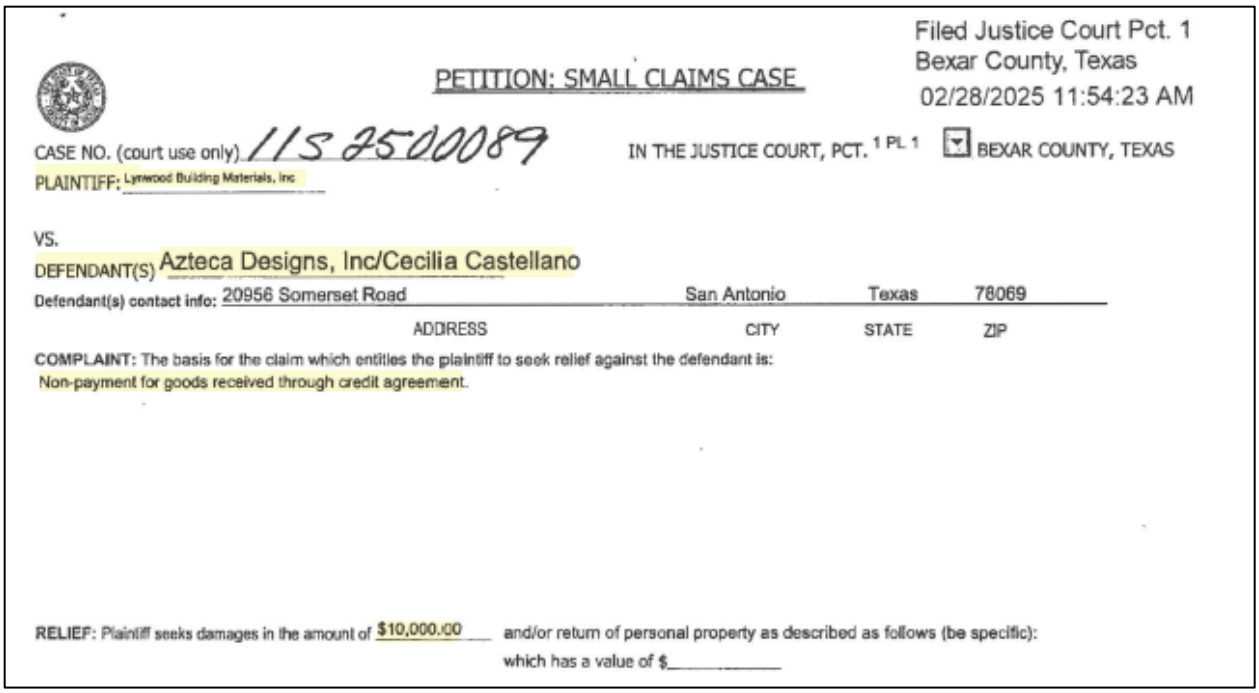
The Court, after consideration of same, finds that the Notice has merit and should be GRANTED. It is therefore,

ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the parties' *Joint Notice of Nonsuit with Prejudice* is hereby GRANTED, and all claims, counterclaims, cross claims, third party claims, and causes of action, both known and unknown, are hereby dismissed with prejudice. This Order is final and disposes of this suit and all parties.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order is without prejudice to any indemnity or contractual claims that may be asserted separately by American Alternative Insurance Corporation or Munich Reinsurance America, Inc. against Azteca Designs, Inc., Cecilia Castellano, or any indemnitor or third party under any General Indemnity Agreement or related instrument.

Tarrant County District Court, Case ***153-357912-24*** ***Order Granting Nonsuit***

In February 2025, Azteca and Castellano were sued by Lynwood Building Materials in small claims court for $10,000 for alleged "non-payment for goods received through credit agreement." The case was dismissed in April 2026 at the Plaintiff's request.



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PETITION: SMALL CLAIMS CASE

CASE NO. (court use only) 11S2500089 IN THE JUSTICE COURT, PCT. 1 PL 1 ☑ BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

PLAINTIFF: Lynwood Building Materials, Inc

VS.

DEFENDANT(S) Azteca Designs, Inc/Cecilia Castellano

Defendant(s) contact info: 20956 Somerset Road San Antonio Texas 78069
ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

COMPLAINT: The basis for the claim which entitles the plaintiff to seek relief against the defendant is:
Non-payment for goods received through credit agreement.

RELIEF: Plaintiff seeks damages in the amount of $10,000.00 and/or return of personal property as described as follows (be specific):
which has a value of $_____

Bexar County, Small Claims case no. 11S2500089

JUDGE Sylvia M Ruiz
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 Place 1
3505 Pleasanton Rd.
San Antonio TX 78221
Precinct 1 Place 1

CASE NO: 11S2500089

LYNWOOD BUILDING MATERIALS, INC
VS
AZTECA DESIGNS, INC/ CECILIA CASTELLANO

In the Justice Court
Precinct 1 Place 1
Bexar County, Texas

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

On this day came on to be heard the motion of the Plaintiff to dismiss the above entitled and numbered cause for the following reason(s):

☐ Plaintiff and Defendant have reached an agreement regarding the matter.

☐ Plaintiff did not appear Dismissed at Defendant's Request.
☒ Dismissed at Plaintiff's Request.
☐ Dismissed at Dismissal Docket.
☐
Other: _____

It appears to the Court that the reason(s) stated are good and sufficient to authorize such dismissal.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the above referenced action by and it is hereby DISMISSED without prejudice to Plaintiff's right to re-file same, that is removed from the docket of the Court, and that all costs of Court expended in this cause are adjudged against the party by whom incurred.

Signed this the 23rd day of April, 2026.

JUDGE Sylvia M Ruiz
Justice Court Precinct 1 Place 1
3505 Pleasanton Rd.
San Antonio TX 78221
Phone: 210-335-4500

Bexar County, Small Claims case no. 11S2500089

Despite legal troubles, Castellano is campaigning on her business experience, telling voters she is "a business owner who understands responsibility, accountability and what it takes to make payroll and meet a budget." Court records show that in her own words Castellano admits that she miscalculated funds, could not complete a project and it was "all my fault" and she "should have paid more attention."

- Castellano was sued during her 2024 campaign by **a glass installer company** because of lack of payment. Castellano was also sued separately in 2024 by a **nonprofit who helps children, Guardian House**, for refusing to complete the construction project she underbid.
- The Guardian House lawsuit includes an email that Castellano sent in July 2024 where she claims she can't complete the project according to how her company bid it and that she even stated "I know this is all my fault, my fault I should have paid more attention to all this… we can meet, but it won't solve the issue. I am still moving forward but I can't keep working on this project."

Gmail Shannon White <swhite@guardianhouse.org>

Project Update
7 messages

Cecilia Castellano <castellano@aztecadesigns.com> Mon, Jul 15, 2024 at 9:09 PM
To: lorie <campos.lorie@gmail.com>, JoAnn Sosa <jsosa@lunaarchitecture.com>, Shannon White <swhite@guardianhouse.org>
Cc: Laura Esquivel <Lesquivel@aztecadesigns.com>, Tony Castellano <tcastellano@aztecadesigns.com>, Julia Castellano <JCastellano@aztecadesigns.com>

Shannon, Lori, JoAnn

I have been auditing this project and trying to figure out why since day one we have been under billed by $40K and has continued to grow…

I could not figure it out, as time has gone and we have billed, I am literally billing and nothing is left overs. I am drowning and I have to tell you what is going on.

After I pulled all emails and all past documents, this project was VE from $4 million to $1 million.

I have separated both contracts: and read both contracts as JoAnn said I should… Its been very busy and I am trying to see what the heck is going on with this.

ARPA Contract $ 601,660.00 with a contingency of $51,700.00

This ARPA project for only plumbing and Millwork should have been proposed at $685,000.00, not $601,660.00

The second contract which is NON-ARPA funds for $1,076,410.00 with a contingency of $ 78,091.00

This should have been bid at $ 1,383,000.00 not what was submitted.

I know this is my fault, my fault I should have paid more attention to all this. We have paid everyone up to date all material up to date. I have never had a cash flow issue as I have since we got deeper into this project and I realized we are underbilled but we are not.

Schedule of values are incorrect, schedule of values should have been detailed out for proper line item billing.

Contractors such as Pella have asked for $30K more, electricians asking for $145,650.00 more. There are too many changes and revisions that have happened and I believe with all the changes Julia got caught up and confused.

From the business perspective I have never gone through this… I wanted to come to you prior to me talking to my attorney, I can't continue doing this project at the rate Julia bid this project at.

We can meet, but it won't solve the issue. I am still moving forward but I can't keep working on this project. To date I have borrowed money this passed month just to pay bills and I now know why. I am not sure if maybe we can see what it would cost to finish just interiors for the remaining amount but to do the rest that is in the contract is not possible.

I have no words for what I have discovered and how this will hurt everyone around me.

Respectfully,

Cecilia Castellano,

President & CEO

Phone: 210-375-1900

20956 Somerset Rd. Somerset TX. 78069

3325 Porter Rd Ste C104, Katy, TX. 77493

Web: www.aztecadesigns.com

Email: Castellano@aztecadesigns.com

Matthew 18:19 Again, I say unto you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.

*Bexar County District Court, 2024CI18483, **DEFENDANT GUARDIAN HOUSE'S AMENDED ANSWER TO PLAINTIFF'S PETITION AND CROSSCLAIMS AGAINST AZTECA DESIGNS**., pp. 30-31*

- Castellano prides herself on her “accountability” and ability to “make Payroll.”

> **4. Why are you the best qualified candidate to take on this position?**
>
> I am the best qualified candidate because I am a hard worker and a business owner who understands responsibility, accountability, and what it takes to make payroll and meet a budget. I know firsthand the challenges facing small businesses and working families, and I bring that real-world experience—not political theory—to this position.
>
> As a business owner, I understand the importance of fiscal discipline, smart regulation, and investing in infrastructure that supports growth. I will work to protect our rural schools, strengthen public safety, and improve roads, water systems, and broadband so communities across District 80 can thrive.

https://www.lmtonline.com/local/article/laredo-election-guide-vote-voter-voting-texas-race-21349262.php

In June 2023, Castellano and her husband purchased a parcel in Katy, Texas with a mortgage that required them to occupy the property as their principal residence within 60 days and for at least one year, as a primary residence mortgage has better terms for the borrower. At the time they purchased the property, the home in the planned community was not yet built. It has since been completed, but the Castellanos have never declared it their homestead. It is a federal and state crime to knowingly make false statements on mortgage documents.

DEED OF TRUST

Loan No.: 9501759
MIN: 101450100000015346

DEFINITIONS

Words used in multiple sections of this document are defined below and other words are defined under the caption TRANSFER OF RIGHTS IN THE PROPERTY and in Sections 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 16, 19, 24, and 25. Certain rules regarding the usage of words used in this document are also provided in Section 17.

Parties

(A) **"Borrower"** is **Cecilia Alicia Castellano** and **Antonio T. Castellano**, wife and husband, currently residing at **424 Horizon Light Ln, Katy, Texas 77493.** Borrower is the grantor under this Security Instrument.
(B) **"Lender"** is **Commercial Bank of Texas, N.A.** Lender is a bank organized and existing under the laws of Texas. Lender's address is 215 East Main Street, Nacogdoches, Texas 75961. Lender is the beneficiary under this Security Instrument. The term "Lender" includes any successors and assigns of Lender.
(C) **"Trustee"** is **Raymond H. Rust, III.** Trustee's address is 215 East Mains Street, Nacogdoches, Texas 75961. The term "Trustee" includes any substitute/successor Trustee.
(D) **"MERS"** is Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MERS is a separate corporation that is acting solely as a nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns. **MERS is the beneficiary under this Security Instrument.** MERS is organized and existing under the laws of Delaware, and has an address and telephone number of P. O. Box 2026, Flint, MI 48501-2026, tel. (888) 679-MERS.

Documents

(E) **"Note"** means the promissory note dated **June 14, 2023**, and signed by each Borrower who is legally obligated for the debt under that promissory note, that is in either (i) paper form, using Borrower's written pen and ink signature, or (ii) electronic form, using Borrower's adopted Electronic Signature in accordance with the UETA or E-SIGN, as applicable. The Note evidences the legal obligation of each Borrower who signed the Note to pay Lender **Five Hundred Sixty Thousand and no/100 Dollars (U.S. $560,000.00)** plus interest. Each Borrower who signed the Note has promised to pay this debt in regular monthly payments and to pay the debt in full not later than **July 1, 2053.**

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If Lender files, negotiates, or settles a claim, Borrower agrees that any insurance proceeds may be made payable directly to Lender without the need to include Borrower as an additional loss payee. Lender may use the insurance proceeds either to repair or restore the Property (as provided in Section 5(d)) or to pay amounts unpaid under the Note or this Security Instrument, whether or not then due.

6. Occupancy. Borrower must occupy, establish, and use the Property as Borrower's principal residence within 60 days after the execution of this Security Instrument and must continue to occupy the Property as Borrower's principal residence for at least one year after the date of occupancy, unless Lender otherwise agrees in writing, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld, or unless extenuating circumstances exist that are beyond Borrower's control.

7. Preservation, Maintenance, and Protection of the Property; Inspections. Borrower will not destroy, damage, or impair the Property, allow the Property to deteriorate, or commit waste on the Property. Whether or not Borrower is residing in the Property, Borrower must maintain the Property in order to prevent the Property from deteriorating or decreasing in value due to its condition. Unless Lender determines pursuant to Section 5 that repair or restoration is not economically feasible, Borrower will promptly repair the Property if damaged to avoid further deterioration or damage.

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BY SIGNING BELOW, Borrower accepts and agrees to the terms and covenants contained in this Security Instrument and in any Rider signed by Borrower and recorded with it.

Witnesses:

_____

Cecilia Alicia Castellano (Seal) - Borrower

_____

Antonio T. Castellano (Seal) - Borrower

[Acknowledgment on the Following Page]

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F. Remedies. If Borrower does not pay PUD dues and assessments when due, then Lender may pay them. Any amounts disbursed by Lender under this paragraph F will become additional debt of Borrower secured by the Security Instrument. Unless Borrower and Lender agree to other terms of payment, these amounts will bear interest from the date of disbursement at the Note rate and will be payable, with interest, upon notice from Lender to Borrower requesting payment.

BY SIGNING BELOW, Borrower accepts and agrees to the terms and covenants contained in this PUD Rider.

Cecilia Alicia Castellano (Seal)

Antonio T. Castellano (Seal)

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- At the time they purchased the property the community was not yet developed.

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SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED
(WITH VENDOR'S LIEN)

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF **WALLER** §

THAT **TRI-POINTE HOMES TEXAS, INC., A TEXAS CORPORATION FORMERLY KNOWN AS TRENDMAKER HOMES, INC., A TEXAS CORPORATION**, hereinafter referred to as "Grantor" (whether one or more), for and in consideration of the sum of TEN AND NO/100 DOLLARS ($10.00) and other good and valuable consideration to the undersigned in hand paid by **CECILIA ALICIA CASTELLANO AND ANTONIO T. CASTELLANO, WIFE AND HUSBAND,** hereinafter referred to as "Grantee" (whether one or more), of which is hereby acknowledged and confessed; and for the further consideration of the execution and delivery by Grantee of one certain Promissory Note of even date herewith, in the original principal sum of **FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS ($560,000.00)**, payable to the order of **COMMERCIAL BANK OF TEXAS, N.A.**, hereinafter called "Mortgagee"; said Promissory Note being secured by a Vendor's Lien and the Superior Title herein retained and reserved in favor of Grantor and assigned and conveyed, without recourse, to Mortgagee, and also being secured by **RAYMOND H. RUST, III,** trustee, reference to said Promissory Note and Deed of Trust being hereby made for all purposes; have GRANTED, SOLD AND CONVEYED, and by these presents do GRANT, SELL AND CONVEY, unto said Grantee, the following described real property, to-wit:

LOT 35, BLOCK 1, LAKE HOUSE SECTION 4, A SUBDIVISION IN WALLER COUNTY, TEXAS, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED UNDER COUNTY CLERK'S FILE NO. 2103192, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS, WALLER COUNTY, TEXAS;

together with all improvements thereon, if any, and all rights, privileges, tenements, hereditaments, rights of way, easements, appendages and appurtenances, in anyway appertaining thereto, and all right, title, and interest of Grantor in and to any streets, ways, alleys, strips or gores of land adjoining the above described property or any part thereof (hereinafter referred to as the "Property").

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the Property, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in any wise belonging, unto Grantee and Grantee's heirs or assigns FOREVER. Grantor does hereby bind Grantor and Grantor's heirs, executors,

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shall be construed to mean "successors and assigns". Reference to any gender shall include either gender and in the case of a legal entity other than a natural person, shall include the neuter gender, all as the case may be. The term "Mortgagee" shall include the Mortgagee's heirs, successors and assigns, as applicable.

DATED the 14 day of **JUNE, 2023.**

TRI POINTE HOMES TEXAS, INC., A TEXAS CORPORATION FORMERLY KNOWN AS TRENDMAKER HOMES, INC., A TEXAS CORPORATION

BY: Uzma

NAME: Uzma Mohiuddin

TITLE: Sales Operations Manager

After Recording Return To Grantee
At GRANTEE'S MAILING ADDRESS:
CECILIA ALICIA CASTELLANO AND ANTONIO T. CASTELLANO
424 HORIZON LIGHT LANE
KATY, TEXAS 77493

*Waller County Texas, Special Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien, **Document Number 390-2306828**, recorded 06/15/2023*

- Castellano disclosed an ownership interest in the Katy property on her 2024 and 2026 Personal Financial Statements.

INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY

PART 7A

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4 DESCRIPTION [ ] LOTS [X] ACRES	NUMBER OF LOTS OR ACRES AND NAME OF COUNTY WHERE LOCATED 0.50000 acres Waller	

Texas Ethics Commission, Personal Financial Statement, filed 02/12/2024

INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY

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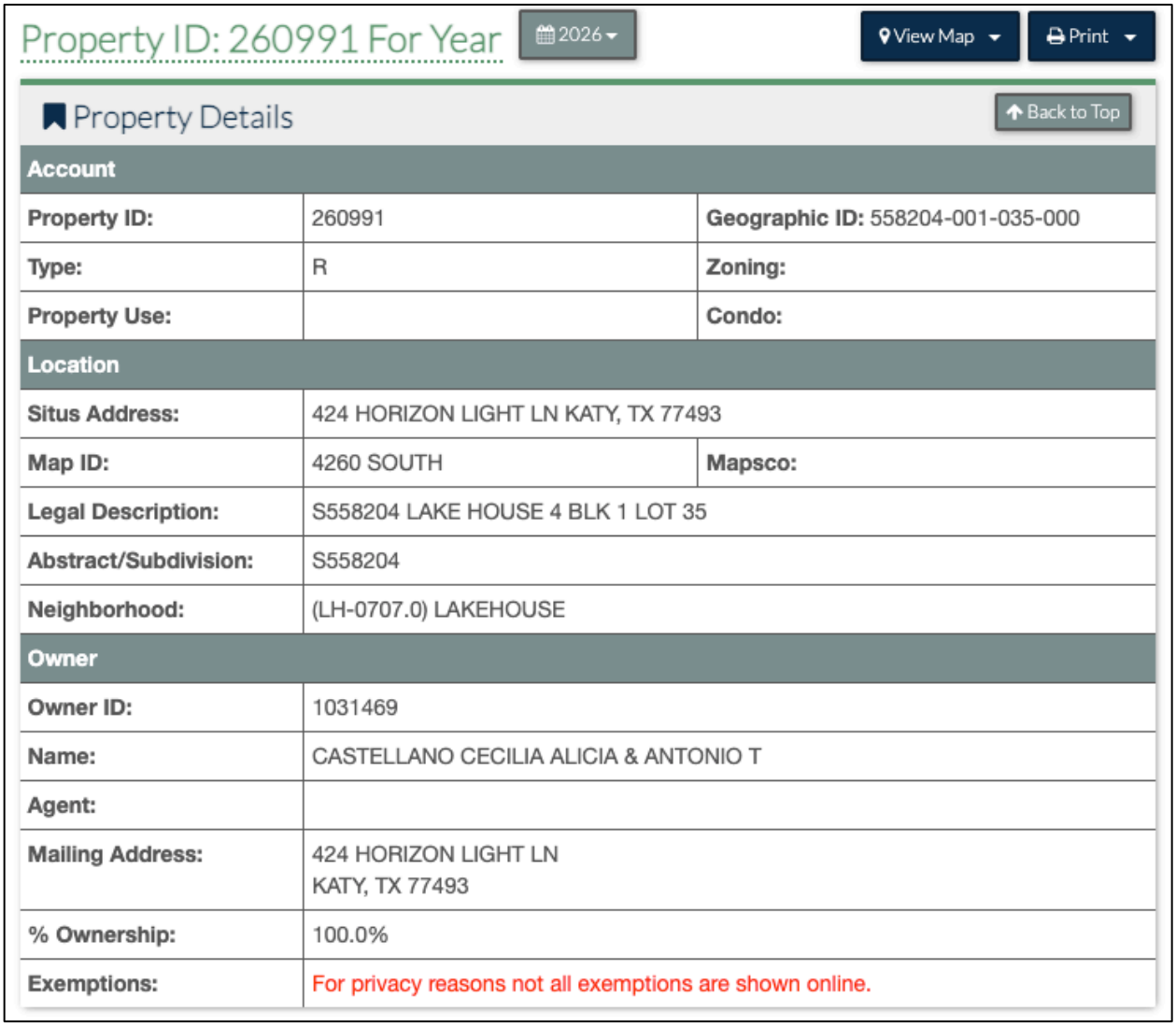
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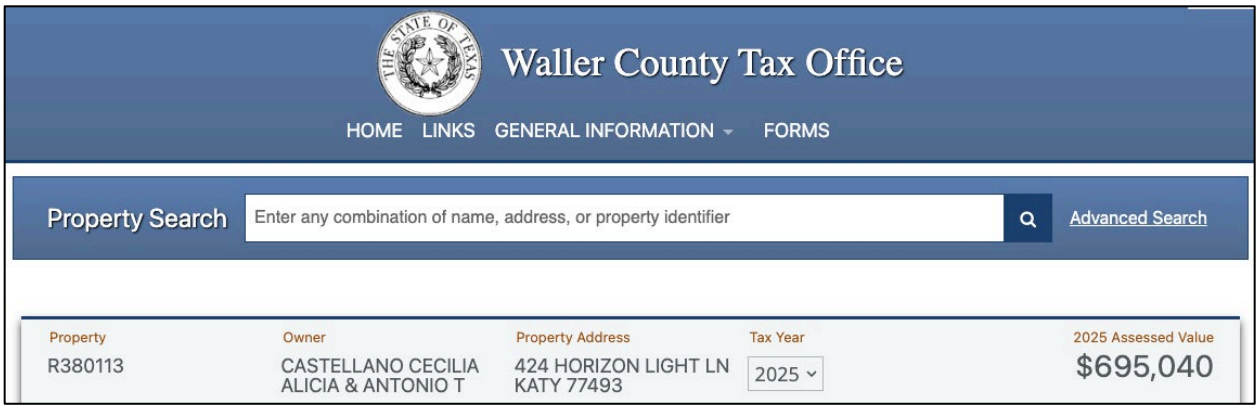
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Abstract/Subdivision:	S558204	
Neighborhood:	(LH-0707.0) LAKEHOUSE	
Owner		
Owner ID:	1031469	
Name:	CASTELLANO CECILIA ALICIA & ANTONIO T	
Agent:		
Mailing Address:	424 HORIZON LIGHT LN KATY, TX 77493	
% Ownership:	100.0%	
Exemptions:	For privacy reasons not all exemptions are shown online.	

Waller County Appraisal District – Property ID 260991

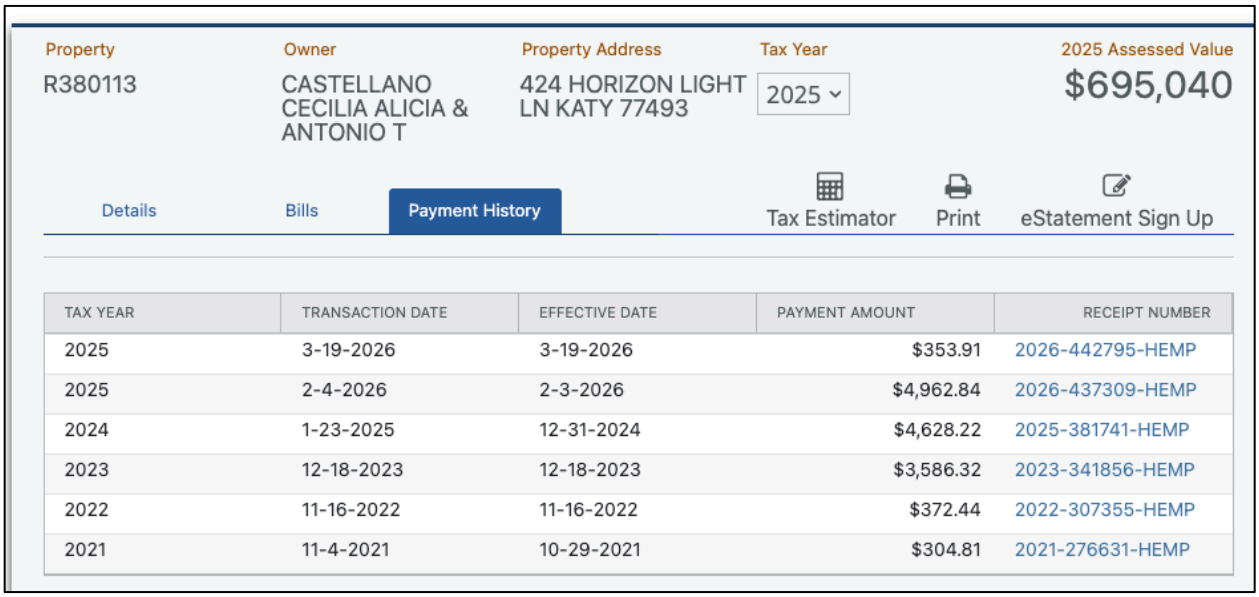
- "It is a federal and state crime to knowingly make false statements on mortgage documents" (*Texas Public Radio*, "Texas AG claimed three homes as primary residence. Democrats are being probed for similar issue" **07/24/2025**)

> It is a federal and state crime to knowingly make false statements on mortgage documents. It's also against the law in Texas to collect a homestead tax break on two separate properties.
>
> **Mortgages have become political fodder**
>
> The mortgage revelations are sure to become fodder in the Republican primary for a U.S. Senate seat in which Paxton is seeking to topple the incumbent, John Cornyn. The situation is further complicated by the Trump administration's pursuit of Democrats over similar issues.
>
> President Donald Trump has accused two of his political foes — Sen. Adam Schiff of California and New York Attorney General Letitia James — of committing mortgage fraud in similar, though far less serious, circumstances.
>
> The Democrats have long been targets of Trump's ire for having led various investigations into his conduct as president and as a business executive.
>
> The Justice Department has launched a criminal investigation of James. It received a criminal referral for Schiff last week from the Federal Housing Finance Agency.
>
> James' attorney, Abbe Lowell, urged the Trump administration to investigate Paxton instead.

Castellano paid her property taxes late multiple times on her Katy home, resulting in hundreds of dollars in penalties and interest.



Waller County Tax Office, Property R380113



TAX YEAR	TRANSACTION DATE	EFFECTIVE DATE	PAYMENT AMOUNT	RECEIPT NUMBER
2025	3-19-2026	3-19-2026	$353.91	2026-442795-HEMP
2025	2-4-2026	2-3-2026	$4,962.84	2026-437309-HEMP
2024	1-23-2025	12-31-2024	$4,628.22	2025-381741-HEMP
2023	12-18-2023	12-18-2023	$3,586.32	2023-341856-HEMP
2022	11-16-2022	11-16-2022	$372.44	2022-307355-HEMP
2021	11-4-2021	10-29-2021	$304.81	2021-276631-HEMP

Waller County Tax Office, Property R380113 – Payment History

REPRINTED TAX RECEIPT

Waller County Tax Office
Carolyn Miedke
836 Austin Street, STE 1400
Hempstead, TX 77445-0428
Ph: 979-826-7620 Fax:

Receipt Number: **2026-442795-HEMP**

Owner:	CASTELLANO CECILIA ALICIA & ANTONIO T (O0060864) 424 HORIZON LIGHT LN KATY, TX 77493	Payor:	CASTELLANO CECILIA ALICIA & ANTONIO T (O0060864) 424 HORIZON LIGHT LN KATY, TX 77493

Quick Ref ID:	R380113	Property:	558204-001-035-000
Owner:	CASTELLANO CECILIA ALICIA & ANTONIO T (O0060864)	Legal Description:	S558204 LAKE HOUSE 4 BLK 1 LOT 35
		Situs Address:	424 HORIZON LIGHT LN KATY 77493

Tax Year/Taxing Unit	Taxable Value	Tax Rate	Levy	Tax Paid	Penalty & Interest	Amount Paid
2025						
B-k Drainage District	695,040	0.057850	402.08	26.31	2.37	28.68
Waller-harris	695,040	0.100000	695.04	45.47	4.10	49.57
County	695,040	0.532596	3,701.75	242.17	21.80	263.97
Farm Road	695,040	0.023591	163.97	10.73	0.96	11.69
2025 Totals			4,962.84	324.68	29.23	353.91

Total Payment Amount	353.91
Credit Card Payment Tendered	353.91
Total Tendered	**353.91**
Remaining Balance Due as of 6/18/2026	**0.00**

Date Paid: 03/19/2026
Effective Date: 03/19/2026
Station/Till: YESENIA/YESENIA'S TILL
Cashier: Yesenia

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*Waller County Tax Office, **Receipt 2026-442795-HEMP**, payment 03/19/2026*

REPRINTED TAX RECEIPT

Waller County Tax Office
Carolyn Miedke
836 Austin Street, STE 1400
Hempstead, TX 77445-0428
Ph: 979-826-7620 Fax:

Receipt Number: **2026-437309-HEMP**

Payor: CECILIA ALICIA AND ANTONIO T CASTELLANO ()
20956 Somerset Rd
Somerset, TX 78069

Quick Ref ID: R380113

Property: 558204-001-035-000
Legal Description: S558204 LAKE HOUSE 4 BLK 1 LOT 35
Situs Address: 424 HORIZON LIGHT LN KATY 77493

Tax Year/Taxing Unit	Value	Tax Rate	Levy	Tax Paid	Penalty & Interest	Amount Paid
2025						
B-k Drainage District	695,040	0.057850	402.08	375.77	26.30	402.07
Waller-harris	695,040	0.100000	695.04	649.57	45.48	695.05
County	695,040	0.532596	3,701.75	3,459.58	242.17	3,701.75
Farm Road	695,040	0.023591	163.97	153.24	10.73	163.97
2025 Totals			4,962.84	4,638.16	324.68	4,962.84

Total Payment Amount	**4,962.84**
Internet Payment (Ref # 100348571982)	4,962.84
Tendered	
Total Tendered	**4,962.84**
Remaining Balance Due as of 6/18/2026	**0.00**

Date Paid: 02/04/2026
Effective Date: 02/03/2026
Station/Till: Carolyn/Carolyn M's Till
Cashier:

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*Waller County Tax Office, **Receipt 2026-437309-HEMP**, payment 02/04/2026*

Castellano wants a tax write off for rent.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMTWz0kUiU0; video archived here

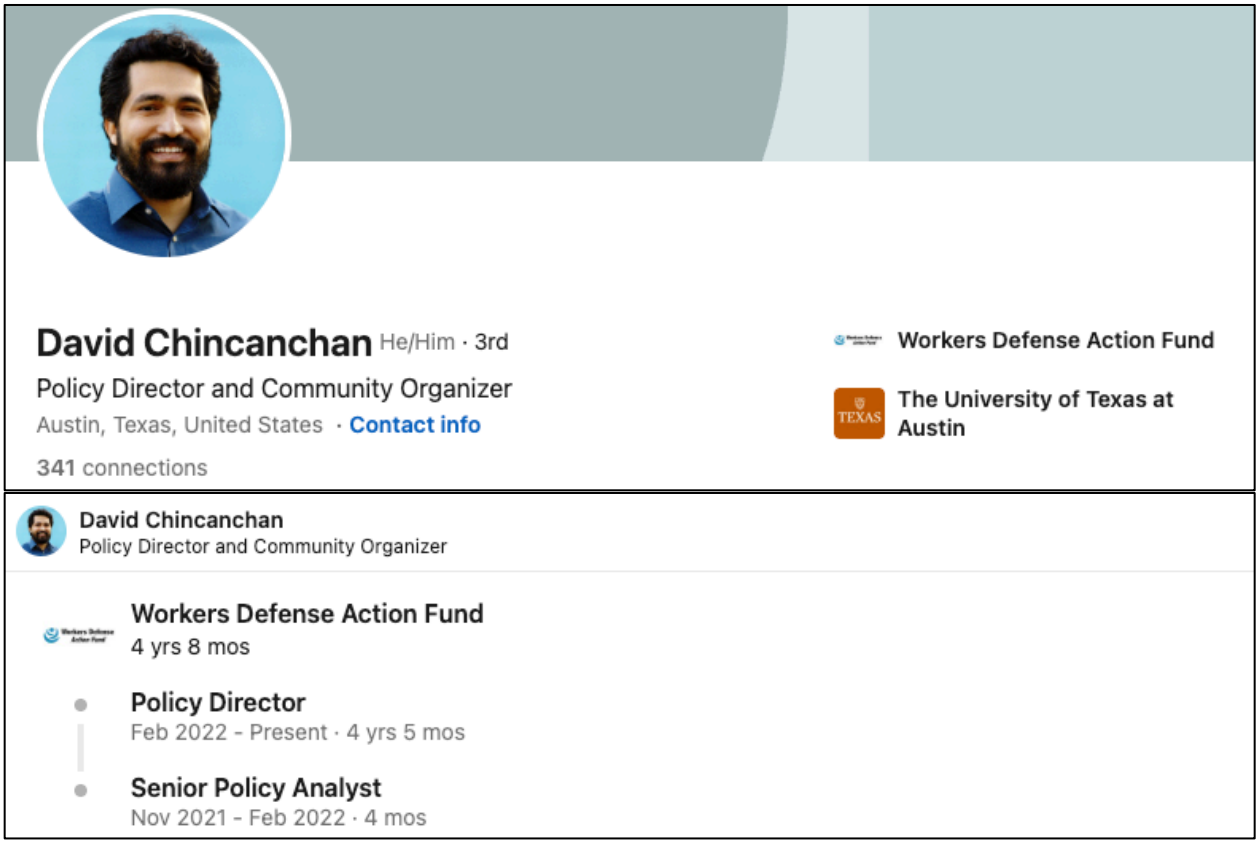
- Castellano (segment begins 15:57): "I also love what you said about having a tax write off for the people that pay rent."

Castellano reported a $250 contribution in 2024 from David Chincanchan, policy director for Workers Defense Action Fund. The group "fights for worker and immigrant justice" in the form of a path to citizenship for all illegals, driver's licenses for illegals, ending Operation Lone Star, prohibiting local law enforcement from cooperating with ICE.

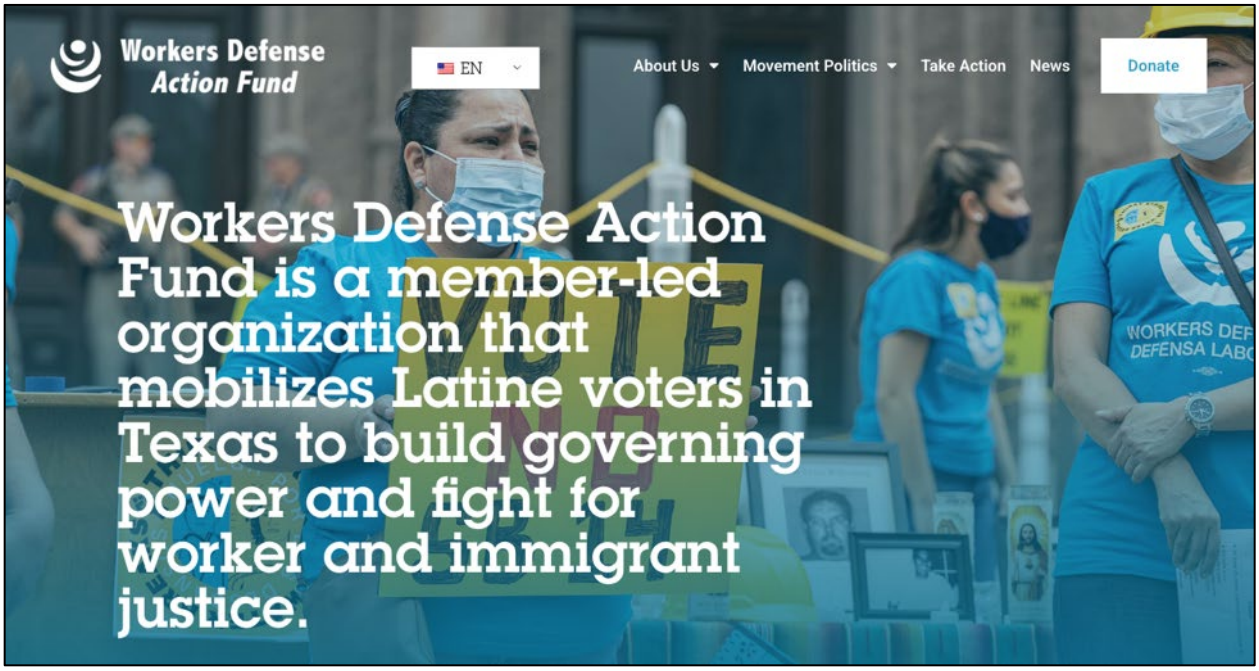
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8 Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) Manager		9 Employer (See Instructions) Chain & Chain Construction LLC	
Date 05/28/2024	Full name of contributor ☐ out-of-state PAC (ID#:_____) Charter Schools Now PAC Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Austin, TX 78704		Amount of Contribution ($) $1,000.00
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)		Employer (See Instructions)	
Date 06/07/2024	Full name of contributor ☐ out-of-state PAC (ID#:_____) Chincanchan, David Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Austin, TX 78744		Amount of Contribution ($) $250.00
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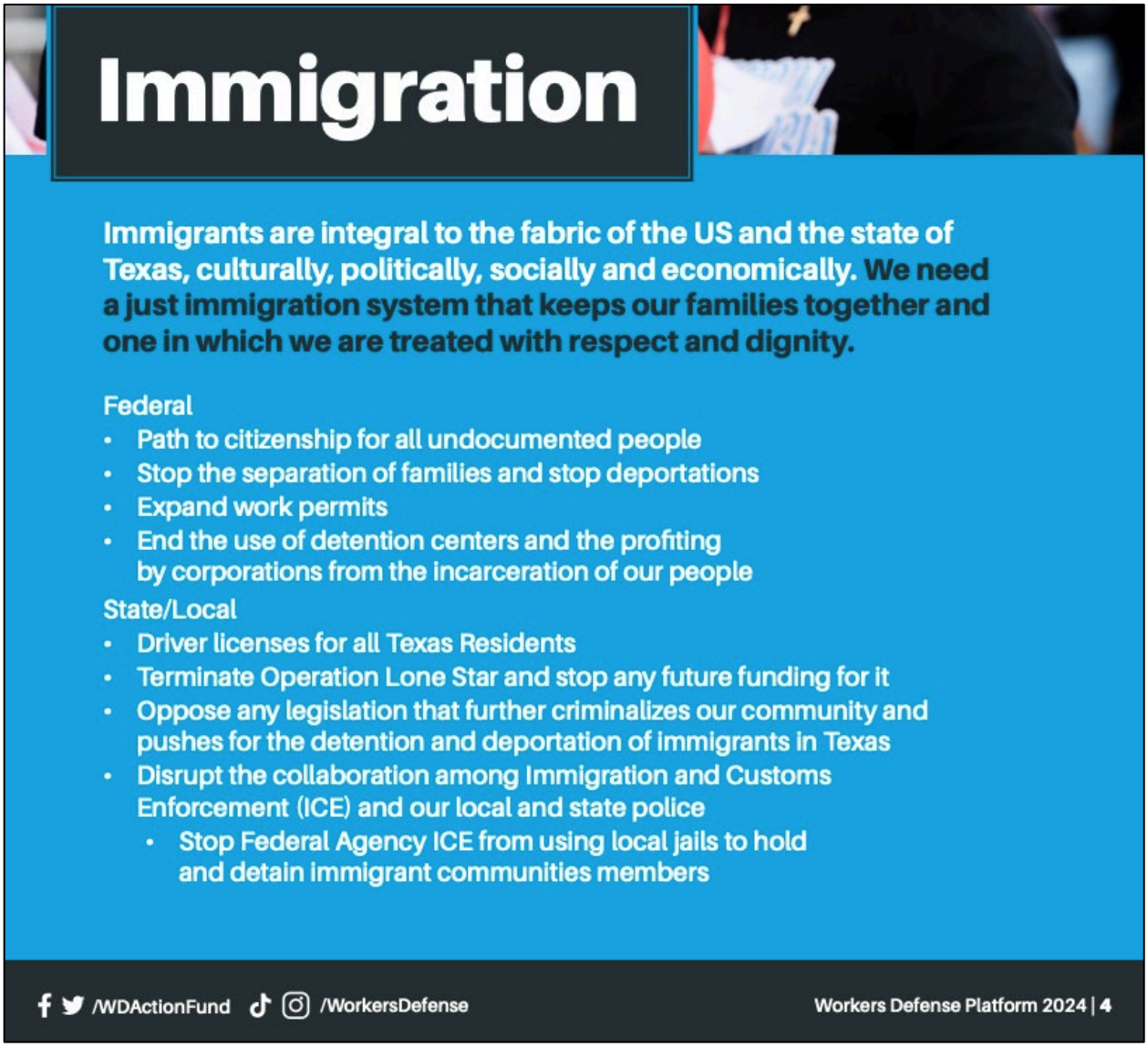
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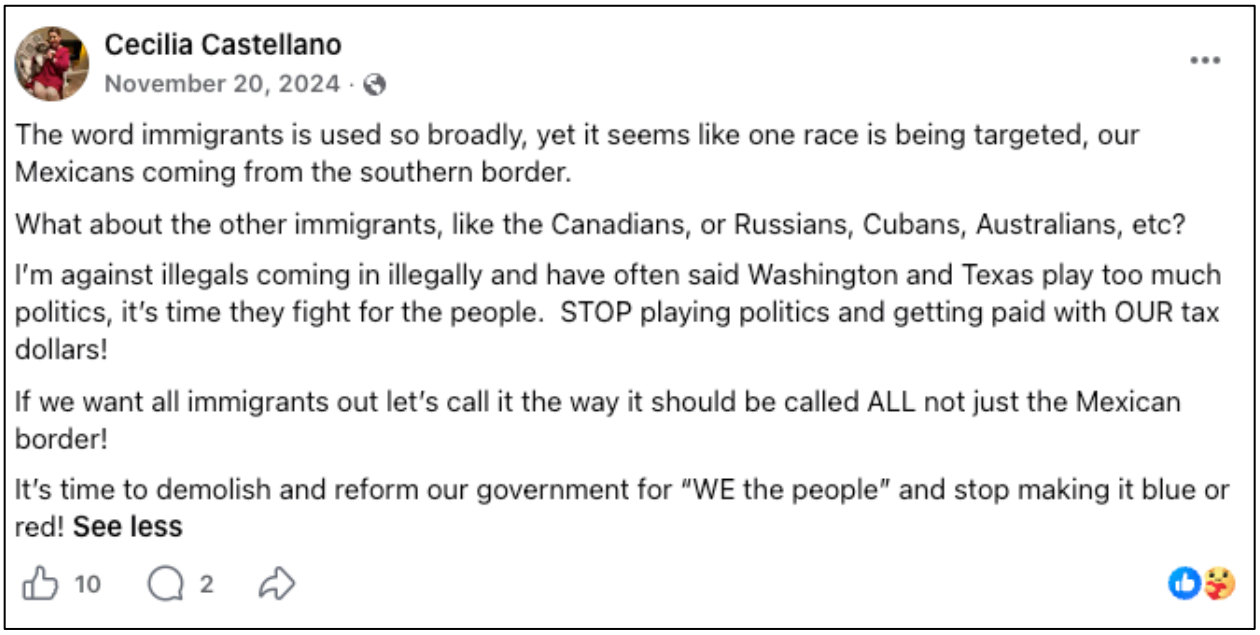


Workers Defense Action Fund, Platform 2024

Castellano has taken the bold step of calling for the government to do something about *illegal immigrants from Australia.*

- "The word immigrants is used so broadly, yet it seems like one race is being targeted, our Mexicans coming from the southern border.

  What about the other immigrants, like the Canadians, or Russians, Cubans, Australians, etc?"



Cecilia Castellano
November 20, 2024 ·

The word immigrants is used so broadly, yet it seems like one race is being targeted, our Mexicans coming from the southern border.

What about the other immigrants, like the Canadians, or Russians, Cubans, Australians, etc?

I'm against illegals coming in illegally and have often said Washington and Texas play too much politics, it's time they fight for the people. STOP playing politics and getting paid with OUR tax dollars!

If we want all immigrants out let's call it the way it should be called ALL not just the Mexican border!

It's time to demolish and reform our government for "WE the people" and stop making it blue or red! **See less**

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*Facebook, **11/20/2024***

Castellano took a $7,500 in-kind contribution from Lone Star Project for her 2024 campaign. The DC-based group boasts "Beating Republicans is our bottom line." Shortly after losing the general election, Castellano posted: "It's time to demolish and reform our government for "WE the people" and stop making it blue or red!"

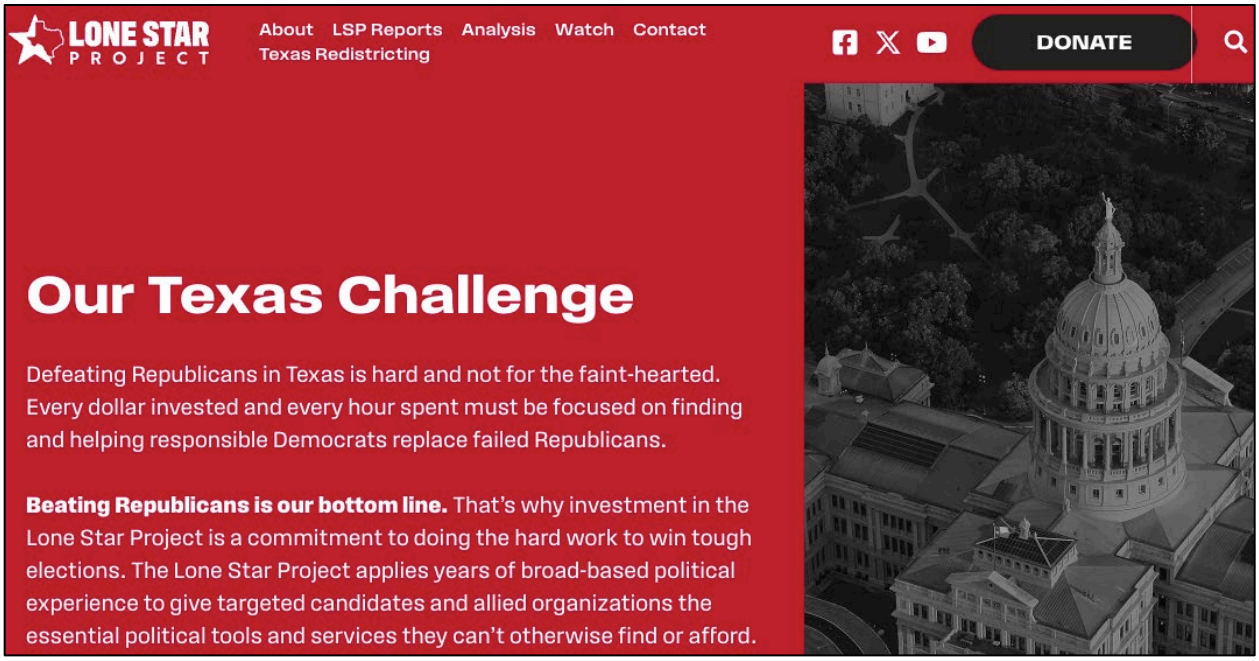
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Amount	$7,500.00
Date	08/05/2024
Committee	Castellano, Cecilia (Mrs.)
Contributor	Lone Star Project Federal
Employer	
Occupation	

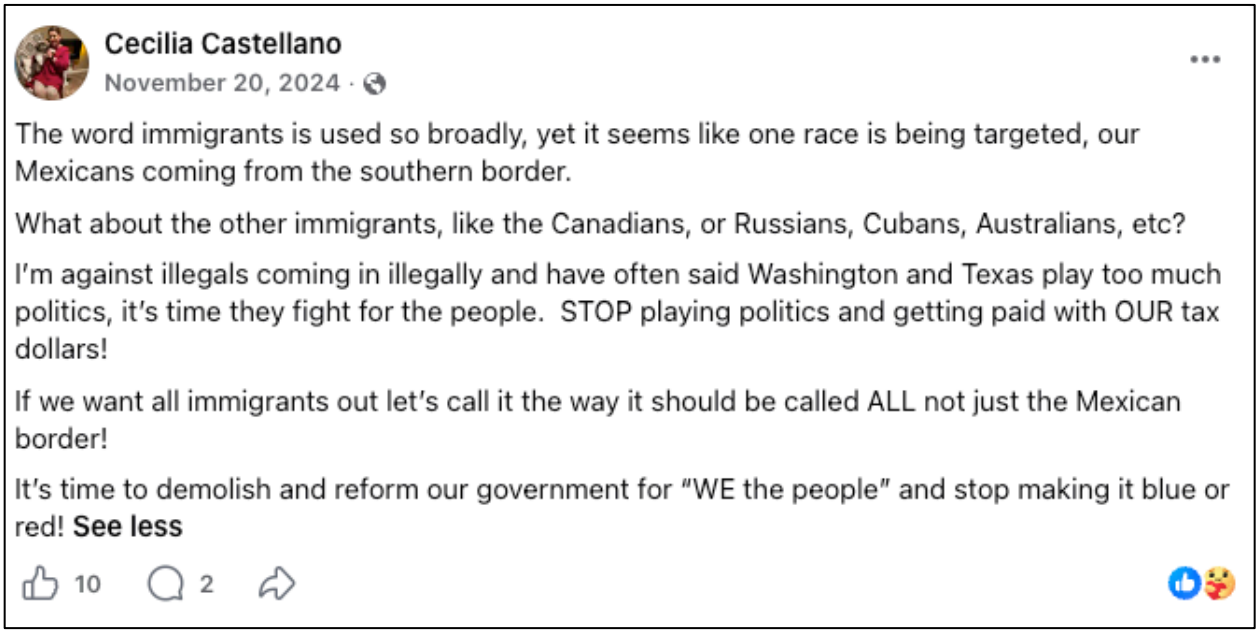
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https://lonestarproject.net/about-us/



*Facebook, **11/20/2024***

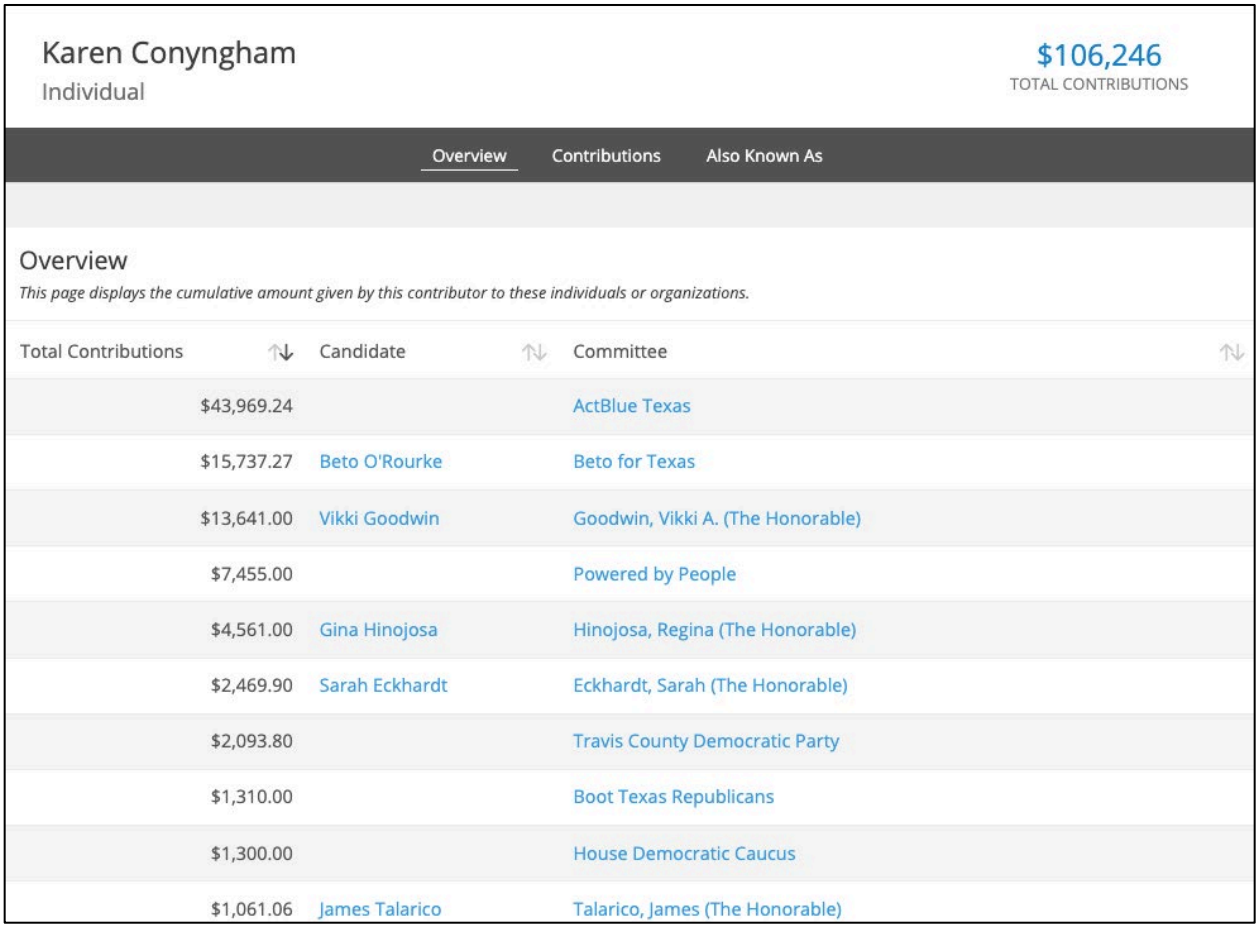
In 2024, Castellano reported a $20 contribution from Austin-based "researcher" Karen Conyngham. Conyngham is a prolific donor to Texas democrats and gave $25 to Zohran Mamdani in 2025.

MONETARY POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

SCHEDULE **A1**

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8 Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) Not Employed		9 Employer (See Instructions) Not Employed	
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Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) Analyst		Employer (See Instructions) San Antonio Water System	
Date 08/26/2024	Full name of contributor ☐ out-of-state PAC (ID#:_____) Conyngham, Karen Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Austin, TX 78746-4115		Amount of Contribution ($) $20.00
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) researcher		Employer (See Instructions) Self	

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Karen Conyngham
Individual

$106,246
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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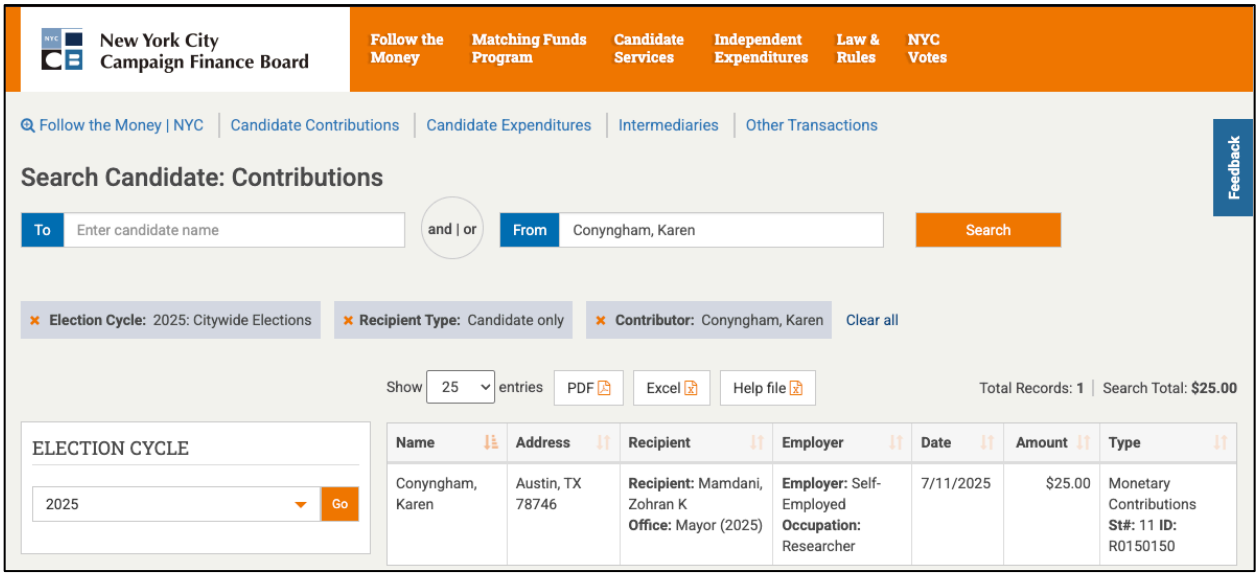
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$15,737.27	Beto O'Rourke	Beto for Texas
$13,641.00	Vikki Goodwin	Goodwin, Vikki A. (The Honorable)
$7,455.00		Powered by People
$4,561.00	Gina Hinojosa	Hinojosa, Regina (The Honorable)
$2,469.90	Sarah Eckhardt	Eckhardt, Sarah (The Honorable)
$2,093.80		Travis County Democratic Party
$1,310.00		Boot Texas Republicans
$1,300.00		House Democratic Caucus
$1,061.06	James Talarico	Talarico, James (The Honorable)

Transparency USA – Contributions from Karen Conyngham

- Conyngham gave $25 to Mamdani's campaign for NYC Mayor.



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To: Enter candidate name | and | or | From: Conyngham, Karen | Search

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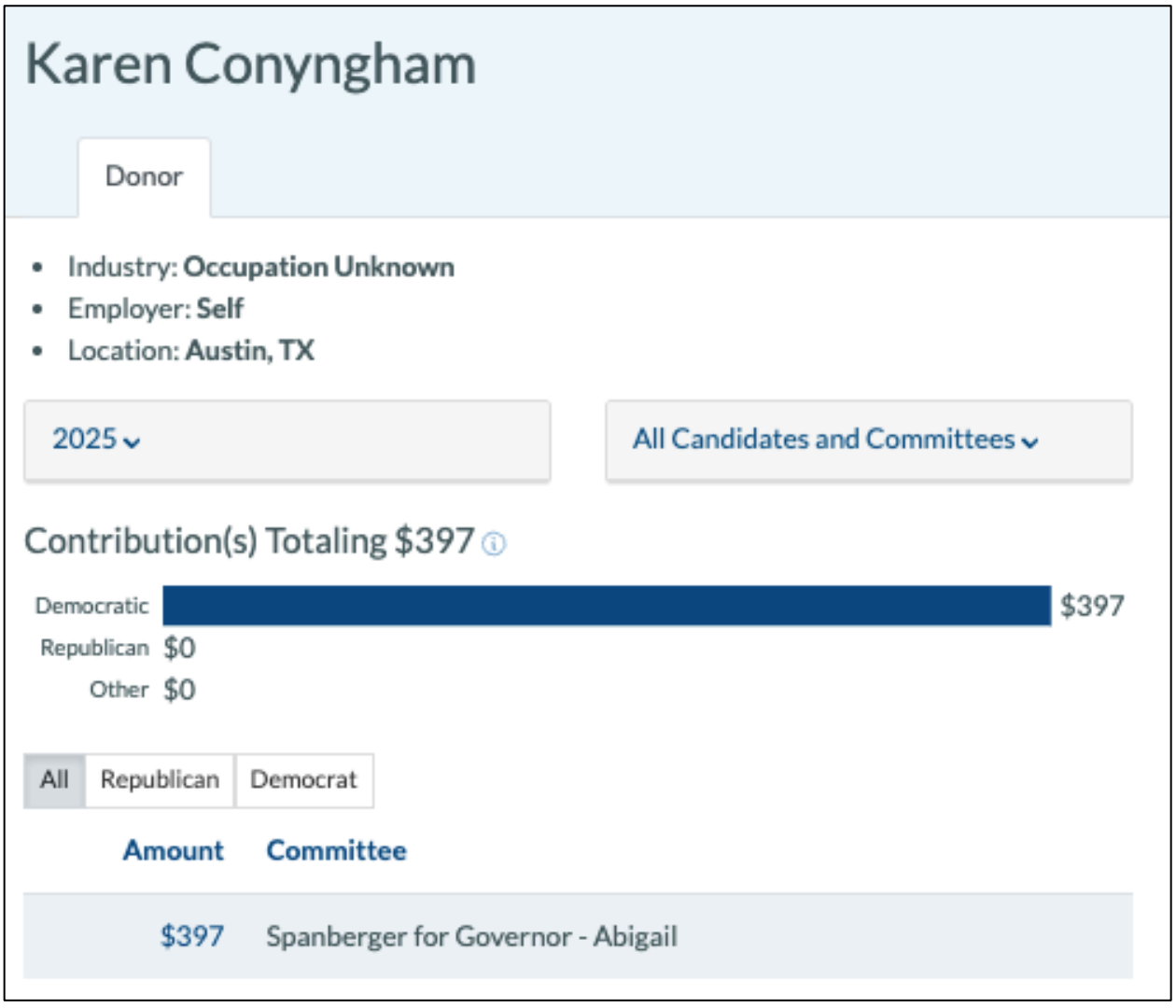
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Conyngham, Karen	Austin, TX 78746	**Recipient:** Mamdani, Zohran K **Office:** Mayor (2025)	**Employer:** Self-Employed **Occupation:** Researcher	7/11/2025	$25.00	Monetary Contributions **St#:** 11 **ID:** R0150150

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Name	Address	Recipient	Employer	Date	Amount	Type
Conyngham, Karen	Austin, TX 78746	**Recipient:** Mamdani, Zohran K **Office:** Mayor (2025)	**Employer:** Self-Employed **Occupation:** Researcher	7/11/2025	$25.00	Monetary Contributions **St#:** 11 **ID:** R0150150

New York City Campaign Finance Board

- Conyngham contributed to Abigail Spanberger's campaign for Virginia Governor.



Virginia Public Access Project

In 2024, Castellano reported a contribution from University of Houston law professor Daniel Morales. Morales authored a 2023 article arguing the American immigration system is deeply flawed and the solution is to hand immigration power to municipalities and states: "his decentralized approach can increase our immigrant carrying capacity by allowing places that want and need immigrants to invite and attend to as many as they like." Morales described ICE as "a national agency with bloated resources tasked with solving a problem (illegal immigration) that causes no material harm."

Date	Full name of contributor ☐ out-of-state PAC (ID#:_____)	Amount of Contribution ($)
08/09/2024	Morales, Daniel	$9.09
	Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Houston, TX 77098	
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) Law Prof	Employer (See Instructions) U Houston	

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Daniel I. Morales

Associate Professor of Law; Dwight Olds Chair

Professor Daniel I. Morales is a scholar and theorist of immigration law known for his work challenging the legality of immigration controls and highlighting the advantages of a less nationalized immigration system. His scholarship has appeared in leading law reviews, including the N.Y.U. Law Review, U.C. Irvine Law Review, Indiana Law Journal, and Wake Forest Law Review. He is a co-editor, with Professor Nick De Genova, of a forthcoming book from Duke University Press exploring the applicability of abolitionist thought to the migration context.

Prof. Morales is a frequent contributor to local and national media. He has published op-eds in the New York Times and the Washington Post, and has been quoted in the New York Times, The Guardian and many other national and local print publications. Prof. Morales has also provided expert commentary on NPR's Here & Now, Southern California Public Radio's AirTalk with Larry Mantle, and Houston Public Media's Town Square with Ernie Manouse.

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Daniel I. Morales

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Education

Yale Law School, J.D., June 2005
Yale Journal of International Law
Immigration Clinic, Student Director

Williams College, B.A., *magna cum laude*, June 2002
Phi Beta Kappa
NCAA Men's Swimming All-America

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University of Houston Law Center, Houston, TX — Aug. 2019-
Associate Professor of Law with Tenure
Dwight Olds Chair in Law — 2023-
George Butler Research Professor — 2019-2023

DePaul College of Law, Chicago IL — June 2011- July 2019
Associate Professor of Law (Tenured 2017)
DePaul U. "Spirit of Inquiry Award"
for Excellence in Research, June 2017
Award for Excellence in Teaching, May 2012

American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL — Jun-Aug. 2010
Visiting Faculty

University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI — Jan. 2008-May 2009
William H. Hastie Fellow

Scholarship

An Immigration Law for Abolitionists (and Reactionaries), 13 U.C. IRVINE. L. REV. 1291 (2023).

Immigration Law and the Production of Crisis, 47 HOU. J. INT'L L. ___ (*forthcoming* 2024) (Invited Skelton Lecture).

A First Amendment Law for Migrant Emancipation, 56 GEORGIA. L. REV. 1401 (2023) (Invited Symposium).

Postmodern Identity and the Structure of Immigration Control, *in* THEORIZING LOCAL MIGRATION GOVERNANCE, Baumgärtel and Miellet eds. 223-251 (Cambridge 2022).

https://www.law.uh.edu/faculty/cv/DanielMorales.pdf

An Immigration Law for Abolitionists (and Reactionaries)

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Abstract

Immigration law gets most things wrong and satisfies no one—not immigrants, not moderates, not restrictionists, and not abolitionists (the #AbolishICE crowd). It is bad law premised on skewed epistemic inputs—the fantasies of U.S. citizens—and enforced by a national agency with bloated resources tasked with solving a problem (illegal immigration) that causes no material harm. Migration law's biggest failing is that it admits far fewer immigrants than our country has the capacity to take in, as the decades-long, peaceful, and productive presence of twelve million undocumented immigrants definitively proves. The bankruptcy of immigration law has been obvious for a few decades at least, yet comprehensive immigration reform has been impossible to enact over the same time frame. Now, with the death of the most promising legislative reform effort in a generation at the hands of the unelected Senate parliamentarian, it's past time for a reassessment of immigration law and the ends and strategy of immigration reform.

In this Article, I argue that the reasons for the impasse on reform are structural and require a structural overhaul: a reconstruction of immigration law that destroys one-size-fitsall, national control and places chunks of the immigration power back in local precincts in metro areas, counties, or towns. This decentralized approach can increase our immigrant carrying capacity by allowing places that want and need immigrants to invite and attend to as many as they like. With time, some pro-immigrant locales might even cultivate an abolitionist, open-borders immigration politics from the bottom up. It wouldn't be the first time. The abolition of slavery and the gay rights movements were both nurtured in sub-national jurisdictions with special cultures and characteristics. Only after consciousness raising and proof of concept were secured were these radically new norms and modes of being scaled up.

A local immigration law may also better sate the needs of American reactionaries. Social scientists teach that many of us are dyed-in-the-wool authoritarians triggered by social and racial pluralism. This personality type can only be soothed with a restoration of a sense of "oneness or sameness." Locating debates about racial and social pluralism—i.e., the immigration debate—at the national level constantly and unnecessarily triggers authoritarians. Many authoritarians live in places that are racially and socially homogenous. A more local immigration power would allow this group to sate their thirst for homogeneity without imperiling the benefits of immigration for the rest of us: the majority of Americans that enjoy and thrive in a pluralist, multiracial order.

https://escholarship.org/uc/item/7rk5t5fs

Castellano received a $2,928.57 from Represent Texas. The PAC has also supported James Talarico.

MONETARY POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

SCHEDULE A1

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3 Filer ID (Ethics Commission Filers): 00087851

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10/23/2024	Ramirez, Alfredo	Sacramento, CA 95829	$25.00

8 Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)	9 Employer (See Instructions)
Auditor	State Of California

Date	Full name of contributor / out-of-state PAC (ID#:)	Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code	Amount of Contribution ($)
10/14/2024	Reed, Stynus	Los Angeles, CA 90019	$25.00

Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)	Employer (See Instructions)
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10/18/2024	Represent Texas	Dallas, TX 78214	$2,500.00

Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)	Employer (See Instructions)

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5 Date	6 Full name of contributor / 7 Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code	8 Amount of contribution ($)	9 In-kind contribution description
10/08/2024	☐ out-of-state PAC (ID#:_____) Represent Texas Dallas, TX 78214	$428.57	GOTV Rides

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Expenditure Details

Amount $250.00
Date 10/16/2020
Committee Represent Texas
Payee James Talarico Campaign

Additional Information

Unique Expenditure ID	104339596
Cover Type	GPAC
Description	Political Contribution
Payee City	Round Rock
Payee State	TX
Payee Postal Code	78683
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Transparency USA – Expenditure Details

Castello received $35,000 from Dallas trial lawyer Domingo Garcia in 2024, making him her biggest donor. Garcia is a prolific donor to Democrats including Bernie and the Squad. A former Texas House member, Garcia co-authored the Texas Dream Act to give illegals in-state tuition at Texas State universities.

REPNO	Contributor Name	Amount	Date	Employer	Occupation	City	State
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100974877	Garcia ,Domingo	5,000.00	10-13-2024	Law Offices Of Domingo Garcia	Attorney	dallas	TX
100972009	Garcia ,Domingo A	25,000.00	08-27-2024	Self-Employed	Attorney	Dallas	TX

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GARCIA, DOMINGO	ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ FOR CONGRESS	TX	SELF	11/23/2019	$2,800.00
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GARCIA, DOMINGO	GREG CASAR FOR CONGRESS	TX	LAW OFFICES OF DOMINGO GARCIA	09/06/2025	$2,500.00
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GARCIA, DOMINGO	CORI BUSH FOR CONGRESS	TX	LAW OFFICES OF DOMINGO GARCIA	07/27/2024	$1,000.00
GARCIA, DOMINGO	GREG CASAR FOR CONGRESS	TX	LAW OFFICES OF DOMINGO GARCIA	11/17/2021	$1,000.00
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GARCIA, DOMINGO	BERNIE 2020	TX	LAW OFFICES OF DOMINGO GARCIA	03/17/2019	$1,000.00
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GARCIA, DOMINGO	GREG CASAR FOR CONGRESS	TX	LAW OFFICES OF DOMINGO GARCIA	11/07/2022	$250.00

Federal Election Commission, Domingo Garcia select individual contributions

The Law Offices of Domingo Garcia PC

Entity

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$25,000.00		Dallas County Democratic Party (P)
$20,000.00	Rochelle Garza	Garza, Rochelle Mercedes
$6,000.00	Ravi Sandill	Sandill, Ravi K. (The Honorable)
$5,000.00	Beto O'Rourke	Beto for Texas
$5,000.00	Nicole Perdue	Perdue, Nicole V. (Ms.)
$5,000.00	Staci Williams	Williams, Staci (The Honorable)
$4,500.00	Kyle Carter	Carter, O. Kyler (The Honorable)
$4,500.00	Lauren Reeder	Reeder, Lauren R. (The Honorable)
$4,000.00	Ken Molberg	Molberg, Kenneth H. (The Honorable)

Transparency USA

Understanding the Texas DREAM Act: House Bill 1403

By: Chloe Sikes and Angela Valenzuela **Published:** August 23, 2016

TEXAS DREAM ACT [HOUSE BILL 1403]. House Bill 1403, widely known as the Texas DREAM Act, provides in-state tuition for Texans without legal status. House Bill (HB) 1403, passed by the Texas Legislature in 2001, provides Texans, regardless of legal immigration status, eligibility to be classified as state residents for the purpose of being charged in-state tuition rates at public Texas colleges and universities. Without this eligibility, institutions of higher learning would charge the higher out-of-state or international tuition rates. Texas was the first state in the nation to pass this type of legislation, and approximately twenty states followed with similar bills.

The Seventy-seventh Texas Legislature passed HB 1403 with bipartisan support. Representative Rick Noriega (D–Houston) authored the measure, in collaboration with Domingo García (D¬–Dallas), Fred Hill (R–Richardson), Elvira Reyna (R–Mesquite), and Ismael Flores (D–Palmview). Leticia Van de Putte (D–San Antonio) sponsored the bill. An additional nineteen co-authors signed the bill. Sixty-three House Republicans voted in favor of it. With an amendment from the Senate, HB 1403 passed with 130 yeas, 2 nays, and 2 abstentions. Governor Rick Perry signed the bill into law on June 16, 2001, and the legislation became effective immediately for persons seeking college enrollment in the fall of 2001.

HB 1403 stipulates that Texas students without legal status must meet certain criteria to be eligible for in-state tuition rates. While in high school, they must be a dependent of a parent or guardian living in Texas; graduate from a Texas high school or obtain a GED certificate; reside in Texas for at least three years prior to graduating from high school; register with a Texas public college or university beginning in the fall of 2001; and file an application to seek permanent residency in the United States.

*Texas State Historical Association, **08/23/2026***

Castello received $10,000 from Powered by People in her 2024 campaign. AG Paxton targeted Beto's PAC in 2025 when they handed out "Beto Bribes" to Democrat legislators in exchange for breaking quorum. Powered by People has also contributed $88,000 to Texas Organizing Project, a PAC affiliated with the Soros-backed group that bails accused criminals out of jail.

MONETARY POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS SCHEDULE **A1**

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8 Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) Massage Therapy	9 Employer (See Instructions) Salon 21	
Date 10/25/2024	Full name of contributor ☐ out-of-state PAC (ID#:_____) Powered by People PAC Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code El Paso, TX 79923	Amount of Contribution ($) $10,000.00
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*Texas Ethics Commission, Campaign Finance Report filed **10/28/2024***

Powered by People
Texas Committee

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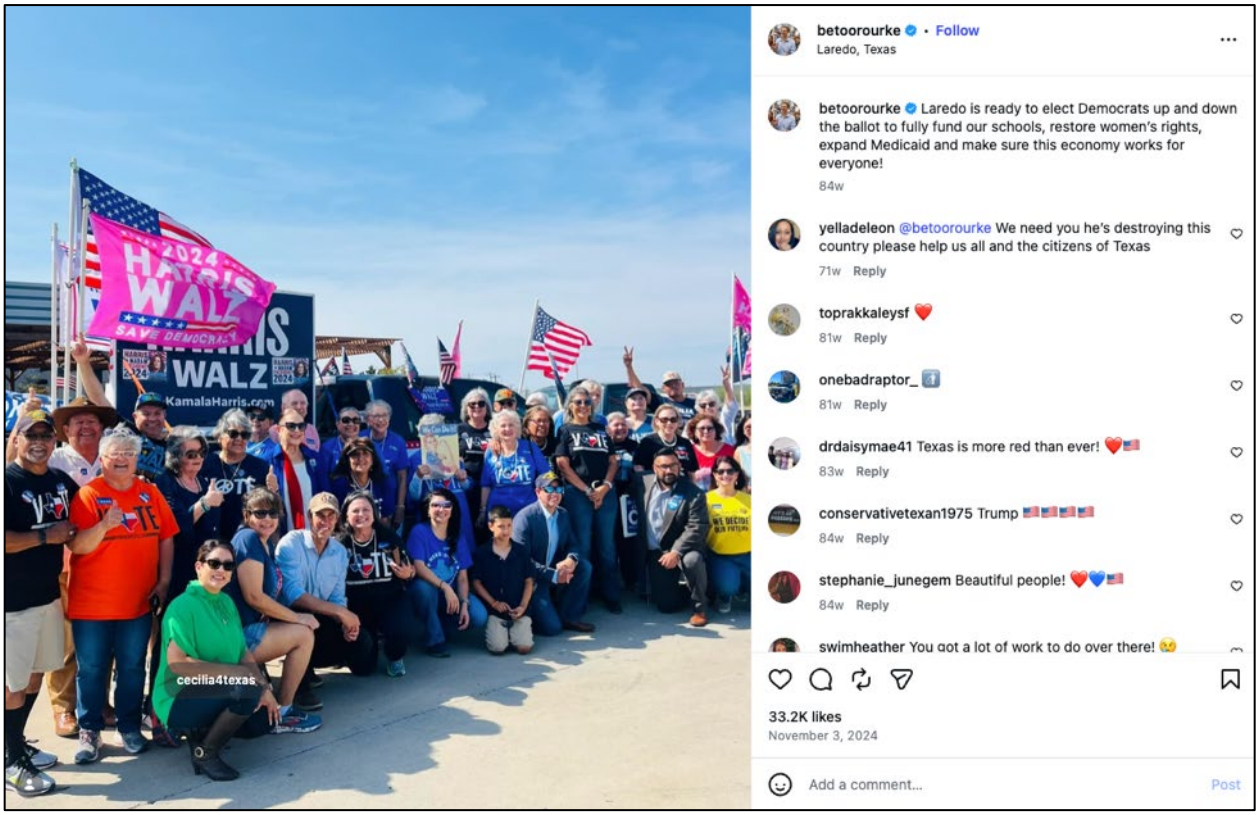
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Total Expenditures	Payee	Type
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$91,900.00	E&W LLC	ENTITY
$88,000.00	TOP Political Action Committee (DISSOLVED)	ENTITY
$87,361.42	Sandler Reiff Lamb Rosenstein & Birkenstock PC	ENTITY
$86,000.00	Texas Democratic Party	ENTITY

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- Castellano with Beto in 2024:



*Instagram, **11/03/2024***

August 15, 2025 | Press Release

Attorney General Ken Paxton Seeks to Revoke the Charter of Robert Francis O'Rourke's Organization, Powered by People, for Unlawful Conduct

Attorney General Ken Paxton has filed an amended petition in his litigation against Robert Francis O'Rourke to revoke the charter of Powered by People, the organization responsible for deceptively fundraising and handing out "Beto Bribes" to Democrat legislators in exchange for breaking quorum.

"Robert and his unlawful influence scheme, Powered by People, have deceived donors, bought off Texas politicians, and unlawfully assisted runaway Democrats in avoiding arrest," said Attorney General Paxton. "As much as Robert and the sell-out Democrats might wish to ignore them, we do have laws that must be followed. I have asked the court to enforce its previous TRO, throw Beto behind bars, and revoke Powered by People's charter for its unlawful conduct. There must be consequences."

Attorney General Paxton sued O'Rourke last Friday for operating a misleading and fraudulent scheme to raise personal funds for rogue runaway lawmakers breaking quorum while advertising it as political fundraising. The same day, a court ordered O'Rourke and his organization, Powered by People, to stop their unlawful fundraising operation and expenditures. However, less than 24 hours later, O'Rourke told a crowd in Fort Worth that he would continue fundraising in blatant violation of the restraining order. According to O'Rourke, "there are no refs in this game, f*** the rules." In response, Attorney General Paxton filed a motion for contempt.

Now, Attorney General Paxton has filed an amended petition and is pursuing a quo warranto action in the Tarrant County District Court to terminate Powered by People's ability to do business in Texas because of its legal violations.

Texas Attorney General, Press Release 08/15/2025

Soros nonprofit donated over $1M to group that previously bailed out suspect charged in deadly Texas shootings

The Texas Organizing Project posted bail for Shane James in 2022

By Joe Schoffstall · Fox News

Published December 7, 2023 12:42pm EST

A nonprofit bankrolled by liberal billionaire George Soros provided over $1.2 million to the left-wing group that previously bailed out the individual charged with killing several people in Texas, including his parents.

Shane James, 34, is accused of killing six people and injuring others in Bexar County and Austin. James served as a U.S. Army Infantry officer from February 2013 to August 2015 and has been charged with several counts of capital murder.

In January 2022, James was charged with aggravated assault against his mother, father and sister, Fox San Antonio reported. Bail records showed he was bonded out by the Texas Organizing Project, a nonprofit focused on progressive issues that helped elect Bexar County District Attorney Joe Gonzales and county Sheriff Javier Salazar.

Meanwhile, the Texas Organizing Project received hefty donations from Soros' nonprofit before bailing out James.

"The Texas Organizing Project, like its major donor, Mr. Soros, thinks that our justice system is an arbitrary social construct that can be torn down and reshaped however they see fit with no consequences," the Capital Research Center's Parker Thayer told Fox News Digital. "There are always consequences, and this time, six people lost their lives because a billionaire wanted to feel morally superior by funding activists with too many college degrees and not enough common sense."

The Open Society Policy Center, the advocacy nonprofit in the Soros-funded Open Society Foundations network, provided $700,000 to the Texas Organizing Project in 2019 for organizational support.

Later, in 2021, the policy center gave the group $565,000 to "support policy advocacy on democracy reform and government accountability in Texas," according to its grant database.

Soros' cash accounted for a sizable chunk of the group's reported money in both of those years. According to the Texas Organizing Project's tax forms, the group pulled in $2.3 million in donations in 2019, meaning the $700,000 from the Soros nonprofit accounted for roughly 30% of its cash that year. And in 2021, the Texas Organizing Project received $2.4 million, with the Soros contribution making up nearly a quarter of its contributions.

"The violence earlier this week in Texas is horrific and tragic," an Open Society spokesperson told Fox News Digital. "We share the sentiments expressed in the Texas Organizing Project’s statement and support the decision to review its programs."

The Texas Organizing Project said it was "profoundly saddened and deeply troubled by the tragic events" in a lengthy statement following the deadly shootings.

"Texas Organizing Project (TOP) is profoundly saddened and deeply troubled by the recent tragic events involving Shane James," the group said. "We condemn his most recent egregious acts, full stop. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the victims and their families during this incredibly difficult time."

"Through our justice program, we bailed out James in coordination with the Bexar County's public defender's office, nearly two years ago in February 2022 on misdemeanor charges where his bond fees totaled $300," it continued. "The events that have unfolded are devastating, and we recognize the pain and suffering this incident has caused. We take our responsibilities seriously and acknowledge that we must address both the immediate impact of this tragedy and the broader implications for our bail program."

James killed six individuals in the hourslong shooting spree on Tuesday, including his parents and four other people. He also left three others injured, including two police officers.

FOX News, ***12/07/2023***

Castello received $5,000 from Tomas Torres of Houston in her 2024 campaign. Torres is a prolific donor to Texas Democrats like Beto and Talarico, and nationally including $5,000 to the Muslim Lieutenant Governor of Virginia whose 2025 election was celebrated by CAIR.

Date	Full name of contributor ☐ out-of-state PAC (ID#:_____)	Amount of Contribution ($)
10/10/2024	Torres, Tomas	$5,000.00
	Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Houston, TX 77027	
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) Not Employed	Employer (See Instructions) Not Employed	

*Texas Ethics Commission, Campaign Finance Report filed **10/28/2024***

- Torres has contributed heavily to Texas Democrats like Beto and Talarico.

Tomas Torres
Individual

$925,740
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Overview | Contributions | Also Known As

Overview

This page displays the cumulative amount given by this contributor to these individuals or organizations.

Total Contributions	Candidate	Committee
$443,895.00		ActBlue Texas
$59,000.00	Beto O'Rourke	Beto for Texas
$49,000.00		Cambio Texas PAC
$35,500.00	Kristian Carranza	Carranza, Kristian
$33,150.00		House Democratic Campaign Committee
$32,000.00	Rochelle Garza	Garza, Rochelle Mercedes
$25,000.00	Ann Johnson	Johnson, Ann (The Honorable)
$20,000.00	Desiree Venable	Venable, Desiree M.
$20,000.00	Mihaela Plesa	Plesa, Mihaela E. (The Honorable)
$15,900.00		Annie's List
$15,000.00	Averie Bishop	Bishop, Averie Danielle (Ms.)

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$11,350.00		Powered by People
$11,250.00		Texas Organizing Project Political Action Committee
$10,000.00	Dawn Richardson	Williams-Richardson, Dawn T. (Mrs.)
$10,000.00	Elizabeth Ginsberg	Ginsberg, Elizabeth R. (Mrs.)
$10,000.00	Jonathan Gracia	Gracia, Jonathan Dwayne (Mr.)
$10,000.00	Laurel Jordan Swift	Swift, Laurel Jordan (Mrs.)
$10,000.00	Molly Cook	Cook, Molly C. (Ms.)
$10,000.00	Taylor Rehmet	Rehmet, Taylor (Mr.)
$7,166.67	Ann Johnson	Johnson, Ann (Ms.)
$6,000.00	James Talarico	Talarico, James (The Honorable)
$5,000.00		Find Out PAC
$5,000.00	Becca DeFelice	Moyer DeFelice, Rebecca (Mrs.)
$5,000.00	Cecilia Castellano	Castellano, Cecilia (Mrs.)
$5,000.00	Gene Wu	Wu, Eugene Y. (The Honorable)

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TORRES, TOMAS	TALARICO FOR TEXAS	TX	NOT EMPLOYED	10/23/2025	-$1,500.00

Federal Election Commission, Tomas Torres select individual contributions

Tomas Torres

Donor

- Industry: **CPA's/Accountants/Bookkeepers**
- Employer: **Accountemps**
- Location: **Houston, TX**

2025 | All Candidates and Committees

Contribution(s) Totaling $131,500



Amount	Committee
$25,000	Virginia Future Generations PAC
$14,000	Spanberger for Governor - Abigail
$8,500	Carroll for Delegate - Stacey
$7,500	Downey for Delegate - Mark
$7,500	Franklin for Delegate - Lily
$7,500	Guzman for Delegate - Elizabeth
$5,000	Adams for Delegate - Kimberly
$5,000	Anderson for Delegate - Jessica
$5,000	Carnegie for Delegate - Karen
$5,000	Cole for Delegate - Nicole
$5,000	Dougherty for Delegate - Lindsey
$5,000	Hashmi for Lt Governor - Ghazala

Virginia Public Access Project

BREAKING: CAIR Congratulates 'History Making' Va. Lt. Gov. Winner Ghazala Hashmi, First Muslim Woman Elected to Statewide Office in America



November 4, 2025 8:37 pm

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization CAIR, today congratulated Virginia state senator Ghazala Hashmi on her "historic" election as Virginia's Lieutenant Governor, which makes her the first Muslim woman ever elected to statewide office in the United States.

https://www.cair.com/press_releases/breaking-cair-congratulates-history-making-va-lt-gov-winner-ghazala-hashmi-first-muslim-woman-elected-to-statewide-office-in-america/

Castellano's 2024 campaign paid tens of thousands of dollars to Emilio Pena for voter contact. As the head of the Bexar County Tejano Democrats in 2026, Pena's group backed Maureen Galindo in her primary for congress specifically because her opponent did *not* call for the elimination of ICE.



*Facebook, **01/16/2024***

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100974877	Pena ,Emilio	1,985.00	Voter Contact	10-05-2024	San Antonio	TX
Total		**24,501.00**				

Table Sourced from Texas Ethics Commission

Growing backlash over Galindo comments clouds final stretch of key TX-35 Democratic runoff

Texas Public Radio | By David Martin Davies
Published May 24, 2026 at 5:27 PM CDT

A Democratic primary runoff in South Central Texas has become one of the most volatile congressional contests in the state, after comments by candidate Maureen Galindo drew condemnation from local Jewish leaders and national Democrats.

Galindo, a housing activist and sex therapist, finished first in the March primary for Texas' 35th Congressional District with 29.2% (15,931 votes) She is facing Bexar

County sheriff's deputy Johnny Garcia, who received 27.0% (14,743 votes), in the Tuesday, May 26, runoff for the Democratic nomination.

On the final day of early voting, supporters with the Tejano Democrats set up a red canopy outside the San Antonio Mission Branch Library to campaign for Galindo.

Emilio Peña, a member of the group, said the local chapter endorsed Galindo after members voted to support her over Garcia. Peña said one reason was Garcia's position on Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

"Garcia supports ICE 100 percent," Peña said.

But the race has been overtaken by controversy over Galindo's statements about Israel, Zionism and Jewish influence in politics. Democratic leaders in Texas and Washington have condemned the remarks as antisemitic, while Galindo has denied that characterization.

In an interview earlier this month on Texas Public Radio's The Source, Galindo claimed that "Israeli Zionists" were influencing local and South Texas politics. She also said that ICE trains with the Israel Defense Forces.

"This is an Israeli occupation of America," Galindo said during the interview. "That sounds crazy to say on TPR, but that's not crazy for so many people who are just kind of sick of hearing the mainstream media not cover this kind of stuff."

Jon Taylor, a political science professor at UT San Antonio, said Galindo's comments resemble extremist rhetoric.

"She sounds like Fuentes, Nick Fuentes on the far right," Taylor said, referring to the white nationalist commentator.

Taylor said Galindo's comments may resonate with some voters — particularly younger voters angry about the actions of the Israeli government and U.S. support for Israel. But he said her remarks go beyond criticism of Israeli policy.

"If it looks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it sure seems to be a duck," Taylor said. "She would claim it's not, but it sure presses the edge of the envelope in terms of antisemitism."

Galindo has said she is not antisemitic.

"In fact, my last serious relationship was with a Jewish man," Galindo said. "I am against Zionist Jews."

Zionism is the movement supporting a Jewish homeland in what is now the state of Israel.

In a social media post from earlier this month on her campaign's Instagram account, Galindo said she would turn the Karnes ICE detention facility into a "prison for American Zionists."

Galindo is also receiving support from Lead Left PAC, a recently formed political action committee.

The PAC's ads present Galindo as a progressive alternative who will fight against ICE and President Trump.

Texas Public Radio, ***05/24/2026***

In 2024, Castellano said she would close the border, but let people in through visas and those people would be citizens after 6 months. "There is a pathway for the immigrants, and just like anything, you know, you, you can have a group of churches, and you have one bad apple pastor, or two, or three, right, what's the same thing with the migrants."



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMTWz0kUiU0; video archived here

- Castellano (segment begins 23:57):

  I will say that I would close the border, but I would let the people in through a visa. Okay, I would put more hands on deck workers, and they would have, okay, just the way we're registering them and making sure that they come to San Antonio to that place off of San Pedro, and so they could get their, their, their plane ticket to

leave, or whatever, or the bus ticket, that's the same way. You get your visa for six months, you're here, you're working, you got to report you gotta file your taxes. Now you are, you're…

Host: American citizens

Castellano: American citizen, but you're also giving back to the community, right? And I want to say, is that we will.. I would also say that you know what, let's put, let's, let's send these people, and we'll also work with the businesses wherever they go.

so there is a pathway for the immigrants, and just like anything, you know, you, you can have a group of churches, and you have one bad apple pastor, or two, or three, right, well it's the same thing with with the migrants, okay.

Me, they're coming here because they want to have a good life. They're, they're, they're bringing their children, my gosh, on their back, right? You know, Mama's carrying the babies, but there's gonna be a few bad apples. That doesn't mean that all immigrants are bad.

In 2024 Castellano said, "we all know that the border issue is a federal issue. However, the federal government needs to learn to work with the state and local government to provide solutions, so we can work inclusively to provide solutions." In 2026, Castellano claimed ICE was "persecuting" families "for no reason."

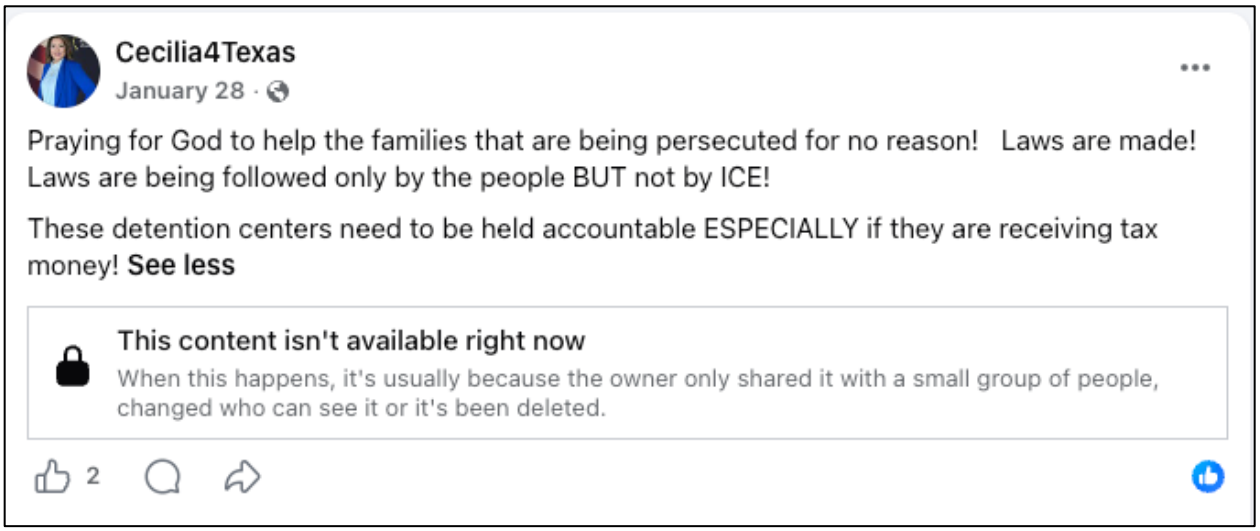


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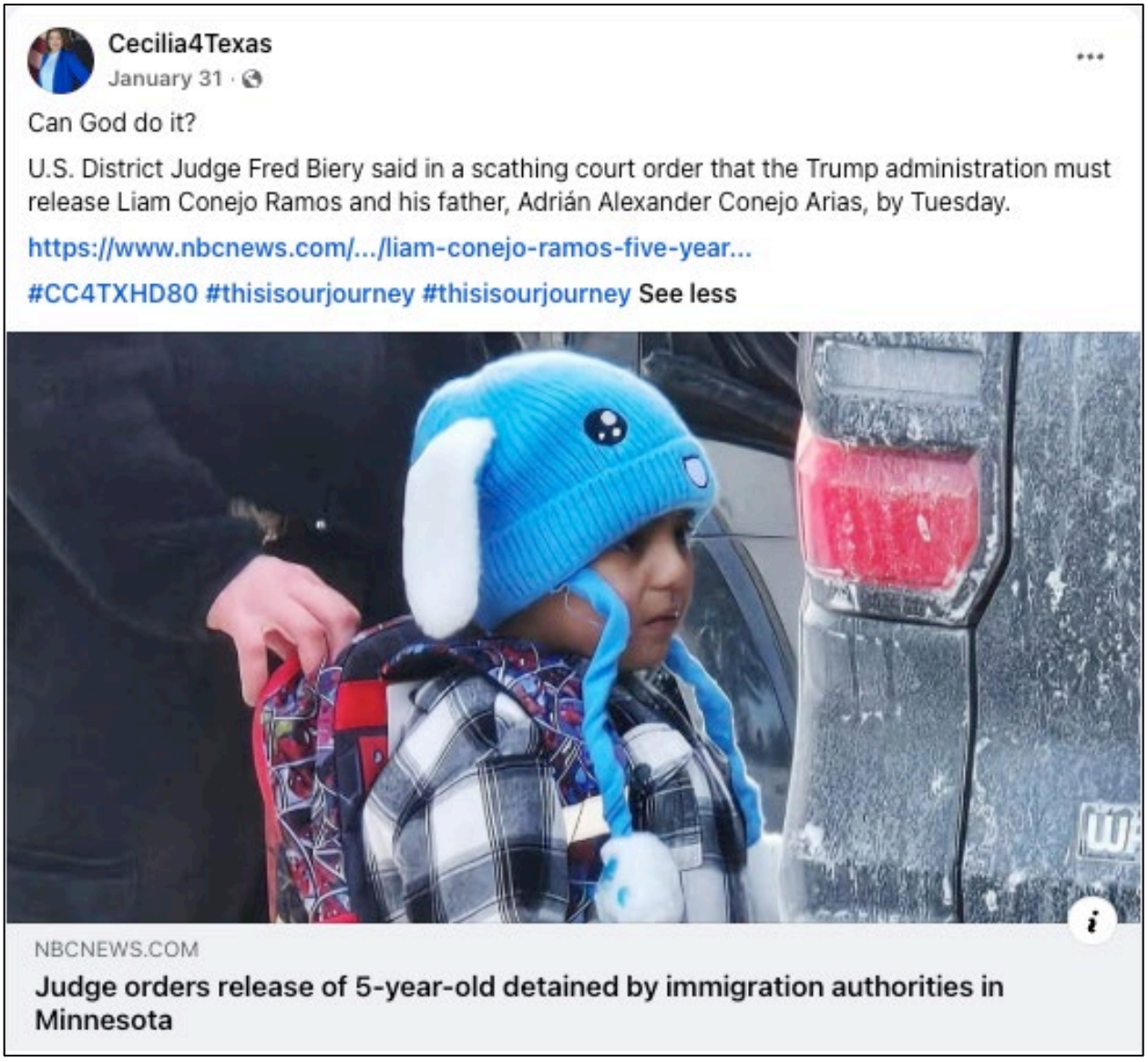
- Castellano (segment begins 22:14):

  Think about this immigrant immigration thing that's going on right now, because you know all the people from the capital came down over the week and said what they had to say, so what are your, what is your fix on this? Well, I think everyone is is wanting their photo ops, right? Right, and I was checking that out and making

sure that they're seen at the border, right? Yes, yeah, man, where are the solutions? None whatsoever, nothing but chatter, right. Well, we all know that the border issues is a federal issue. However, the federal government needs to learn to work with the state and local government to provide solutions, so we can work inclusively to provide solutions.



*Facebook, **01/28/2026***



*Facebook, **01/31/2026***



*Facebook, **01/29/2026***

Castellano is weak on border security and blamed Republicans in 2024 since they are holding office."

- At a candidate forum, Castellano said when answering the question "If elected, what steps would you purse to solve the problem (illegal immigration crisis at the border)?":

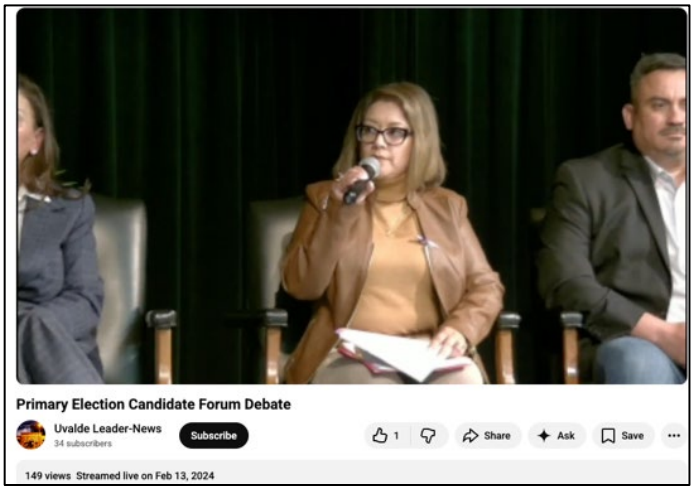
> "Well, first and foremost, US taxpayers deserve a real solution. It's time for solution and stop talking about it. Second of all, the borders have it's been an issue for a very long time. It's now just being, I guess, in the spotlight. But let's really look back at the fact that who is holding office right now, it's our Republicans that are holding office right now. And so I believe that immigration is not a Republican or a Democrat issue. All the issues and questions that have been asked this evening, are bipartisan issue, it's time for us to come up with a real solution and stop talking about it.

*Uvalde Leader News, "**Primary Election Candidate Forum**", live streamed 2/13/2024, timestamp 00:35:21; video archived **here***

In 2024, Castellano said she wanted to "stop talking about it" and come up with a solution for illegal immigration crisis, and at the same time wants to end Operation Lone Star, which is Texas's attempt at confronting the crisis while getting no help from the Biden Administration. She wants to take funding from Operation Lone Star and give it to schools.

- When asked about the crisis at the southern border, Castellano blamed it on Republicans and said the money being spent on Operation Lone Star should be cut off and redirected to schools:

> "Well, first and foremost, US taxpayers deserve a real solution. It's time for solution and stop talking about it. Second of all, the borders have it's been an issue for a very long time. It's now just being, I guess, in the spotlight. But let's really look back at the fact that who is holding office right now, it's our Republicans that are holding office right now. And so I believe that immigration is not a Republican or a Democrat issue. All the issues and questions that have been asked this evening, are bipartisan issue, it's time for us to come up with a real solution and stop talking about it. So this Operation Lonestar let's take it back to our schools, the dollars that are being paid by our Governor Greg, Greg Abbott, should be directed to our schools. Okay, and I understand the question, but we need to invest in our children. And we need to have a proper way of access into the United States.... So let's work together. This is a bipartisan issue. And let's bring a real solution to the table."



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- In 2024, Castellano wanted to take the money used in Operation Lone Star and redirect it to youth sports.



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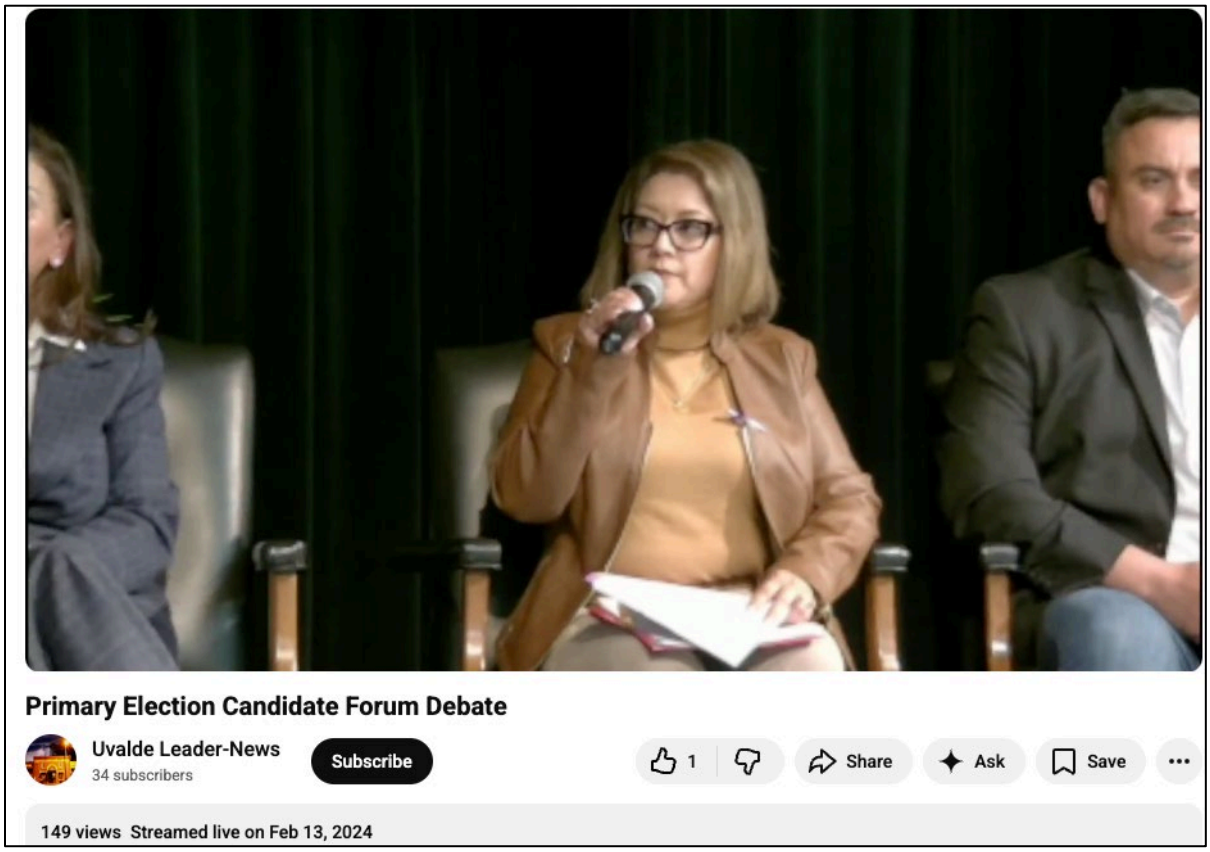
- Castellano (segment begins 25:59):

> our great state of Texas has a lot of money for this immigration issue, as we know Operation Lone Star, that your great governor, you know, initiated. Okay, but you know the governor has put this operation, Lone Star, and has spent million of dollars, or I know I'm sorry, with a B, billion of dollars a year, and if I'm not mistaken, one arrest cost multi million dollars for one arrest when we can put that multi million dollars into our public schools for special education, for sports to keep our youth active, to keep them engaged, you know, for after school care, for for those moms, single family homes, also for to for our to increase the teacher pay, to increase the pay for our bus drivers, our cafeteria workers, everyone is struggling, just like you said, and there's a way, but no one. All the politicians are talking, and there's no solution being given.

In 2024, Castellano said she thinks a "real solution" to the illegal immigration crisis is amnesty. She doesn't want to deport illegals but rather put them to work. She thinks there isn't a "proper way of access into the United States," so we should reward illegal immigrants with work.

- Castellano conclude her answer on immigration by stating:

> "And we need to have a proper way of access into the United States. I've talked to many farmers and ranchers that say, 'you know what, we need the help here.' So there should be a proper way of these immigrants coming through where we can track them, and we can put them to work. Not all immigrants are coming in to do harm, just like everyone, there are bad people in every crowd, and there are good people in every crowd. So let's work together. This is a bipartisan issue. And let's bring a real solution to the table."



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Castellano: "I know fentanyl is a drug, but there's a lot of drug issues."



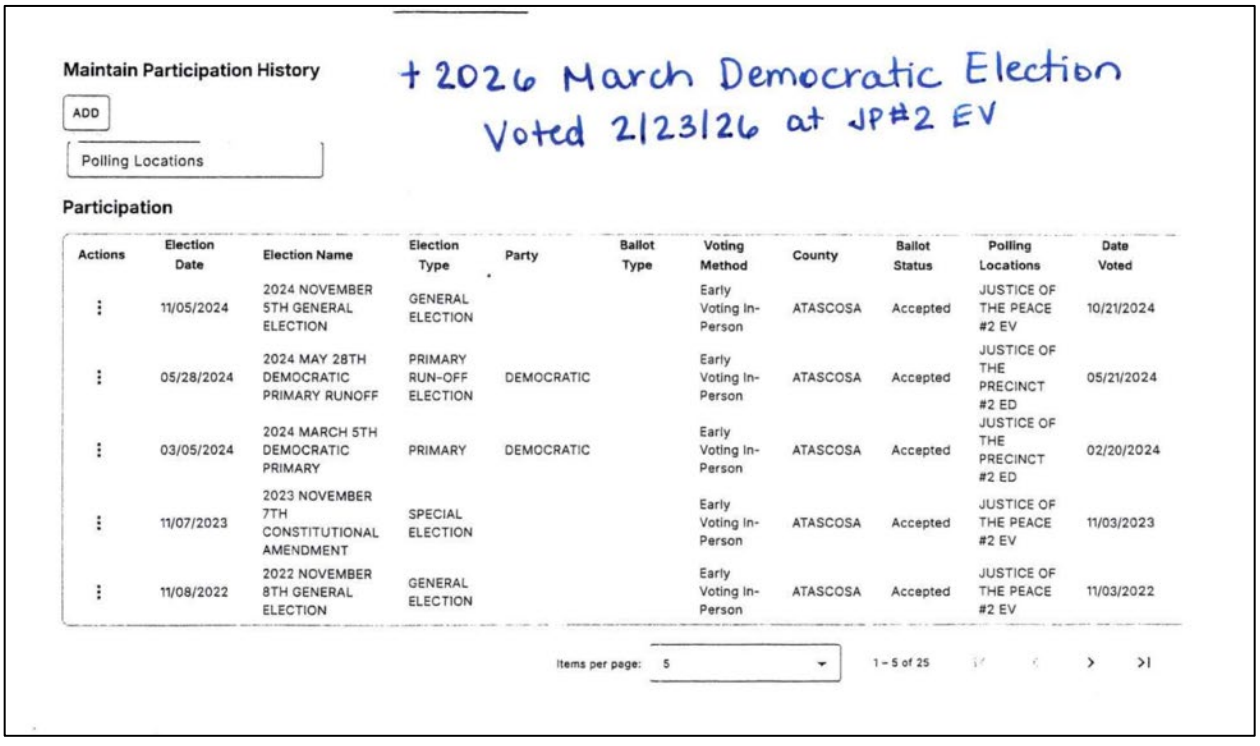
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- Castellano (segment begins 22:57):

> And so, what I would say, because some of the counties that I would be representing, if elected, is are their border towns, and I have gone there to see the area, and see, you know, what it looks like. Course, I can see many people crossing, but I have heard that there's a lot of fentanyl issues along in those towns, the drug issues. I know fentanyl is a drug, but there's a lot of drug issues, a lot of our youth that are getting involved with that, and, and so what I have to say is that we need to work with our churches, we need to work with our nonprofits, because there's there's no help out there. There's no nurses that can do quick exams on children that are getting raped. There's no doctors and nurses or counselors that will work with people like that. And so I will say that I would close the border, but I would let the people in through a visa.

Castellano cares about the issues facing Texas, just not enough to vote in the 2025 Constitutional Amendments election during which voters approved property tax cuts for homeowners and businesses; funding for water, higher education, and dementia research; tax credit/exemptions for veteran families, border security, animal feed and victims of house fires; as well as constitutional protections against capital gains and death taxes. *Amazingly, on her campaign website, which has yet to be updated in 2026, Castellano "asks voters to approve this legislation in the upcoming November Constitutional Election."*

- Castellano shows no electoral participation in 2025. The below Individual Voter Record was provided on 03/30/2026 and the handwritten annotation is from Atascosa County.



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Participation

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*Atascosa County, VUID # 1019892430, **Voter Record***

3/30/2026 **INDIVIDUAL VOTE REPORT** **Generated By: KARAK99**

Voter Current Information

VUID:	1019892430
NAME:	CECILIA ALICIA CASTELLANO
GENDER:	FEMALE
RESIDENCE ADDRESS:	430 SAVANNAH HEIGHTS VON ORMY TX 78073
EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION DATE:	11/2/2003
Voter Status:	FEMALE

Voter Participation History

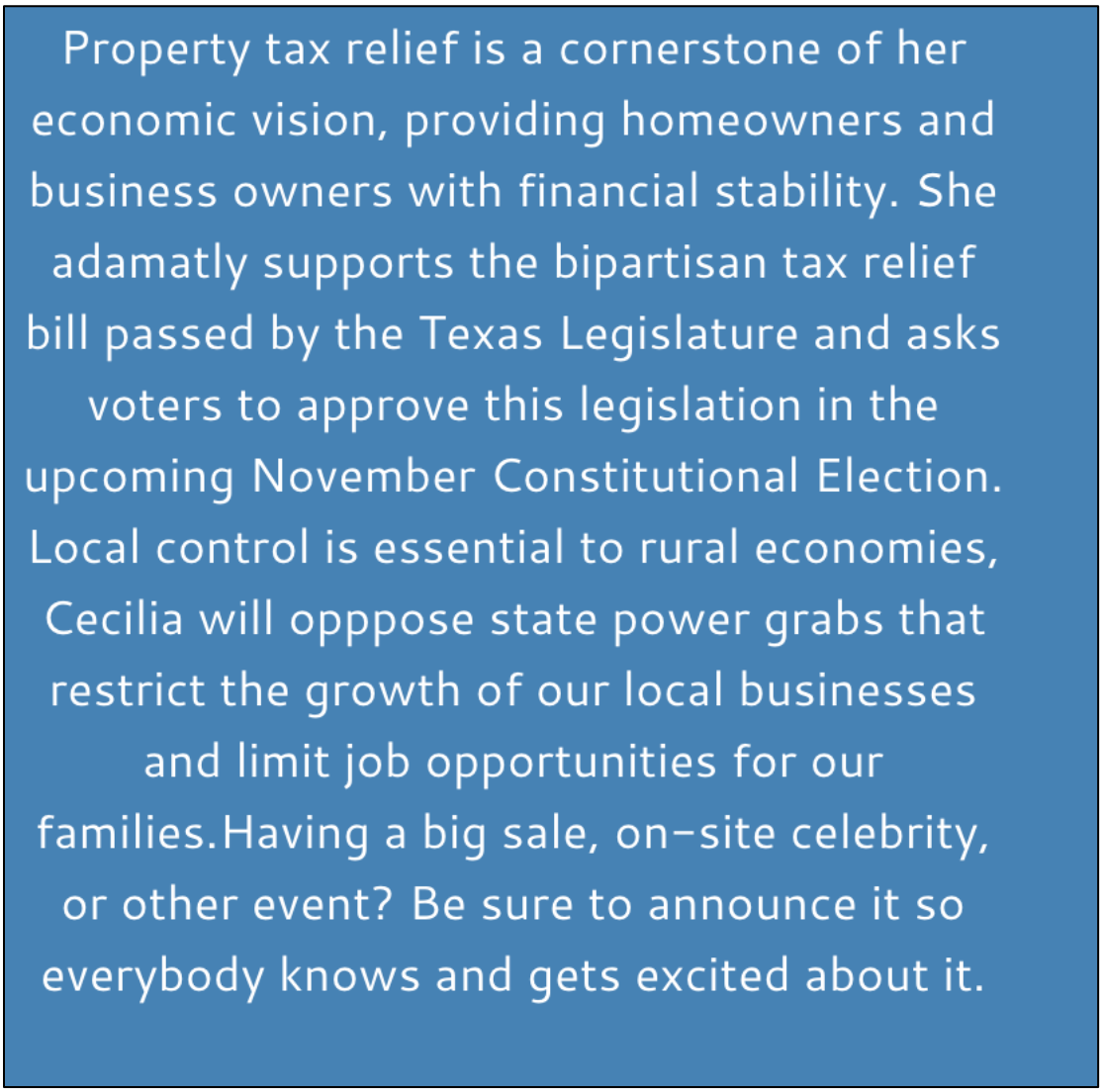
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9/18/2018	2018 SEPTEMBER 18TH SD 19 SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION	SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION		ATASCOSA	Accepted

*Texas Secretary of State, **Individual Voter Record***

- There were **17 constitutional amendment propositions** in 2025; all **passed**, albeit by different percentages. Voters approved property tax cuts for homeowners and businesses; funding for water, higher education, and dementia research; tax credit/exemptions for veteran families, border security, animal feed and victims of house fires; as well as constitutional protections against capital gains and death taxes.

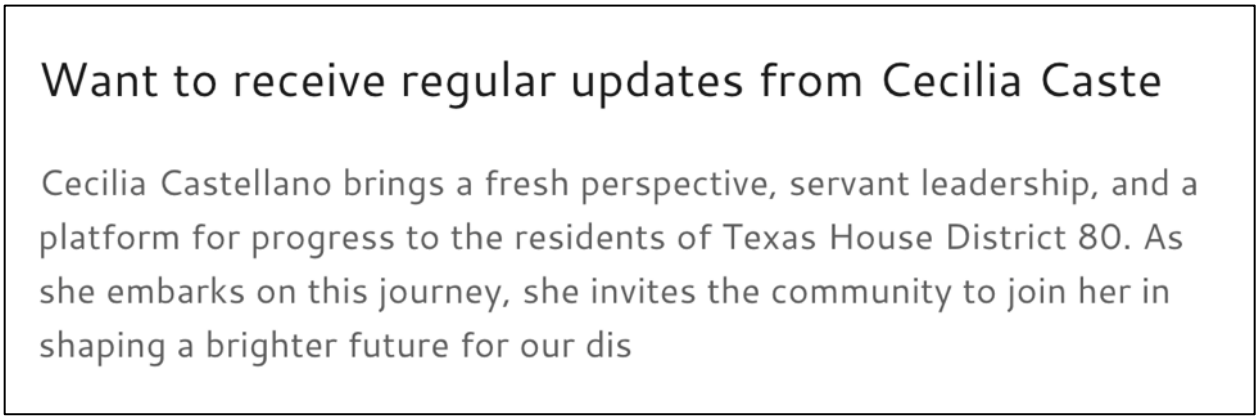
***Not sending their best*. Castellano has not updated the writing on her website in 2026 from first rebranding in 2025. The website also contains random phrasing that is clearly placeholder text that wasn't deleted.**

- In May 2026, Castellano asks voters to vote for the property tax legislation in the "upcoming November Constitutional Election" which was of course in November 2025. She then adds "Having a big sale, on-site celebrity, or other event? Be sure to announce it so everybody knows and gets excited about it."



https://cecilia4texas.com/

- Another mistake can be found at the bottom of the page where Castellano doesn't include the second half of her last name and the second half of the word "district."



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In 2014, when Castellano ran for Somerset ISD Trustee, her opponent and others claimed she was bitter over her firm losing a contract with the ISD.

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In District 7, trustee Don Green, 41, a medical equipment sales manager, is challenged by Cecilia Castellano, 36, who owns a construction company, Azteca Designs Inc.

Three challengers are targeting District 3 trustee Iris Ledezma, 51, a medical assistant with WellMed Medical Group. They are: Skylar Alcoser Caddell, 26, a secretary for 5-Star Hauling; Elizabeth Hood Hansen, 38, a construction loss control consultant; and Dora M. Nguyen, 40, a Texas Department of Family and Protective Services investigator.

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*San Antonio Express-News "**VOTE 2014; Gloves off in trustee races at Somerset ; 3 school district seats to be decided - Correction Appended**" 10/26/2014*

Full of it? **During her 2014 ISD campaign, Castellano told the public that she filed a lawsuit against Somerset to demand that her opponent (the incumbent) issue a public apology for suggesting Castellano is motivated to run as a "disgruntled former vendor." However, "Bexar County records…showed no such lawsuit filing."**

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- To this day there are no records of Castellano filing suit against Somerset or Green in **Bexar County**.

Despite being vehemently opposed to school choice, Castellano sent her own son to a charter school because she "wasn't happy with how he was treated" by the ISD.

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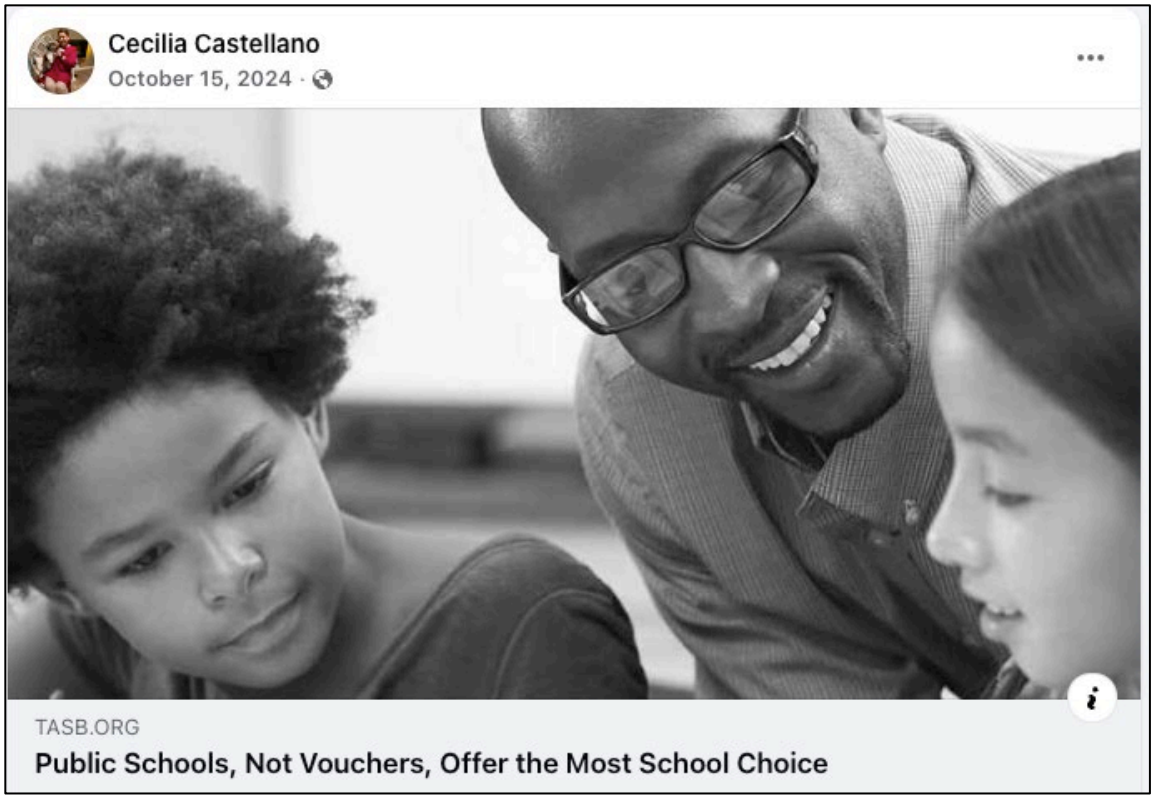
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*Facebook, **10/15/2024***

Is Castellano operating and profiting from an entity that has had its right to transact business in Texas revoked for several years? **Castellano is the owner and registered agent for Castellano Enterprises LLC. She has listed the entity on both of her Personal Financial Statements. The entity had its franchise tax status involuntarily ended in 2022. Although Castellano filed a public information report for 2025, the Comptroller still shows its tax status as forfeited as of June 18, 2026.**

- In her Personal Financial Statement submitted in 2024, Castellano discloses Castellano Enterprises LLC in Part 7B "Interest in Business Entities."

INTEREST IN BUSINESS ENTITIES — PART 7B

If the requested information is not applicable, indicate that on Page 2 of the Cover Sheet, **and DO NOT include this page in the report.**

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When reporting information about a dependent child's activity, indicate the child about whom you are reporting by providing the number under which the child is listed on the Cover Sheet.

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3 DESCRIPTION	NAME AND ADDRESS ☐ (Check if Filer's Home Address) AZTECA Designs & Construction 20956 Somerset Road Somerset, TX 78069	
4 IF SOLD ☐ NET GAIN ☐ NET LOSS		
HELD OR ACQUIRED BY	☒ FILER ☐ SPOUSE ☐ DEPENDENT CHILD _____	
DESCRIPTION	NAME AND ADDRESS ☐ (Check if Filer's Home Address) Castellano Enterprises LLC 20956 Somerset Road Somerset, TX 78069	
IF SOLD ☐ NET GAIN ☐ NET LOSS		

*Texas Ethics Commission, Personal Financial Statement **2024**, filed 02/12/2024*

- In her Personal Financial Statement submitted in 2026, she discloses the entity in Part 7B, but also discloses Castellano Enterprises as having ownership interest in properties.

INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY

PART 7A

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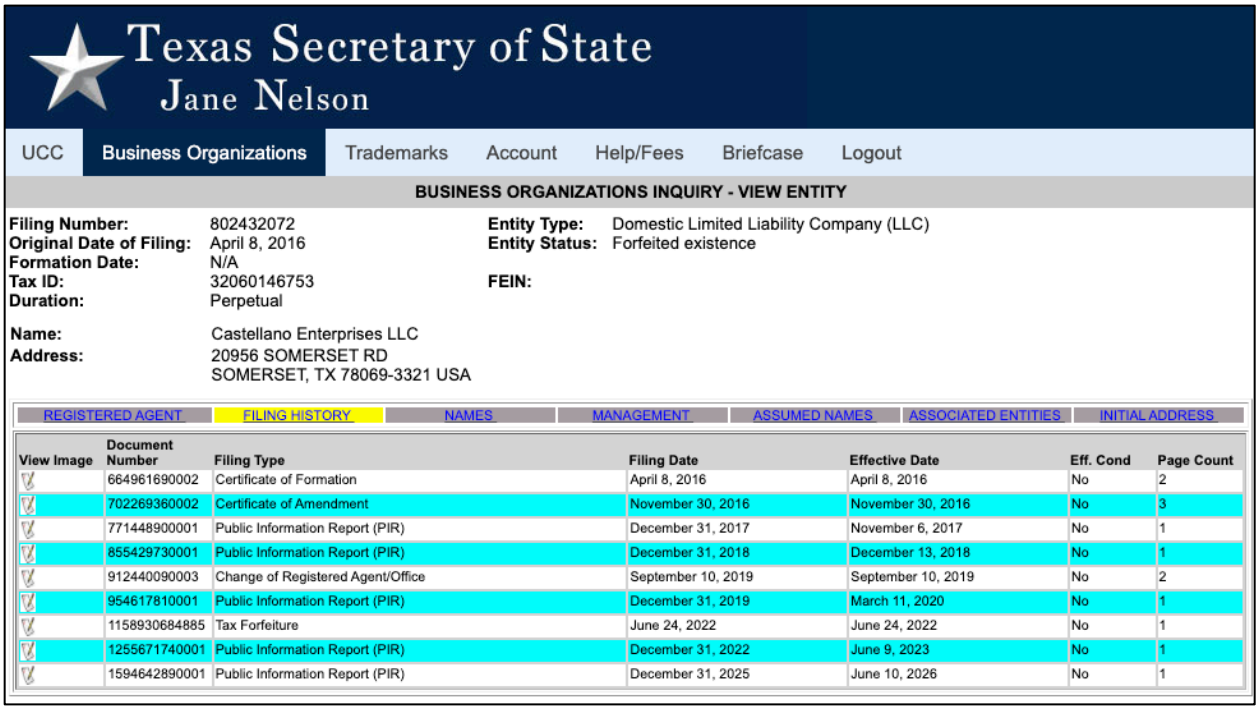
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4 DESCRIPTION ☐ LOTS ☒ ACRES	NUMBER OF LOTS OR ACRES AND NAME OF COUNTY WHERE LOCATED 2.00000 acres Bexar	
5 NAMES OF PERSONS RETAINING AN INTEREST ☐ NOT APPLICABLE (SEVERED MINERAL INTEREST)	Castellano Enterprises	
6 IF SOLD ☐ NET GAIN ☐ NET LOSS		

*Texas Ethics Commission, Personal Financial Statement **2026**, filed 02/13/2026*

- Castellano and her husband formed Castellano Enterprises LLC in 2016. There was a tax forfeiture in 2022 that has not been rectified as of June 18, 2026.



Texas Secretary of State
Jane Nelson

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BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS INQUIRY - VIEW ENTITY

Filing Number:	802432072	**Entity Type:**	Domestic Limited Liability Company (LLC)
Original Date of Filing:	April 8, 2016	**Entity Status:**	Forfeited existence
Formation Date:	N/A		
Tax ID:	32060146753	**FEIN:**	
Duration:	Perpetual		

Name: Castellano Enterprises LLC
Address: 20956 SOMERSET RD
SOMERSET, TX 78069-3321 USA

REGISTERED AGENT | FILING HISTORY | NAMES | MANAGEMENT | ASSUMED NAMES | ASSOCIATED ENTITIES | INITIAL ADDRESS

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Texas Secretary of State *BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS INQUIRY*

Corporations Section
P.O.Box 13697
Austin, Texas 78711-3697

John B. Scott
Secretary of State

Forfeiture pursuant to Section 171.309 of the Texas Tax Code of Castellano Enterprises LLC

File Number : 802432072

Certificate / Charter forfeited : June 24, 2022

The Secretary of State finds that:

1. The Secretary has received certification from the Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 171.302 of the Texas Tax Code indicating that there are grounds for the forfeiture of the taxable entity's charter, certificate or registration; and
2. The Comptroller of Public Accounts has determined that the taxable entity has not revived its forfeited privileges within 120 days after the date that the privileges were forfeited.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 171.309 of the Texas Tax Code, the Secretary of State hereby forfeits the charter, certificate or registration of the taxable entity as of the date noted above and records this notice of forfeiture in the permanent files and records of the entity.

*Texas Secretary of State, **Tax Forfeiture for 802432072***

05-102 (Rev.2-24/35)

Texas Franchise Tax Public Information Report

To be filed by Corporations, Limited Liability Companies (LLC), Limited Partnerships (LP), Professional Associations (PA) and Financial Institutions.

■ Tcode 13196 Franchise

■ Taxpayer number	■ Report year	Due date
32060146753	2025	5/15/2025

You have certain rights under Chapter 552 and 559, Government Code, to review, request and correct information we have on file about you.

Taxpayer name: CASTELLANO ENTERPRISES LLC — ■ ◯ Blacken circle if the mailing address has changed.

Mailing address: 20956 SOMERSET RD

City: SOMERSET | State: TX | ZIP code plus 4: 78069

Secretary of State (SOS) file number or Comptroller file number: 0802432072

◯ Blacken circle if there are currently no changes from previous year; if no information is displayed, complete the applicable information in Sections A, B and C.

Principal office

Principal place of business

You must report officer, director, member, general partner and manager information as of the date you complete this report.

Mail signed report to:
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
P.O. Box 149348
Austin, Tx 78714-9348

Please sign below! **This report must be signed to satisfy franchise tax requirements.**

For locations and phone numbers visit www.comptroller.texas.gov/about/contact.

SECTION A Name, title and mailing address of each officer, director, member, general partner or manager.

Name	Title	Director	Term expiration (m m d d y y)
CECILIA CASTELLANO	MANAGER	◯ YES	
Mailing address: 20956 SOMERSET RD	City: SOMERSET	State: TX	ZIP Code: 78069
Name	Title	Director	Term expiration (m m d d y y)
		◯ YES	
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Name of owned (parent) corporation, LLC, LP, PA or financial institution	State of formation	Texas SOS file number, if any	Percentage of ownership

Registered agent and registered office currently on file *(see instructions if you need to make changes)*

Agent: CECILIA CASTELLANO

You must make a filing with the Secretary of State to change registered agent, registered office or general partner information.

Office: 20956 SOMERSET RD | City: SOMERSET | State: TX | ZIP Code: 78069

The information on this form is required by Section 171.203 of the Tax Code for each corporation, LLC, LP, PA or financial institution that files a Texas Franchise Tax Report. Use additional sheets for Sections A, B and C, if necessary. The information will be available for public inspection.

I declare that the information in this document and any attachments is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, as of the date below, and that a copy of this report has been mailed to each person named in this report who is an officer, director, member, general partner or manager and who is not currently employed by this or a related corporation, LLC, LP, PA or financial institution.

sign here	Title	Date	Area code and phone number
	MANAGER	2/27/26	(210) 375 - 1900

Texas Secretary of State, Public Information Report for Castellano Enterprises LLC

FRANCHISE TAX ACCOUNT STATUS

This summary page is designed to satisfy standard business needs. If you need to reinstate or terminate a business with the Texas Secretary of State, you must obtain a certificate specific to that purpose.

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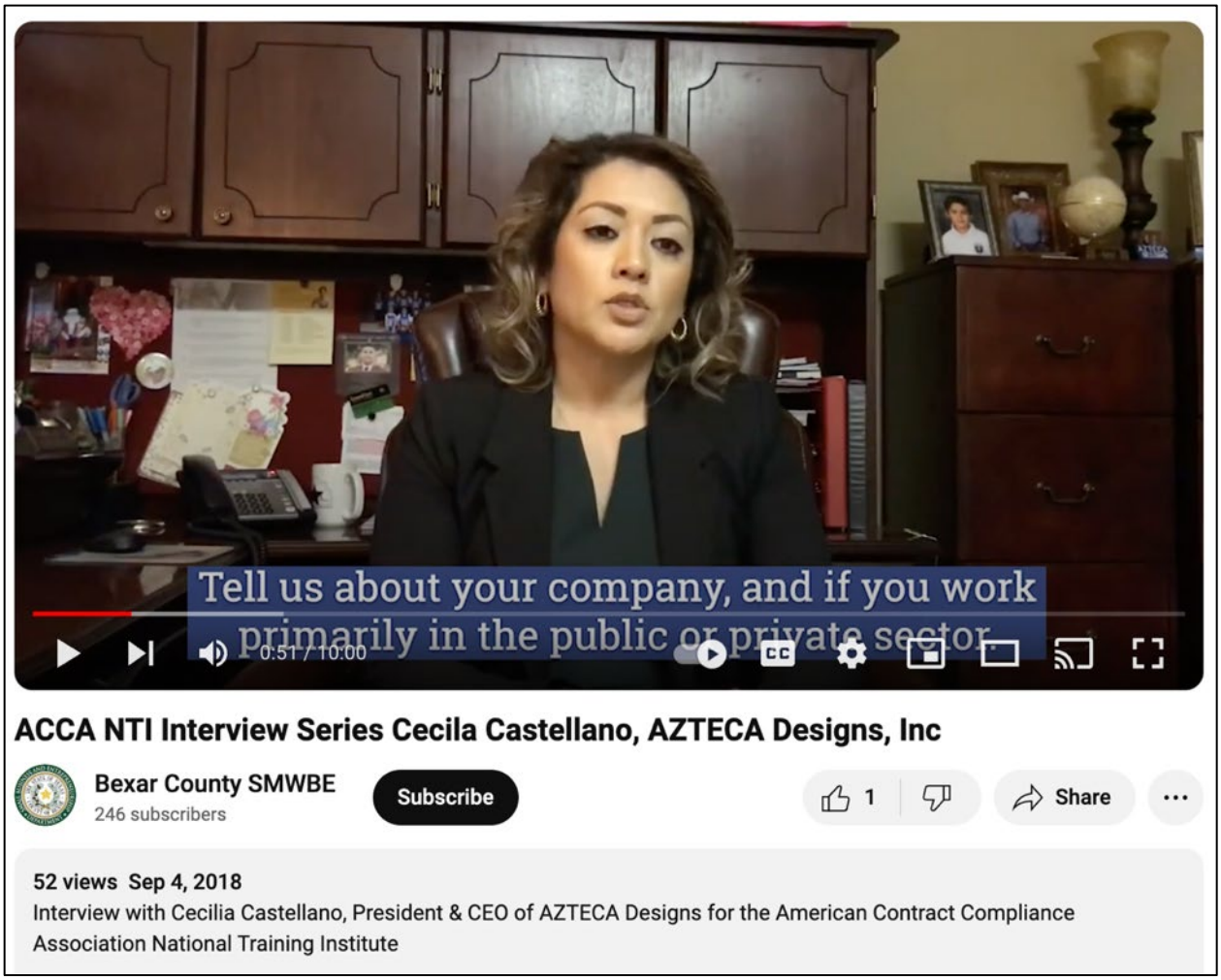
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Right to Transact Business in Texas:	FRANCHISE TAX INVOLUNTARILY ENDED Request tax clearance to reinstate entity
State of Formation:	TX
SOS Registration Status (SOS status updated each business day):	INACTIVE
Effective SOS Registration Date:	04/08/2016
Texas SOS File Number:	0802432072
Registered Agent Name:	CECILIA CASTELLANO
Registered Office Street Address:	20956 SOMERSET RD. SOMERSET, TX 78069

Texas Comptroller – Franchise Tax Account Status

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*Bexar County SMWBE, "**ACCA NTI Interview Series Cecila Castellano, AZTECA Designs, Inc**", 09/04/2018; video archived **here***

"Azteca is registered as a minority woman own contractor. We have been in business for 12 and a half years. And since the day of inception, we registered as a minority woman owned business not only on the local and state side but also on the federal side. We're registered as a through South Texas regional certification agency, the North Central Regional certification agency, and through the state of Texas as a HUB, as well as an 8(a), WOSB, as well as through the Houston ISD. And also through Houston Metro, Azteca Designs focuses on government work

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…"Well, as a president and CEO of Azteca Designs, I have found that being a woman in construction takes a lot of hard work, and also missing a lot of family time. And so when I decided to only focus on servicing the government, I knew from the get go that it would take more than eight hours working in a day, when I found out about the different types of cooperative contracts and how it would leverage our company, I decided to go after the different cooperative contracts, it did take a lot of work and a lot of effort. A lot of the times still 12 and a half years in business, I normally submit these contracts, during after hours, I after everyone leaves at five o'clock, I take time, I go through every single part, from obtaining pricing from our manufacturers, from writing the technical aspect, and also from gathering all of our different resumes that these different cooperative contracts require."

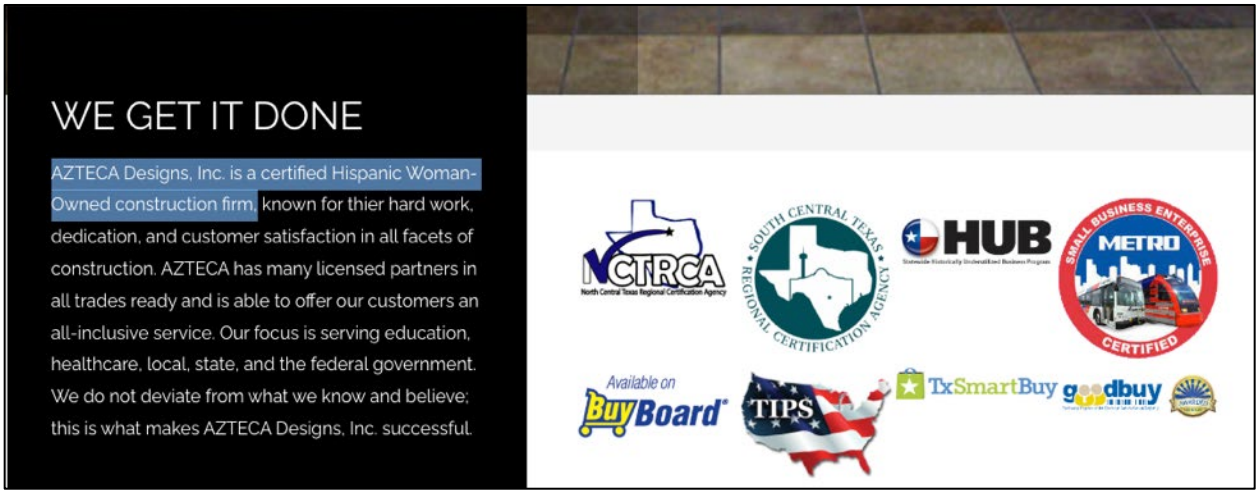
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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMTWz0kUiU0; video archived here

- Castellano (segment begins 7:47):

  I have been involved with the Fair Contracting Coalition with mr. Tommy Calvert, and he's the chair of the FCC, and we - I've seen a lot of businesses come through the Fair Contracting Coalition, and there's so many struggles, so many, so much discrimination, so much inequities across the board. You know, if you're having a color skin, you know, you're not gonna, you're gonna have the adversities, you're not gonna have the fair opportunities as the others. And I wanted to have a seat at the table, you know, and I, not only me, but my people, and now I'm not just talking about Hispanics, I'm talking about all minorities. It's all about helping all minorities and making sure that everyone has a seat at the table and has an opportunity at bidding those multi million dollar contracts, and, and also cutting the red tape, and so doing that for about I want to say maybe six years.



https://www.aztecadesigns.com/

Castellano: "Being a woman in construction has been very challenging." *Castellano's businesses is built on being a "certified Hispanic woman-owned construction firm" and the special contracting opportunities that status affords her.*



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- Castellano (segment begins 7:14):

  What give me the thing that you've seen that could be better in Texas to us. Well, as a small business owner, being a woman in construction has been very challenging, and I face I have faced several obstacles from being able to figure out how, where to work in certain parts of Texas, because if we work, we go a certain part, you know, we ain't welcome, and we're called names, so we decide, okay, we're not going to bid those jobs, right?

Ever the victim, Castellano complains about being a woman in a male dominated industry and that she was "told she wouldn't make it," but has built her construction business off her status as a female minority. As a certified Hispanic Woman-Owned construction firm that bills itself as "your agency's one stop contractor for minor construction and maintenance projects" Castellano profited from discriminatory DEI policies. In December 2025, Texas ended the state contract program for women and minority-owned businesses under a new comptroller rule.

- Castellano plays to the narrative that the odds were stacked against her because she's a woman and a minority (segment begins 02:40).

  "I'm not a career politician. I'm also a small business owner. I'm actually a woman in construction…in a male-dominated industry. I was told I wouldn't make it. And yet, here, 18 years later, I'm a successful business woman."

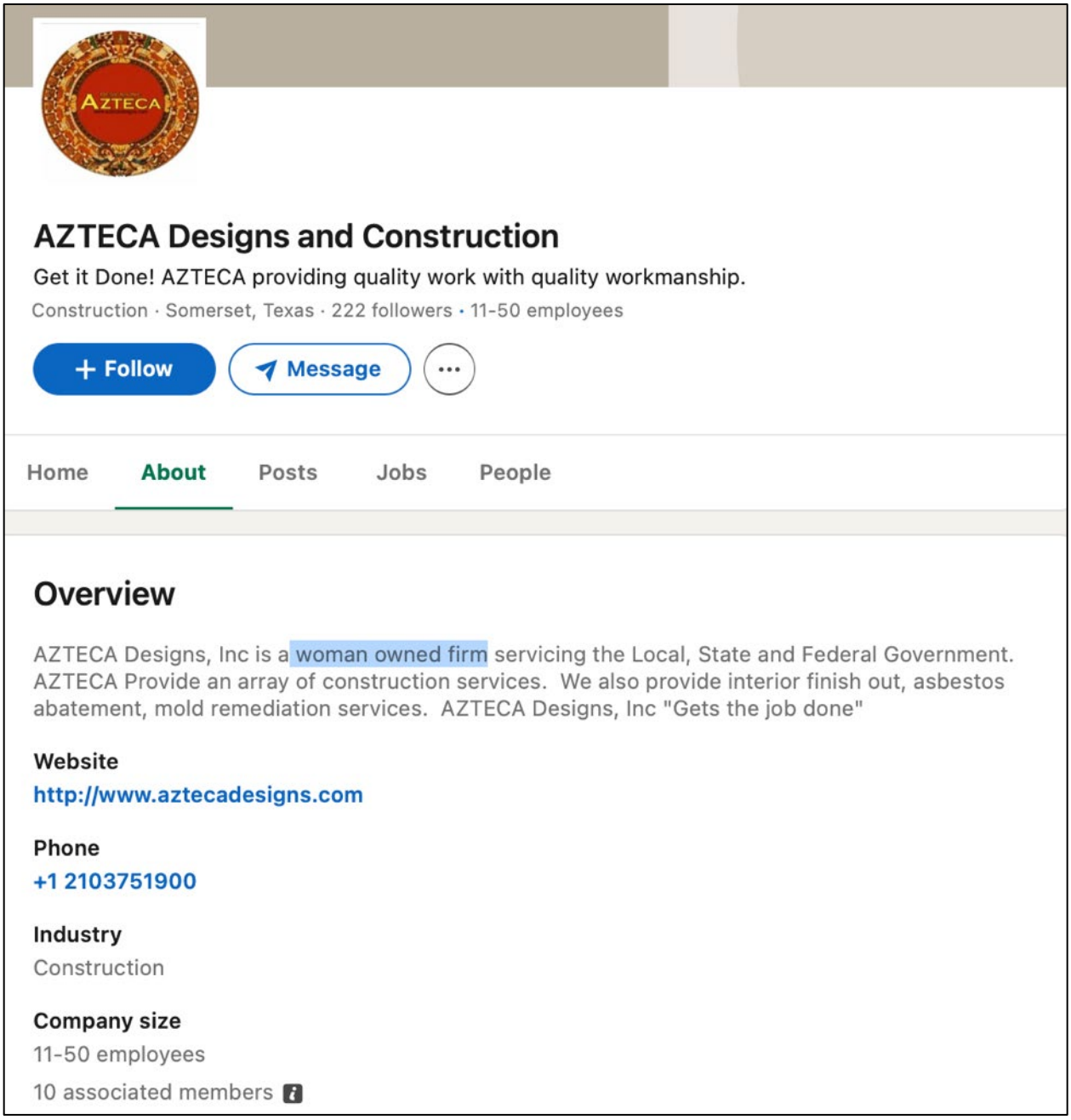


*Mothers Against Greg Abbott: "**Cecilia Castellano TX HD 80**" uploaded 1/31/2024; video archived **here***

- Castellano plays up the fact that her firm, **Azteca Designs**, is "woman-owned" and a "minority" or "Hispanic" business.



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Texas ends state contract program for women and minority-owned businesses under new comptroller rule

The Comptroller's Office says the move eliminates race and gender-based preferences. A leading lawmaker argues the acting comptroller cannot change state law.

The Texas Comptroller's Office on Tuesday announced it has restructured the state's Historically Underutilized Business Program (HUB) and stripped away the designation for women and minority-owned businesses, now only giving that status to disabled veterans.

"It's race-based and gender-based criteria, and in Texas, we don't want race-based or gender-based," said Acting Texas Comptroller Kelly Hancock. "We don't want any discrimination. We want a level playing field for all businesses."

Hancock told WFAA's Inside Texas Politics that HUB was restructured under new emergency rules and will now become VetHUB, giving preferential treatment only to disabled veterans with a 20% or greater service-connected disability.

"The emergency rules, submitted today in the Texas Register, reduce the program's size significantly, bringing its administration into alignment with the Texas and U.S. Constitutions by removing race- and sex-based preferences and adjusting the program's focus to service-disabled veterans who qualify for the state contracting assistance program under legislative guidelines established in 2015," according to a statement from the Comptroller's Office.

In 1995, the Texas legislature created the HUB program to create equal opportunities for small, minority and women-owned businesses wanting to get lucrative state contracts. It was designed to correct documented disparities in state contracting.

State agencies are supposed to "make a good faith effort" to increase the number of contracts that they award to historically underutilized businesses that are at least 51% owned by women, minorities, or disabled veterans.

In October, Hancock's office announced that it had suspended the issuance of new certifications.

But state Senator Royce West, D-Dallas, told WFAA that Hancock cannot unilaterally end the program.

"He doesn't have the authority to do it. It's a statute," the senator said. "I see nowhere in statute where an interim comptroller has the authority to repeal a statute that the legislature put in effect."

West said he has been trying to meet with Hancock for weeks in hopes of giving him input from businesses that will be impacted.

And Sen. West stressed that despite Hancock's claims, HUB is anything but a DEI or quota program.

"It's a good faith program. And if people just sit back, take a look at it, you'll see that it's about trying to do away with racism," Sen. West told us. "The fact is that you look at the facts, you'll see prior to the implementation of this program that most, mostly all the contracts were going to Anglos in the state of Texas."

The Senator says while he hopes the issue does not wind up in court, he is ready to take action.

"Rules are rules. Statutes are statutes. And so, we're looking at the actions that he's taken thus far to see whether or not they're legal. And if they're not, then we'll apprise him as such and see whether or not he agrees. And if not, then we'll get it resolved."

As of May, the Comptroller's Office reported 15,762 companies registered as HUB businesses in Texas. Those companies received 11% of statewide expenditures last year, totaling more than $2 billion.

"I don't think the color of your skin or your gender determines whether you're a successful business person," Hancock said.

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Doesn't want competition? DEI Civil War? **Castellano attacked a black owned construction business, accusing the owners of not being black, of not having offices in San Antonio and being a "shell company," after the company received a contract from the City of San Antonio. In 2020, Castellano was sued for defamation by Belt Built, a certified African American Owned Small Business that won a contract with the City of San Antonio. The District Court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs by denying Castellano's motion to dismiss and awarding attorney's fees of $36,500. Castellano appealed the district court's denial of her motion to dismiss. The parties reached a settlement and dismissed the case before the appellate court could rule.**

- The certified African American Owned Small Business, Belt Built, sued Castellano in Bexar County District Court in 2020 (case: **2020CI20606**).
- Belt Built claimed that Castellano individually and through her work with the Fair Contracting Coalition, of which she was VP and the other defendant, Christopher Herring, was a board member, disparaged and libeled their business to their vendor, the City of San Antonio, by claiming they are a "front" and not "black-owned."

> 15. At the same time, Belt Built was actively investigating the allegations that were being made against it and constantly dealing with the City to refute those accusations. During that investigation, two names kept coming up. Those two names were Christopher Herring and Cecilia Castellano. Herring is a local activist and board member of the Fair Contracting Coalition ("FCC") in San Antonio. Castellano is the owner of Azteca Design, Inc. and the Vice President of the FCC.

18. Investigation by Belt Built and use of open records requests has made clear that Herring, Castellano, the FCC, and those assisting them are responsible for the economic and reputational injuries Belt Built as a company has incurred.

Castellano's Disparaging and False Statements

19. Castellano has made several disparaging and false statements about Belt Built's operations in an attempt to discredit its reputation with City, County, and local government officials. Exhibit A contains the information that Belt Built has been able to ascertain at this point that contain false statements by Castellano to City officials and employees and other third parties. Alex Lopez is the Director of the City's Economic Development Department. In a March 2, 2020, email to Ms. Lopez, Castellano disparages Belt Built by stating that "I believe that companies like Belt Built are true examples of companies that are hurting businesses here in and around San Antonio."[4]

20. The same day, Castellano sent a separate email to Charles Johnson, the Executive Director of the SCTRCA, stating "[t]hese people [Belt Built] are fronts, and are taking from real companies like Straightline [sic] and AZTECA."[5] This statement to Mr. Johnson is of importance because the SBEDA program, under which Belt Built was awarded the JOC, requires a SCTRCA certification.

21. When Castellano's emails to Ms. Lopez and Mr. Johnson did not solicit the immediate action she required, she upped the ante and stated to both parties, plus multiple unknown third parties, that Belt Built "degraded and defamed several minority woman owned

firms."[6] While that accusation is patently false, presumably, Castellano is referencing Azteca Designs and Straight Line Management. Castellano makes another false statement about Belt Built in a June 3, 2020, email to Ms. Lopez when she states that "[t]his company [Belt Built] has no local employees or presence."[7]

22. Castellano's last disparaging and false statement in Exhibit A is in a second June 3, 2020, email to Ms. Lopez and multiple third parties where she states, unequivocally, "[w]e know this company [Belt Built] is doing business under two, three, or four different business names and legally this may work in other Cities or in the US; specifically in the City of San Antonio this business model is questionable."[8]

23. These comments go beyond speech protected by the Constitution. They are disparaging and false and are publicized with knowledge of their falsity or reckless disregard for the truth of the statements. And these are only the statements by Castellano that Belt Built has been able to discover pursuant to an open records request to the SCTRCA. Belt Built has an open records request outstanding with the City of San Antonio. We are confident that documents responsive to the open records request to the City and those discovered in the discovery process will shed more light on and uncover other false and disparaging statements made about Belt Built.

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21. Belt Built registered with the City's SBEDA Program as an African-American Owned Small Business, meeting all the requirements for participation.

22. Belt Built, also, was certified by the South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency ("SCTRCA"), which is a requirement for SBEDA participation.

23. In late 2018, Belt Built bid, and was awarded, a job order contract ("JOC") with the City under the SBEDA Program.

24. Not long after the award, Belt Built began receiving an influx of calls and accusations from City officials expressing that the City had received (false) information that Belt Built was "not actually African American-owned, not a small business, a shell company for another company owned by non-minorities, did not have any employees in San Antonio, and did not have an office in San Antonio based on false information the City had received." (*See* ¶11 of Belt Built's Amended Petition).

III. Defendant Castellano's Disparaging Statements.

25. Defendant Castellano's alleged defamatory and disparaging comments regarding Belt Built's business (and specifically, it's compliance with SBEDA and SCTRCA) is the subject of the underlying lawsuit.

26. The actionable defamatory statements made by Defendant Castellano regarding Belt Built were sent to City officials, City employees, local business leaders, county officials, and potential customers of Belt Built. (*See* ¶ 28 of Belt Built's Amended Petition).

27. Belt Built first received notice of Defendant Castellano's published false and defamatory

statements regarding Belt Built from an open records request submitted to the SCTRCA, and later from the City, as a result of the same.

28. Defendant Castellano's false and defamatory statements alleged in Belt Built's Amended Petition and in its Response to Cecilia Castellano's Motion to Dismiss under the TCPA is as follows (*See* ¶32 of Belt Built's Response to Castellano's TCPA Motion to Dismiss):

(a) **Castellano**: These people are fronts, and are taking from real companies like Straightline and Azteca. (March 2, 2020)

(b) **Castellano**: I believe that companies like Belt Built are a true example of companies that are hurting businesses here in and around San Antonio. (March 2, 2020)

(c) **Castellano**: This is more than AZTECA's issue since these firms, Belt Built, Velocity Enterprises, and Severn that office out of one building and all have the same owners have degraded and defamed several minority woman owned firms. (March 4, 2020)

(d) **Castellano**: Our initial analyses concludes the appearance of certification violations. (March 9, 2020)

(e) **Castellano**: This company has no local employees or presence… How can this company that has failed to hire a number of employees be approved to receive SBEBA participation? (June 02, 2020)

(f) **Castellano**: We know this company is doing business under two, three, or four different business names and legally this may work in other Cities or in the US; specifically, in the City of San Antonio this business model is questionable.… As the director we are asking why aren't you fighting for black owned businesses in the same manner you fought for woman owned businesses with respect to the "shell game". (June 3, 2020)

(g) **Castellano**: The Belt Built company had no African Americans in the local office since the inception of their relationship in the City of San Antonio… you have discounted the reality this company is a shell company. Their building that has multiple construction companies has two City of San Antonio JOC contracts or $6 million dollars in contracts, no one would believe this! (June 17, 2020)

IV. Defendant Castellano published these false and defamatory statements knowing of their falsity or with reckless disregard for the truth.

29. It is undisputed that Defendant Castellano made no attempt to independently verify any of the defamatory statements prior to publication. (*See* ¶46 of Belt Built's Response to Castellano's TCPA Motion to Dismiss).

30. It is undisputed that Defendant Castellano received assurances on nine separate occasions from City officials that "Belt Built was eligible for certification as a Small Business Enterprise, Minority Business Enterprise, and African-American Owned Business Enterprise." (*See* ¶47 of Belt Built's Response to Castellano's TCPA Motion to Dismiss)

31. On June 10, 2020, SCTRCA issued a report, addressed to Defendant Castellano, spurred by Defendant Castellano's false and defamatory statements, stating conclusively that Belt Built "meets the requirements or standards concerning group membership, business size, ownership, independence, management and control." (*See* ¶14 of Belt Built's Amended Petition).

32. Defendant Castellano received assurance from the City on February 16, 2020 that all firms were thoroughly reviewed for SBEDA eligibility before awarding the contract. (*See* ¶ 30 of Belt Built's Amended Petition).

33. Additionally, Defendant Castellano was assured in a separate correspondence, also on February 16, 2020, that Belt Built met the local significant business presence for SBEDA eligibility.

34. Additionally, Defendant Castellano was assured by the City's Economic Development Division, on June 3, 2020 of Belt Built's bona fide business presence at the address stated in the City.

35. Additionally, on June 16, 2020, Defendant Castellano was assured by the City's Economic

Development Division that a full review was conducted and "Belt Built, LLC is a Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) eligible business… [and] we have closed any further review of this issue." (*See* ¶14 of Belt Built's Amended Petition).

V. The Results of Defendant Castellano's Disparaging and False Statements

36. It is undisputed that as a result of Defendant Castellano's defamatory statements, Belt Built incurred expenses it would have otherwise not incurred, including causing the City to postpone the JOC award for months leaving Belt Built to maintain employees that were intended for that award. (*See* ¶42 of Belt Built's Amended Petition).

37. Additionally, Belt Built believes that Defendant Castellano's tortious conduct impaired Belt Built's ability to get contracts from other local government entities, since Defendant Castellano's defamatory statements were published to dozens of parties, including gaining the attention of the Bexar County Small Business and Entrepreneurship Department. (*See* ¶43 of Belt Built's Amended Petition).

38. Lastly, Belt Built has alleged that Defendant Castellano's defamatory statements resulted in a windfall of the value of the task orders Belt Built would had received had the City not postponed the JOC award as a direct result of this tortious conduct. (*See* ¶50 of Belt Built's Amended Petition).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

VI. TCPA Procedure

39. If Defendant Castellano has carried her burden of demonstrating that the TCPA applies,

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At the same time SCTRCA was conducting its investigation, Belt Built was actively investigating the source of the false allegations and repeatedly dealing with the City to refute the accusations. During that investigation, two names kept coming up. Those two names were Christopher Herring and Cecilia Castellano. Herring is a local activist and board member of the Fair Contracting Coalition ("FCC") in San Antonio. Information about the FCC has been hard to locate, but Belt Built believes that Herring is also a past or current President of the FCC. Castellano is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Azteca Design, Inc. and the Vice President of the FCC.

On June 18, 2020, Belt Built received the email chain showing a direct and coordinated effort to disparage Belt Built's reputation and integrity. Belt Built decided that there was enough information available to warrant filing a petition for an order to take a pre-suit deposition of Herring in order to investigate potential

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- As the **court docket** shows, there was a great deal of back and forth in this case, with motions of discovery. In June 2021, the trial court ruled in Belt Built's favor by denying her motion to dismiss under the "Texas Citizens Participation Act" and awarding $36.5k in attorney's dees.

INTRODUCTION

This appeal focuses on the denial of Cecilia A. Castellano's ("Appellant" or "Castellano") motion to dismiss pursuant to the Texas Citizens Participation Act ("TCPA"). Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code §27.001, *et seq*. Specifically, Appellant filed her TCPA motion to dismiss (the "Motion") seeking an order dismissing all claims against her by Belt Built Contracting, LLC ("Belt Built"). The trial court denied that motion and awarded Belt Built, and ordered Appellant to pay, attorneys' fees.

The trial court found that Belt Built, in response to the Motion, had provided clear and specific evidence of each element of each claim in question. The trial court also found that the Appellant's statements qualified as commercial-speech pursuant to the TCPA and were, therefore, exempt from the protections afforded by the TCPA. The trial court also found that the Motion was frivolous and brought solely for the purpose of delay.

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CAUSE NO. 2020CI20606

BELT BUILT CONTRACTING, LLC Plaintiff,	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
vs.	§	BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS
CHRISTOPHER C. HERRING AND CECILIA ARZOLA CASTELLANO Defendants.	§	166th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ORDER DENYING CASTELLANO'S TCPA MOTION TO DISMISS

On April 30, 2021, the Court heard the Texas Citizens Participation Act Motion to Dismiss ("Motion to Dismiss") filed by CECILIA ARZOLA CASTELLANO ("Defendant Castellano"), and response by BELT BUILT CONTRACTING, LLC ("Belt Built). After considering Defendant Castellano's Motion to Dismiss, the pleadings, the response, the affidavits, the arguments of counsels, and other evidence on file, the Court finds good cause to deny Defendant Castellano's Motion to Dismiss, awards the following attorneys fees and court costs to Belt Built, and retains Belt Built's suit on the Court's docket. Now, therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that DEFENDANT CASTELLANO'S Motion to Dismiss is **DENIED;**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that BELT BUILT is awarded $36,500 in attorney's fees and court costs from DEFENDANT CASTELLANO;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that DEFENDANT CASTELLANO shall pay BELT BUILT the ordered award of attorney fees and court costs.

Let judgment be entered accordingly.

Signed June 16, 2021.

JUDGE PRESIDING

Laura Salinas
Presiding Judge
165th District Court
Bexar County, Texas

ORDER DENYING CECELIA CASTELLANO'S TCPA MOTION TO DISMISS AND AWARD OF ATTORNEY FEES.
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- Castellano appealed in September 2021.

REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

At issue in this appeal is the applicability of the Texas Citizen Protection Act ("TCPA") and, specifically, the "commercial-speech" exemption. Such issues warrant oral argument because, here, the allegations involve communications of Castellano to public entities regarding public funds made both on her behalf and on behalf of a local coalition of citizens.

Further, the prima facie elements required to be proved by Belt Built are at issue considering the uncontested facts in both Belt Built's petition and the deposition of its corporate representative.

Finally, this case presents one of the few instances where the trial court awarded attorneys fees against plaintiff, and, considering the issues and the procedural history of the case, such award does not comport with other published case law on this matter.

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STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Nature of the Case: This is an interlocutory appeal from an order denying a motion to dismiss under the Texas Citizens Participation Act ("TCPA") in chapter 27, of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Codes. The underlying action to this original proceeding involves a suit by Belt Built alleging causes of action sounding in defamation/libel/disparagement against Castellano. The subject matter is emails sent by Castellano, on behalf of herself and a small business advocacy group, to public entities, including the City of San Antonio, regarding the implementation of a city program to award public works contracts to local minority-owned businesses and Belt Built's eligibility under that program.

Course of Proceedings: Plaintiff's Original Petition was filed on October 22, 2020. (CR 5) In its pleading (and subsequent amended pleading), Belt Built alleged five (5) statements attributed to Defendant Castellano and brought causes of action for business disparagement, tortious interference with prospective relations, and libel/defamation. Id. On December 7, 2020, Defendant Castellano filed her Original Answer. (CR 91) On January 7, 2021, Defendant filed a Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's

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action pursuant to Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code § 27.003 (the Texas Citizens Participation ACT ("TCPA"). (CR.207). Over two months later, on March 23, 2021, Plaintiff Belt Built filed a 326-page Motion for Limited Discovery which was heard and granted on March 29, 2021, and which also extended the time to conduct a hearing. (CR 312, Supplemental, 13).

On April 21, 2021, Plaintiff filed its First Amended Petition. (CR. 649). On April 26, 2021 Defendant Castellano filed her reply to Belt Built's Response to the motion to dismiss. (CR 2973). On April 26, 2021, Plaintiff filed its Second Amended response to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss. On April 30, 2021, the Court heard Castellano's Motion to Dismiss. (Supplemental).

Trial Court's Disposition: The trial court ruled that Castellano's Motion to Dismiss was Denied and that attorneys fees would be considered by submission[1]. On May 28, 2021, the trial court ruled that Plaintiff be awarded attorneys fees of $36,500.00. The rulings were not reduced to writing and signed by the trial court as orders until June 16, 2021 (CR 4206).

[1] The ruling, in the form of unsigned judge's notes, was sent to the parties via an email from the court clerk on May 20, 2021.

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- Castellano's appeal was based on whether her comments were protected free speech under TCPA.

the City about Belt Built's eligibility to publicly financed projects as a minority-owned business with a significant local presence. Specifically, as it concerns Defendant Castellano, the pled allegations are five (5) statements attributed to Ms. Castellano which are as follows:

a. a March 2, 2020 email by Defendant to the City of the San Antonio Director of Economic Development Department stating "I believe that companies like Belt Built are true examples of companies that are hurting business here in and around San Antonio."; (CR 655)

b. a March 2, 2020 email by Defendant to STRCA stating that "[t]hese people are fronts, and are taking from real companies like Straightline and Azteca"; (CR 655)

c. a March 4, 2020 email to a City of San Antonio and the STRCA stating that Plaintiff "degraded and defamed several minority owned firms."; (CR 656).

d. a June 3 2020 email to the City of the San Antonio Director of Economic Development Department that "this company has no local

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employees or presence."; (CR 656)

e. a June 3, 2020 email to the City of the San Antonio Director of Economic Development Department that "[w]e know this company is doing business under two, three or four different business names and legality this may work in other Cities or in the US; specifically in the City of San Antonio this business model is questionable"; and that the City is not "fighting for black owned business….with respect to the 'shell game'". (CR 657)

However, highlighting the importance of the FCC in its claims, Castellano is not the only person Belt Built complains of in its Petition.

Belt Built also complains of Defendant Christopher Herring and identifies him as a "local activist and board member of the Fair Contracting Coalition ("FCC")". (CR 653). In addition, Belt Built references Mr. T.C. Calvert "with the Neighborhoods First Alliance ("NFA") who is an "ally of the Fair Contracting Coalition ("FCC")" and "founded the FCC". and who also made these communications to

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SUMMARY OF ARGUMENT

Belt Built claims that statements made by Castellano were defamatory and caused it damages. Castellanos' statements self-evidently involve public communication regarding a public matter - the allocation of public funds for public work by the City of San Antonio. The matters are squarely with the freedom of speech and freedom of petition consideration of the TCPA. Further, the context with which the statements were made clearly show that Castellano, and the FCC, were engaging in public discourse and were not "merely" commercial speech for a commercial transaction. Belt Built's admissions in its pleadings and by its corporate representative negate Belt Built's ability to establish prima facie evidence of its claims. Finally, the attorneys fees awarded for the court as punishment for a "frivolous" motion made solely for delay are not borne out by the facts and case law. Castellano brought this motion timely, in good faith, and well within a colorable legal basis - squarely attempting to protect her right of free speech. Belt Built itself caused delay with lengthy pleadings, motions and request for discovery.

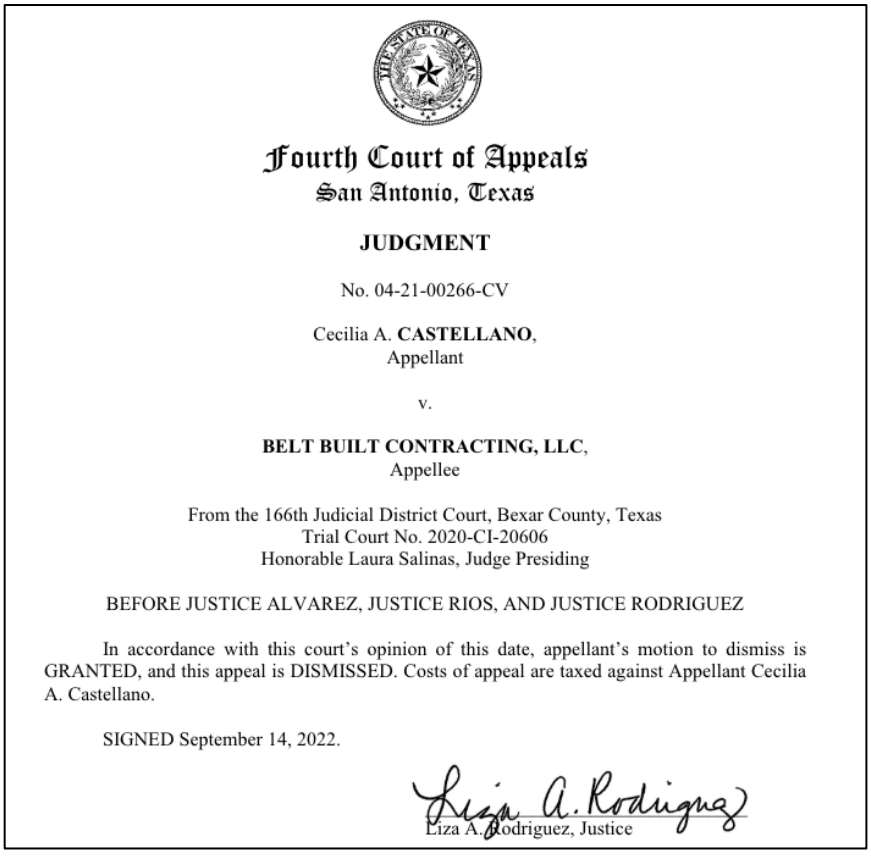
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- However, by January 2022, both parties agreed to work on a settlement (Rule 11 Agreement). In July 2022, the parties filed a nonsuit in district court and in September 2022, the appellate case was dismissed According to the memorandum opinion, "the parties have filed a motion to dismiss the underlying suit and have also agreed to the dismissal of this interlocutory appeal."

1/27/2022	Filing	RULE 11 AGREEMENT	Notice of Rule 11 Agreement resetting hearing	Notice of Rule 11 and Agreement.pdf
2/2/2022	Filing	RESPONSE	To Plaintiff's Motion to Consolidate	Castellano's Response to Belt Built's Motion to Consolidate.pdf
3/7/2022	Filing	ATTORNEY UNAVAILABILITY NOTICE FILED FOR	VALERI C. WILLIAMS	Vacation Letter.pdf
7/25/2022	Filing	PROPOSED ORDER		Order of Dismissal 2022-7-25.pdf
7/25/2022	Filing	NONSUIT		Joint Notice of Nonsuit with Prejudice 2022-7-25.pdf
8/24/2022	Filing	LETTER TO DISTRICT CLERK	Requesting copies	08-24-2022 request for Order entered 08-03-2022.pdf
9/1/2022	Filing	LETTER TO DISTRICT CLERK	Request for Copy of Order dismissal	Letter to Clerk Requesting Copy of Order 2022-09-01.pdf

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JUDGMENT

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Cecilia A. **CASTELLANO**,
Appellant

v.

BELT BUILT CONTRACTING, LLC,
Appellee

From the 166th Judicial District Court, Bexar County, Texas
Trial Court No. 2020-CI-20606
Honorable Laura Salinas, Judge Presiding

BEFORE JUSTICE ALVAREZ, JUSTICE RIOS, AND JUSTICE RODRIGUEZ

In accordance with this court's opinion of this date, appellant's motion to dismiss is GRANTED, and this appeal is DISMISSED. Costs of appeal are taxed against Appellant Cecilia A. Castellano.

SIGNED September 14, 2022.

Liza A. Rodriguez

Liza A. Rodriguez, Justice

Fourth Court of Appeals
San Antonio, Texas

MEMORANDUM OPINION

No. 04-21-00266-CV

Cecilia A. **CASTELLANO**,
Appellant

v.

BELT BUILT CONTRACTING, LLC,
Appellee

From the 166th Judicial District Court, Bexar County, Texas
Trial Court No. 2020-CI-20606
Honorable Laura Salinas, Judge Presiding

PER CURIAM

Sitting: Patricia O. Alvarez, Justice
Irene Rios Justice
Liza A. Rodriguez, Justice

Delivered and Filed: September 14, 2022

DISMISSED

Appellant has filed a motion to dismiss this appeal, stating that the parties have filed a motion to dismiss the underlying suit and have also agreed to the dismissal of this interlocutory appeal. We grant the motion and dismiss the appeal. *See* TEX. R. APP. P. 42.1(a). Costs of appeal are taxed against appellant. *See id.* 42.1(d) ("Absent agreement of the parties, the court will tax costs against the appellant.").

PER CURIAM

In 2021, Castellano sued Belt Built in a separate suit claiming one of the owners stated Castellano "didn't like to work with the Blacks" at 2019 event run by the City of San Antonio specifically for DEI contractors. In his response the defendant stated he repeated a statement that he overheard Castellano say, before he even knew who she was. The parties settled and filed a joint motion to dismiss.

- In June 2021, Castellano sued Belt Built and Morris Lewis for disparagement and slander/libel accusing Lewis of stating she "didn't like to work with the Blacks." She became aware of the statement during the 2020 trial discovery (case: 2020CI20606).

Facts

10. On or about June 13, 2019, Defendant Morris Lewis, acting on his own behalf, and on behalf of his company, Belt Built, LLC, attended an event organized to allow the interaction of contractors seeking information with working with the City of San Antonio, and employees and representative of the City of San Antonio. Specifically, the event was sponsored by the City of San Antonio and invited the general contractors who had been awarded "JOC" contracts to meet with potential and eligible subcontractors. Defendants attended such meeting as a consequence of securing work with the City of San Antonio in the form of publicly awarded city contracts.

11. Plaintiff, Cecilia Castellano, on behalf of herself and AZTECA Designs, Inc,. also attended such event for the purpose of seeking work as a subcontractor to the "JOC" awarded contractors.

12. At such event, Defendant Lewis, in reference to Plaintiffs, stated to Courtney Mclure, a City of San Antonio employee in attendance, that Plaintiffs "did not like to work with the Blacks." The direct and obvious meaning of this statement by Defendant Lewis, who is African American, is that Plaintiffs are racist and do not work with African-Americans. As the City of San Antonio has programs and policies in place to ensure the equal employment of all races and genders, this statement would be a death knell against Plaintiffs to whoever would receive and repeat the statement made by Defendants.

13. The discovery of such statement by Plaintiffs occurred on or about April 16, 2021, during the discovery phase of a lawsuit brought against Plaintiff Castellano by Defendant Belt Built, LLC. Such statement was discovered during a deposition where, under oath, an owner and representative of Defendant revealed that he heard the statement from Defendant Morris. Prior to such time, Plaintiffs did not have any indication, nor could they have, that Defendants had made this statement to the City of San Antonio, and perhaps others.

Bexar County District Court, 2021CI11738, ***Original Petition***

- Lewis filed a motion to dismiss, claiming that he heard Castellano say it herself and simply repeated what he overheard.

> 18. Additionally, Mr. Lewis did not tell Mr. McClure that the Plaintiffs did not like to work with African Americans. Mr. Lewis approached Mr. McClure for two reasons. Mr. McClure's department within the City government was the department responsible for the social event. Mr. Lewis repeated to Mr. McClure what he heard Ms. Castellano state out loud. This racially insensitive statement was obviously of import to the organizer of an event intended to promote racially diverse businesses like Azteca.
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> 19. The other reason Mr. Lewis approached Mr. McClure was because he did not know who had made the comment at the time. That is to say that Mr. Lewis heard someone with whom he was not acquainted make the statement about working with the "Blacks," but did not know who she was. As the organizer of the event, Mr. Lewis asked Mr. McClure if he knew the identity of the woman who made the statement Mr. Lewis heard. Mr. McClure did. It was at that moment, and not a second sooner, that Mr. Lewis first became acquainted with Ms. Castellano and Azteca.

Bexar County District Court, 2021CI11738, ***Belt Built Contracting, LLC's and Morris Lewis' Rule 91a Motion to Dismiss***

- In October 2021, Castellano filed a Rule 11 agreement, meaning both parties were going to work on a settlement.

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Cause No. 2021-CI-11738

AZTECA DESIGNS, INC AND CECILIA CASTELLANO	§	**IN THE DISTRICT COURT**
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	§	
VS.	§	**131st JUDICIAL DISTRICT**
	§	
BELT BUILT, LLC AND MORRIS LEWIS	§	**OF BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS**

PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF FILING OF RULE 11 AGREEMENT

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

WHEREFORE, COMES NOW AZTECA Designs, Inc., and Cecilia Castellano, Plaintiffs, and files this Rule 11 Agreement between the parties.

1. A true and correct copy of such is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Defendant prays that the Court accept such, and for such other and further relief to which Defendant may show herself to be justly entitled.

*Bexar County District Court, 2021CI11738, **Defendant Castellano's Notice of Rule 11***

- The parties mutually agreed to dismiss the case in Sept 2022

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CAUSE NO.2021-CI-11738

AZTECA DESIGNS, INC AND CECILIA CASTELLANO	§	**IN THE DISTRICT COURT**
VS.	§	**131st JUDICIAL DISTRICT**
BELT BUILT, CONTRACTING LLC AND MORRIS LEWIS	§	**OF BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS**

JOINT MOTION TO DISMISS
CAUSE OF ACTION WITH PREJUDICE

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

NOW COMES Plaintiffs AZTECA Designs, Inc and Cecilia Castellano and Defendants, Belt Built, Contracting LLC and Morris Lewis, and requests this Honorable Court to dismiss this cause with prejudice for the ground set forth herein.

I.

A. The parties requests dismissal of Cause Number 2021-CI-11738 for the following reason:

1. The parties have agreed to mutually dismiss all claims, in this matter.

WHEREFORE, the parties request that this Honorable Court to dismiss Cause Number 2021-CI-11738, with prejudice, and for such other and further relief that may be awarded at law or in equity.

*Bexar County District Court, 2021CI11738, **Joint Motion to Dismiss***

On top of the millions in government contracts, Castellano received over $143K in forgiven PPP loans, and then complained she wasn't getting bailed out enough.

- Azteca Designs received two PPP loans.



AZTECA DESIGNS, INC

Why is my loan information here?

Loan Amount	Amount Forgiven	Location	Industry	Date Approved
$62,400	**$62,844** *Includes any accrued interest*	Somerset, TX Urban	Painting and Wall Covering Contractors	April 6, 2020 (First Round)

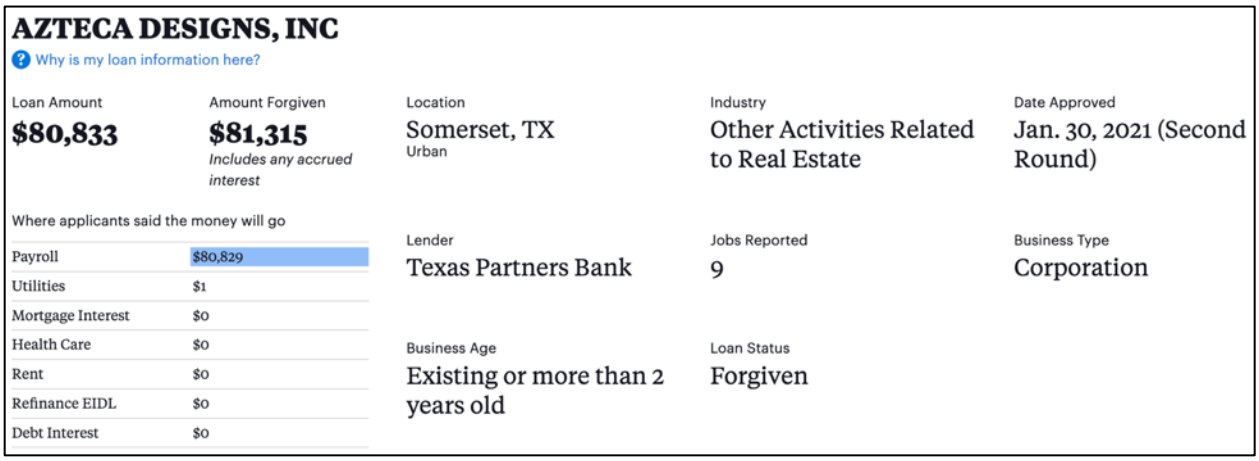
Where applicants said the money will go

Payroll	$46,800
Utilities	$6,240
Mortgage Interest	$0
Health Care	$0
Rent	$9,360
Refinance EIDL	$0
Debt Interest	$0

Lender	Jobs Reported	Business Type
Texas Partners Bank	8	Corporation

Business Age	Loan Status
Existing or more than 2 years old	Forgiven

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AZTECA DESIGNS, INC

Why is my loan information here?

Loan Amount	Amount Forgiven	Location	Industry	Date Approved
$80,833	**$81,315** *Includes any accrued interest*	Somerset, TX Urban	Other Activities Related to Real Estate	Jan. 30, 2021 (Second Round)

Where applicants said the money will go

Payroll	$80,829
Utilities	$1
Mortgage Interest	$0
Health Care	$0
Rent	$0
Refinance EIDL	$0
Debt Interest	$0

Lender	Jobs Reported	Business Type
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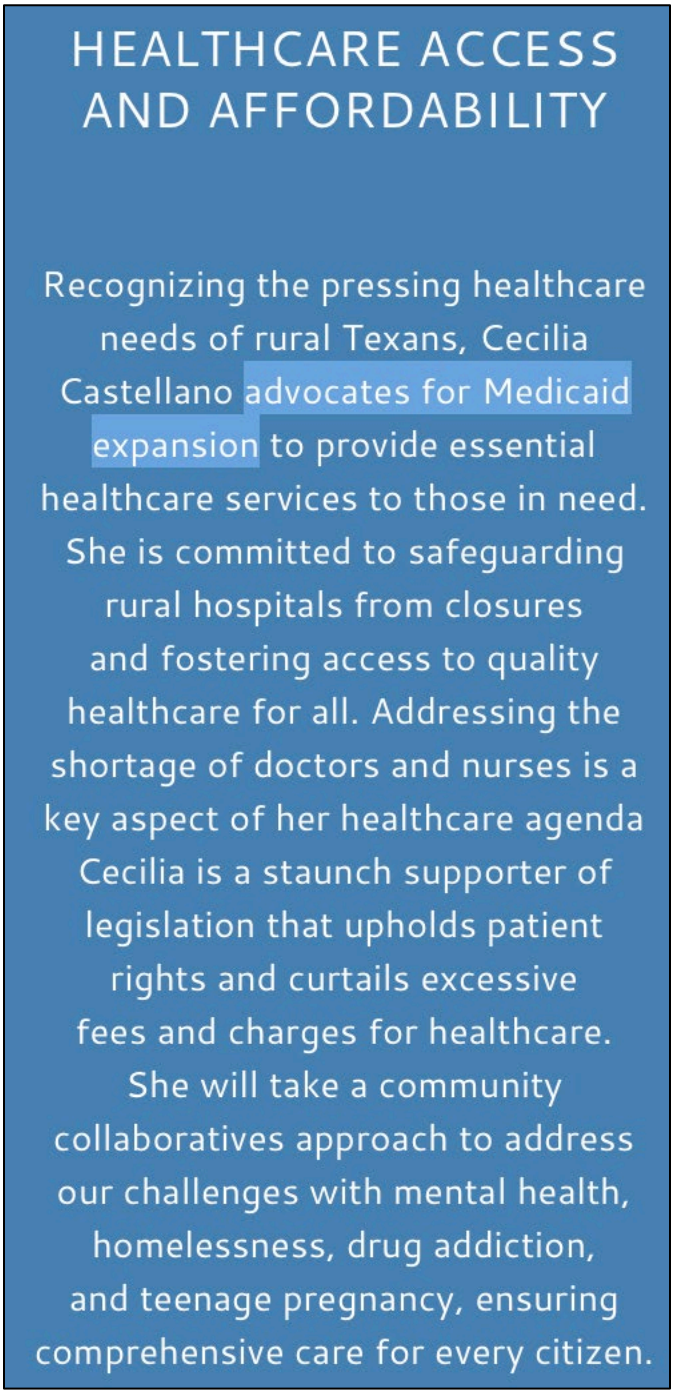
- Castellano still complained on LinkedIn about wanting more bailout money.



LinkedIn

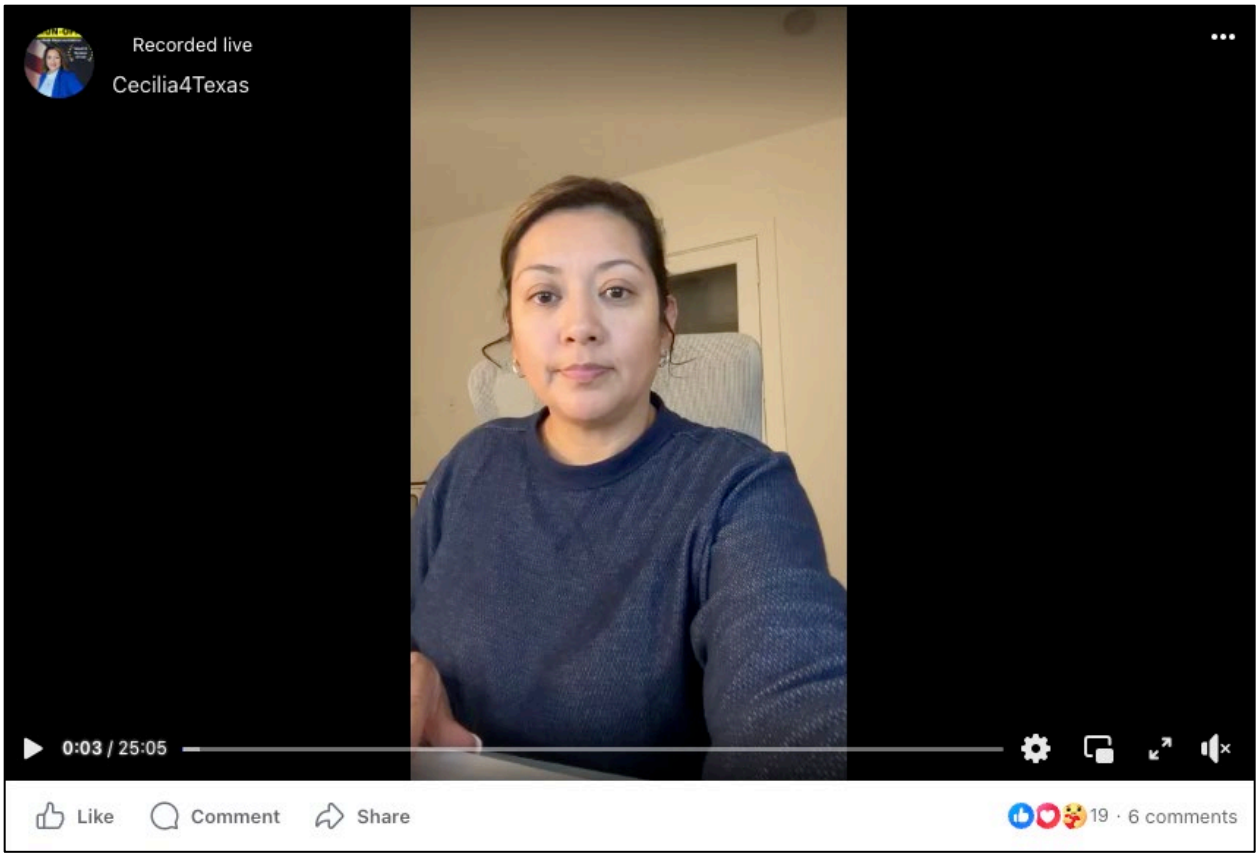
Castellano wants to expand Medicaid: "Cecilia Castellano advocates for Medicaid expansion to provide essential healthcare services to those in need."

- Castellano makes this very clear on her campaign website:



https://cecilia4texas.com/

During an October 2023 Facebook live, in which she rambled for 25 minutes, Castellano claims Gov. Abbott has blocked Medicaid expansion because it's called Obamacare even though the money is there and we need his heart to be warm and fuzzy: "And so as many of y'all know that our platform is public education, we're standing firm, say no to vouchers, number two health care. We want to enforce Medicaid expansion, the money is there, and the federal government has the money for Texas, we just need Abbott heart to turn from stone to being warm and fuzzy and just accept Medicaid expansion."



Facebook live, 10/23/2023, Archived video

- Castellano [timestamp 11:17] blames Gov. Abbott for blocking Medicaid expansion, which she claims would have prevented the closure of rural hospitals. However, the scenario Castellano is describing (purportedly a close friend but whose story she has to look at notes to tell her Facebook audience) centers around traveling 90 minutes to San Antonio for cancer treatment.

  [Timestamp 00:06] "Hi, good evening, everybody. I'm Cecilia Castellano. I'm coming coming live this evening. I don't have any makeup on not dressed up. It's kind of been a rough day. I had a call early this morning about a friend of mine that is not doing well and is an ICU and her husband asked me to go and pray for his wife. This lady I met a few years ago, and I had the honor to pray over her, I was asked by her sister, and it I say was an honor. Because whenever God chooses to use me, I believe that it's a great honor. And I always make sure that I'm obedient. And so when her husband called me, and knew that it was God, because yes, on Sunday, when he called me to notify me and told me about his about his wife, I immediately felt compelled that I should be at the hospital, but I already had engagements that I was going to, that I had already made. And I really don't like to break promises or break appointments if, if if I don't need to, but this evening, I want to come and talk to y'all about health care."

  [Timestamp 05:36] "I made the decision to run for state representative, because I'm tired of seeing the things that you're tired of seeing. I'm tired of seeing our children fall through the cracks. I'm tired of seeing people not getting a fair, equal health care, I'm tired of going and driving from one side of town. And it's been really nice and going to another side of town, and not having the same opportunities, the same foods, the same. Everything. And so tonight, I want to talk to you about health care. Before we started the campaign, as I was driving around, I don't think that it was a coincidence. But I think that everything that I do, God always has, is always trying to talk to me, and I met this woman. And she stands very, very near and dear to my heart. And I pray for her every day. But she's battling cancer. She's from a town in my district and House District 80 That I will be representing in the near future. But she has to drive from Dimmit County all the way to San Antonio, to receive her health care. It's not an option. It's a need. And not only that, so that that in itself stuck out to me that you have a young woman probably in her mid 30s, that is first in shock that she she has breast cancer. She has her family. She has her children. And then number two, to have to make sense of it all that I'm only in my mid 30s. And I have cancer now. And how am I going to get the services that I need the health care that I need. As I was also driving around, I saw many hospitals that have been closed down. I also saw the way the buildings look the way the hospitals looked. And I asked myself, you know, what have our politicians been doing? Why isn't there change? Why isn't there a better life being given. Because we do put people in office, our vote does

matter, every single vote matters. And I understand that one person cannot make our changes. But when you have been serving for more than four years, or you have a lifetime membership, as a politician, and your town or area or district, whatever you want to call it still looks the same shame on you. Shame on you. And shame on the people that have been continuing to vote for the same person. If you want change, you need to vote for change. If you want and I'm not coming to you to earn your vote, I'm coming to you because I believe that a lot of us minorities are not staying truly engaged with what's going on.

- Castellano wants to know why "the brown community" isn't being given good doctors.

  [Timestamp 10:09] "So I can't I can't wrap my head around. Why these areas that are prominently I guess, minorities, okay. The Brown community? Why aren't we being given good doctors? Why are we not being given? Good health care? You know, I was trying to find my notes of, I met with a president and CEO of one of our hospitals. And I asked this individual, what we needed to do to reopen hospitals that have been closed down. And I know it's a big ask, but you know, if no one is going to ask because they're afraid, then you'll never receive an answer. And so as I asked this question, why can't we open these hospitals that have been closed down. And I was then told about Medicaid expansion. And so you know, I'm a woman in construction. I don't know everything. But I can tell you that once it is brought before me, and once I see the injustices and the inequities, and I see people suffering, I tend to get very involved. And so as many of y'all know that our platform is public education, we're standing firm, say no to vouchers number two health care. We want to enforce Medicaid expansion, the money is there, and the federal government has the money for Texas, we just need Abbott heart to turn from from stone to to being warm and fuzzy and just accept Medicaid expansion. Because the money is there, the money is there. For the families, the money is there for the rural community, the money is there for the state of Texas, so our children can receive a good health care so our elderly can receive good health care. And so all of the state of Texas can receive good health care with Medicaid expansion. There is, I want to say there's billions of dollars that have been already allocated to the state of Texas. And, you know, other states are using that money that have been given to the state. But the problem with Governor Abbott is that he doesn't want to take the money, because it's called Obamacare, or the Affordable Care Act, which many of y'all probably already know. So Medicaid expansion is for children up to 25 years old. And that's the part one from what I was explained what was told to me the typical Medicaid is for children and pregnant women. And as many of y'all know, there's a lot of pregnant women or so I'm sorry, women that already had their children, and that lost their Medicaid benefits because of the system, again, depending back on the system.

Castellano: "The money's there on the federal level, ready to be released to the state of Texas, but the problem is [] it's called Obamacare…let's just take the money for the people…We want Medicaid for all, we want to have health care for all, we want to have affordable health care for all."



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMTWz0kUiU0; video archived here

- Castellano (segment begins 13:40):

  seeing driving from Atascosa County to Frio to Dimmit to Zavala to Uvalde and to Webb County, and the still the injustices and the inequities that I see that our people don't have and should have, like the simple things, healthcare, right? Come on, now. You know what's going on? What you thinking about this health care going on? Well, let me tell you, I think there's nothing but petty politics going on, and right now it's not about being red or being blue. Right now, it's about putting the right people, the people that are you, in office, because the people that are you in office are going to do what you want them to do, because you are me and I am you, right? We're both struggling, we're both, we're both seeing the

injustices, we're both, you know, having health care issues, or we're both okay, we need some medication, but man, are we going to pay our mortgage, or we're going to go get our medication, that's what our people are dealing with today, and so you know the petty politics is that, hey, the money's there on the federal level, ready to be released to the state of Texas, but the problem is, my Lord Jesus, it's called Obamacare, oh goodness, Obamacare

All my care, come on, you call it whatever you want, picking up everybody, yeah. But let's just take the money for the people, but the reason why they don't want to take it, because all about politics, it's all about I get you and you get me, and no, no, let's take those people out, you know, let's really take the Democrat and the Republican out, and let's be there for the people, and let's make real sensible legislation, and let's make it for the people. We want Medicaid for all, we want to have health care for all, we want to have affordable health care for all. We want to, we want to have more increased wages, we want to save our schools, we want to pay our custodians, our bus drivers, more money. No one could live on the living wage. Come on now. You know, by the time you know it, by the time you get your check on a living wage, you can't even buy milk or milk, eggs, or bread.

Castellano vehemently opposes school choice: "She is an ardent supporter of public schools, vowing to reject vouchers that undermine public education." Castellano claims it will "close public schools" and "get rid" of football. After winning the 2024 Democratic runoff, Castellano said, "We need to make sure we say 'no' to those vouchers" and repeated the proverb Hillary Clinton popularized "it takes a village to raise our children" as she demanded more money for failing public schools.

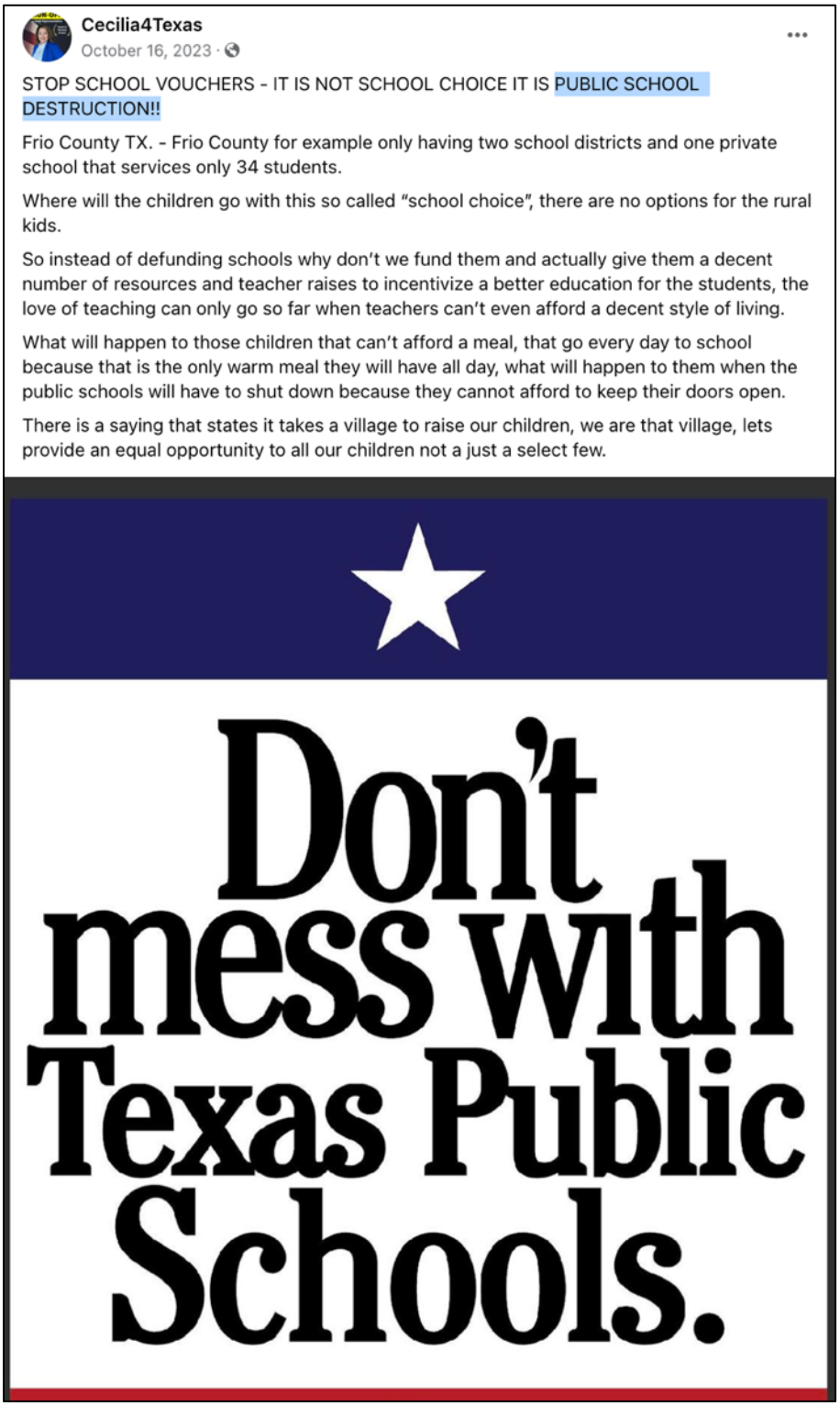
- Castellano makes her anti-school choice position clear on her website.

PUBLIC EDUCATION, SAVE OUR SCHOOLS

Cecilia Castellano firmly believes that investing in our public schools is investing in our future. Her educational platform stands on five pillars: She is an ardent supporter of public schools, vowing to reject vouchers that undermine public education. She will strive to increase teacher pay and student allotment for all school districts. She will fight for significant school safety investments to foster safe learning environments in our schools. Cecilia is also dedicated to ensuring that educational opportunities for disabled and special needs students are expanded and enriched. She aims to improve graduation rates and enhance access to technical trades and pathways to military careers, empowering the next generation with diverse opportunities.

https://cecilia4texas.com/

- Castellano has posted about school choice being "public school destruction" and that it would "get rid of great programs like football."



Facebook



*Facebook, **08/25/2023***

- After winning the Democrat runoff, Castellano told *KGNS*, "We need to make sure we say 'no' to those vouchers."

*KGNS News, "**Cecilia Castellano wins Democratic primary runoff, heads to November election for House District 80**" 5/28/2024*

- At a public forum, Castellano said "it takes a village to raise our children" as she railed against vouchers and demanded more money for failing public schools:

> "The sad part is that Texas ranks 43rd. In Texas, per student funding. HB one should be separated as both. Both candidates have stated our vouchers, we must keep our money in our public schools, we must continue to fund and put more money into our schools fully fund our schools. And as far as the teacher pay, the

teacher pay our teachers deserve more money. Our teachers our custodians our janitors, you know, **it takes a village to raise our children**. And I remember the days when, when my children went to public school, and it was a custodian that helped out and ensured that might that my child got fed. And so we need to make sure that we stopped playing with the pot, we stopped playing politics. This was a bipartisan majority in the House that defeated this legislation, this legislator voucher scheme. And so we need to stand up to Greg Abbott, we need to say no, we need to say no together. And we need to make sure that we fund our public schools. No to vouchers."

*Raise Your Hand Texas, "**2024 Public Education Candidate Forum: Texas HD 80**", timestamp 00:17:39; video archived **here***

- The phrase was popularized in American politics by Hillary Clinton who published the **book** *It Takes a Village: And Other Lessons Children Teach Us* when she was first lady in the 1990s.

Castellano: "I am 100% AGAINST school vouchers."

Election Q&A: Texas House, District 80 - Cecilia Castellano

Laredo Morning Times Online (Texas)

October 20, 2024 Sunday

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Length: 741 words

Body

Name: Cecilia Castellano

Age: 46

Education: Public Education Advocate, Successful Business Owner

Previous elected office: First-Time Candidate for State Office

1. What do you believe to be the foremost issue facing the citizens of Laredo, Webb County and District 80?

An educated workforce, diversified economy, and infrastructure investments. Our kids are finishing high school and graduating from college, but they are having to leave because of limited opportunities here at home. I'll work with state leaders to invest in water infrastructure, broadband internet, road maintenance, highway expansion, affordable housing, and affordable healthcare. These investments will attract new sector companies to the region, diversify our local economy, and ensure the jobs of tomorrow are here at home in Webb County.

2. How do you view Laredo's role as a border city, and what policies would you advocate for regarding border security and immigration reform?

Laredo is key to the state's economic success. To ensure future prosperity, I'll work with Democrats and Republicans to promote bipartisan solutions that prioritize public policy over partisan politics. My priorities include: 1) combat cartel activity and cross border violence; 2) stop the ever-increasing fentanyl public health crisis; 3) and fully fund law enforcement agencies along the border.

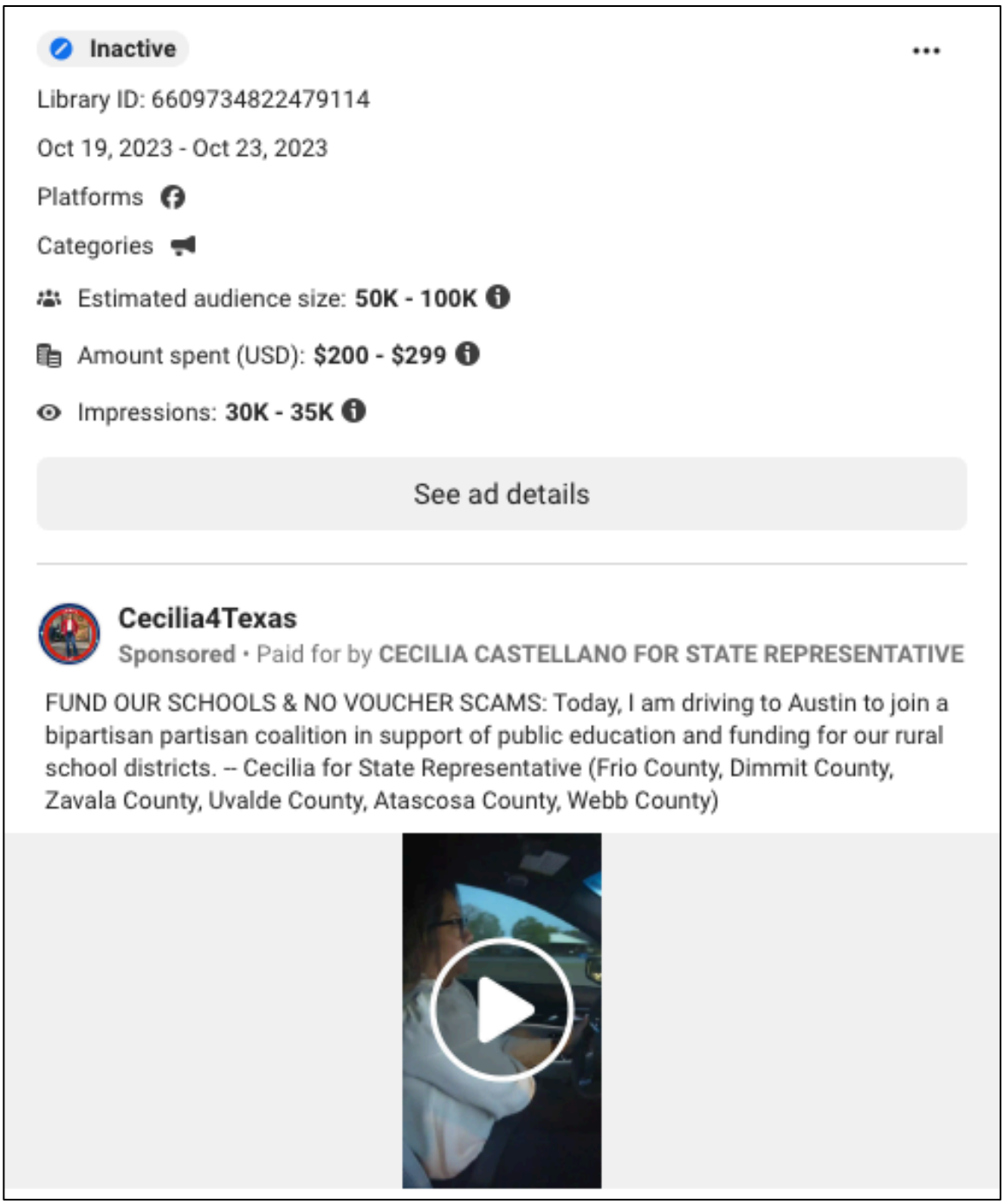
3. What is your platform, and what issues are most important to you?

My "Platform for Progress" is about Public Education, Healthcare, and Jobs.

Texas ranks 43rd in the nation in per student funding and our students are falling behind in math, reading, and writing. I propose that we invest $40 billion of the state's surplus money in our public schools. Safe schools are vital for the long-term success of all students. I support safety officers at all schools; student access to mental health services; and online threat assessments. Additionally, all children have a right to a quality education. Special education students have different learning abilities. We must learn with them and break a stigma that has followed for generations. My education proposals also include free after-school tutoring to address covid related learning loss, smaller class sizes, and increased parental involvement. I am 100% AGAINST school vouchers.

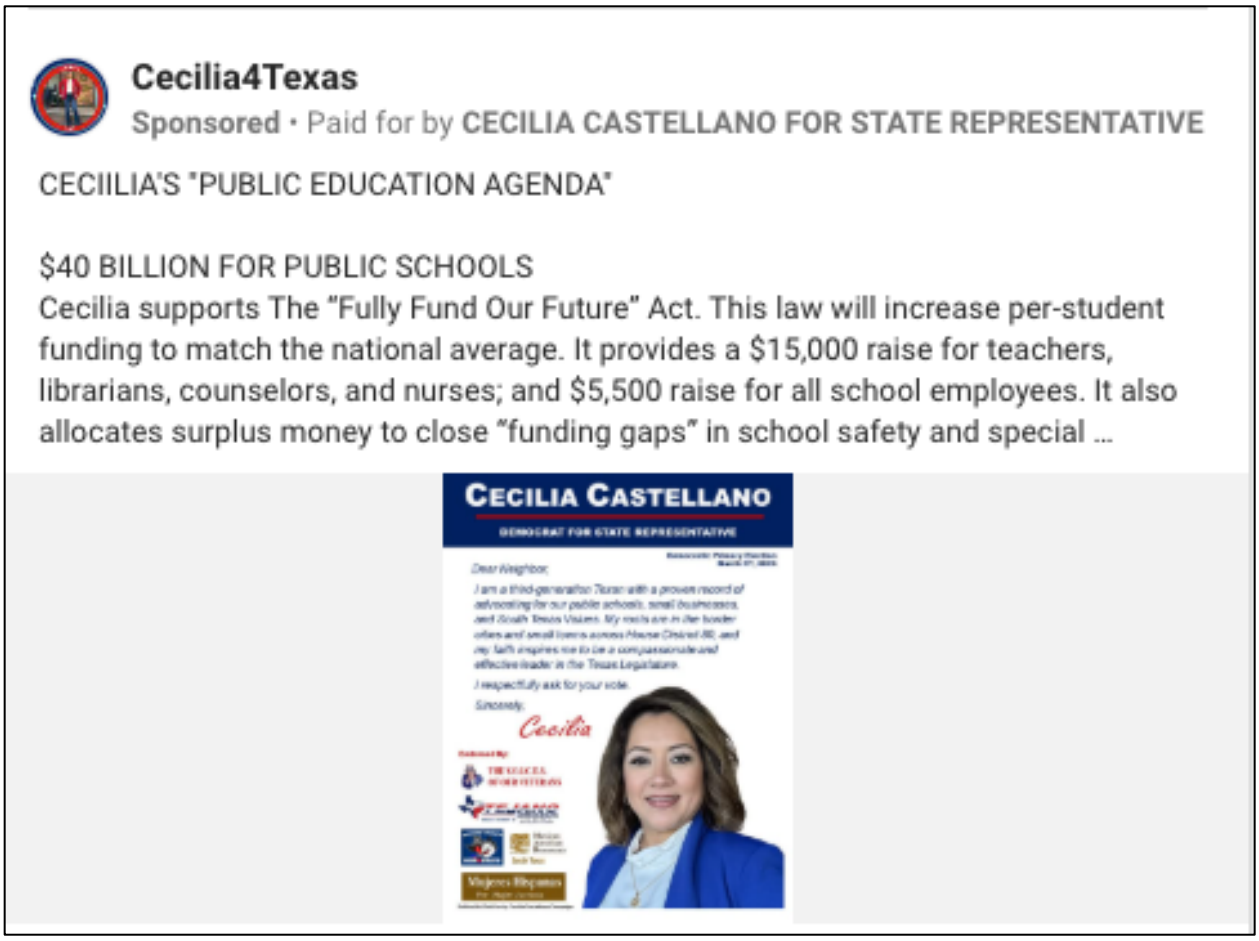
Laredo Morning Times Online, ***10/20/2024***

In 2024, Castellano ran ads calling vouchers a “scam.”



Facebook

In 2024, Castellano ran ads calling for $40 billion in additional funding for schools, including a $5,500 raise for ALL school employees, and $15,000 for teachers.



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Castellano: "IT IS NOT SCHOOL CHOICE IT IS PUBLIC SCHOOL DESTRUCTION!!"

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STOP SCHOOL VOUCHERS - IT IS NOT SCHOOL CHOICE IT IS PUBLIC SCHOOL DESTRUCTION!!

Frio County TX. - Met this wonderful group of young ladies while attending the National night out event. It is hard not to see our youth and be reminded of the importance of public education, Frio County only having two school districts and one private school that services only 34 students.

Where will the children go with this so called "school choice", there are no options for the rural kids.

So instead of defunding schools why don't we fund them and actually give them a decent number of resources and teacher raises to incentivize a better education for the students, the love of teaching can only go so far when teachers can't even afford a decent style of living.

What will happen to those children that can't afford a meal, that go every day to school because that is the only warm meal they will have all day, what will happen to them when the public schools will have to shut down because they cannot afford to keep their doors open.

There is a saying that states it takes a village to raise our children, we are that village, lets provide an equal opportunity to all our children not a just a select few.



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Castellano supports universal full-day Pre-K.

- During a candidate forum, Castellano voiced her support stating it will help them diagnose dyslexia:

> Host: "So our final question for this evening is would you support increasing funding and opening up admittance for all students to participate in full day pre kindergarten? If yes or no, why?"
>
> Castellano: "Yes, I support full pre-K attendance. Quite one out of 10 children are diagnosed with dyslexia, or some type of learning disability. So I believe that early detection is very imperative. Second, I believe that our children need to attend pre K because that's like the crucial time that our children's our babies are learning want to learn are eager to learn. And I believe that if we start early, we can ensure that our children graduate, that our children attend college, or go to a vocational school or join the military. But I do believe that we should fully fund our pre K. Thank you."

*Raise Your Hand Texas, "**2024 Public Education Candidate Forum: Texas HD 80**", timestamp 00:37:10; video archived **here***

Castellano, while shouting and referring to herself in the third person: "It's very important House District 80 remain a Democrat seat. And it remains with somebody that has a voice that can speak eloquently, professionally, and to get the job done, not only for an elect view, but for everybody. Because everybody matters. Everybody matters, not just an elect few…I know that Cecilia Castellano will represent each one of you."

- March 29, 2024 Facebook live:



https://www.facebook.com/100095390561479/videos/7291695414240128

*Facebook Live, 03/29/2024, **Archived video***

[Timestamp 02:01] "you wanted a real leader, you voted for Cecilia, and I came out number one, and that does matter. That does matter right now. Because many people that didn't believe, thought that I wasn't gonna make it. But it took you it took you the voter. Here it got me elected number one super hard to run. And it's very important House District 80 remains a Democrat seat. And it remains with somebody that has a voice that can speak eloquently, professionally, and to get the job done, not only for an elect few, but for everybody. Because everybody matters. Everybody matters, not just an elect few. So family and friends, I know

that Cecilia Castellano will represent each one of you, professionally, eloquently, and the way you need to be represented. And I know that together. Because together, we can do great things guys. Together we can, it's not just one, but together. And that has been our motto. Together, we can do great things. So let's keep moving strong. Let's keep moving together. And don't forget who's been there since July of 2023. Don't forget who's been there at every event. And almost every weekend and every week. Let's not forget, it doesn't take money. It doesn't take a name. It takes God. It takes a plan of action. And it takes us working together. So may God bless each and one of you. And I pray a hedge of protection over our travels. I pray I pray ahead to protection over each and one of you. I pray that whatever you are any one of you are going through that God will be your refuge in the time of trouble, and that God is the only one that could indicate any one. And I know that God is getting ready to do great and mighty things because he is the God of miracles and the God of justice and the God that can change anything and may God bless you”

Probably not something the Democrat base wants to hear from Castellano: "there's too many pointing back and forth of it's the Republicans, it's the Democrats, and there's no accountability. And so I believe that the reason all of this has happened is because we have left God out."

- April 14, 2024 Facebook live:



https://www.facebook.com/100095390561479/videos/397900839868486

Facebook Live, 04/14/2024, ***Archived video***

[Timestamp 00:35] "We are out here, putting out signs out in Laredo, we're in Quad Cities actually. And I found this spectacular church building here in this area. And just thought that it would be a beautiful place to let you see this beautiful historic building, as well, as you know, just letting you look at the cross, right? There's a lot of things going on in the world, a lot of a lot of our rights are being taken away. A lot of things that we want changed. But there's too many pointing

back and forth of it's the Republicans, it's the Democrats, and there's no accountability. And so I believe that the reason all of this has happened is because we have left God out. And so today, if you have something that's just been bothering you something that has just been on your mind that you just can't let go, or you feel like nothing's going to change the situation, I can honestly tell you, that if you just say God, take control, and leave everything at the feet of the cross. He will take control if you let him."

It turns out Castellano has no idea what she's talking about when she gets out into the district she's seeking to represent and criticizes its major industry. In a May 2024 Facebook live, with pumpjacks in the background to seem gritty but grasping her phone with giant fake nails, Castellano criticized Henry Cuellar for being "a major proponent of the oil & gas industry" because oil is "pumping out of house district 80." "Many gallons. 1000s of gallons being siphoned out of house district 80!" according to Castellano. According to the Texas RRC monthly production report, in May 2024 alone, just Atascosa County produced over 2.6 MILLION BARRELLS of crude. That's over 111 million gallons.

- May 3, 2024 Facebook live:



https://www.facebook.com/100095390561479/videos/449948597441151

Facebook Live, 05/03/2024, Archived video

[Timestamp 03:12] “So today, as many of us have read and it's been all over the news about US Congressman Henry Cuellar a lot of lot of stuff going on right he's been indicted. But once again I go to another Congressman [inaudible over wind] …

“House district 80 is very rich in oil very rich in resources. But yet House District 80 looks so poor. Our infrastructure is bad. Our water infrastructure is bad. We have dilapidated house dilapidated houses. We have schools that that need fixing. We have schools that have closed down. We have children that are having to travel over 20 miles just to get to school. But yet we have individuals and companies that are defrauding the government. An individual that’s over appropriations that has defrauded House District 80 people. Now I want to read an insert that came out of the tribune, the Texas Tribune. And this is very important because if you look At my opponents, finances, financial records that was submitted to the Texas Ethics Commission. Henry Cuellar has funded her campaign over $67,000. So that makes us wonder because there is a statement in here that Henry Cuellar did state that he recruited many family members. So could my opponent be one of those, I mean, she was receiving money from his campaign. And it also stick. He's also a major proponent of the oil and gas industry, which is responsible for a large part his district’s economy. That is so true. All over the place. Oil pumping out of house district 80. Many gallons. 1000s of gallons being siphoned out of House District 80. Yet, we're not seeing a penny of it. Here in house district 80. And matter of fact, we don't even see a lot of people being employed here in house district 80.”

- According to the Texas Railroad Commission monthly production report for May 2024, Atascosa produced 2.6m barrels of crude, Dimmit 1.4m, Zavala 596k, Frio 470k, and Webb 236k.

TEXAS OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION BY COUNTY
MAY 2024
RANK ORDER BY OIL PRODUCTION

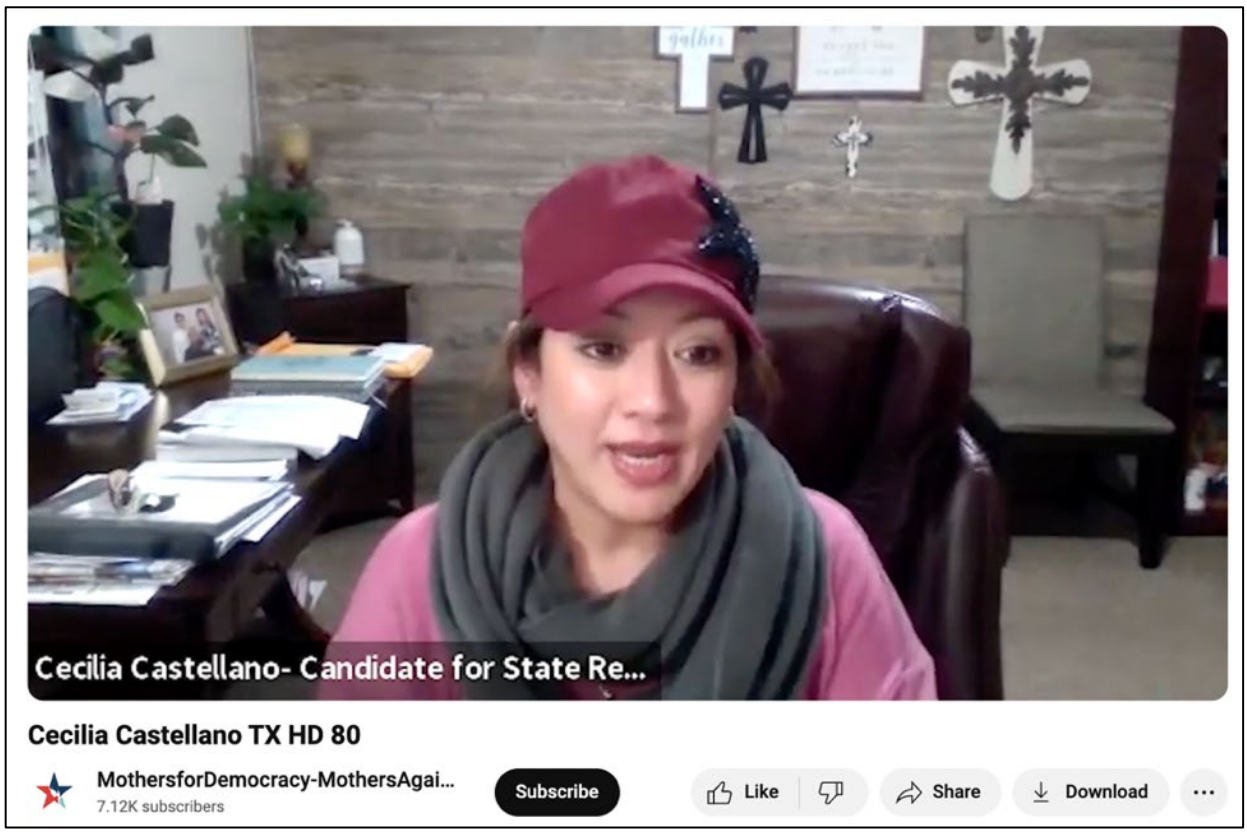
COUNTY	TOTAL GAS PRODUCTION	CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION	CONDENSATE PRODUCTION
MARTIN	48,129,827	18,877,614	14
MIDLAND	68,046,088	16,003,053	4,645
UPTON	32,178,862	7,470,047	6,586
HOWARD	24,631,506	6,550,720	57
LOVING	41,059,990	6,315,128	4,388,898
KARNES	23,221,426	5,507,561	1,431,138
REAGAN	34,506,205	5,230,511	1,268
GLASSCOCK	24,523,728	5,162,390	491
REEVES	78,665,940	4,882,101	6,572,922
WARD	12,194,098	3,534,339	427,336
ANDREWS	7,344,790	3,231,866	78,618
LA SALLE	28,138,723	3,099,140	580,292
ATASCOSA	2,364,532	2,657,178	1,720
DE WITT	19,358,412	2,601,455	1,404,442
GONZALES	3,745,082	2,388,886	133,507
YOAKUM	4,674,915	2,239,312	0
PECOS	7,452,700	2,080,317	2,833
WINKLER	3,795,492	1,498,492	87,052
DIMMIT	13,102,506	1,412,935	732,630
GAINES	1,283,859	1,380,615	149
MCMULLEN	11,407,637	1,373,459	364,332
ECTOR	2,747,353	1,336,332	556
SCURRY	3,400,070	983,112	0
CRANE	5,068,145	961,734	4,211
LIVE OAK	9,733,494	805,625	873,029
HOCKLEY	474,694	796,660	147
BURLESON	671,066	679,441	2,915
ZAVALA	1,016,017	596,600	13,685
LAVACA	2,322,200	515,598	99,842
FRIO	1,147,498	470,954	37,610
IRION	9,544,627	442,689	1,349
BORDEN	606,367	418,305	0
BRAZOS	434,561	347,532	606
WILSON	186,222	341,588	0
DAWSON	320,589	333,095	0
CROCKETT	5,594,351	306,197	7,404
WEBB	80,938,499	236,472	1,365,416

https://www.rrc.texas.gov/media/eo0bpi0a/2024-05-monthly-production-county-oil.pdf

Castellano says the reason why she is running is "first and foremost" that she was "asked to run." *By who? She doesn't say.*

- Castellano made the comments in answer to the first question in an online interview about why she was running.

> " The reason why I uh am running is…first and foremost, um, I was asked to run for this uh position. And I didn't take it very lightly on the ask, and I had to pray about the ask and then I had to get into prayer with my husband."



*Mothers Against Greg Abbott: "**Cecilia Castellano TX HD 80**" uploaded 1/31/2024, timestamp 1:40; video archived **here***

- Castellano also describes the story in her melodramatic campaign video, saying she was contacted via a phone call on July 17th, 2023, and asked to run. She doesn't say who called her.

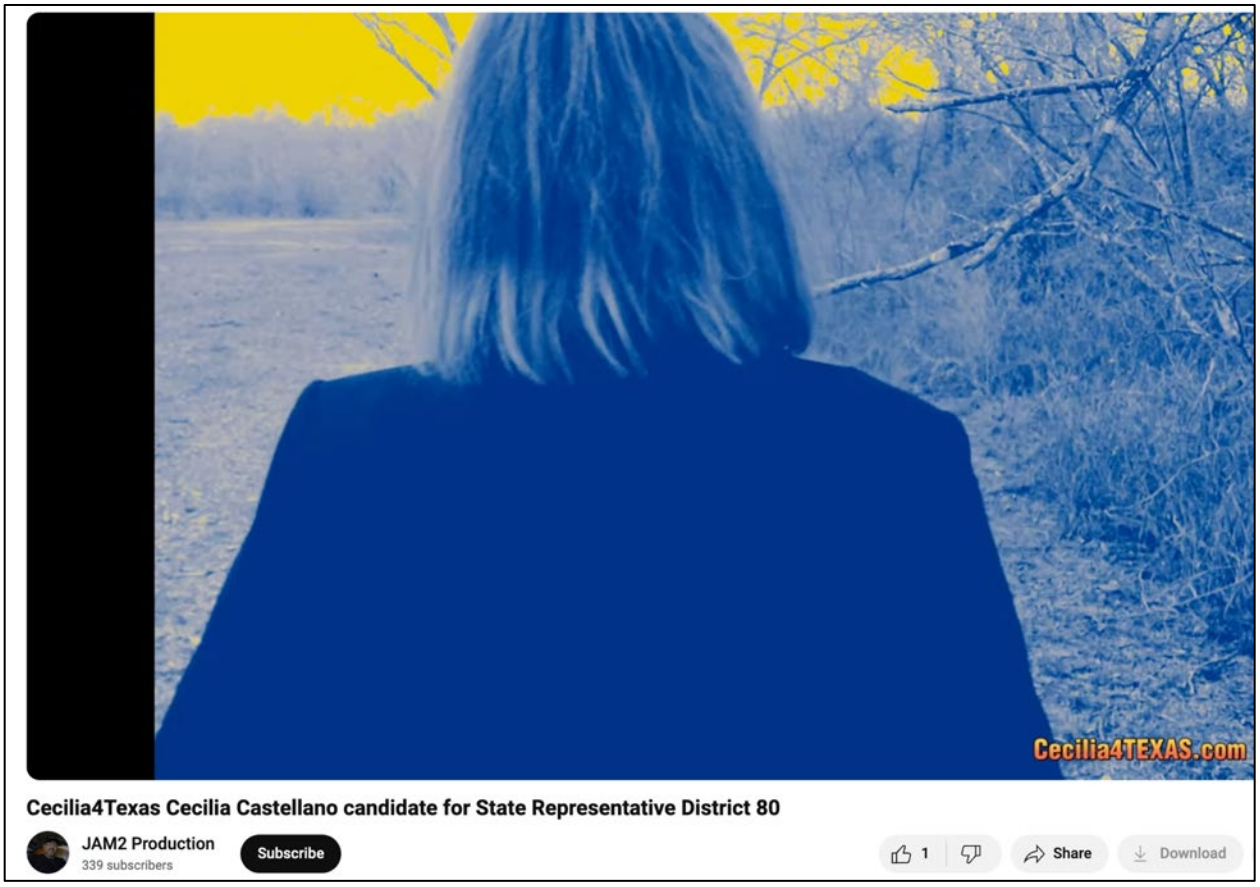
Castellano claims that "the Lord spoke" to her and told her to run and that she is "anointed" to be the candidate. Castellano puts her religious faith front and center. Can you imagine the outrage from the left if a Republican said these things?

- In an online interview, Castellano describes how she decided to run after the Lord spoke to her.

> " The reason why I uh am running is…first and foremost, um, I was asked to run for this uh position. And I didn't take it very lightly on the ask, and I had to pray about the ask and then I had to get into prayer with my husband. After I did those two things, I then took it, you know, before my pastors and I knew that, with all three of us coming together. And we all literally, the Lord spoke literally the same thing. I didn't tell my husband what the Lord told me, it was like we both spoke about it afterwards. And we knew that this was his plan, and his journey that he wanted us on. And so I am on this journey, because God has me on this journey. I'm on this journey. Because just like many of the candidates that have spoken out about, we're tired of the same old politics. I'm not a career politician. I'm also a small business owner, I'm actually a woman in construction. In a male dominated industry, I was told I wouldn't make it. And yet here 18 years later, I'm I'm a successful businesswoman. We've been nominated for multiple awards and, and have been recognized. And so just like this campaign, I've been told I don't have the last name, nor do I have the funds. And I should just drop out of the race. But I am this is this is my time. This is God's time. And I was appointed to run. And so I'm also running because I'm tired of seeing our children dying, and our children suffering. And so that's really why I'm running."

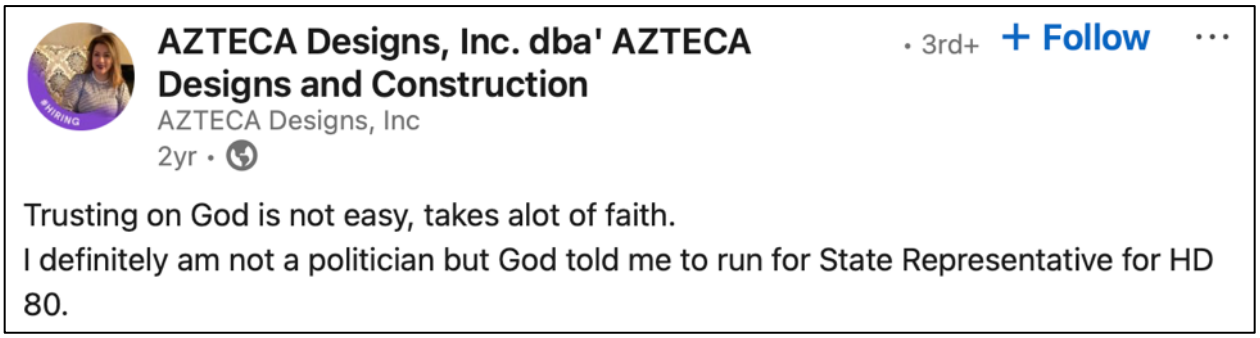
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- She released a melodramatic video, in which she doesn't show her face for nearly 8 minutes, describing the same story and her experience in her "prayer closet" and that "God was talking to me" (5:38).



YouTube, timestamp 0:32; video archived here

- She has also made these claims on social media.

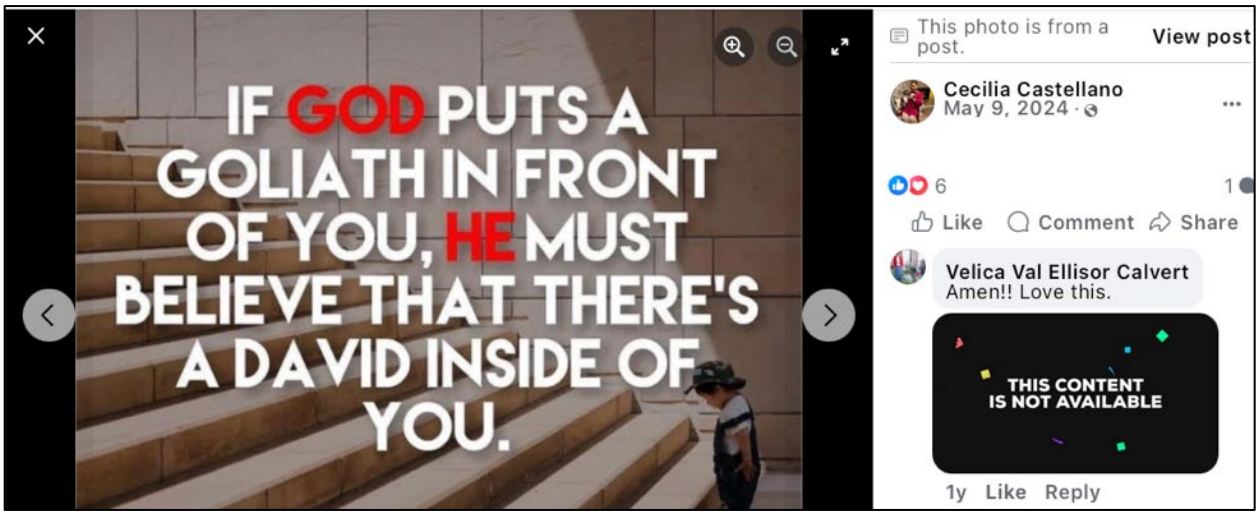


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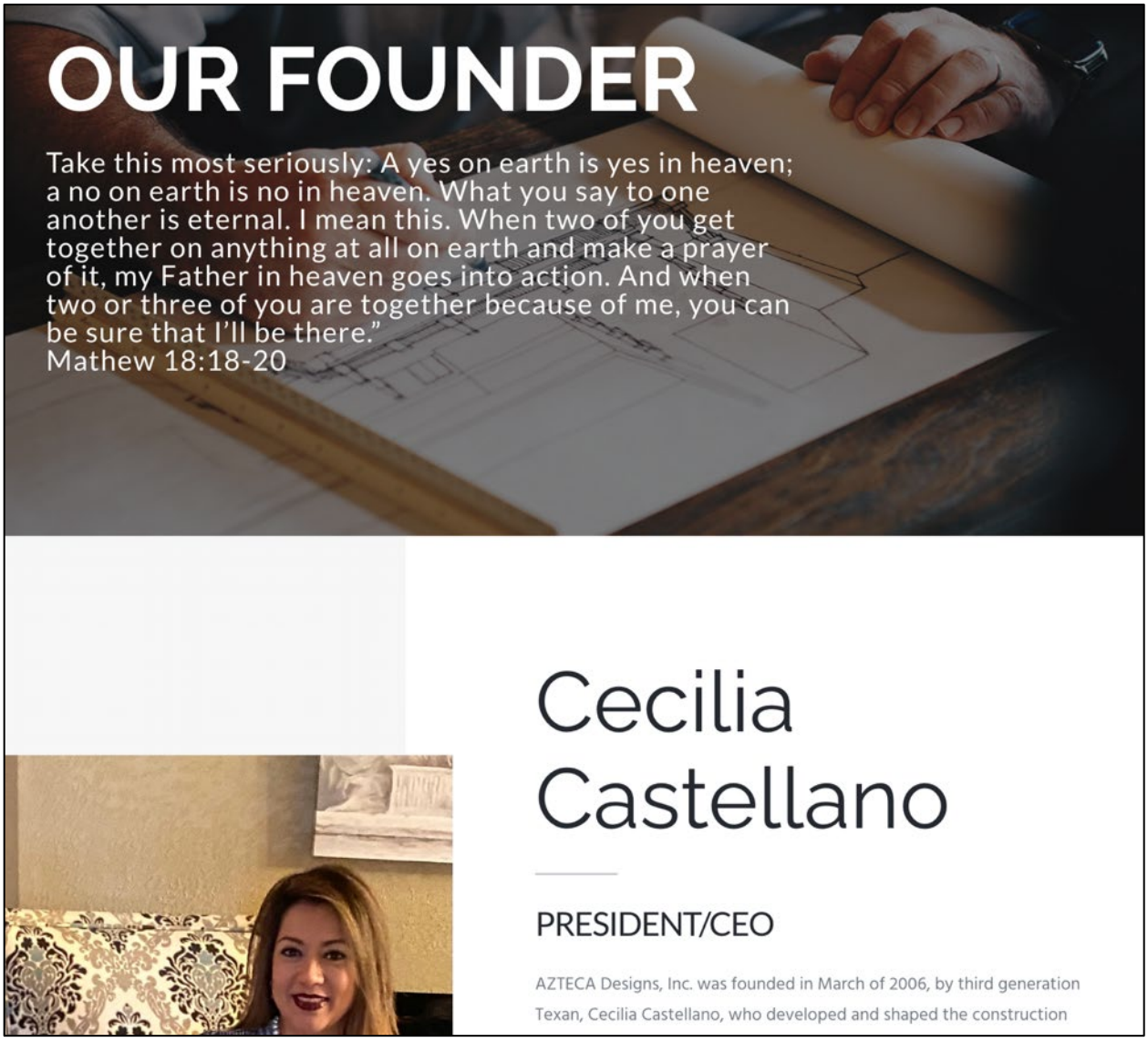
- Castellano puts her faith front and center, even at her business.



Facebook, 03/15/2024



Facebook



https://www.aztecadesigns.com/founder/

Castellano's company was involuntarily terminated in 2010 by the Texas Secretary of State for failing to maintain a registered agent in the state and failing to correct the issue after 90 days. Azteca Designs was reinstated after correcting the defect and applying to the Secretary of State.

- **Certificate of involuntary termination**:

Corporations Section
P.O.Box 13697
Austin, Texas 78711-3697

Hope Andrade
Secretary of State

Office of the Secretary of State

CERTIFICATE OF INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF

AZTECA DESIGNS, INC
File Number: 800617312

The Secretary of State hereby determines and finds the following:

1. That the entity is required to have and continuously maintain a registered agent and registered office address in this state.

2. That the entity has failed to maintain a registered agent or registered office address in this state as required by law.

3. That the entity has been given not less than 90 days notice of its neglect, delinquency or omission by certified mail.

3. That the entity has failed to correct the neglect, omission or delinquency.

It is therefore ordered that the above named entity be involuntarily terminated without judicial ascertainment.

Dated: 06/15/2010

Hope Andrade
Secretary of State

- **Reinstatement**:

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Form 811
(Revised 12/09)

Submit in duplicate to:
Secretary of State
P.O. Box 13697
Austin, TX 78711-3697
512 463-5555
FAX: 512 463-5709
Filing Fee: See instructions

Certificate of Reinstatement

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FILED
In the Office of the
Secretary of State of Texas
JUN 28 2010
Corporations Section

1. The name of the entity is:
AZTECA Designs, Inc

The entity is a foreign entity that was required to obtain its registration under a name that differs from the legal name stated above. The name under which the entity is registered is:

The file number issued to the filing entity by the secretary of state is: 800617312

2. The jurisdiction of organization of the entity is: Texas
(state or country)

The entity was organized or obtained its certificate of registration on: 3-1-2006
mm/dd/yyyy

3. The effective date of the entity's termination or revocation is: 6-15-2010
mm/dd/yyyy

4. The condition giving rise to the termination of the entity's existence or the revocation of its registration is described below. The entity requests reinstatement under the following code provision:
(Select the appropriate box below. Do not check more than one box.)

4A. Reinstatement of a Texas Entity Following a Voluntary Termination (3 year limit)
☒ The domestic filing entity requests reinstatement under section 11.202 of the BOC following the filing of a certificate of termination. The undersigned certifies that the conditions for reinstatement of the entity's certificate of formation are met and that the reinstatement of the filing entity has been approved in the manner provided by the Texas Business Organizations Code.

4B. Reinstatement of a Texas Entity Following an Involuntary Termination
☐ The domestic filing entity requests reinstatement of its certificate of formation after the involuntary termination of its existence by the secretary of state pursuant to subchapter F of chapter 11 of the Code. The entity has corrected the circumstances giving rise to its involuntary termination and has taken any other action required for its reinstatement, including the payment of any fees, interest, or penalties. The undersigned certifies that the reinstatement of the filing entity has been approved in the manner required by the Texas Business Organizations Code.

4C. Reinstatement Following Revocation of Registration of a Foreign Entity (3 year limit)
☐ The foreign filing entity requests the reinstatement of its certificate of registration after its revocation by the secretary of state pursuant to subchapter C of chapter 9 of the BOC. The entity has corrected the circumstances giving rise to its revocation and has taken any other action required for its reinstatement, including the payment of any fees, interest, or penalties.

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5. The name of the entity's registered agent and the address of the entity's registered office are as follows: (Select and complete either A or B and complete C)

☐ A. The registered agent is an organization (cannot be the entity seeking reinstatement) by the name of:

OR

☒ B. The registered agent is an individual resident of the state whose name is set forth below:

Cecilia Castellano

First Name M.I. Last Name Suffix

C. The business address of the registered agent and the registered office address is:

6852 Alamo Downs Parkway SA TX 78238

Street Address City State Zip Code

The street address of the registered office as stated in ~~this~~ instrument is the same as the registered agent's business address.

Additional Documentation or Filings

☑ Comptroller of Public Accounts Tax Clearance Letter (Required, unless entity is a nonprofit corporation.)

☐ Amendment to Certificate of Formation or Registration (Required if entity name is no longer available.)

☐ Other

(A certificate of reinstatement may be conditioned on the submission of additional filings. See instructions.)

Execution

The undersigned affirms that the person designated as registered agent has consented to the appointment. The undersigned signs this document subject to the penalties imposed by law for the submission of a materially false or fraudulent instrument and certifies under penalty of perjury that the undersigned is authorized under the provisions of law governing the entity to execute the filing instrument.

Date: June 28, 2010

By: Cecilia Castellano

Signature of authorized person (see instructions)

Cecilia Castellano

Printed or typed name of authorized person

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TEXAS COMPTROLLER of PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

WWW.WINDOW.STATE.TX.US

June 28, 2010

AZTECA DESIGNS, INC
6852 ALAMO DOWNS PKWY
SAN ANTONIO TX 78238-4534

TAX CLEARANCE LETTER FOR REINSTATEMENT*

To: Texas Secretary of State
Corporation Section

Re: AZTECA DESIGNS, INC
Taxpayer number: 32019193443
File number: 0800617312

The above referenced entity has met all franchise tax requirements and is eligible for reinstatement through 11/15/2010.

Michael Almaraz
2h60
Enforcement Division
210.616.0067

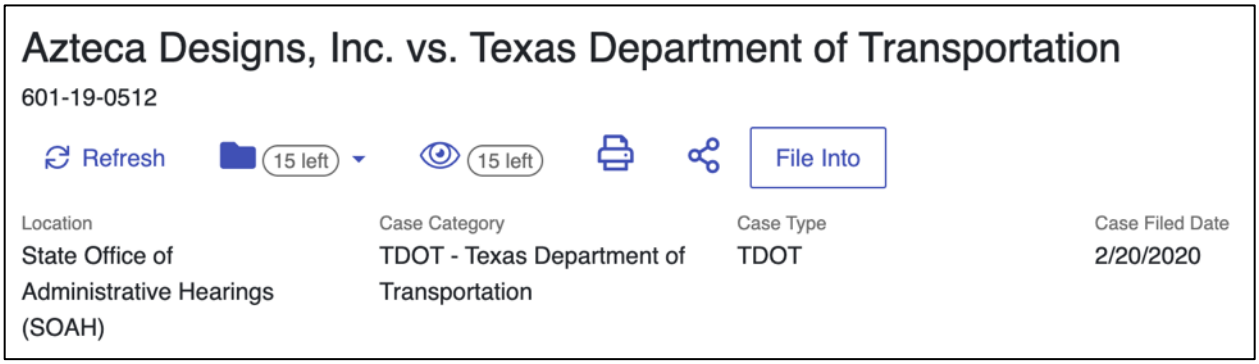
*To reinstate this entity, an application for reinstatement (SOS Form 801), this tax clearance letter, and the appropriate filing fee, if applicable, must be filed with the Texas Secretary of State on or before the expiration date of this letter.

An Application and instructions for reinstatement may be obtained by visiting http://www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/forms.shtml or by calling 512-463-5581.

NOTE; If the entity fails to reinstate on or before the tax clearance date indicated in this letter, additional franchise tax filing requirements must be met and a new request for tax clearance must be submitted prior to reinstatement.

Castellano's company brought an action against the Texas Department of Transportation through the Texas State Office of Administrative Hearings in 2020. While available records show the action was dismissed when the claims were resolved and no actual lawsuit filed, the interaction begs the question, *how would future disputes between Castellano and state agency clients be addressed if she were an elected official?*

- Azteca Designs filed an action against TxDOT with the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) in February 2020.



- SOAH "resolves disputes between Texas agencies, other governmental entities, and private citizens either through an administrative hearing or mediation. The office is separate and independent from the agencies involved in the disputes. The administrative law judges who preside over the disputes are neutral."
- While the initial filing showing the nature of the lawsuit is unavailable due to a SOAH case system migration (a request remains pending), the action was dismissed after a joint motion that the parties resolved the claims.

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Jessie Harbin, CLERK

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ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
Jessie Harbin, CLERK

SOAH DOCKET NO. 601-19-0512

AZTECA DESIGNS, INC.,	§	**BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE**
Petitioner	§	
	§	
v.	§	**OF**
	§	
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF	§	
TRANSPORTATION,	§	
Respondent	§	**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

ORDER NO. 10
GRANTING MOTION TO DISMISS

This order vacates and replaces Order No. 9 issued on May 7, 2020.

On May 5, 2020, Azteca Designs, Inc. and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) filed a Joint Motion to Dismiss with Prejudice. The parties stated that they have resolved their claims and no longer wish to prosecute such claims in this case. The parties requested an order dismissing the case with prejudice to re-filing.

Accordingly, the Administrative Law Judge **GRANTS** the Joint Motion to Dismiss With Prejudice, **REMANDS** the case to TxDOT, and **DISMISSES** the case from the docket of the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

SIGNED May 11, 2020.

KERRIE JO QUALTROUGH
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

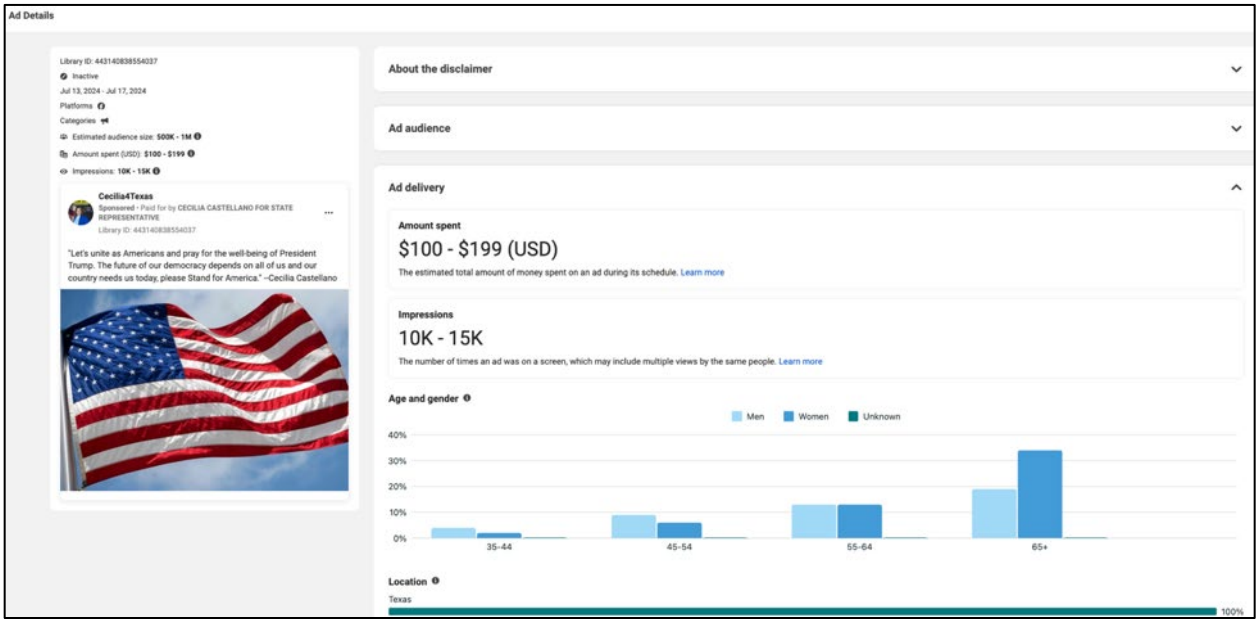
Castellano's campaign Facebook page ran a paid ad promoting her post after the attempted assassination of President Trump.

- Castellano's post after the attempt on President Trump's life had 349 comments and 71 shares.



Facebook 07/13/2024

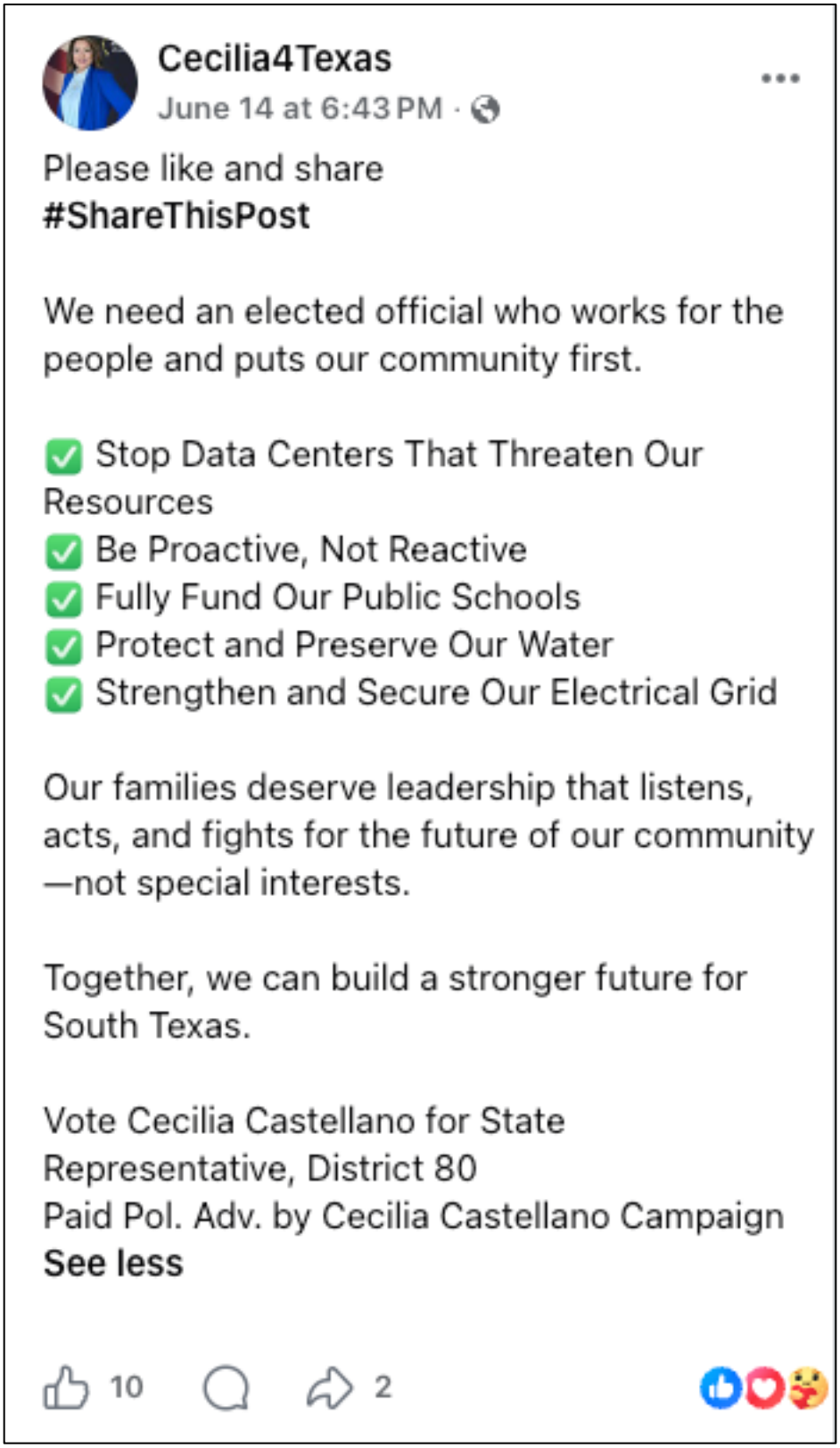
- The post was a **paid ad**.



Castellano is firmly anti data center. *Where does she think her AI slop campaign graphics come from?*



*Facebook, **06/14/2026***



*Facebook, **06/14/2026***



*Facebook, **06/14/2026***

Castellano owns stock in big pharma companies including Johnson & Johnson, Eli Lily & Co, and Pfizer.

- Castellano disclosed the stocks in her Personal Financial Statement.

STOCK **PART 2**

If the requested information is not applicable, indicate that on Page 2 of the Cover Sheet, **and DO NOT include this page in the report.**

List each business entity in which you, your spouse, or a dependent child held or acquired stock during the calendar year and indicate the category of the number of shares held or acquired. If some or all of the stock was sold, also indicate the category of the amount of the net gain or loss realized from the sale. For more information, see FORM PFS--INSTRUCTION GUIDE.

When reporting information about a dependent child's activity, indicate the child about whom you are reporting by providing the number under which the child is listed on the Cover Sheet.

1 FILER INFORMATION	FILER NAME Castellano, Cecilia (Mrs.)	FILER ID 00087851
2 BUSINESS ENTITY	NAME JNJ	
3 STOCK HELD OR ACQUIRED BY	[X] FILER [ ] SPOUSE [ ] DEPENDENT CHILD _____	
4 NUMBER OF SHARES	[X] LESS THAN 100 [ ] 100 TO 499 [ ] 500 TO 999 [ ] 1,000 TO 4,999 [ ] LESS THAN 10K [ ] 10,000 OR MORE	
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*Texas Ethics Commission, **Personal Financial Statement filed 2/13/2026** page 7*

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*Texas Ethics Commission, **Personal Financial Statement filed 2/13/2026** page 11*

Castellano owns stock in BlackRock. Texas has pulled billions in state money from the investment firm for its promotion of ESG investing and banning fossil fuels. Blackrock has also been accused of killing the American dream of owning a home, due its predatory investing in residential real estate.

- Castellano disclosed Blackrock stock in her Personal Financial Statement.

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*Texas Ethics Commission, **Personal Financial Statement filed 2/13/2026** page 4*

- Blackrock pushes woke ESG policies and the Texas schools investment fund **pulled $8.5 billion** they had invested in the firm in protest.

> NEW YORK, March 19 (Reuters) - A Texas school fund told BlackRock (BLK.N), opens new tab on Tuesday it was terminating its contract to manage around $8.5 billion of state money, accusing the investment giant of boycotting fossil fuel energy producers, who represent a large part of the state's industry.
>
> BlackRock has denied it is engaged in any boycott, saying the money pulled is a tiny sliver of the $10 trillion in assets that it manages.
>
> The move by the Texas Permanent School Fund, however, highlights how BlackRock and other asset managers continue to attract controversy in some Republican-run states over environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) investing.

*Reuters, "**Texas schools fund pulls $8.5 billion from BlackRock over ESG investing**" 3/19/2024*

- Blackrock has also been accused of "killing the dream" of owning a home, due its predatory investing in residential real estate.

FOX NEWS FLASH

BlackRock, other investment firms 'killing the dream' of home ownership, journalist says

'Homeownership gives people a stake in a society. It's a way to build generational wealth,' Pedro Gonzalez says

By **Charles Creitz** · **Fox News**

Published June 12, 2021 12:53am EDT



BlackRock, other investment firms, buying up homes, forcing rental boom

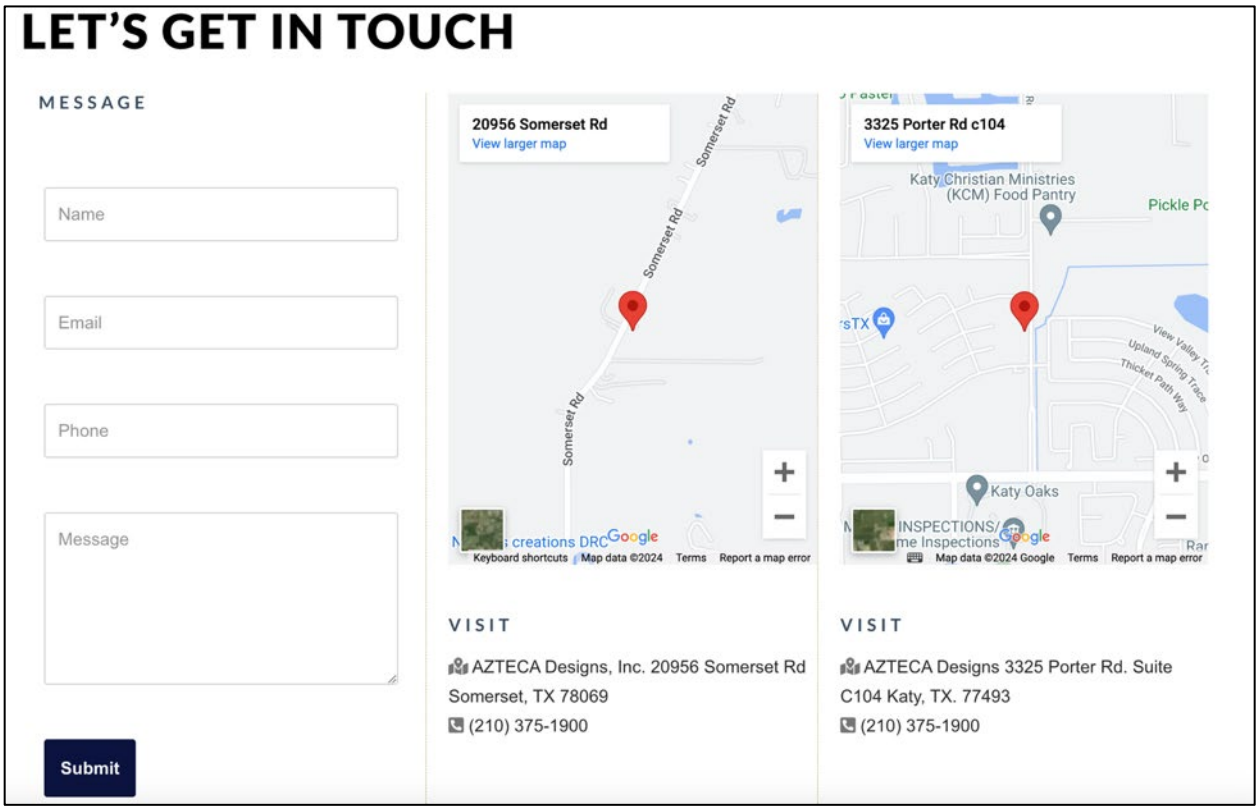
'Chronicles' associate editor Pedro Gonzalez reacts on 'Tucker Carlson Tonight'

The New York City risk and investment management titan BlackRock is among several high-powered firms pushing working families out of the housing market and into rentals, therefore depriving them of capital and the opportunity to build credit and equity.

*Fox News, **06/12/2021***

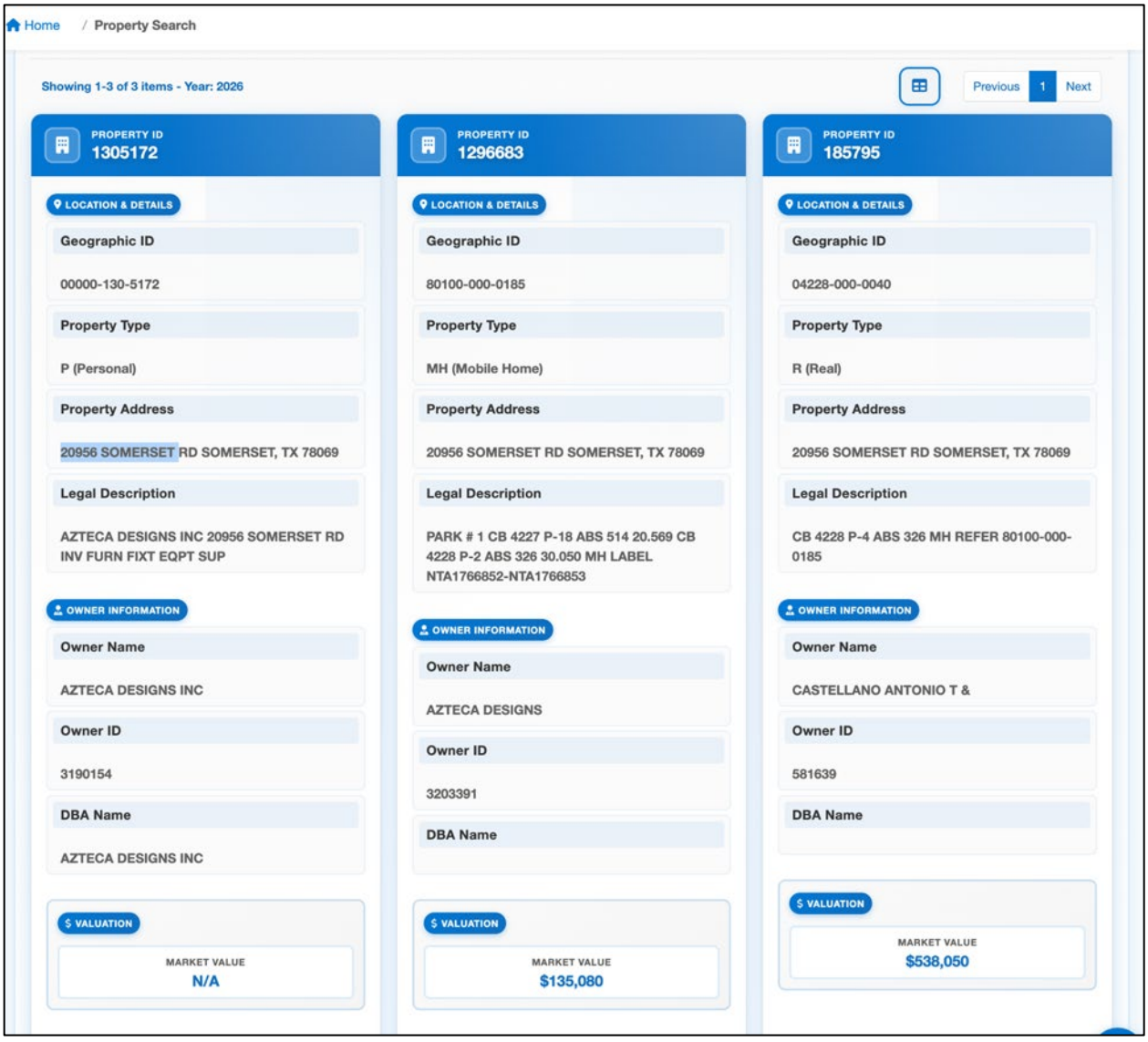
Castellano's company is headquartered in Somerset, outside of house district 80, in Bexar County.

- Castellano's company Azteca Designs is in Somerset, Texas. The business owns the property.



https://www.aztecadesigns.com/contact-us/

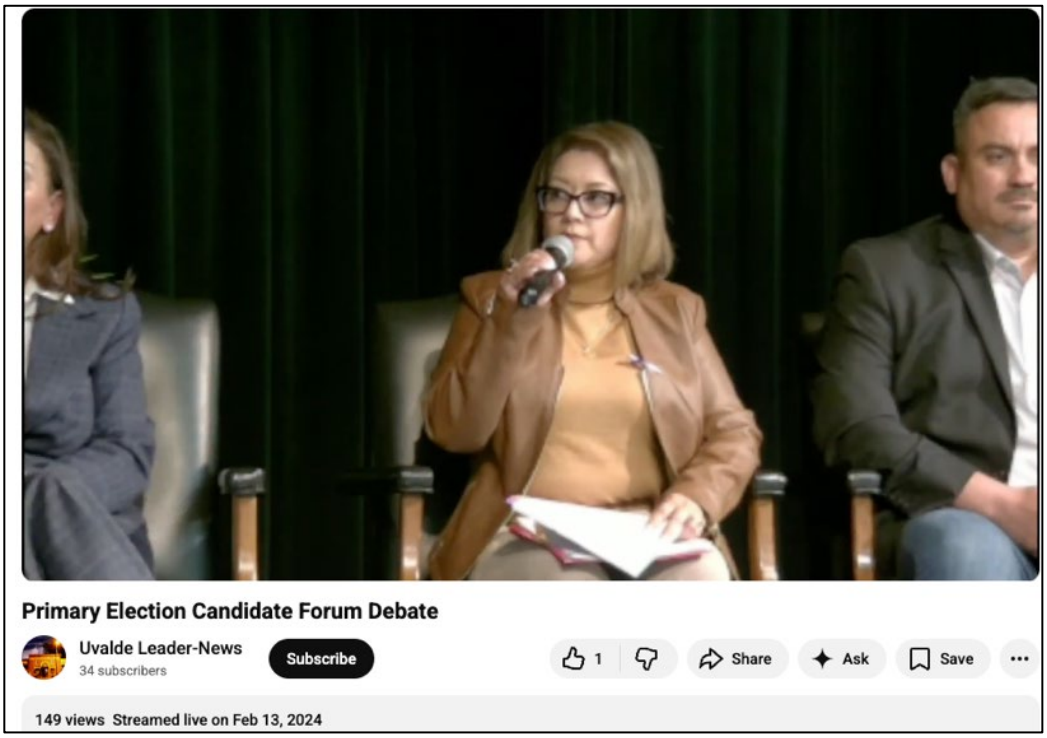
- 20956 SOMERSET RD is split into three property IDs, one for personal property, one for a mobile home and one for the land (real property). The first two are owned by Azteca Designs, and the 43.5 acre lot is owned directly by Castellano and her husband.



*Bexar Central Appraisal District, **Property Search** 20956 SOMERSET*

Castellano is radically anti-gun. She wants to raise the age to purchase a semi-automatic rifle from 18 to 21, wants Texas guns laws to mirror federal gun laws, and wants to eliminate constitutional carry.

- Castellano made her anti-gun positions clear in a candidate forum, saying:



Question: "If elected, do you support raising the age?"

"Absolutely. 110% I would support that…nobody wants to be controlled. Everyone has a freedom to own guns, **however,** we need to increase the limit to what the federal law reads, which is age 21. So that's that should be reciprocated down to the state. And we need to go back to, well not go back to, but I believe we need to have a comprehensive background check. National Background Check. We also need a better oversight on gun shows. When purchasing guns. It shouldn't just be so loosely for anyone just to go buy a gun with cash and no background check. And let's go back to a to carry to license to carry with two training classes. So I have a full agenda of how we can ensure that we protect our younger generation. And it all goes back to mental health. That's the problem here."

*Uvalde Leader News, "**Primary Election Candidate Forum**", live streamed 2/13/2024, timestamp 00:28:58; video archived **here***

Castellano in her own words: "The gun reform is a very sensitive issue…House district 80, the families out there, the farmers and ranchers, they need to have a, um, the shotguns and stuff like that, because of the wild animals coming to their cattle, what have you. But overall, it's not about having a gun reform, it's about having common sense, a gun reform, because nobody wants to be told how to adult." Castellano then goes on to describe how she would raise the age to buy guns, restrict access to anything but a shotgun because if you want to play with "the semi-automatic, all that stuff…join the military."



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMTWz0kUiU0; video archived here

- Castellano (segment begins 29:38):

Let me tell you, the gun reform is a very sensitive issue, right? Just like immigration, but what I can tell you that because House District 80 is very different from the city. Okay, we're rural. I do understand that House District 80, the families out there, the farmers and ranchers, they need to have a. Um, the shotguns and stuff like that, right, because of the wild animals coming to their cattle. What have you. But overall, it's not about having a gun reform, it's about having common sense, a gun reform, because nobody wants to be told how to adult, how to, how to take care of your guns, if you can and cannot have a gun, and what kind of gun you can't have, right? So we need sensible gun legislation, and, and buying back guns. Let me tell you, they're going to just go and give you whatever guns, because they're going to be able to go down the street and get some more, so that's wasteful.

- Castellano (segment begins 32:16):

  We need to have some type of policies, we need to increase the age, I believe, for for people to be able to buy guns. Number one. Number two, the type of gun, assault rifles, or, you know, the AK exactly, or the rural area. Okay, I understand the shotguns. Okay, but the semi-automatic, all that stuff. Come on now, you, if you want to go and play that, join the military.

Castellano: "Don't let a juice box or juice package buy a vote…You are worth more than a package of juice…Don't sell yourself to the devil. Don't sell your vote to the devil."

- May 24, 2024 Facebook live:



Facebook 05/24/2024, Archived video

"We all know that this so called Family Kennedy of the South has done wrong. No one told him to do it. They did it themselves. So family and friends you need to be aware. Don't let a juice box or juice package buy a vote. You are worth more than that. You are worth more than a package of juice. You are worth your streets getting fixed. You are worth making sure that your schools get funded. You are working to make sure that you have real doctors enrolled nurses in your community that put your work. Don't sell yourself to the devil. Don't sell your vote to the devil. Vote Cecilia Castellano to be your next state representative because I will fight I will fight for you and I will fight for all the families and House District 80."

As a candidate for Somerset ISD school board in 2014, Castellano received an in-kind contribution from the Texas Democratic Party for the "nonpartisan" school board post. Castellano described herself as an "up and coming politician" at the time and went on to lose the race.

- The **$300 in-kind contribution received 8/7/2014** for "voters registeration" [*sic*]

Date	Full name of contributor ☐ out-of-state PAC (ID#:_____)	Amount of contribution ($)	In-kind contribution description (if applicable)
8/7/2014	Texas Democratic Party Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code 4818 E. Ben White Ste 104 Austin, Tx 78741		300.00 Voters Registeration (If travel outside of Texas, complete Schedule T)
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)		Employer (See Instructions)	

*Texas Ethics Commission, **Castellano Somerset ISD CFR** page 8*

- Castellano got support from other big names in the Democratic Party and said they see her as an "an up-and-coming politician."

> "Castellano has reported raising the most money among all Somerset candidates, at least $3,800, including donations from the Texas Democratic Party, LULAC Council No. 649, Bexar County Democratic Party Chairman Manuel Medina, and Rep. Joe Farias, D-San Antonio. She said they see her as an up-and-coming politician."

*San Antonio Express-News, "**VOTE 2014 Gloves off in trustee races at Somerset ; 3 school district seats to be decided**" 10/26/2014*

Castellano contributed money to Stonewall Democrats of San Antonio. The group describes itself as "the progressive political voice of the LGBTQIA community" and of course supports the most egregious aspects of pro-LGBT politics, from gender transitioning kids to vulgar drag queens.

- Castellano gave the radical political group $35 in 2012.

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POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS OTHER THAN PLEDGES OR LOANS — **SCHEDULE A**

The INSTRUCTION GUIDE explains how to complete this form.			1 PAGE # Schedule: 5/27 Report: 7/42
2 FILER NAME Stonewall Democrats of San Antonio			3 ACCOUNT # (Ethics Commission filers) 00055727
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9 Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions) VJ		10 Employer (See Instructions) M. Garza Enterprises	
Date	Full name of contributor ☐ out-of-state PAC (ID#_____) Castellano, Cecilla (Ms.)		Amount of contribution ($) / In-kind contribution description (if applicable)
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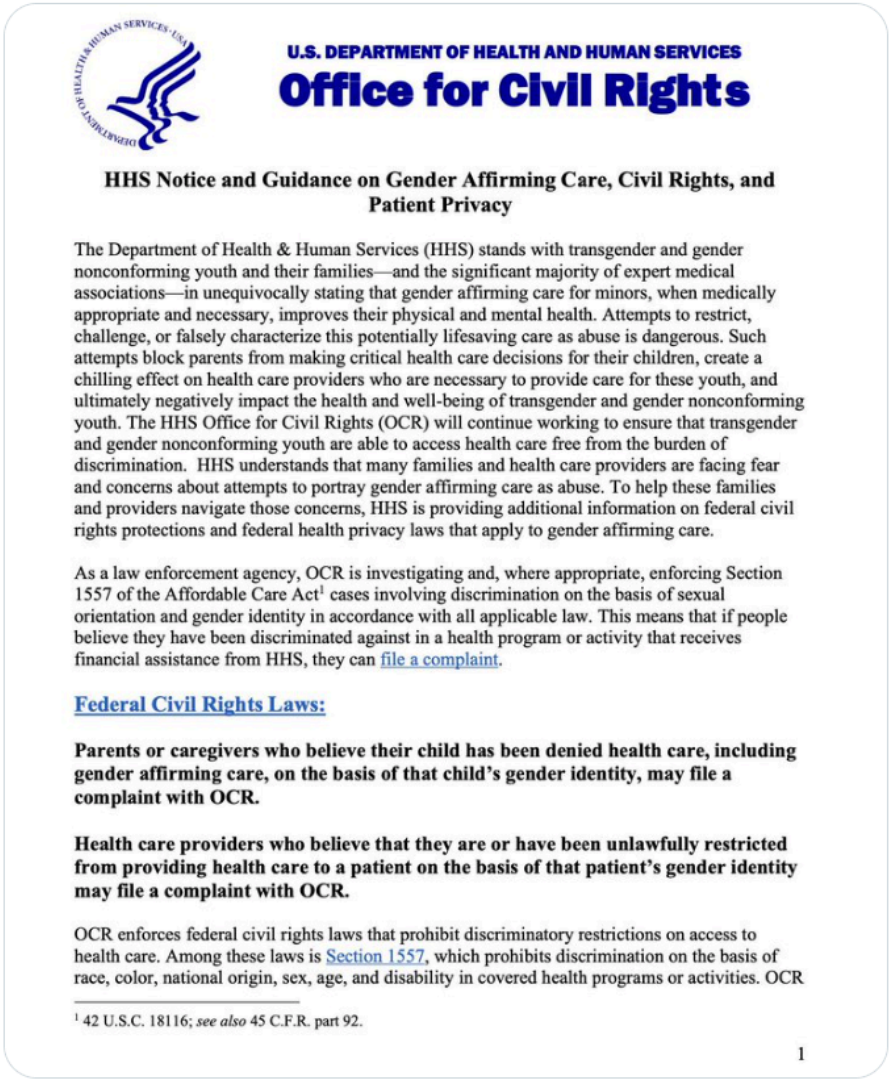
*Texas Ethics Commission; **$35 contribution on 2/26/2012***

- **Stonewall Democrats of San Antonio** consider themselves "Stonewall Democrats of San Antonio is the progressive political voice of the LGBTQIA community."
- They oppose Texan efforts to stop the transgender agenda being pushed on kids:

Stonewall Democrats of San Antoni @StonewallDemsS/ · Mar 3, 2022 ···

The Biden admin. is stepping up to defend trans **kids** in Texas. This is why we vote.

The Office of Civl Rights will make contact with parents + defend them. HHS demands that HIPAA be followed. Biden admin. is putting its full muscle behind attacking the TX discriminatory law.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office for Civil Rights

HHS Notice and Guidance on Gender Affirming Care, Civil Rights, and Patient Privacy

The Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) stands with transgender and gender nonconforming youth and their families—and the significant majority of expert medical associations—in unequivocally stating that gender affirming care for minors, when medically appropriate and necessary, improves their physical and mental health. Attempts to restrict, challenge, or falsely characterize this potentially lifesaving care as abuse is dangerous. Such attempts block parents from making critical health care decisions for their children, create a chilling effect on health care providers who are necessary to provide care for these youth, and ultimately negatively impact the health and well-being of transgender and gender nonconforming youth. The HHS Office for Civil Rights (OCR) will continue working to ensure that transgender and gender nonconforming youth are able to access health care free from the burden of discrimination. HHS understands that many families and health care providers are facing fear and concerns about attempts to portray gender affirming care as abuse. To help these families and providers navigate those concerns, HHS is providing additional information on federal civil rights protections and federal health privacy laws that apply to gender affirming care.

As a law enforcement agency, OCR is investigating and, where appropriate, enforcing Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act[1] cases involving discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in accordance with all applicable law. This means that if people believe they have been discriminated against in a health program or activity that receives financial assistance from HHS, they can file a complaint.

Federal Civil Rights Laws:

Parents or caregivers who believe their child has been denied health care, including gender affirming care, on the basis of that child's gender identity, may file a complaint with OCR.

Health care providers who believe that they are or have been unlawfully restricted from providing health care to a patient on the basis of that patient's gender identity may file a complaint with OCR.

OCR enforces federal civil rights laws that prohibit discriminatory restrictions on access to health care. Among these laws is Section 1557, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, and disability in covered health programs or activities. OCR

[1] 42 U.S.C. 18116; *see also* 45 C.F.R. part 92.

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Stonewall Democrats of San Antoni @StonewallDemsSA · Oct 6, 2021
Republicans and @GregAbbott_TX are forever attacking trans youth.
Gina Hinojosa @GinaForAustin · Oct 6, 2021
2day, there will be ANOTHER hearing for a bill to ban transgender youth from playing on school sports teams that match their gender identity.
The hearing for HB25 will be at 11 am in the Capitol Extension Auditorium, E1.004....
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June 30, 2022

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- They promote “drag queens”…



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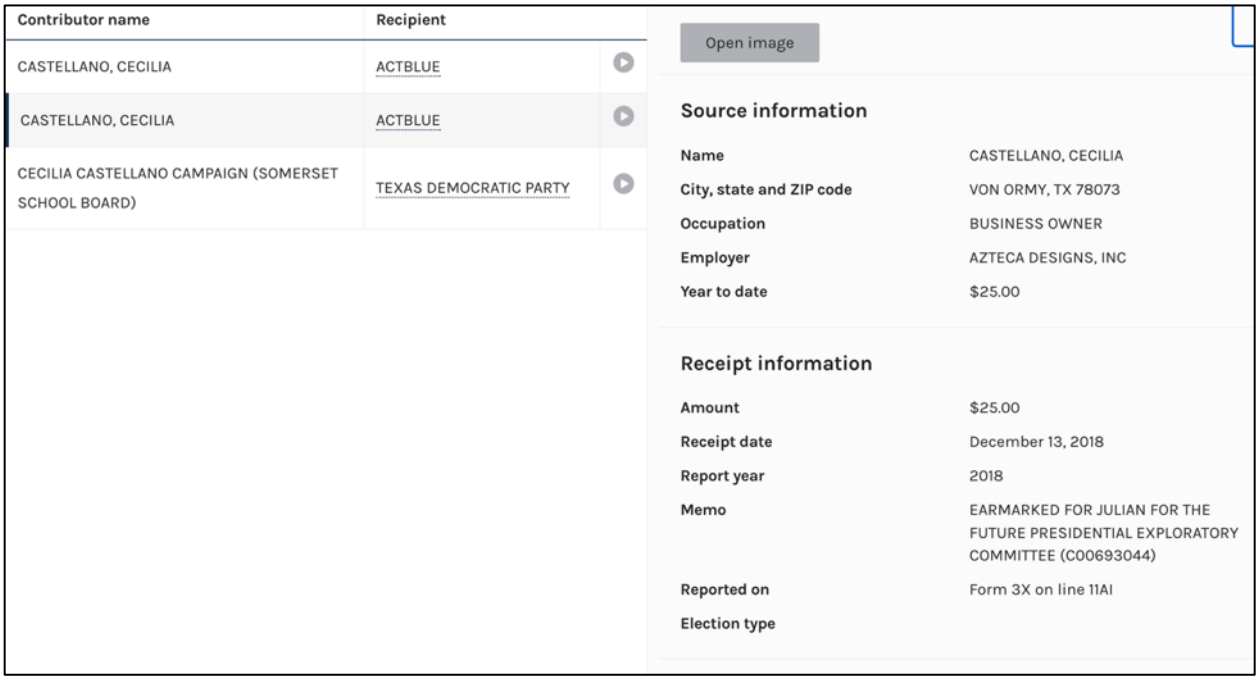
- They rail against Texas law SB 12 because it "prohibits drag performance in the presence of minors" and hosted the plaintiffs in the ACLU's lawsuit against the law as guest speakers.



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Castellano supported Julian Castro for President in the 2020 Democratic primary. Castro's Presidential campaign platform included: amnesty for illegals, Medicare for All, eliminating fossil fuels – including the immediate cessation of drilling on public lands, renewing the assault weapons ban, instituting red flag laws, and combating "racially discriminatory policing". And, of course, access to abortions for trans women.

- Castellano made two contributions to Castro's presidential campaign: $25 in December 2018 and $10 in April 2019.



Contributor name	Recipient
CASTELLANO, CECILIA	ACTBLUE
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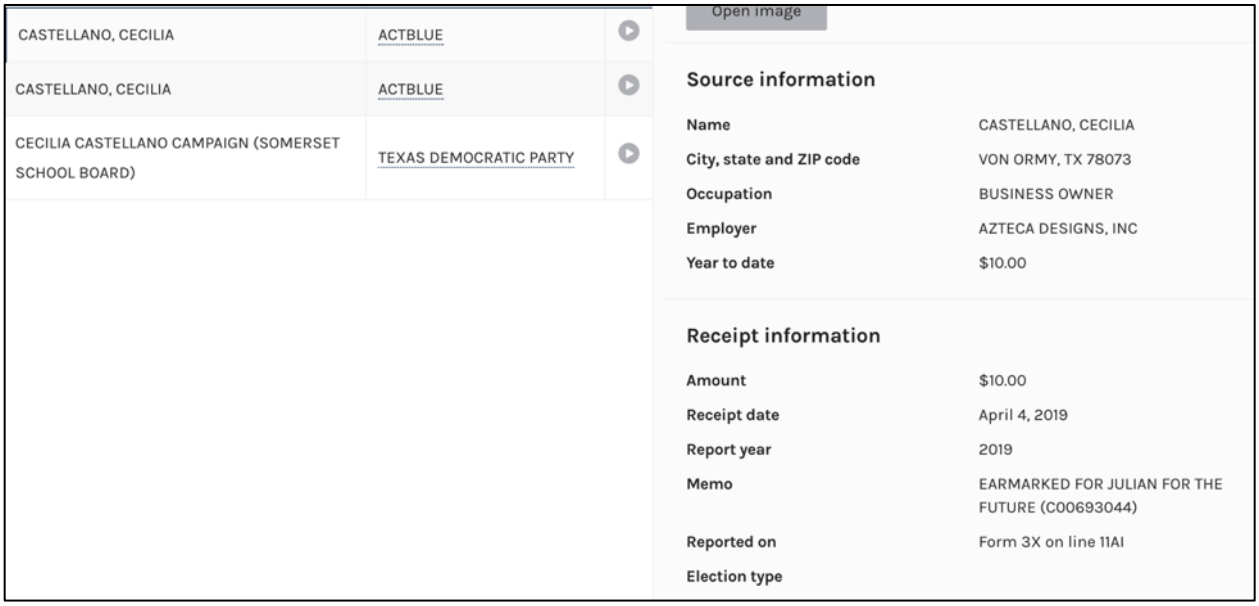
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City, state and ZIP code	VON ORMY, TX 78073
Occupation	BUSINESS OWNER
Employer	AZTECA DESIGNS, INC
Year to date	$25.00

Receipt information

Amount	$25.00
Receipt date	December 13, 2018
Report year	2018
Memo	EARMARKED FOR JULIAN FOR THE FUTURE PRESIDENTIAL EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE (C00693044)
Reported on	Form 3X on line 11AI
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Occupation	BUSINESS OWNER
Employer	AZTECA DESIGNS, INC
Year to date	$10.00

Receipt information

Amount	$10.00
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Report year	2019
Memo	EARMARKED FOR JULIAN FOR THE FUTURE (C00693044)
Reported on	Form 3X on line 11AI
Election type	

Federal Election Commission, contributions to Julian for the Future: 12/13/2018 $25; 4/4/2019 $10

- Castro's failed Presidential campaign platform included: amnesty for illegals, Medicare for All, eliminating fossil fuels – including the immediate cessation of drilling on public lands, renewing the assault weapons ban, instituting red flag laws, and combating "racially discriminatory policing".
- And, of course, the infamous debate clip when Castro said access to abortions for trans women.



Politico, "What Castro meant when he said trans women need access to abortions", 06/27/2019

Castellano, who claims to be an outspoken Christian and a "godly mother", stated—in a very inarticulate way—that the Fourth of July is all about a woman's right to abortion. Women need abortion to "protect us from having children." Castellano claims that saying Democrats wanting to abort babies at full term (which they do) is "nonsense."

- Castellano is an outspoken Christian who posts about godly motherhood.



Facebook

- She recorded a Facebook live video after marching in the 4th of July parade saying:

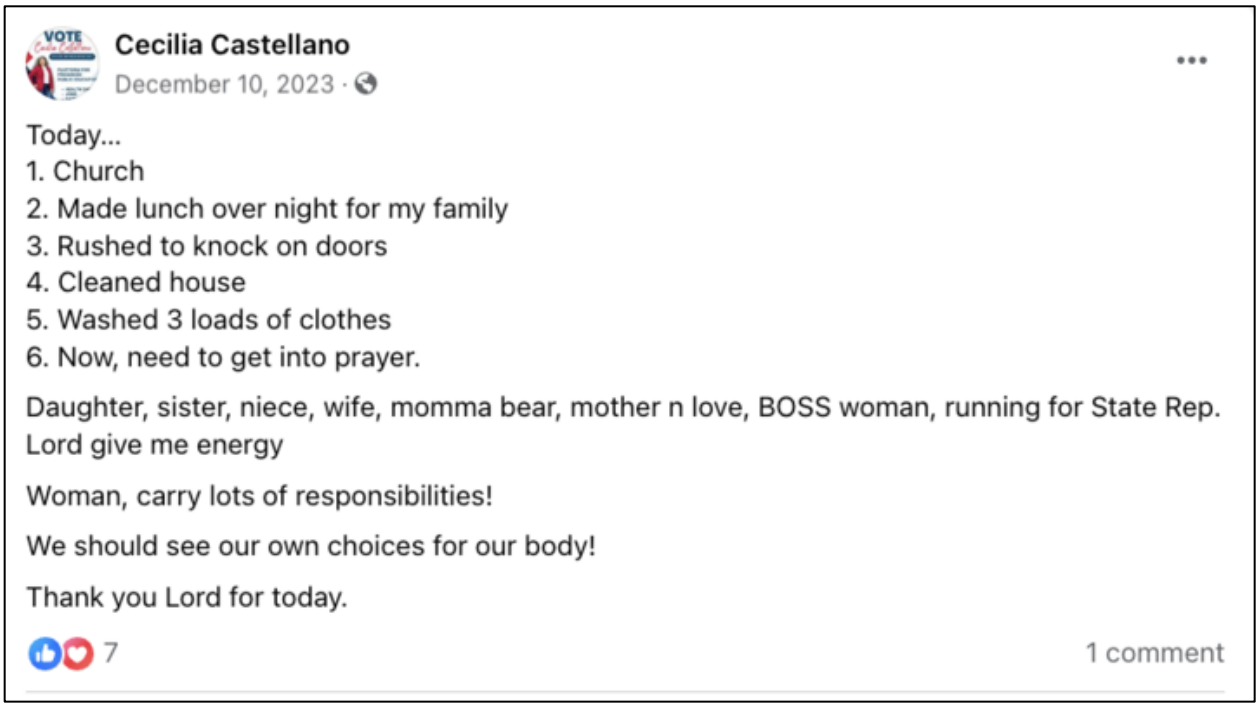
> "nevertheless, I know I have not come live. But we've kept in touch of your phone via text, I just want you to say that I've missed coming live and to see your comments and loves and thumbs up. We just got done with the parade out here in Carizzo Springs, and we've been pretty busy all week. And I wanted to come out and wish you guys a happy Fourth of July. But what does the Fourth of July really mean? As we were preparing for the Fourth of July was remembering how a lot of our rights women's rights have been stripped from us. And really the Fourth of July supposed to celebrate the freedom of being a being who we are, and the gift to pursuit of happiness. But many women today are afraid to be here in Texas, for the mere fact that if they get pregnant, and something happens that they're not going to be able to have an abortion, they're going to have to travel somewhere other than Texas. Now, I'm not saying that I'm for killing babies or to term the way you know all that nonsense is said about Democrats, what I'm saying is that ..having a uh terminating a pregnancy, for any reason, for a medical reason, is something that should be to be between a husband, a wife and a doctor. It should not have to be political. And right now, every minute of the day, our rights as women are being stripped away, even from protecting us from having children. And so I want to read something to you that really just resonated with my heart. But as we gather today, I hope that maybe you guys can have conversations with your loved ones and your community members and your neighbors, and talk about how important it is to vote the right way, for the right person. It is important that we vote for people that are going to be for those that are going to fight for the right things. And that is to give us women, our rights, our right to choose our right to do what we believe is right for our bodies and for our families. And so I'm here to tell you that the Fourth of July, a day of fireworks, barbecues and parades is a cherished celebration of America's independence. It's more than just a festive occasion. It's a time to reflect on the values that unite the nation, freedom, democracy, and the relentless pursuit of happiness. On this day, people from all walks of life come together, whether at lively gatherings with family and friends are in quiet moments of personal reflection to honor the birth of the nation. And if I remember correctly, this nation was created on the freedom for all the freedom for all. So where are the women's freedom? When are the women going to be able to live and not be afraid of politicians meddling into their reproductive rights? And whatever their husband and Doctor choose? When is it going to stop, family and friends. So I encourage you, that you do your research. And you look to see who is going to fight who is going to fight for your rights as women who's going to fight for your rights as the people for House District 80 and understand the needs of a woman and is going to understand the needs of House District 80. Not all parts of the six counties are equally distributed in wealth. Not all areas have the same opportunities and have the same. How can I say this? I guess opportunities. I'm here to tell you that I'm here to fight for everybody, not just for a select few. But

for all of House District 80. I'm here to make sure that House District 80 prospers together. Because when you prosper, I prosper because I am one of you. And remember family and friends as we've said it from day one together, we are stronger and together we can do so much more. So vote for Cecilia for your next state representative for House District 80 And may you have a very blessed Fourth of July."



Facebook, 07/04/2024, Archived video

In a bizarre Facebook post, Castellano mentioned how she had a busy and prayerful day and then advocated for abortions before thanking the Lord for the day.



Cecilia Castellano
December 10, 2023 ·

Today...
1. Church
2. Made lunch over night for my family
3. Rushed to knock on doors
4. Cleaned house
5. Washed 3 loads of clothes
6. Now, need to get into prayer.

Daughter, sister, niece, wife, momma bear, mother n love, BOSS woman, running for State Rep. Lord give me energy

Woman, carry lots of responsibilities!

We should see our own choices for our body!

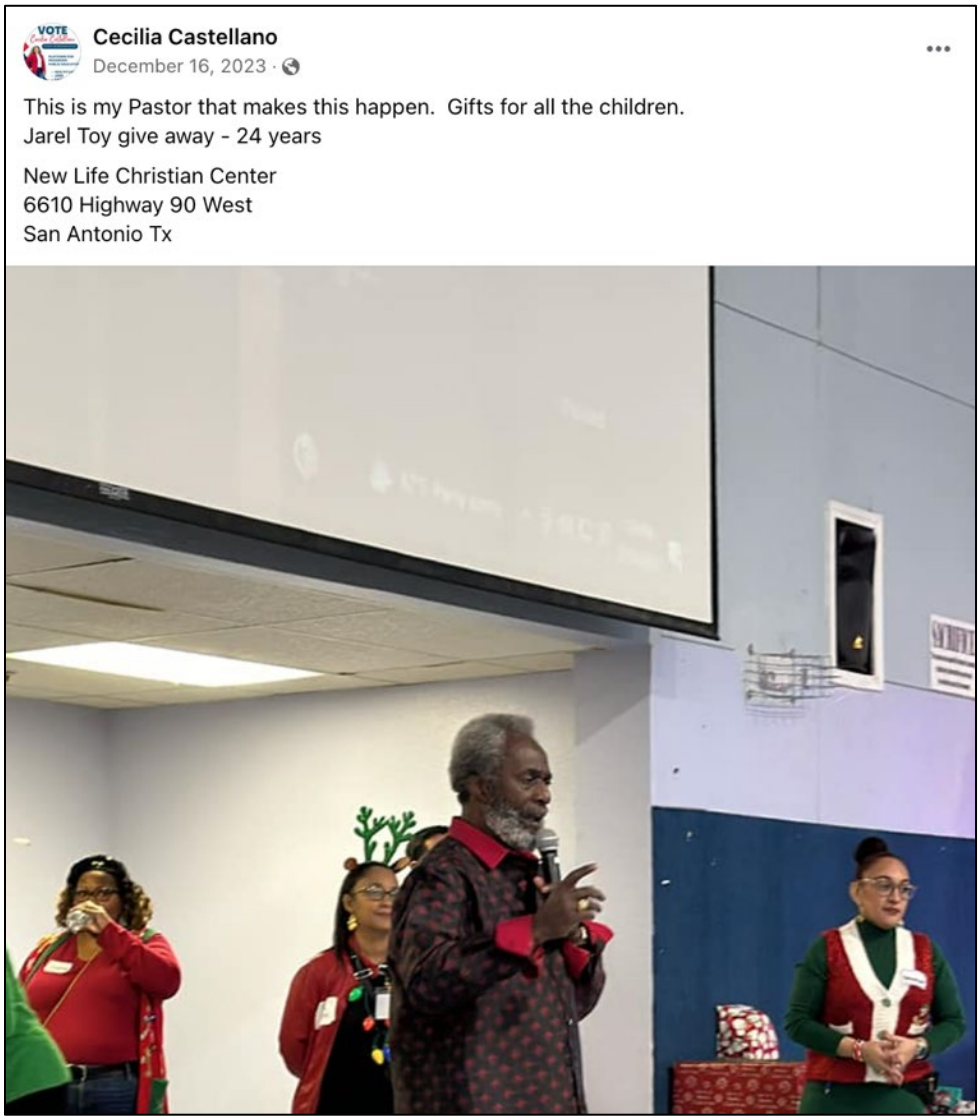
Thank you Lord for today.

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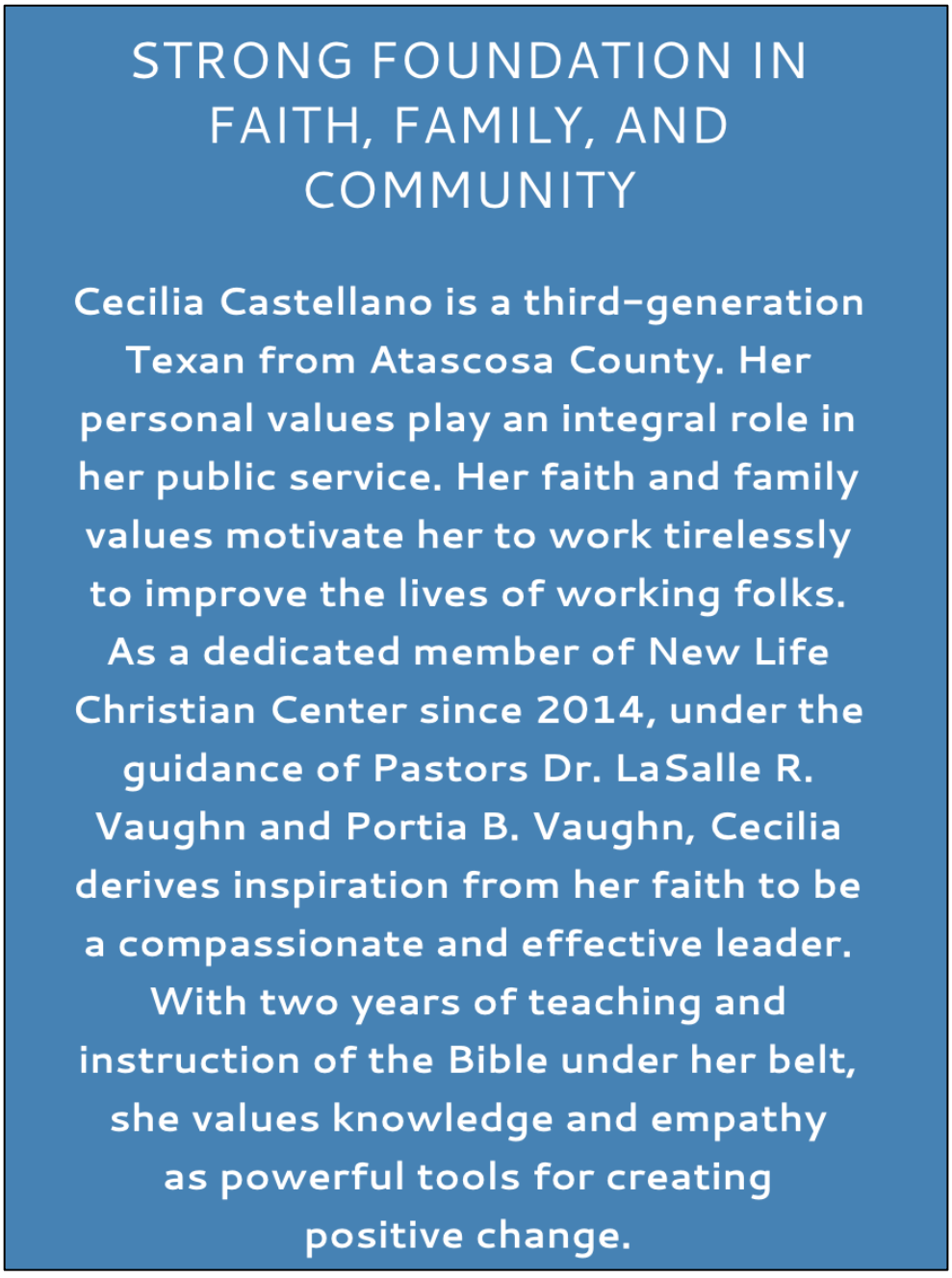
Castellano describes herself as "a dedicated member of New Life Christian Center since 2014" – a niche San Antonio church that supports Zionism and uses Hebrew phrases. They celebrate Hannukah and Yom Kippur, study the "Torah" and have a large menorah centered on their altar/stage. *Will this alienate her from Catholic voters or pro-Palestinian liberals?*

- Castellano goes to **New Life Christian Center** under Pastor Dr LaSalle R. Vaughn.



Facebook

- Castellano mentions the church and her work teaching the Bible on her campaign website:



https://cecilia4texas.com/

- Castellano and the Church support Israel.



Facebook


New Life Christian Center
October 27, 2019 ·
Join Dr. Vaughn and Christians United for Israel live at the National Night to Honor Israel.
https://www.facebook.com/SACornerstone/videos/936562726857985/
A Night to Honor
ISRAEL
CELEBRATING 38 YEARS
Cornerstone Church was live.
October 27, 2019 ·
Watch LIVE and join us for a time of celebration and solidarity with the State of Israel and the Jewish People at A Night To Honor Israel. Pastor John Hagee and keynote speaker, Mark Levin, will join for an unforgettable evening the whole family will enjoy.
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- The "nation of Israel, the Apple of God's Eye, and on this day we declare to the world that we stand with Israel"



Israel Service

January 12, 2025 – January 11, 2026

Details

This service brings attention to the nation of Israel, the Apple of God's Eye, and on this day we declare to the world that we stand with Israel. During the service you will hear songs in Hebrew with an English translation by our Music Ministry. You will also experience an Israeli themed dance by our Dance Ministry in conjunction with our Banner Team. Customarily as a community we wear bright colors to signify a time of rejoicing.

Unable to attend? Click Here to Live Stream

If you have any questions about something you hear or see, please ask our Elders. We're here to help bring understanding. We look forward to having you become a part of the New Life family.

Questions? Chat Now

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Dec 14, 2025
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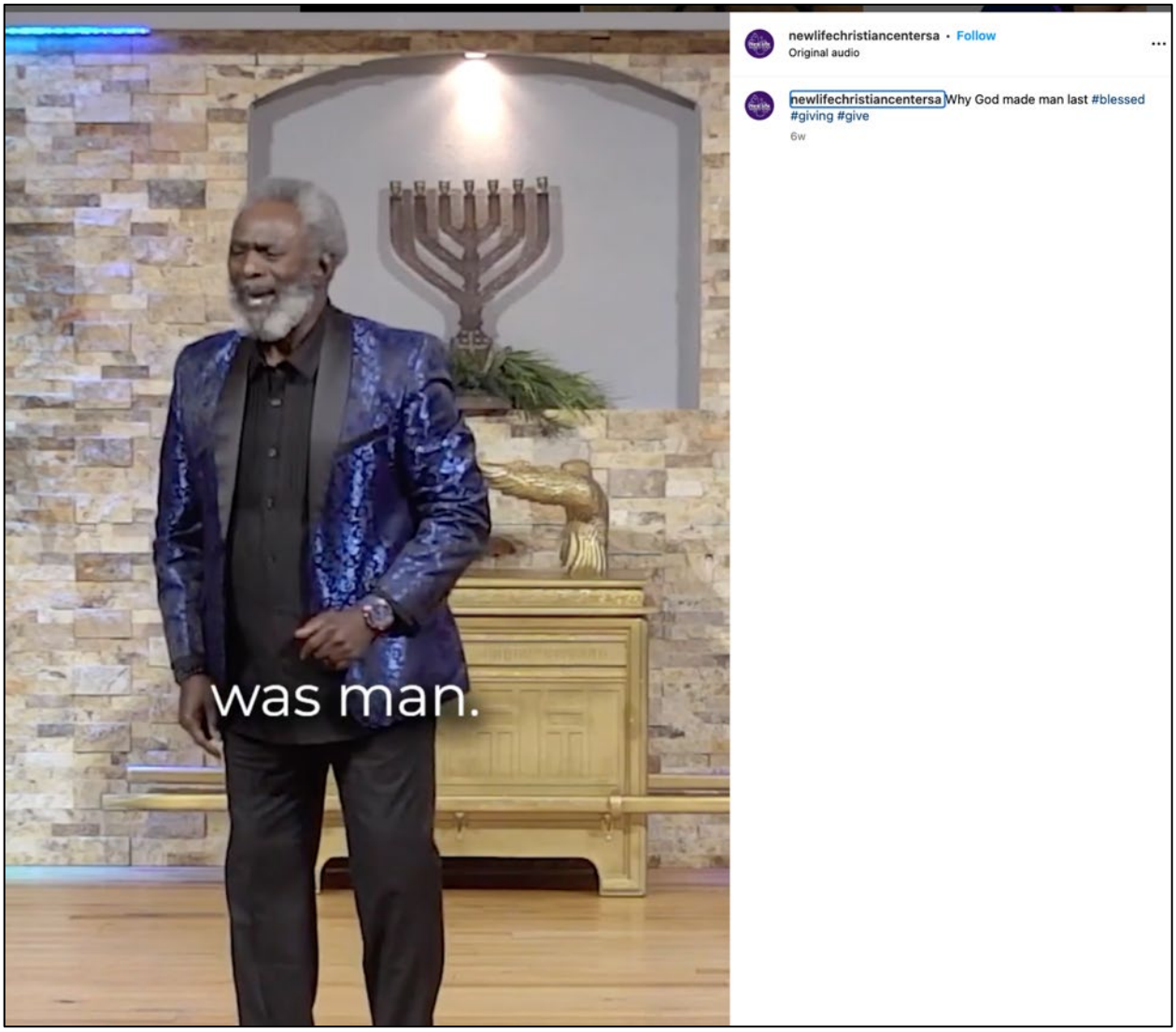
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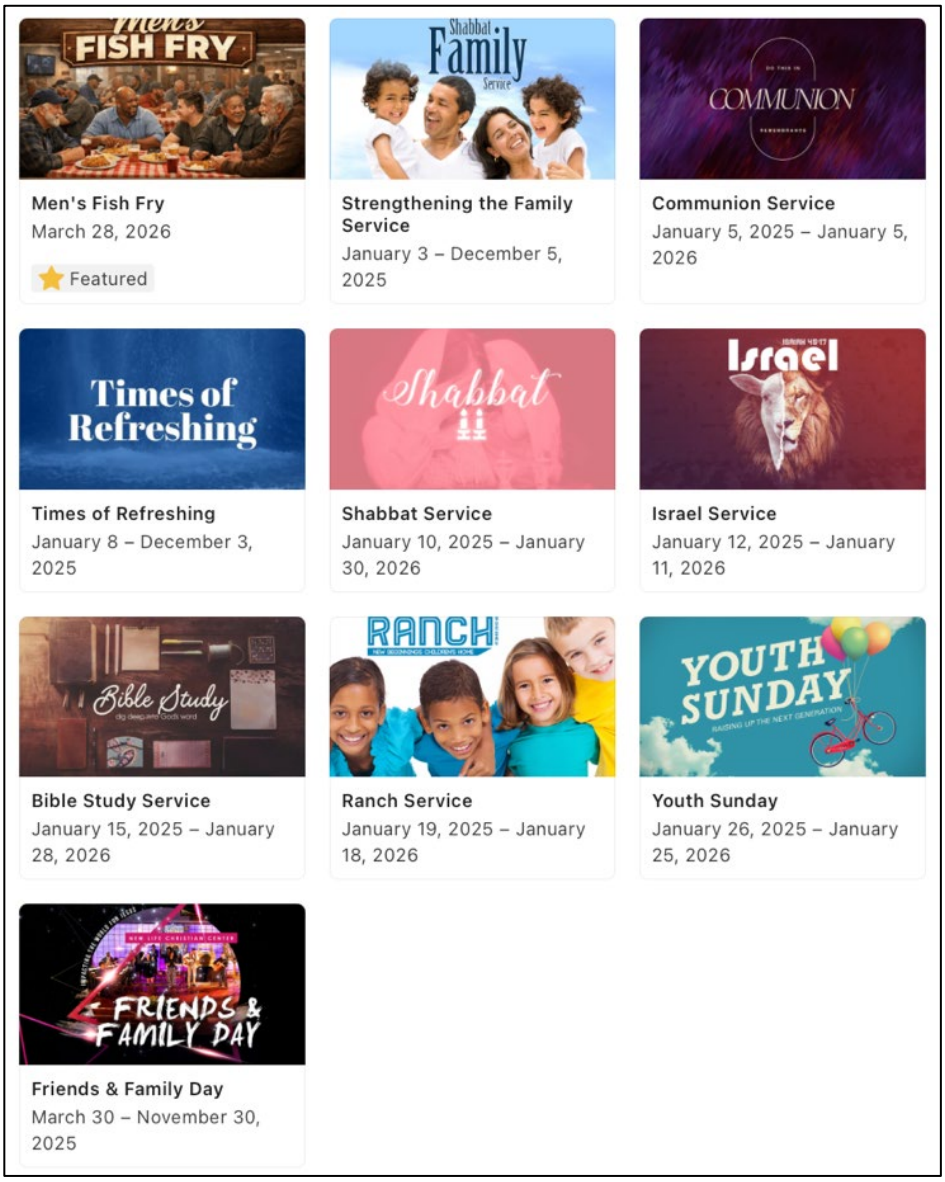
New Life Events

- The pastor at the church with the menorah centered.



Instagram

- The church events celebrate Jewish holidays and there is a Shabbat service on Friday evenings.



New Life Events

- Castellano prays often to "Father God" [**archived Facebook Live October 23, 2023** 3:00 and 24:25 timestamps] referring to God as El Shaddai, Jehovah Jireh, and Jehovah Rapha [**Facebook Live April 12, 2024**, 1:28]. **Archived video**

Castellano describes herself as a “bossy woman” that her husband puts up with.



LinkedIn

Castellano: “mi Espanol no es muy bueno”

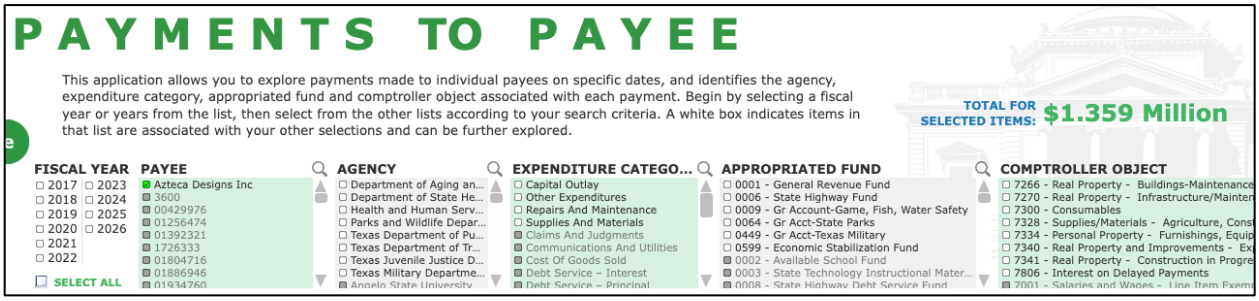
- During a Democratic Primary debate for her 2024 campaign, Castellano sang the opening bar of Selena’s Como La Flor, let out an awkward laugh, then proclaimed “mi espanol no es muy bueno”



Video

Castellano's business has profited off taxpayer dollars. Azteca Designs has received at least $1.3 million from Texas state agencies at the same time her campaign website says, "She envisions abundant small business opportunities through collaboration with the state government." Azteca has also received over $1 million from federal contracts and worked with many Texas ISDs, while Castellano pushes for more funding for public schools and opposes vouchers.

- According to Texas Comptroller website, Azteca Designs has been paid $1.359 million from state agencies.



Texas Comptroller, Payee Azteca Designs (detailed payments in table below)

FISCAL YEAR	PAYEE	AGENCY	EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	APPROPRIATED FUND	COMPTROLLER OBJECT	PAYMENT DATE	PAYMENT AMOUNT
2026	Azteca Designs Inc	Department of State Health Services	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	05/26/2026	$15,625
2026	Azteca Designs Inc	Health and Human Services Commission	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	01/12/2026	$49,830
2026	Azteca Designs Inc	Health and Human Services Commission	Other Expenditures	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7806 - Interest on Delayed Payments	01/12/2026	$35
2026	Azteca Designs Inc	Health and Human Services Commission	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	03/12/2026	$43,800
2026	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	03/04/2026	$23,500
2025	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	03/19/2025	$24,879
2024	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	10/04/2023	$58,500

FISCAL YEAR	PAYEE	AGENCY	EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	APPROPRIATED FUND	COMPTROLLER OBJECT	PAYMENT DATE	PAYMENT AMOUNT
2024	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	10/24/2023	($58,500)
2024	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	10/25/2023	$58,500
2024	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	02/26/2024	$4,085
2024	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	03/08/2024	$20,057
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2024	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	04/23/2024	$13,598
2023	Azteca Designs Inc	Health and Human Services Commission	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	07/14/2023	$3,515
2023	Azteca Designs Inc	Health and Human Services Commission	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	07/19/2023	$37,750
2023	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Military Department	Other Expenditures	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7806 - Interest on Delayed Payments	11/23/2022	$9
2023	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	10/06/2022	$24,715
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2023	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Military Department	Repairs And Maintenance	0449 - Gr Acct-Texas Military	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	11/23/2022	$55,843
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2022	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Military Department	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	12/10/2021	$382
2022	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	11/01/2021	$16,760
2022	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	05/12/2022	$9,600
2022	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Military Department	Repairs And Maintenance	0449 - Gr Acct-Texas Military	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	12/10/2021	$2,162
2022	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Military Department	Repairs And Maintenance	0449 - Gr Acct-Texas Military	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	01/06/2022	$36,834
2021	Azteca Designs Inc	Health and Human Services Commission	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	12/01/2020	$12,346
2021	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	11/03/2020	$4,052
2021	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	11/06/2020	$6,033

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2021	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	11/16/2020	$4,130
2021	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	12/14/2020	$3,554
2021	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	06/11/2021	$16,886
2021	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Military Department	Repairs And Maintenance	0449 - Gr Acct-Texas Military	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	08/12/2021	$10,221
2020	Azteca Designs Inc	Health and Human Services Commission	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	05/08/2020	$27,000
2020	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	09/10/2019	$1,629
2020	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	10/10/2019	$1,629
2020	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	11/08/2019	$724
2020	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	12/20/2019	$3,418
2020	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	01/02/2020	$798
2020	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	01/03/2020	$400
2020	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	01/09/2020	$24,650
2020	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	02/11/2020	$5,024
2020	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	04/14/2020	$12,844
2020	Azteca Designs Inc	Parks and Wildlife Department	Repairs And Maintenance	0009 - Gr Account-Game, Fish, Water Safety	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	09/12/2019	$22,000
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Health and Human Services Commission	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	10/04/2018	$8,000
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Health and Human Services Commission	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	07/23/2019	$6,215
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	06/11/2019	$8,800
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Other Expenditures	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7806 - Interest on Delayed Payments	06/11/2019	$30
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Juvenile Justice Department	Other Expenditures	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7334 - Personal Property - Furnishings, Equipment and Other - Expensed	03/14/2019	$4,667

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2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	09/10/2018	$2,042
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	10/10/2018	$1,861
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	10/23/2018	$4,000
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	11/08/2018	$2,042
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Supplies And Materials	0006 - State Highway Fund	7328 - Supplies/Materials - Agriculture, Construction, and Hardware	11/08/2018	$22,763
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	12/06/2018	$18,460
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	12/12/2018	$1,629
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	01/11/2019	$1,629
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	02/07/2019	$9,135
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	02/08/2019	$1,629
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	03/08/2019	$1,861
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	03/20/2019	$21,000
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	05/09/2019	$2,042
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	06/10/2019	$2,042
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	07/10/2019	$1,448
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	08/08/2019	$2,042
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	08/27/2019	$5,000
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Parks and Wildlife Department	Other Expenditures	0009 - Gr Account-Game, Fish, Water Safety	7340 - Real Property and Improvements - Expensed	11/14/2018	$1,920
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Parks and Wildlife Department	Other Expenditures	0009 - Gr Account-Game, Fish, Water Safety	7340 - Real Property and Improvements - Expensed	01/25/2019	$20,655

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2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Parks and Wildlife Department	Other Expenditures	0009 - Gr Account-Game, Fish, Water Safety	7806 - Interest on Delayed Payments	01/25/2019	$3
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Parks and Wildlife Department	Other Expenditures	0009 - Gr Account-Game, Fish, Water Safety	7340 - Real Property and Improvements - Expensed	02/11/2019	$1,520
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Parks and Wildlife Department	Other Expenditures	0009 - Gr Account-Game, Fish, Water Safety	7340 - Real Property and Improvements - Expensed	03/12/2019	$4,131
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Parks and Wildlife Department	Other Expenditures	0009 - Gr Account-Game, Fish, Water Safety	7340 - Real Property and Improvements - Expensed	04/18/2019	$7,533
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Parks and Wildlife Department	Other Expenditures	0009 - Gr Account-Game, Fish, Water Safety	7340 - Real Property and Improvements - Expensed	05/02/2019	$4,142
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Parks and Wildlife Department	Other Expenditures	0064 - Gr Acct-State Parks	7340 - Real Property and Improvements - Expensed	11/14/2018	$1,635
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Parks and Wildlife Department	Other Expenditures	0064 - Gr Acct-State Parks	7340 - Real Property and Improvements - Expensed	01/25/2019	$17,595
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Parks and Wildlife Department	Other Expenditures	0064 - Gr Acct-State Parks	7806 - Interest on Delayed Payments	01/25/2019	$3
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Parks and Wildlife Department	Other Expenditures	0064 - Gr Acct-State Parks	7340 - Real Property and Improvements - Expensed	02/11/2019	$1,295
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Parks and Wildlife Department	Other Expenditures	0064 - Gr Acct-State Parks	7340 - Real Property and Improvements - Expensed	03/12/2019	$3,519
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Parks and Wildlife Department	Repairs And Maintenance	0064 - Gr Acct-State Parks	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	03/20/2019	$5,500
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Parks and Wildlife Department	Repairs And Maintenance	0064 - Gr Acct-State Parks	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	03/27/2019	$11,855
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Parks and Wildlife Department	Other Expenditures	0064 - Gr Acct-State Parks	7340 - Real Property and Improvements - Expensed	04/18/2019	$6,417
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Parks and Wildlife Department	Other Expenditures	0064 - Gr Acct-State Parks	7340 - Real Property and Improvements - Expensed	05/02/2019	$3,528
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Parks and Wildlife Department	Repairs And Maintenance	0064 - Gr Acct-State Parks	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	05/15/2019	$4,998
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Repairs And Maintenance	0599 - Economic Stabilization Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	02/25/2019	$10,000
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Other Expenditures	0599 - Economic Stabilization Fund	7806 - Interest on Delayed Payments	02/25/2019	$26
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Repairs And Maintenance	0599 - Economic Stabilization Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	03/20/2019	$20,000

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2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Repairs And Maintenance	0599 - Economic Stabilization Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	04/03/2019	$38,678
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Repairs And Maintenance	0599 - Economic Stabilization Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	05/16/2019	$4,298
2019	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Other Expenditures	0599 - Economic Stabilization Fund	7806 - Interest on Delayed Payments	05/16/2019	$26
2018	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	09/12/2017	$11,500
2018	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	09/27/2017	$510
2018	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	09/28/2017	$25,200
2018	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	10/06/2017	$6,971
2018	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Other Expenditures	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7806 - Interest on Delayed Payments	10/06/2017	$9
2018	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	01/29/2018	$3,200
2018	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Other Expenditures	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7806 - Interest on Delayed Payments	01/29/2018	$9
2018	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	11/09/2017	$8,925
2018	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	11/13/2017	$1,318
2018	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	12/08/2017	$52,884
2018	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	01/10/2018	$1,448
2018	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	02/07/2018	$12,510
2018	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	02/08/2018	$1,629
2018	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	02/27/2018	$5,100
2018	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	03/08/2018	$1,448
2018	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Other Expenditures	0006 - State Highway Fund	7340 - Real Property and Improvements - Expensed	04/05/2018	$8,500
2018	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Capital Outlay	0006 - State Highway Fund	7341 - Real Property - Construction in Progress - Capitalized	04/05/2018	$7,500

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2018	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	04/10/2018	$2,042
2018	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	05/10/2018	$2,042
2018	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	06/12/2018	$2,042
2018	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	07/11/2018	$1,861
2018	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	08/09/2018	$1,629
2017	Azteca Designs Inc	Department of Aging and Disability Services	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	09/14/2016	$20,188
2017	Azteca Designs Inc	Department of Aging and Disability Services	Other Expenditures	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7806 - Interest on Delayed Payments	09/14/2016	$2
2017	Azteca Designs Inc	Department of Aging and Disability Services	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	10/20/2016	$1,212
2017	Azteca Designs Inc	Department of Aging and Disability Services	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	10/25/2016	$30,202
2017	Azteca Designs Inc	Department of State Health Services	Supplies And Materials	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7300 - Consumables	11/08/2016	$2,220
2017	Azteca Designs Inc	Department of State Health Services	Supplies And Materials	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7328 - Supplies/Materials - Agriculture, Construction, and Hardware	11/08/2016	$11,310
2017	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	10/04/2016	$3,280
2017	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Other Expenditures	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7806 - Interest on Delayed Payments	10/04/2016	$10
2017	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	10/20/2016	$11,700
2017	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	02/09/2017	$6,755
2017	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	03/22/2017	$6,755
2017	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	05/19/2017	$3,110
2017	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Public Safety	Repairs And Maintenance	0001 - General Revenue Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	05/25/2017	$42,500
2017	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7266 - Real Property - Buildings-Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	09/22/2016	$20,800

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2017	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Supplies And Materials	0006 - State Highway Fund	7328 - Supplies/Materials - Agriculture, Construction, and Hardware	02/17/2017	$2,084
2017	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Supplies And Materials	0006 - State Highway Fund	7328 - Supplies/Materials - Agriculture, Construction, and Hardware	02/21/2017	$10,500
2017	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	07/10/2017	$31,275
2017	Azteca Designs Inc	Texas Department of Transportation	Repairs And Maintenance	0006 - State Highway Fund	7270 - Real Property - Infrastructure/Maintenance and Repair - Expensed	08/10/2017	$39,885
2017	Azteca Designs Inc	Parks and Wildlife Department	Other Expenditures	0064 - Gr Acct-State Parks	7334 - Personal Property - Furnishings, Equipment and Other - Expensed	06/08/2017	$1,705
2017	Azteca Designs Inc	Parks and Wildlife Department	Other Expenditures	0064 - Gr Acct-State Parks	7334 - Personal Property - Furnishings, Equipment and Other - Expensed	06/20/2017	$12,800
Total							**$1,358,545**

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- Azteca Designs disclosed a contract with Texas Health and Human Services on her 2026 Personal Financial Statement.

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1 FILER INFORMATION	FILER NAME Castellano, Cecilia (Mrs.)	FILER ID 00087851
2 FILER PARTIES	[X] FILER [ ] SPOUSE [ ] DEPENDENT _____	
3 GOVERNMENTAL PARTIES	NAME AND ADDRESS Texas Health & Human Services 3601 W. Guadalupe St Austin, TX 78705 [X] GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY [ ] CONTRACTOR FOR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY _____	
	NAME AND ADDRESS Azteca Designs & Construction 20956 Somerset Road Somerset, TX 78769 [ ] GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY [X] CONTRACTOR FOR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY Texas Health & Human Services	
4 BUSINESS PARTIES	NAME AND ADDRESS [ ] (Check If Filer's Home Address) 20956 Somerset Road Somerset, TX 78769	

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- Azteca Designs disclosed a contract with Texas Department of Public Safety on her 2026 Personal Financial Statement.

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2 FILER PARTIES	[X] FILER [ ] SPOUSE [ ] DEPENDENT _____	
3 GOVERNMENTAL PARTIES	NAME AND ADDRESS: Department of Public Safety, 5805 N. Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78742 — [X] GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY [ ] CONTRACTOR FOR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY _____	
	NAME AND ADDRESS: Azteca Designs & Construction, 20956 Somerset Rd, Somerset, TX 78769 — [ ] GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY [X] CONTRACTOR FOR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY Department of Public Safety	
4 BUSINESS PARTIES	NAME AND ADDRESS [ ] (Check If Filer's Home Address): 20956 Somerset Rd, Somerset, TX 78769	

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- **Records show** Azteca Designs has been contracted by TxDOT to mow grass around state highways.

- Federal Awards to Azteca Designs exceed $1 million. [USASpending.gov]

Award ID	Total Obligated Amount	Current Total Value of Award	Potential Value of Award	Fiscal Year	Agency	Transaction Description	Product or Service Description	Type of Set Aside
FA301620P0195	$41,100.00	$41,100.00	$41,100.00	2020	Department of the Air Force	HIS ACQUISITION IS IN SUPPORT OF AETC IN THE REMOVAL OF THE OLD CARPET LOCATED ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF BUILDING 900 AND INSTALLING NEW CARPET.	FLOOR COVERINGS	SMALL BUSINESS SET ASIDE - TOTAL
FA301619PA302	$15,000.00	$15,000.00	$15,000.00	2019	Department of the Air Force	CARPET PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION	FLOOR COVERINGS	SMALL BUSINESS SET ASIDE - TOTAL
W912CL19P0021	$57,000.00	$57,000.00	$57,000.00	2019	Department of the Army	B1026 CARPET CONTRACT	HOUSEKEEPING- CARPET LAYING/CLEANING	SMALL BUSINESS SET ASIDE - TOTAL
FA303018P0015	$8,000.00	$8,000.00	$8,000.00	2018	Department of the Air Force	REPLACE CARPET BLDG 256	FLOOR COVERINGS	SMALL BUSINESS SET ASIDE - TOTAL
FA301619PA163	$87,200.00	$87,200.00	$87,200.00	2019	Department of the Air Force	RAISED COMPUTER FLOORING	FLOOR COVERINGS	8(A) SOLE SOURCE
W81K0018P0673	$614,680.06	$614,680.06	$614,680.06	2018	Department of the Army	OFFICE FURNITURE	OFFICE FURNITURE	8(A) SOLE SOURCE
W912L118P0271	$10,000.00	$10,000.00	$10,000.00	2018	Department of the Army	IGF::OT::IGF ADJUSTABLE DESK	OFFICE FURNITURE	8(A) SOLE SOURCE
W912L118P7260	$72,125.00	$72,125.00	$72,125.00	2018	Department of the Army	IGF::OT::IGF CONFERENCE ROOM FURNITURE	OFFICE FURNITURE	8(A) SOLE SOURCE
W912EK18P0115	$36,450.00	$36,450.00	$36,450.00	2018	Department of the Army	PAINT FOR LD21 AUX MITER GATES REHAB, IN SUPPORT OF THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT	PAINTS, DOPES, VARNISHES, AND RELATED PRODUCTS	8(A) SOLE SOURCE
W9126G13A0043	$0.00		$500,000.00	2013	Department of the Army	IGF::OT::IGF BLANKET PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR FLOORING SERVICES CAMP STANLEY TEXAS	MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOLS	
W912L112P0183	$20,230.00	$20,230.00	$20,230.00	2012	Department of the Air Force	CARPET INSTALLATION	HOUSEKEEPING- CARPET LAYING/CLEANING	8A COMPETED

Award ID	Total Obligated Amount	Current Total Value of Award	Potential Value of Award	Fiscal Year	Agency	Transaction Description	Product or Service Description	Type of Set Aside
W912EK17P0061	$32,904.50	$32,904.50	$32,904.50	2017	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Civil Program Financing Only	PAINT AND PRIMER MATERIALS FOR LOCK AND DAM 21.	PAINTS, DOPES, VARNISHES, AND RELATED PRODUCTS	8(A) SOLE SOURCE
W9124J14P0086	$5,975.00	$5,975.00	$5,975.00	2014	Department of the Army	1/4" SOLID BLACK RUBBER MATTING	FLOOR COVERINGS	SMALL BUSINESS SET ASIDE - TOTAL
W45PVN16P0020	$54,860.76	$54,860.76	$54,860.76	2016	Department of the Army	REPAIR LOADING DOCKS IGF::OT::IGF	CONSTRUCTION OF OTHER NON-BUILDING FACILITIES	8(A) SOLE SOURCE
FA830717P0130	$32,700.00	$32,700.00	$32,700.00	2017	Department of the Air Force	IGF::OT::IGF CARPET INSTALLATION	REPAIR OR ALTERATION OF OFFICE BUILDINGS	NO SET ASIDE USED.
FA304712P0558	$12,487.84			2012	Department of the Air Force	INSTALL/REPLACE APPROXIMATELY 1,500 SQ F	REPAIR OR ALTERATION OF OFFICE BUILDINGS	SMALL BUSINESS SET ASIDE - TOTAL
FA301617P0048	$6,030.00	$6,030.00	$6,030.00	2017	Department of the Air Force	IGF::OT::IGF CARPET INSTALLATION	FLOOR COVERINGS	SMALL BUSINESS SET ASIDE - TOTAL
FA301616P0457	$21,100.00			2016	Department of the Air Force	CARPETING FOR BLDG 2028, ROOMS 158A1	FLOOR COVERINGS	SMALL BUSINESS SET ASIDE - TOTAL
FA301616P0303	$40,012.00			2016	Department of the Air Force	IGF::OT::IGF CARPET SUPPLY AND INSTALL IN SUPPORT OF 35IS	HOUSEKEEPING- CARPET LAYING/CLEANING	8(A) SOLE SOURCE
FA301614P0093	$109,000.00			2014	Department of the Air Force	CARPET REMOVAL&INSTALLATION	FLOOR COVERINGS	SMALL BUSINESS SET ASIDE - TOTAL
FA301612P0122	$45,216.25	$45,216.25	$45,216.25	2012	Department of the Air Force	DESIGN AND PAINT FLOORING	REPAIR OR ALTERATION OF OTHER EDUCATIONAL BUILDINGS	8(A) SOLE SOURCE
	$1,322,071	**$1,139,471**	**$1,639,471**					

- Azteca Designs has also enjoyed contracts with ISDs in Texas.

Schools
Central Office Renovation Phase 1,2,3 – Edgewood ISD = **$136,998.75**
Rogers Middle School – SAISD / Renovations = $377,300.00
Tap Dance Portables – Boerne ISD / Flooring = $33,280.00
Gross Library – Victoria ISD / Flooring = $ 5,994.00
East Library – Victoria ISD/ Flooring = **$62,400.00**
Memorial H.S. – Edgewood ISD / Painting = **$28,500.00**
Kennedy H.S & Brentwood M.S / Painting = **$16,200.00**
Elm Creek Cafeteria – SWISD / Flooring = **$ 15,000.00**
Cardenas Elementary – Edgewood ISD / Flooring = **$24,900.00**
Hoffman Lane - Comal ISD / Flooring = **$ 6,200.00**
ECLA Building – Somerset ISD / Painting /Flooring / Asbestos = **$23,850.00**

Azteca Designs, Inc. capabilities statement



Dr. Mary Bone
July 7, 2025 ·

In August 2024, while I was still a member of the Round Rock ISD board, I became aware that Cecilia Castellano, the owner of AZTECA Designs and Construction and a potential vendor, was under investigation by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton. Despite this, the majority of the board proceeded to approve AZTECA for a Job Order Contract (JOC) worth up to $5 million. Recently, Castellano was indicted for vote harvesting in Frio County.

https://www.ksat.com/.../pearsall-isd-board-secretary.../

Castellano also ran as the Democratic candidate for House District 80 and received an endorsement from radical left groups such as Mothers Against Greg Abbott, which is active in Round Rock and the Austin area. https://x.com/MomsAGAbbott/status/1847284030615564331

Since August, I have been puzzled as to why AZTECA, a company with no prior business history with Round Rock ISD, was "recommended" by the administration. Could this recommendation stem from political connections Castellano might have with certain Trustees or Administrators? Are vendors being chosen for ISD contracts based on political or personal relationships rather than merit? The district provides Trustees with a "scoring" sheet, but few, if any, consider these sheets a reliable indicator of fairness or integrity.

This situation raises critical questions for legislators and Texans alike: How far does corruption extend within school districts? Are tax dollars from ISDs being funneled to vendors with political agendas instead of being allocated for the best value? Additionally, should school districts continue to engage with companies like AZTECA Designs and Construction, especially when their owner faces serious criminal charges?

*Facebook, **07/07/2025***



*Facebook, **07/07/2025***

Round Rock ISD **Evaluation Summary for Board Review** **INTERNAL USE ONLY**

JOC General Contractor

RFCSP #25-016

		AZTECA Designs and Construction Somerset, TX	Balfour Beatty US Austin, TX	Billingsley Structural Moving LLC Uhland, TX	CORE Construction Group, Ltd. Frisco, TX	E3 Entegral Solutions Highland Village, TX	Erban Construction Group, LLC Bastrop, TX	HCS Inc Waco, TX	KYA Services LLC Liberty Hill, TX	R L Hicks L P Salado, TX	Sullivan Contracting Services (The Pounds Group, LLC) Pflugerville, TX	Swinerton Builders Austin, TX
Price Points*	50	44.08	41.92	38.99	48.83	49.32	42.24	46.85	46.85	42.96	44.08	50.00
Technical Points	50	50.00	40.00	5.00	50.00	35.00	42.00	40.00	45.00	50.00	45.00	40.00
Total Points		94.08	81.92	43.99	98.83	84.32	84.24	86.85	91.85	92.96	89.08	90.00
Rank		2			1				4	3		5
Safety Record**	Reviewed	x			x				x	x		x
References**	Pass/Fail	Pass			Pass				Pass	Pass		Pass

*Price points determined by the distance from the median of all price book coefficient bid responses. The closer to the median, the greater the points.

**Safety & References only considered for the highest scoring proposers

Recommended for Award

AZTECA Designs and Construction

CORE Construction Group, Ltd.

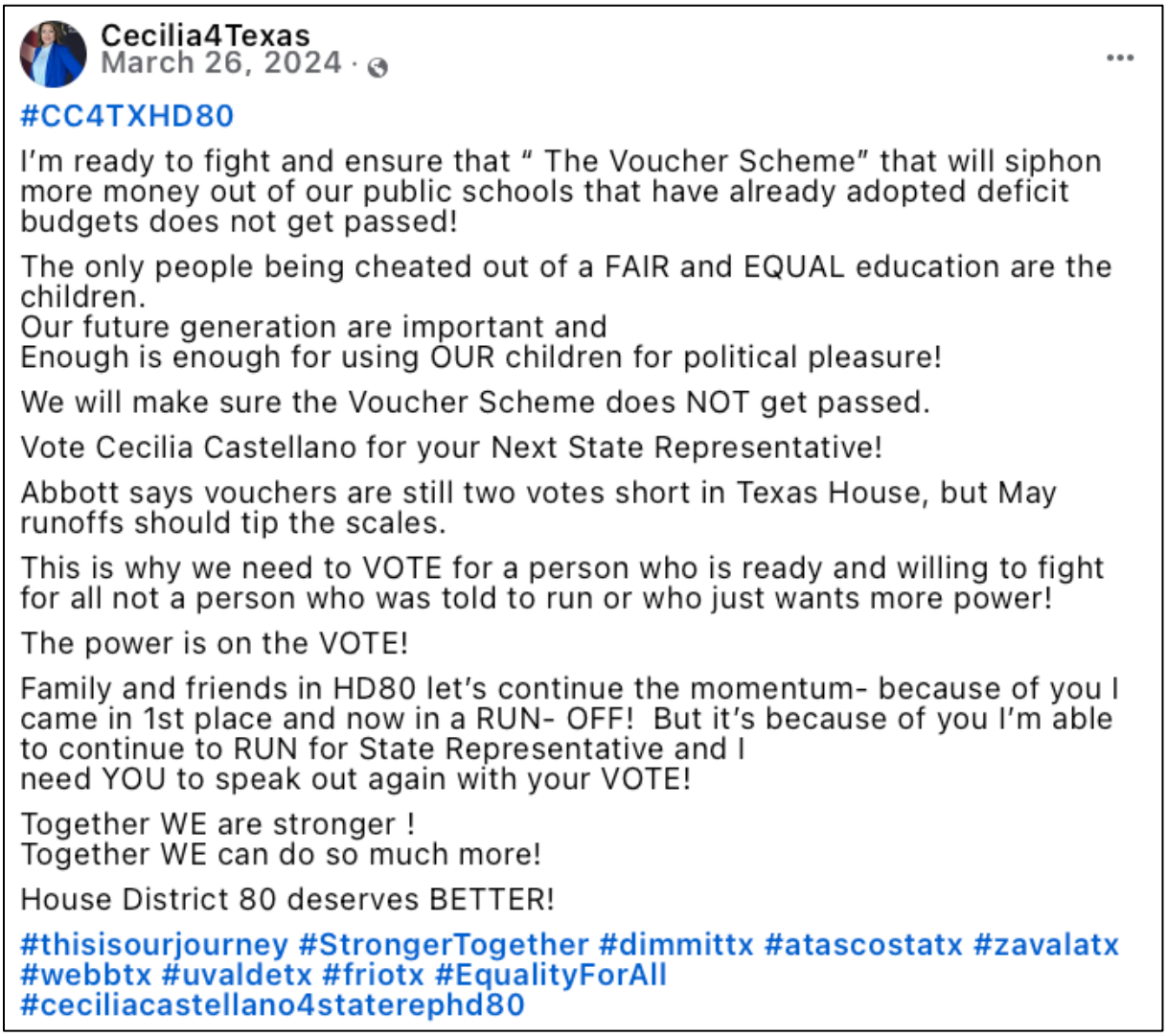
KYA Services LLC

R L Hicks L P

Swinerton Builders

Round Rock ISD

- As she profits from the public school system, Castellano campaigns on giving more funding to public schools and opposing school choice.



Cecilia4Texas
March 26, 2024 ·

#CC4TXHD80

I'm ready to fight and ensure that " The Voucher Scheme" that will siphon more money out of our public schools that have already adopted deficit budgets does not get passed!

The only people being cheated out of a FAIR and EQUAL education are the children.
Our future generation are important and
Enough is enough for using OUR children for political pleasure!

We will make sure the Voucher Scheme does NOT get passed.

Vote Cecilia Castellano for your Next State Representative!

Abbott says vouchers are still two votes short in Texas House, but May runoffs should tip the scales.

This is why we need to VOTE for a person who is ready and willing to fight for all not a person who was told to run or who just wants more power!

The power is on the VOTE!

Family and friends in HD80 let's continue the momentum- because of you I came in 1st place and now in a RUN- OFF! But it's because of you I'm able to continue to RUN for State Representative and I
need YOU to speak out again with your VOTE!

Together WE are stronger !
Together WE can do so much more!

House District 80 deserves BETTER!

#thisisourjourney #StrongerTogether #dimmittx #atascostatx #zavalatx #webbtx #uvaldetx #friotx #EqualityForAll
#ceciliacastellano4staterephd80

*Facebook, **03/26/2024***

Cecilia4Texas
May 18, 2024 ·

CECIILIA'S "PUBLIC EDUCATION AGENDA"
This election is about The Future of Public Education and I am the only candidate in this race with a detailed plan on how we fully fund our public schools, educate our children, and respect our teachers (https://texas80.us/PublicSchools).

$40 BILLION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Cecilia supports The "Fully Fund Our Future" Act. This law will increase per-student funding to match the national average. It provides a $15,000 raise for teachers, librarians, counselors, and nurses; and $5,500 raise for all school employees. It also allocates surplus money to close "funding gaps" in school safety and special education.

SAFE SCHOOLS
Cecilia advocates that safe schools are vital for the long-term success of students. She is focused on successful implementation of common-sense safety measures: security officers at all schools; student access to mental health services; online threat assessments; and year-round safety audits

SPECIAL EDUCATION
Cecilia believes that children don't have learning disabilities, but they have different learning abilities. We must learn with them and grow as we break a stigma that has followed for many generations. As a parent of children with different abilities, she will challenge the Texas Education Agency to provide a quality education for all kids.

YES CHILDREN, NO VOUCHERS
Cecilia supports after-school tutoring to address covid related learning loss, smaller class sizes, and increased parental involvement. She is 100% AGAINST school voucher that drain money away from public schools.

Cecilia Castellano
Democrat for State Representative



Facebook, ***05/18/2024***

- On her campaign website, she states “She envisions abundant small business opportunities through collaboration with the state government.”



https://cecilia4texas.com/

Did Castellano fraudulently vote in Bexar County in 2010 when she was living in Atascosa? Bexar County records show Castellano cast a vote in the 2010 joint general special & bond election on 11/02/2010. This, despite the fact Castellano had not voted in Bexar since 2000 and purchased her Von Ormy home in 2001. Castellano registered to vote in Atascosa County in 2003, and voter records show she voted there for before and after (but not during) 2010.

- Castellano (then Arzola) was registered to vote in Bexar County and cast votes in 1996 and 2000.

BEXAR COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

BEXAR

Voting History Record

The following is the voting history on file in BEXAR as of this 22nd day of May, 2024.

VUID:

CECILIA ARZOLA
122 BALLARD DR
SAN ANTONIO TX 78226

BIRTH YEAR: 1977 CURRENT PRECINCT: 1029 DATE OF RECORD: 12/15/2023

Election Date	Election Description	Party Code	Vote Type
11/07/2000	JOINT GENERAL AND SPECIAL		P
11/05/1996	JOINT GENERAL & SPECIAL E		P

Signed:

Jacquelyn F. Callanen
Elections Administrator
1103 S. Frio - Suite 100
San Antonio, TX 78207

Prescribed by the Secretary of State 64.95 BPM1.10-96

VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION
(SOLICITUD DE INSCRIPCION DE VOTANTE)

Additional Information: 1027 | For Official Use Only: PCT | 1488-678 EDR

Last Name (Apellido usual)	First Name (NOT HUSBAND'S) (Su nombre de pila) (Siendo mujer: no el del esposo)	Middle / Maiden Name (If any) (Segundo Nombre / Apellido de Soltera (si tiene))	Former Name (Nombre anterior)
ARZOLA	CECILIA	ALICIA	

Residence Address: Street Address and Apartment Number, City, State, and ZIP. If none, describe where you live. (Do not include P.O. Box or Rural Rt.) (Domicilio: Calle y número, número de apartamento, Ciudad, Estado, y Código Postal; A falta de estos datos, describa la localidad de su residencia.) (No incluya su apartado postal ni su ruta rural.)

122 BALLARD DR,SAN ANTONIO,TX 782260000

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Mailing Address, City, State and ZIP: If mail cannot be delivered to your residence address. (Dirección postal, Ciudad, Estado y Código Postal) (Si es imposible entregarle correspondencia a domicilio.)

Gender (Optional) (Sexo) (Optativo)
☐ Male (Hombre) ☐ Female (Mujer)

Date of Birth: month, day, year (Fecha de Nacimiento): (mes, día, año)
10-30-1977

City, County, and State of Former Residence (Ciudad, Condado, Estado de su residencia anterior)

Social Security No. (Optional) (Número de Seguro Social) (optativo)

Check appropriate box: I AM A UNITED STATES CITIZEN (Marque el cuadro apropiado: Soy Ciudadano/a de los Estados Unidos) ☑ Yes (Sí) ☐ No (No)

TX Driver's License No. or Personal I.D. No. (Issued by TX Dept. of Public Safety) (Optional) (Número de su licencia tejana de manejar o de su Cédula de Identidad expedida por el Departamento de Seguridad Pública de Tejas) (optativo)
[redacted]

I understand that giving false information to procure a voter registration is perjury, and a crime under state and federal law. (Entiendo que el hecho de proporcionar datos falsos a fin de obtener inscripción en el registro de votantes, constituye el delito de perjurio o declaración falsa y es una infracción sancionable por ley federal y estatal.)

Telephone Number (Optional) (Número telefónico) (optativo)
[redacted]

I affirm that I (Declaro que soy)

- **am a resident of this county;** (residente del condado)
- **have not been finally convicted of a felony or if a felon I am eligible for registration under section 13.001, Election Code; and** (que no he sido condenado/a en definitiva por un delito penal, o en caso de tal condena, que estoy habilitado/a para inscribirme, a tenor de lo dispuesto por la sección 13.001 del Código Electoral)
- **have not been declared mentally incompetent by final judgment of a court of law.** (no se me ha declarado mentalmente incapacitado por orden judicial.)

Check one (Marque el cuadro)
☐ New (Nuevo) ☐ Change (Cambiar) ☐ Replacement (Reemplazar)

X

10, 29, 1999
Date (fecha)

Signature of Applicant or Agent and Relationship to Applicant or Printed Name of Applicant if Signed by Witness and Date. (Firma del/de la solicitante o de su apoderado/a y qué parentesco tiene el/la apoderado con el/la solicitante. Si la firma es de un(a) testigo, escriba el nombre del/de la solicitante usando letra de molde y ponga la fecha.)

- In 2001, Castellano purchased her Von Ormy home (Atascosa County).

Property Details

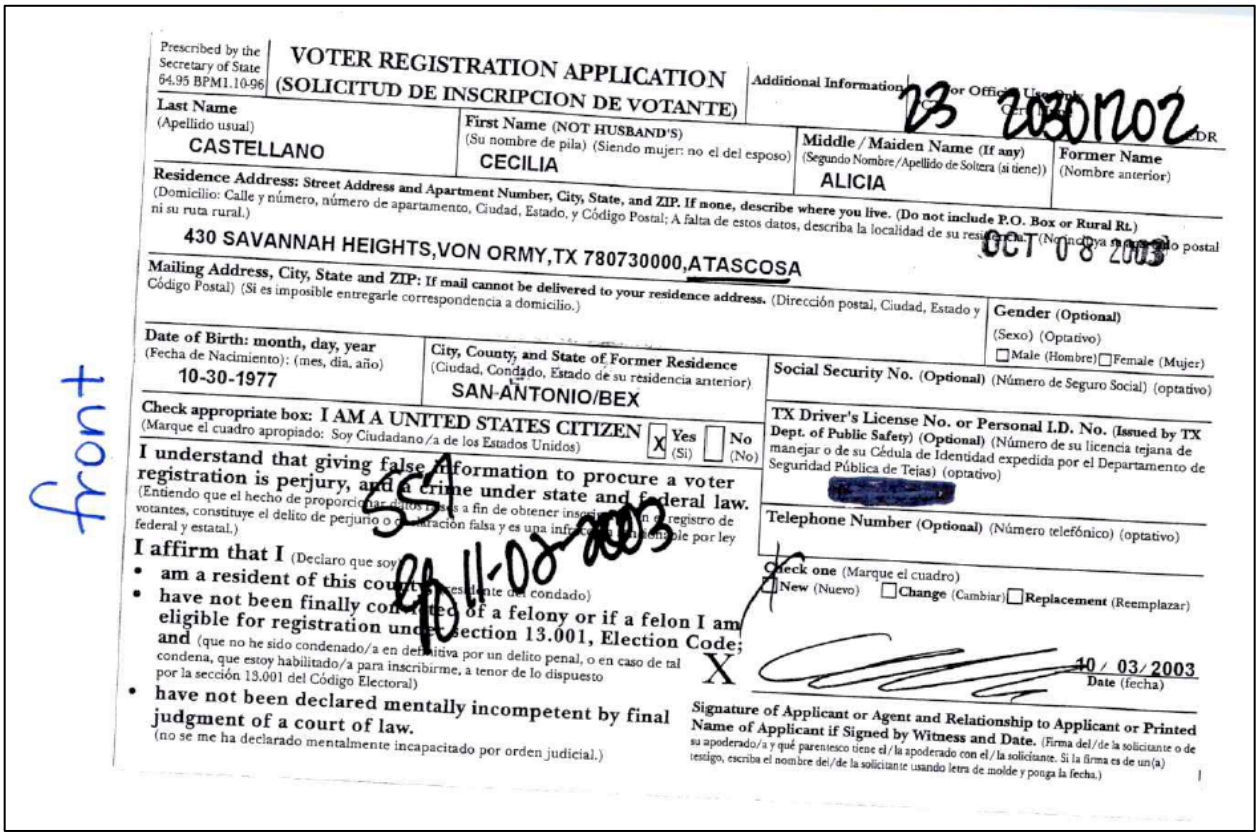
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Property ID:	56915	**Geographic ID:** 02762-03-001-003600
Type:	Real	**Zoning:**
Property Use:		**Condo:**
Location		
Situs Address:	430 SAVANNAH HEIGHTS TX	
Map ID:		**Mapsco:**
Legal Description:	SAVANNAH HEIGHTS S/D UNIT 3 BLK 1 LOT 36 1.287 HUD# PFS0705413	
Abstract/Subdivision:	S02762-03 - SAVANNAH HEIGHTS S/D UNIT 3	
Neighborhood:	SSU/T7DP	
Owner		
Owner ID:	60985	
Name:	CASTELLANO ANTONIO T &	
Agent:		
Mailing Address:	CECILIA A 430 SAVANNAH HTS VON ORMY, TX 78073	
% Ownership:	100.0%	

Property Deed History

Deed Date	Type	Description	Grantor	Grantee	Volume	Page	Number
3/23/2001	WDVL	WARRANTY DEED W/VENDER'S LIEN	ONE SAVANNAH RIDGE DEVLPMT.,LP	CASTELLANO ANTONIO T &	166	239	0

Atascosa County Appraisal District, "Property ID: 56915," last accessed 5/29/24

- Castellano registered to vote in Atascosa County in 2003, indicating Bexar as her former county of residence.



Prescribed by the Secretary of State 64.95 BPM1.10-96

VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION (SOLICITUD DE INSCRIPCION DE VOTANTE)

Additional Information [illegible] For Office Use Only

23 20030702 EDR

Last Name (Apellido usual)	First Name (NOT HUSBAND'S) (Su nombre de pila) (Siendo mujer: no el del esposo)	Middle / Maiden Name (If any) (Segundo Nombre/Apellido de Soltera (si tiene))	Former Name (Nombre anterior)
CASTELLANO	CECILIA	ALICIA	

Residence Address: Street Address and Apartment Number, City, State, and ZIP. If none, describe where you live. (Do not include P.O. Box or Rural Rt.) (Domicilio: Calle y número, número de apartamento, Ciudad, Estado, y Código Postal; A falta de estos datos, describa la localidad de su residencia. (No incluya apartado postal ni su ruta rural.)

430 SAVANNAH HEIGHTS,VON ORMY,TX 780730000,ATASCOSA

OCT 08 2003

Mailing Address, City, State and ZIP: If mail cannot be delivered to your residence address. (Dirección postal, Ciudad, Estado y Código Postal) (Si es imposible entregarle correspondencia a domicilio.)

Gender (Optional) (Sexo) (Optativo) ☐ Male (Hombre) ☐ Female (Mujer)

Date of Birth: month, day, year (Fecha de Nacimiento): (mes, día, año)	City, County, and State of Former Residence (Ciudad, Condado, Estado de su residencia anterior)	Social Security No. (Optional) (Número de Seguro Social) (optativo)
10-30-1977	SAN ANTONIO/BEX	

Check appropriate box: I AM A UNITED STATES CITIZEN (Marque el cuadro apropiado: Soy Ciudadano/a de los Estados Unidos) ☒ Yes (Si) ☐ No (No)

TX Driver's License No. or Personal I.D. No. (Issued by TX Dept. of Public Safety) (Optional) (Número de su licencia tejana de manejar o de su Cédula de Identidad expedida por el Departamento de Seguridad Pública de Tejas) (optativo)

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- **have not been finally convicted of a felony or if a felon I am eligible for registration under Section 13.001, Election Code; and** (que no he sido condenado/a en definitiva por un delito penal, o en caso de tal condena, que estoy habilitado/a para inscribirme, a tenor de lo dispuesto por la sección 13.001 del Código Electoral)
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Check one (Marque el cuadro) ☐ New (Nuevo) ☐ Change (Cambiar) ☐ Replacement (Reemplazar)

X [signature] 10/03/2003

Signature of Applicant or Agent and Relationship to Applicant or Printed Name of Applicant if Signed by Witness and Date. (Firma del/de la solicitante o de su apoderado/a y qué parentesco tiene el/la apoderado con el/la solicitante. Si la firma es de un(a) testigo, escriba el nombre del/de la solicitante usando letra de molde y ponga la fecha.)

Date (fecha)

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- Castellano voted in Bexar County in November 2010.

BEXAR COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT

BEXAR

Voting History Record

The following is the voting history on file in BEXAR as of this 22nd day of May, 2024.

VUID: 1174286772

CECILIA CASTELLANO
175 SHOREVIEW
SAN ANTONIO TX 78242

BIRTH YEAR: 1977 CURRENT PRECINCT: 1037 DATE OF RECORD: 12/15/2023

Election Date	Election Description	Party Code	Vote Type
11/02/2010	JOINT GEN SPECIAL & BOND	NP	E

Signed:

Jacquelyn F. Callanen
Elections Administrator
1103 S. Frio - Suite 100
San Antonio, TX 78207

- A **voter registration history excel file** provided by Bexar County confirms Castellano registered in Bexar 10/03/2010.

- Castellano's **Atascosa County voter history** shows she has voted in nearly every election but 2010, when she voted in Bexar. Castellano voted in 2008 and 2012 in Atascosa.

Maintain Participation History

+ 2026 March Democratic Election
Voted 2/23/26 at JP#2 EV

ADD

Polling Locations

Participation

Actions	Election Date	Election Name	Election Type	Party	Ballot Type	Voting Method	County	Ballot Status	Polling Locations	Date Voted
⋮	11/05/2024	2024 NOVEMBER 5TH GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION			Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Accepted	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE #2 EV	10/21/2024
⋮	05/28/2024	2024 MAY 28TH DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RUNOFF	PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION	DEMOCRATIC		Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Accepted	JUSTICE OF THE PRECINCT #2 ED	05/21/2024
⋮	03/05/2024	2024 MARCH 5TH DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY	PRIMARY	DEMOCRATIC		Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Accepted	JUSTICE OF THE PRECINCT #2 ED	02/20/2024
⋮	11/07/2023	2023 NOVEMBER 7TH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT	SPECIAL ELECTION			Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Accepted	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE #2 EV	11/03/2023
⋮	11/08/2022	2022 NOVEMBER 8TH GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION			Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Accepted	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE #2 EV	11/03/2022

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Participation

Actions	Election Date	Election Name	Election Type	Party	Ballot Type	Voting Method	County	Ballot Status	Polling Locations	Date Voted	Not
⋮	11/08/2022	2022 SOMERSET ISD	GENERAL ELECTION			Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Accepted	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE #2 EV	11/03/2022	
⋮	05/24/2022	2022 MAY 24TH DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RUNOFF	PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION	DEMOCRATIC		Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Accepted	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE #2 EV	05/20/2022	
⋮	03/01/2022	2022 MARCH 1ST DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY	PRIMARY	DEMOCRATIC		Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted	COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH	03/01/2022	
⋮	11/03/2020	2020 NOVEMBER 3RD GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION			Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Accepted	POTEET EMS	10/28/2020	
⋮	07/14/2020	2020 JULY 14TH DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RUNOFF	PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION	DEMOCRATIC		Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted	POTEET VFW POST 6970	07/14/2020	

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Participation

Actions	Election Date	Election Name	Election Type	Party	Ballot Type	Voting Method	County	Ballot Status	Polling Locations	Date Voted
⋮	03/03/2020	2020 MARCH 3RD DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY	PRIMARY	DEMOCRATIC		Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted	COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH	03/03/2020
⋮	11/05/2019	2019 NOVEMBER 5TH CONSTITUTIONAL AMEND.	SPECIAL ELECTION			Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted	ESSEX PROPERTIES	11/05/2019
⋮	11/06/2018	2018 NOVEMBER 6TH GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION			Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted	ELECTION DAY	11/06/2018
⋮	09/18/2018	2018 SEPTEMBER 18TH SD 19 SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION	SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION			Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted	POTEET VFW POST 6970	09/18/2018
⋮	07/31/2018	2018 JULY 31ST SD 19 SPECIAL ELECTION	SPECIAL ELECTION			Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted	POTEET VFW POST 6970	07/31/2018

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Participation

Actions	Election Date	Election Name	Election Type	Party	Ballot Type	Voting Method	County	Ballot Status	Polling Locations	Date Voted	Note
⋮	11/08/2016	2016 NOVEMBER 8TH GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION			Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted	ESSEX PROPERTIES	11/08/2016	
⋮	11/08/2016	2016 SOMERSET ISD	GENERAL ELECTION			Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted	ESSEX PROPERTIES	11/08/2016	
⋮	03/01/2016	2016 MARCH 1ST DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY	PRIMARY	DEMOCRATIC		Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted	ESSEX PROPERTIES	03/01/2016	
⋮	11/04/2014	2014 NOVEMBER 4TH GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION			Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted	ESSEX PROPERTIES	11/04/2014	
⋮	11/04/2014	2014 CITY OF SOUTH SAVANNAH HEIGHTS	GENERAL ELECTION			Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted	ESSEX PROPERTIES	11/04/2014	

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Participation

Actions	Election Date	Election Name	Election Type	Party	Ballot Type	Voting Method	County	Ballot Status	Polling Locations	Date Voted	Not
⋮	11/04/2014	2014 SOMERSET ISD #7	GENERAL ELECTION			Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Accepted	SOMERSET ISD	10/20/2014	
⋮	11/06/2012	2012 NOVEMBER 6TH GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION			Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted	ESSEX PROPERTIES	11/06/2012	
⋮	03/04/2008	2008 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 7	PRIMARY	DEMOCRATIC		Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Accepted	ATASCOSA COUNTY ANNEX II BUILDING	02/28/2008	
⋮	03/07/2006	2006 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION	PRIMARY			Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted		03/07/2006	
⋮	11/02/2004	2004 - NOVEMBER 2ND - GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION			Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted		11/02/2004	

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Atascosa County, ***Voting History Record***

Castellano's 2024 campaign received a $5,000 contribution from the New York-based PAC "Democrats for Education Reform" a far-left group that funds the affiliate organization "Education Reform Now" that supports the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement, critical race theory (CRT) and affirmative action.

Date	Full name of contributor ☐ out-of-state PAC (ID#:_____)	Amount of Contribution ($)
04/30/2024	Democrats for Education Reform	$5,000.00
	Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code New York, NY 10010	
Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)	Employer (See Instructions)	

*Texas Ethics Commission, **Runoff Report filed 5/20/2024, page 5***

- **Democrats for Education Reform** (DFER) have the 501(c)3 affiliate organization, **Education Reform Now** (ERN). Their web have the same style and layout, and both organizations have the same CEO Jorge Elorza.

Democrats for Education Reform (DFER)

Democrats for Education Reform (DFER) is a political action committee (PAC) associated with left-of-center education activist organization Education Reform Now (ERN). [1] [2]

Website: dfer.org/
Location: New York, NY
Type: Political Action Committee (PAC)
Formation: 2007
Status: Affiliated with Education Reform Now (ERN)
Executive Director: Jorge Elorza

Background

Democrats for Education Reform (DFER) was formed in 2007. [11]

Jorge Elorza is the CEO of DFER. He is also the CEO of DFER-affiliated Education Reform Now (ERN). Previously, Elorza was the elected mayor of Providence, Rhode Island. He has expressed support for the critical race theory-influenced concept of education equity and is a co-founder of the Latino Policy Institute. [12]

Activities and Funding

Democrats for Education Reform (DFER) is a left-of-center education-focused political action committee (PAC) [13] [14] that supports Democratic Party-aligned education reform at the national and state level. [15] [16]

DFER is a partner organization of left-of-center education policy advocacy nonprofit organization Education Reform Now (ERN) and the affiliated Education Reform Now Advocacy. With ERN, DFER lobbies and leads campaigns to pass legislation to increase public school choice, [17] the critical race theory-influenced concept of resource equity, and other issues. [18] Occasionally DFER has been at odds with teachers' unions due to the organization's support of certain kinds of school choice, charter schools, and teacher-evaluation systems. [19]

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DFER has an independent expenditure committee (IEC) and state-level operations in Colorado, Connecticut, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Texas, and Washington, D.C. [22] [23] In 2008, DFER played a role in shaping the education policies of then-Senator Barack Obama (D-IL), U.S. Senate candidate Michael Bennet (D-CO), and then-Newark, New Jersey Mayor Cory Booker (D). Prior to the 2008 Democratic National Convention, DFER gathered Democratic Party leaders including U.S. Representative James Clyburn (D-SC) to form education policies for the party. [24]

In 2009, DFER prepared a transition memo for the Obama administration's Department of Education transition efforts. The group continues to work closely 180 Democratic-affiliated officials at the federal, state, and local levels on education policy as of 2023. [25] [26]

***Influence Watch**, DFER accessed 07/30/2024*

- ERN has received millions from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Walton Family foundation.

Funding

Education Reform Now receives its funding from individual donations and grants. [23] In 2021, ERN reported revenue of $9,742,321 and expenses of $8,168,050. The organization reported revenue of $8,769,665 and expenses of $7,216,324. [24]

ERN has received millions of dollars of grants from the left-of-center Walton Family Foundation since its launch. This includes grants of $3,772,250 in 2022, $4,000,000 in 2021, $150,000 in 2020, and $4,730,000 in 2019. [25] The left-of-center Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has given ERN at least $1,650,000 since 2017, including grants worth of $700,000 in 2021, $800,000 in 2019, and $150,000 in 2017. [26]

ERN received $275,000 from the PCLB Foundation in 2023 for its Connecticut operations. [27] In 2022, ERN received $490,000 from Education Forward DC and $400,000 from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation. [28] ERN also received $1,000,000 from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation in 2017 and grants worth $250,000 in both 2016 and 2014. [29] [30] [31]

Influence Watch, ERN accessed 07/30/2024

- ERN supports the far-left Black Lives Matter movement, is committed to the far-left concept of anti-racism, supports race-based admissions standards for colleges and universities, opposed the Supreme Court ruling ending affirmative action for university admissions, and claims that the critical race theory-influenced concept of structural racism is "ingrained in the fibers of every institution" in the United Sates.

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Castellano's 2024 campaign received a $150 contribution from Earnest Davila, union organizer for the Texas State Teachers Association.

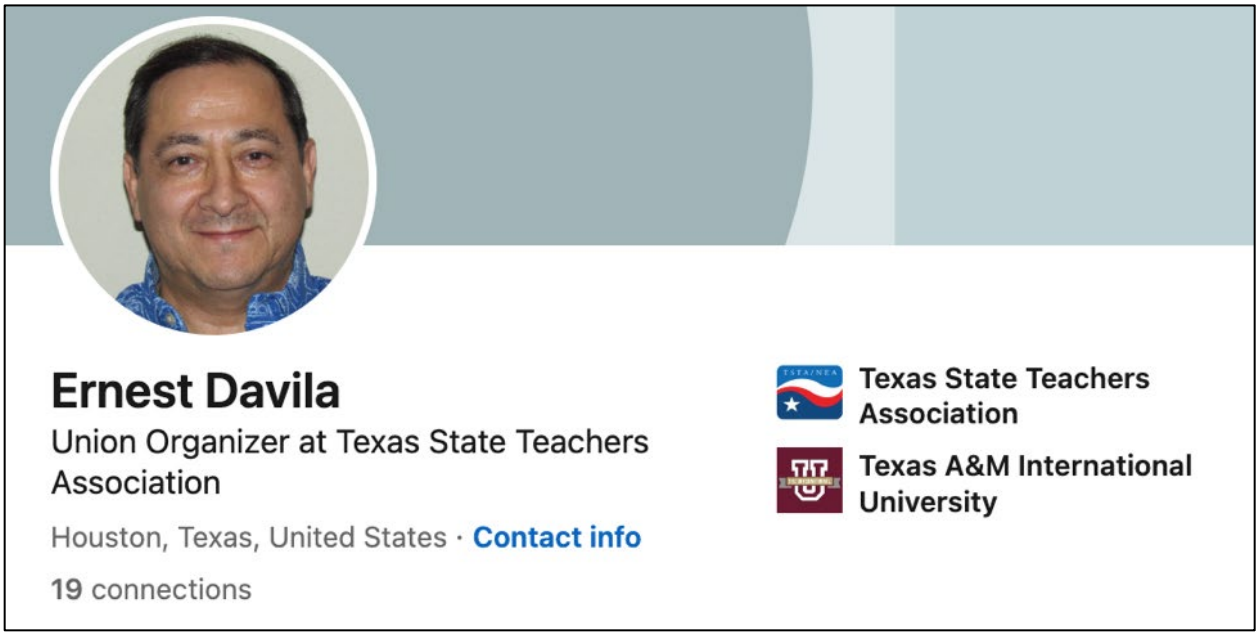
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Date	Full name of contributor ☐ out-of-state PAC (ID#:_____)	Amount of Contribution ($)
04/11/2024	Davila, Earnest Contributor address; City; State; Zip Code Laredo, TX 78045	$150.00

Principal occupation / Job title (See Instructions)	Employer (See Instructions)
Organizer	Texas State Teachers Association

Texas Ethics Commission, Campaign Finance Report filed 05/20/2024

- Davila's **LinkedIn**:



Castellano's husband, Antonio Trujillo Castellano, was arrested in 2001 by San Antonio police for assault causing bodily injury, according to Texas Department of Public Safety conviction records. According to Bexar County court records, the charges were "Assault Bodily Injury-Married" and a "No HOI Contact with Cecilia Castellano" was put in place.

- The arrest record includes an up-to-date mugshot. It also mentions "Married/Cohab" after the assault charge under category, "Arrest Offense Literal."

CASTELLANO,ANTONIO TRUJILLO (SID: 05887463)

SID	05887463
DATE LAST UPDATED	7/23/2024
SEX	MALE
RACE	WHITE
ETHNICITY	HISPANIC
HEIGHT	6'2"
WEIGHT	210 LBS
EYES	BROWN
HAIR	UNKNOWN OR COMPLETELY BALD
PLACE OF BIRTH	PUERTO RICO
NAME(S)	CASTELLANO,ANTONIO CASTELLANO,ANTONIO T CASTELLANO,ANTONIO TRUJILLO **(PRIMARY)** CASTELLANO,TONY
BIRTH DATE(S)	9/27/1975 **(PRIMARY)**



Texas Department of Public Safety



Texas Department of Public Safety

- According to Bexar County court dockets, Antonio Castellano was charged with assault in January 2001. A "No HOI Contact with Cecilia Castellano" was put in place. Antonio Castellano pled no contest and received deferred adjudication.

Case Summary

Case No. CR775674

State of Texas VS ANTONIO T CASTELLANO

§ Location: **County Court-at-Law 7**
§ Judicial Officer: **County Court-at-Law, 7**
§ Filed on: **02/05/2001**
§ Appear by: **07/26/2001**
§ Case Number History: **NM674227**
§ Conversion: **NM674227**
§ Judicial Number (JN): **0899986**
§ SAPD Agency Case Number: **2001014568**

Case Information

Offense	Degree	Offense Date	Filed Date
1. ASSAULT BODILY INJURY-MARRIED/	MA	01/07/2001	02/05/2001

Arrest
Date: 01/07/2001
Control #: B200100964
Agency:
TXSPD0000 - San Antonio Police Department
TRN: 902383402X TRS: A001

Case Type: Misdemeanor - Family Violence
Subtype: Family Violence
Case Status: **08/07/2003 *** JN Closed *****
Converted Case
Case Flags: **File Imaged**

*Bexar County Court-at-Law, **CR775674 docket***

Dispositions

07/26/2001 **Sentence** (Judicial Officer: Required, No Signature)
1. ASSAULT BODILY INJURY-MARRIED/
Unpaid Balance Of
Condition - Adult:
1. Conversion, KILDAY, NO HOI CONTACT W/CECILIA CASTELLANO, RESTITUTION IF ANY + $100 FVS, SUP FEE $25, PROBATE CSR AND FINE, 07/26/2001, Active 07/26/2001

Created: 07/26/2001 12:00 AM

03/28/2002 **Plea** (Judicial Officer: Required, No Signature)
COMMENT_1: KILDAY, NO HOI CONTACT W/CECILIA CASTELLANO, RESTITUTION IF ANY + $100 FVS,
COMMENT_2: SUP FEE $25, PROBATE CSR AND FINE
CASTELLANO, ANTONIO TRUJILLO
1. ASSAULT BODILY INJURY-MARRIED/
Nolo Contedere (CJIS)
TRN: 902383402X TRS: A001
Created: 03/28/2002 12:00 AM

03/28/2002 **Disposition** (Judicial Officer: Required, No Signature)
1. ASSAULT BODILY INJURY-MARRIED/
Dismissed - Deferred Adjudication
TRN: 902383402X
TRS: A001
Created: 03/28/2002 12:00 AM

*Bexar County Court-at-Law, **CR775674 docket***

- Antonio Castellano was arrested both before and after his 2001 domestic violence case for Driving Under the Influence in San Antonio. In 1997, Antonio Castellano **received his first DUI** after being in a car crash. In 2002, Antonio Castellano **received his second DUI**.

Database Checks

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION	A search of the **SEC Action Lookup for Individuals (SALI)** showing individuals with Court or Commission orders entered against them, did not return any results for Castellano.
U.S. DEPT. OF TREASURY – OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL	A search of the **OFAC Sanctions Search List** showing individuals and companies owned or controlled by, or acting for or on behalf of, targeted countries, including individuals, groups, and entities, such as terrorists and narcotics traffickers designated under programs that are not country-specific did not return any results for Castellano.
PPP LOANS	2 **PPP loans** were identified for Castellano. Azteca Designs, INC, 01/20/2021, Loan Amount $80,833 Azteca Designs, INC, 04/06/2020, Loan Amount $64,400
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY	The U.S. Department of Justice's **National Sex Offender Public Website** (NSOPW) was searched, and no record was found from a national search including all states, territories, and Indian Country for Castellano.

Court Records Checks

U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT	No bankruptcies were identified for Castellano.
FEDERAL TAX LIENS	No federal tax liens were identified for Castellano.
STATE TAX LIENS	No state tax liens were identified for Castellano.
U.S. DISTRICT COURTS	No record identifiable to Castellano was noted in the files of the United States District Court.
TEXAS COURTS	Frio County **25-06-00116CRF** 2025, State of Texas v. Cecilia Alicia Castellano, 2 counts of Voter Harvesting Bexar County **2024CI18483,** 2024 – 2026, 57th District Court, Pella South Texas LLC, Azteca Designs, INC, Guardian House Tarrant County **153-357912-24**, Peruna Glass INC (Glass Doctor of North Texas) v. Azteca Designs INC Bexar County **11S2500089**, 02/28/2025, Small Claims Court, Plaintiff: Lynwood Building Materials, INC, Defendant: Azteca Designs, INC/ Cecilia Castellano Bexar County **2020CI20606**, 2020,166 Belt Built Contracting LLC VS Christoper C Herring ET AL, Plaintiff Belt Built Contracting LLC, Defendant: Castellano Cecilia Arzola, Castellano Cecilia Bexar County, **2021CI11738**, 2021 – 2022, Defamation, Cecilia Castellano ET Al VS Belt Built LLC ET Al Bexar County, **21S1800056**, 2018, Small Claims Court, MNM Flooring Concepts vs Azteca Designs INC
TEXAS APPELLATE COURTS	**04-26-00096-CR**, 02/06/2026, *Ex parte Cecilia Alicia Castellano, Habeas Corpus* (Trial Court Case 25-06-00116CRF) **04-21-00266-CV**, 2021, Cecilia A. Castellano VS Belt Built Contracting, LLC, *[*Trial Court Case 2020-CI-20606*]*

TEXAS STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS (SOAH)	**601-19-0512**, 02/20/2020, State Office of Administrative Hearings, Azteca Designs, INC VS. Texas Department of Transportation

Appendix

Social Media Accounts & Relevant Websites

FACEBOOK (PERSONAL)



https://www.facebook.com/cecilia.castellano.346758/

FACEBOOK (PERSONAL – OTHER)



https://www.facebook.com/AZTECA4

FACEBOOK (CAMPAIGN)



https://www.facebook.com/Cecilia4Texas

FACEBOOK (SCHOOL BOARD CAMPAIGN - PROFILE)



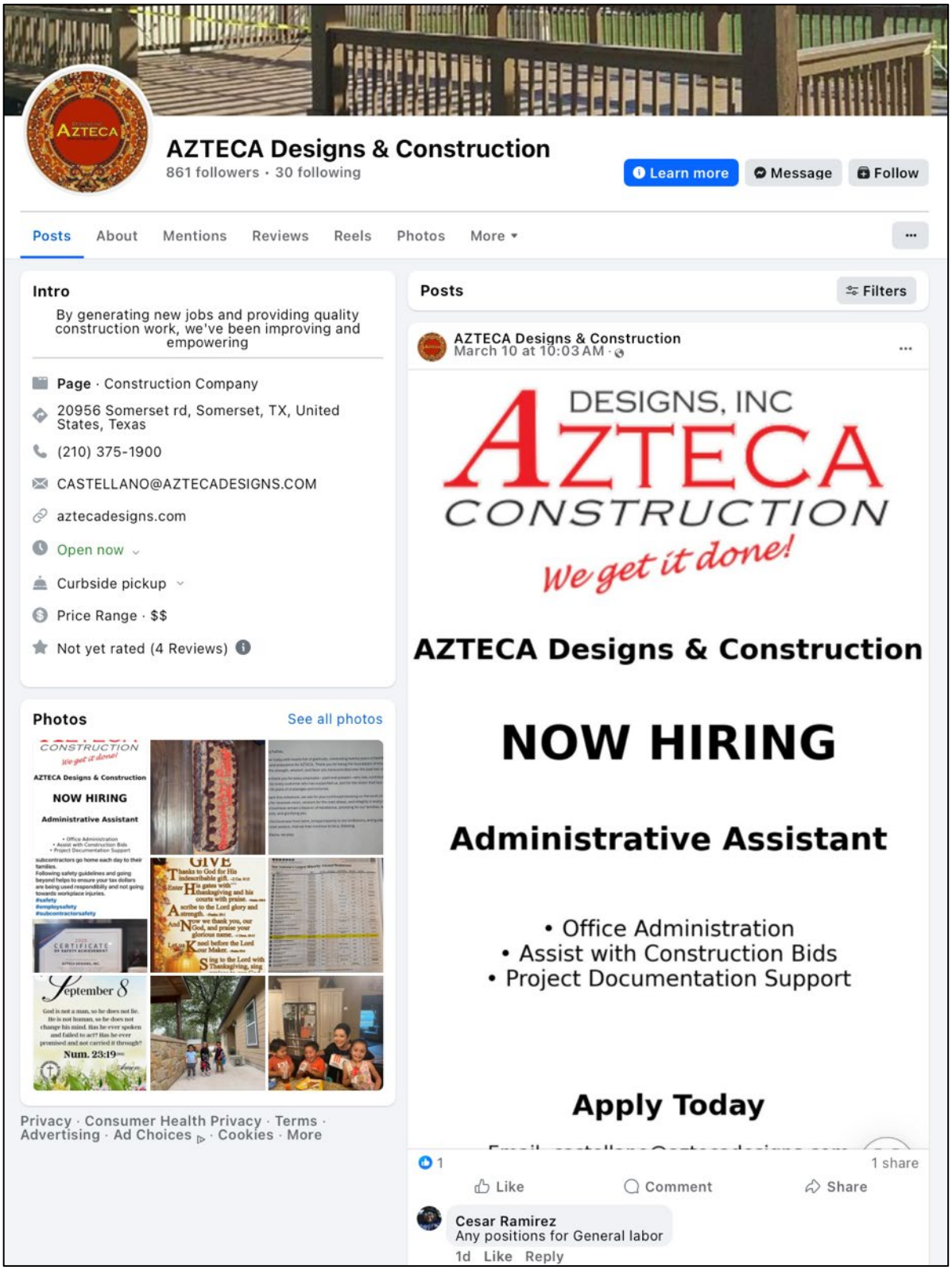
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FACEBOOK (SCHOOL BOARD CAMPAIGN - PAGE)



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FACEBOOK (AZTECA DESIGNS)



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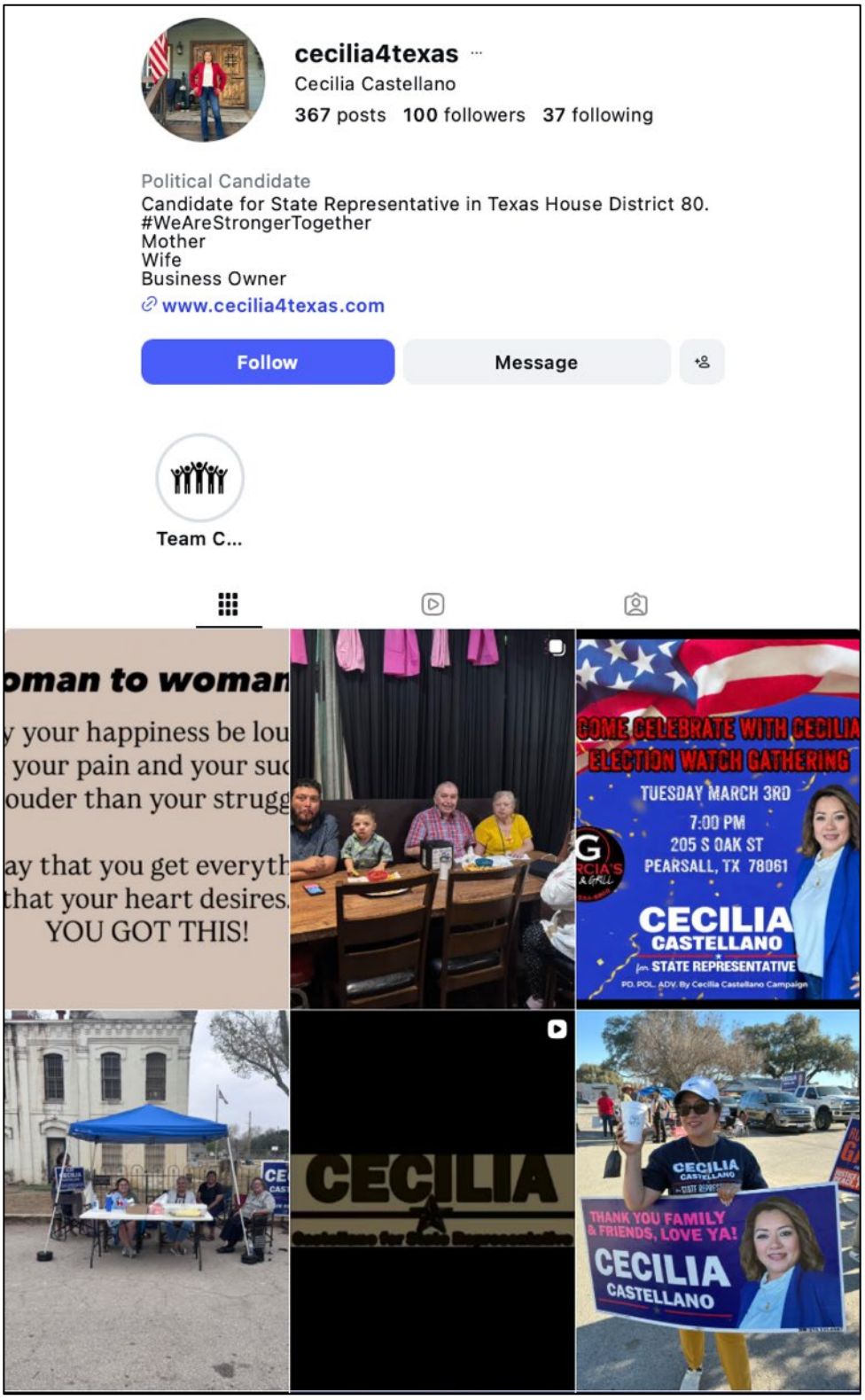
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INSTAGRAM (PERSONAL)



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INSTAGRAM (CAMPAIGN)



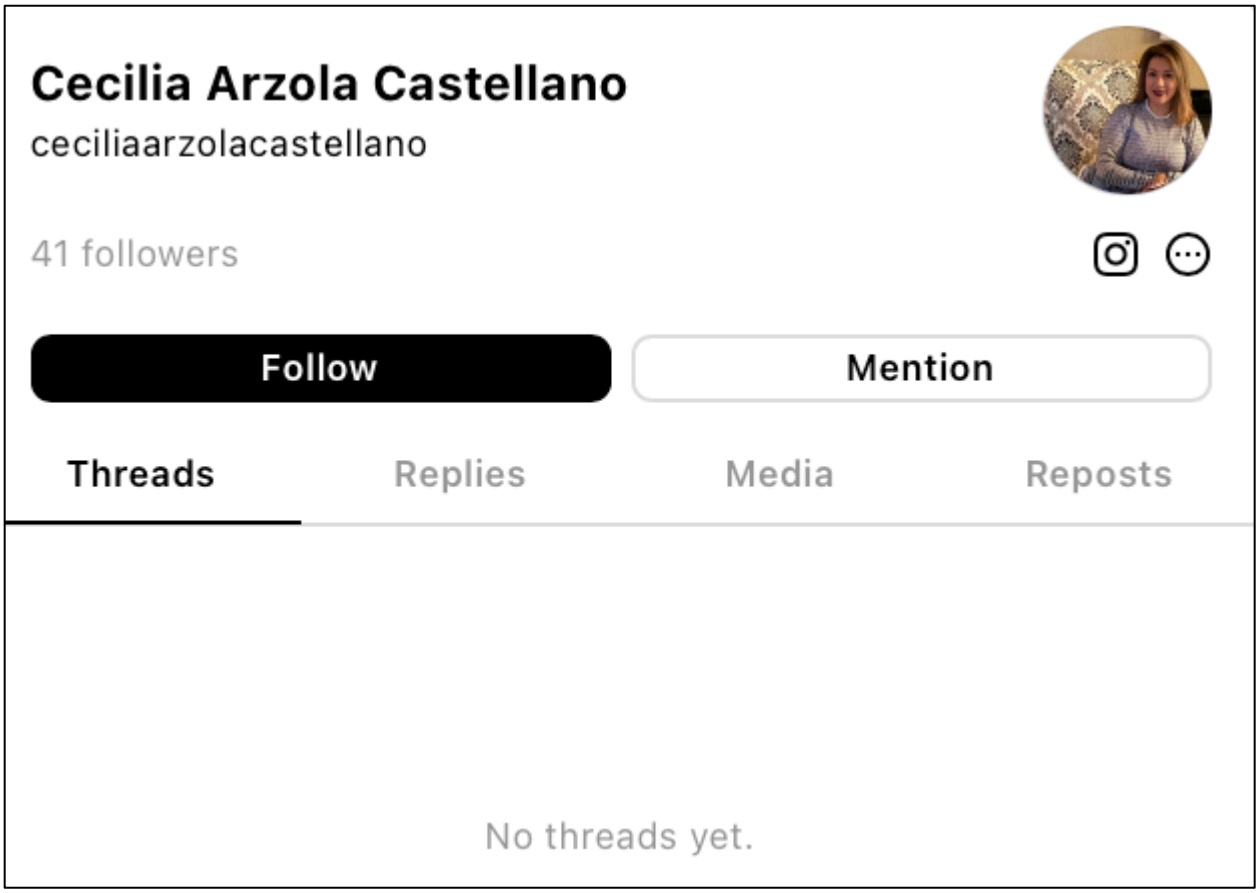
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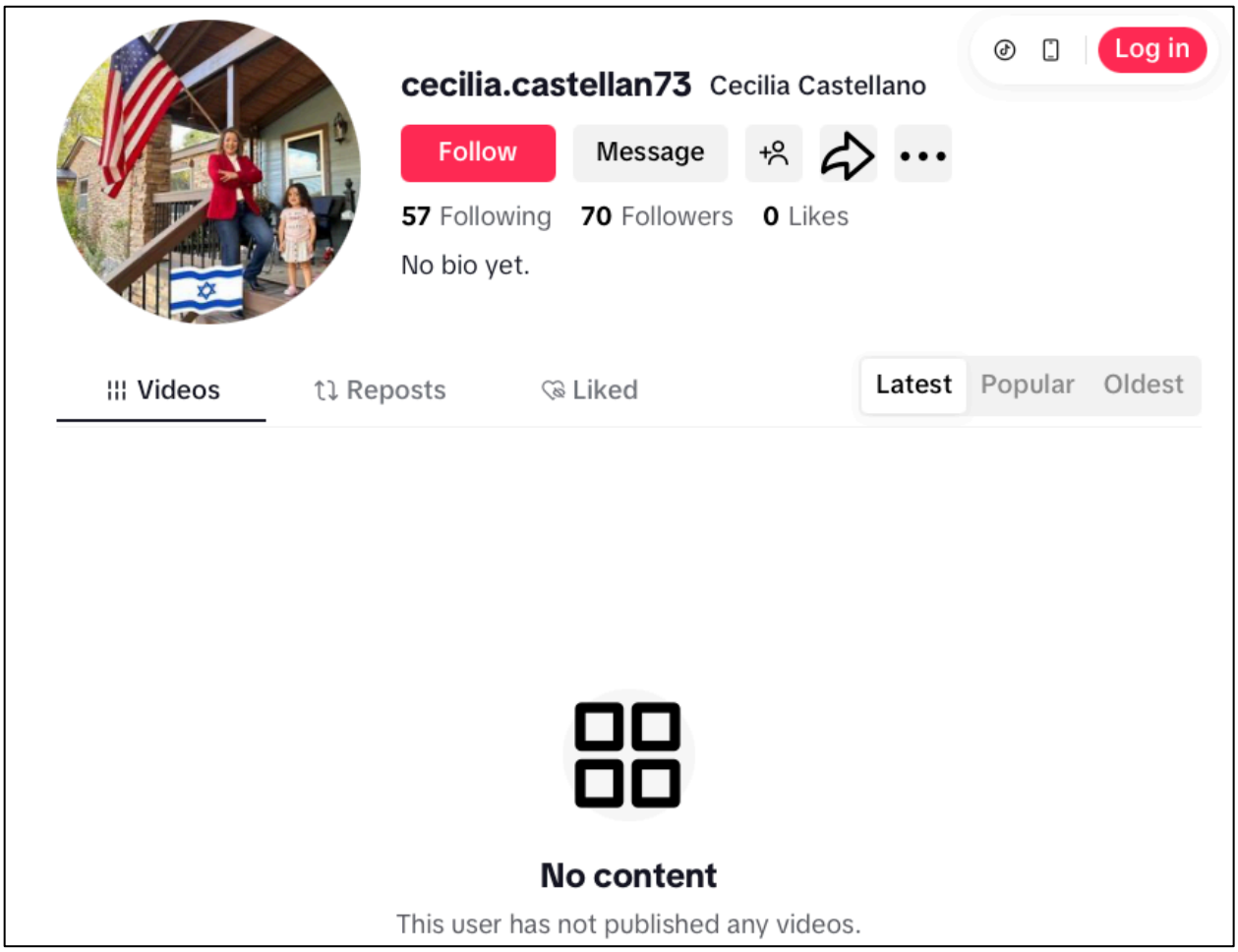
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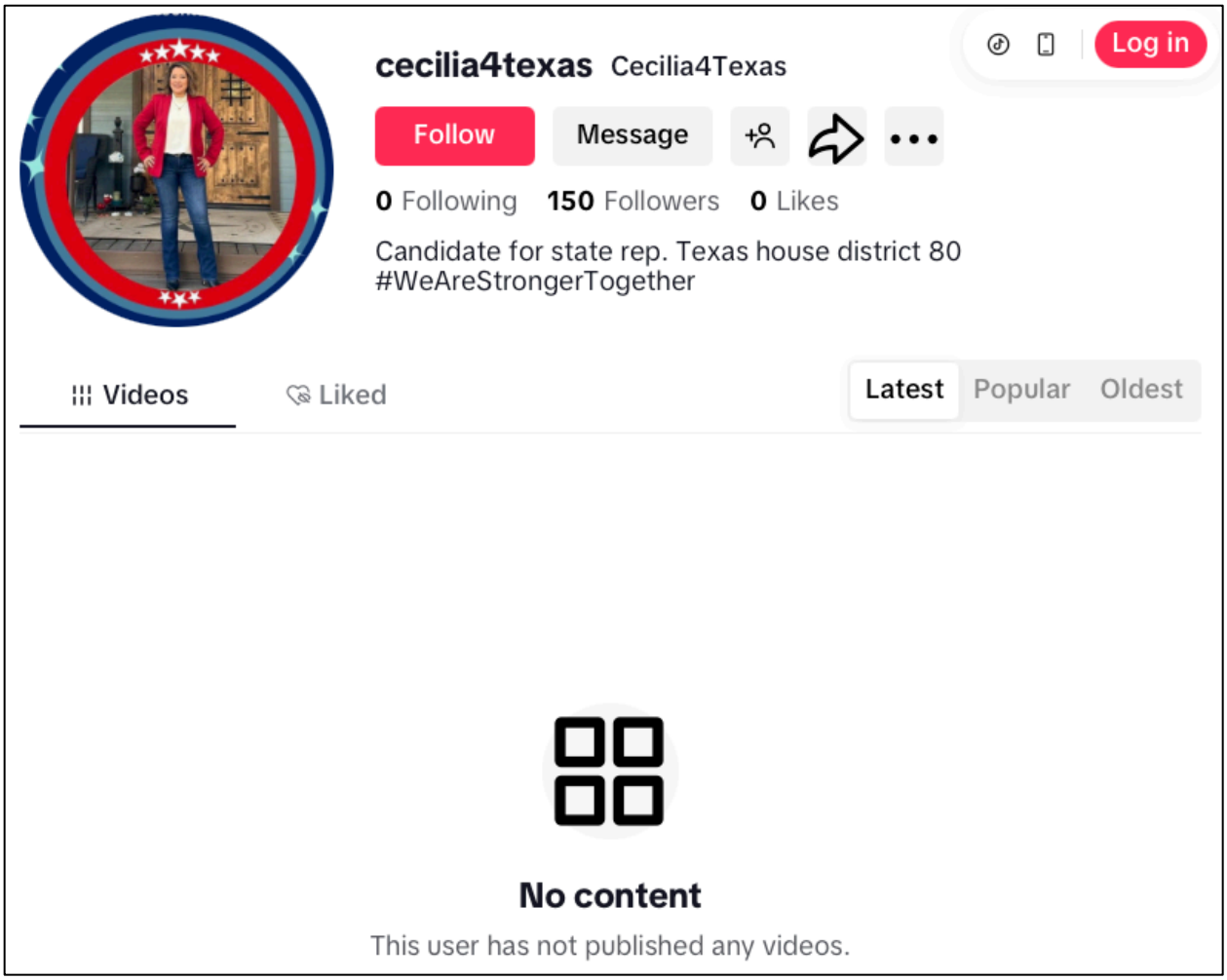
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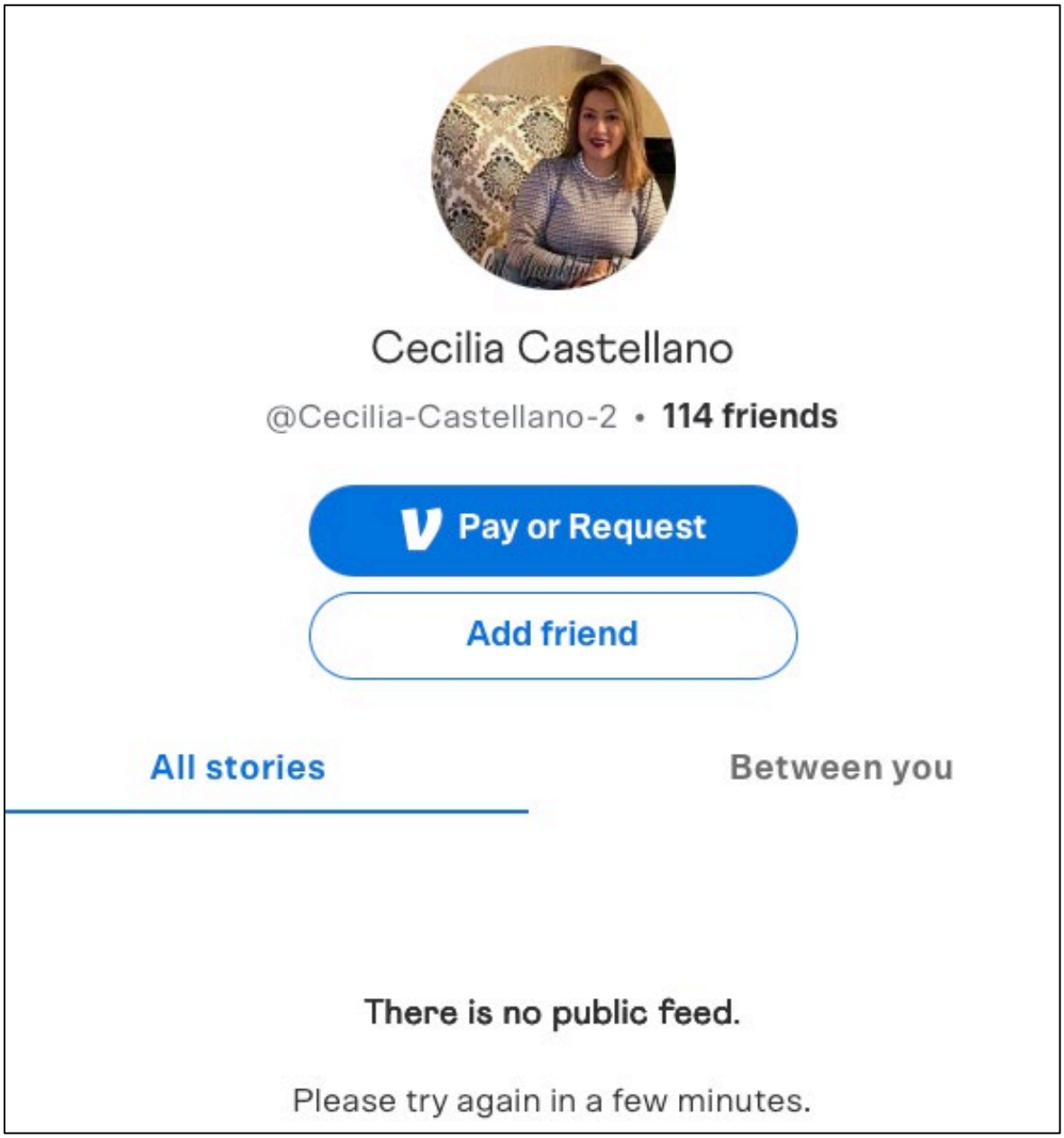
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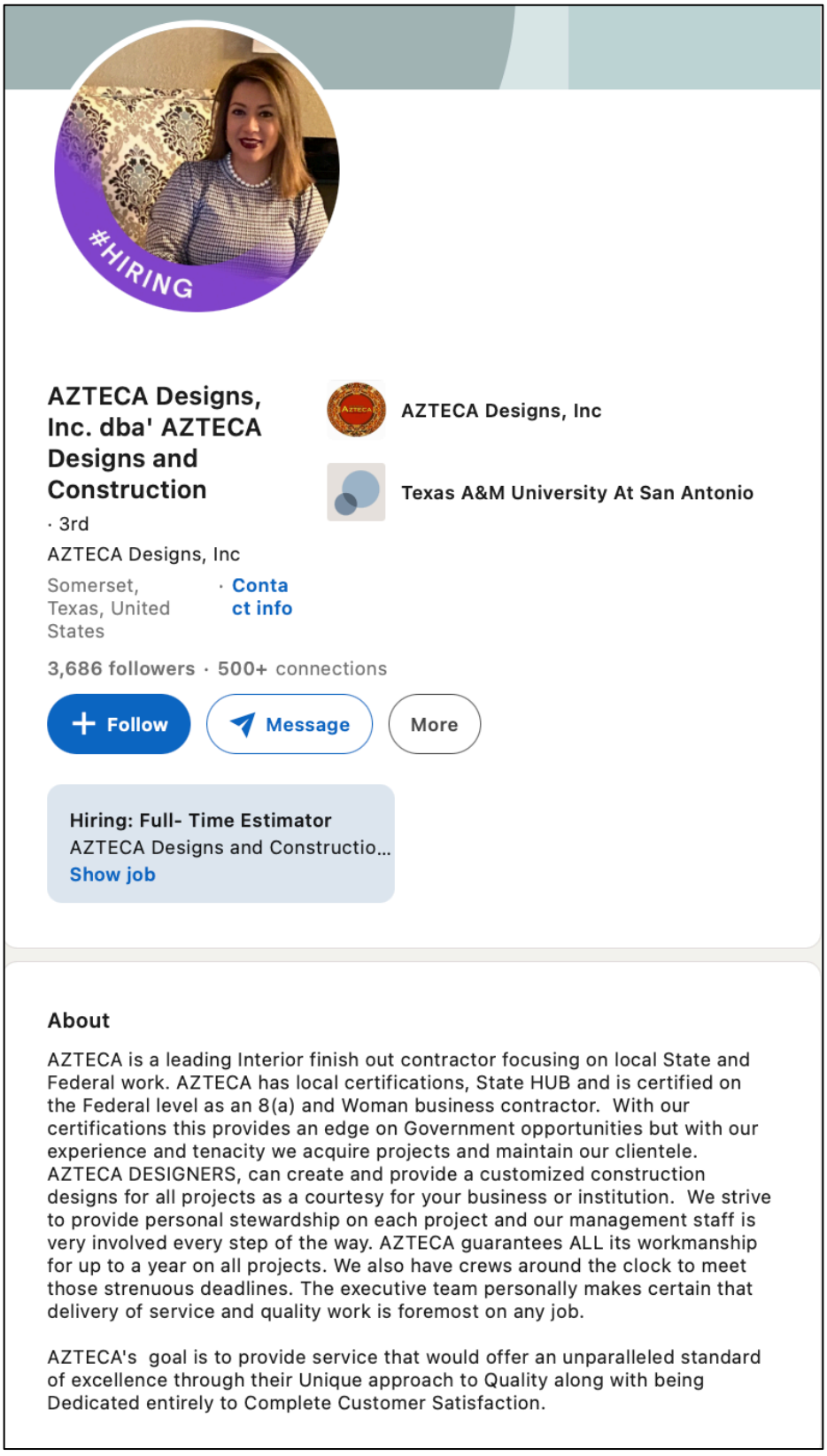
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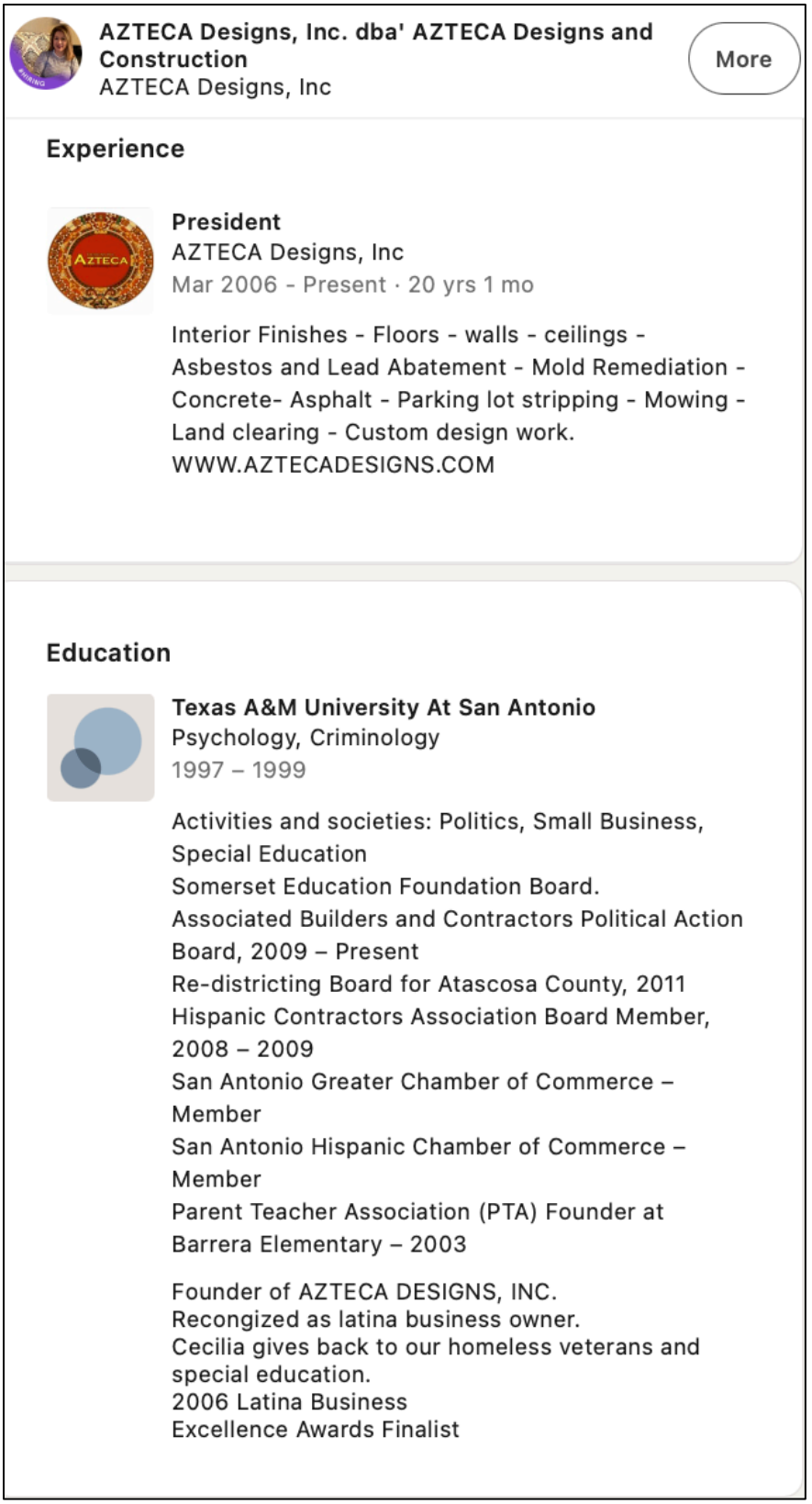
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AZTECA Designs, Inc. dba' AZTECA Designs and Construction
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Experience

President
AZTECA Designs, Inc
Mar 2006 - Present · 20 yrs 1 mo

Interior Finishes - Floors - walls - ceilings - Asbestos and Lead Abatement - Mold Remediation - Concrete- Asphalt - Parking lot stripping - Mowing - Land clearing - Custom design work.
WWW.AZTECADESIGNS.COM

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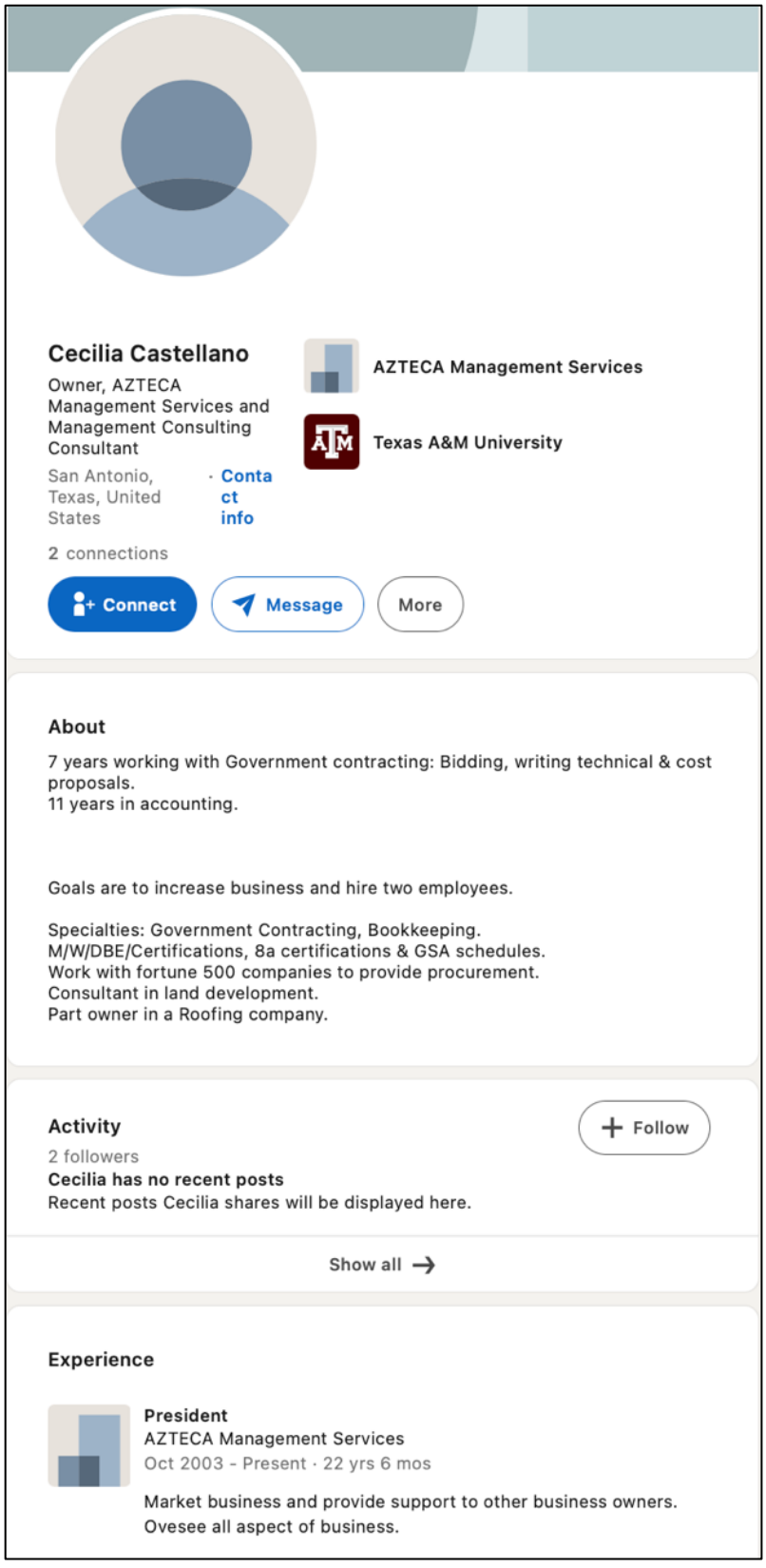
Texas A&M University At San Antonio
Psychology, Criminology
1997 – 1999

Activities and societies: Politics, Small Business, Special Education
Somerset Education Foundation Board.
Associated Builders and Contractors Political Action Board, 2009 – Present
Re-districting Board for Atascosa County, 2011
Hispanic Contractors Association Board Member, 2008 – 2009
San Antonio Greater Chamber of Commerce – Member
San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce – Member
Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Founder at Barrera Elementary – 2003

Founder of AZTECA DESIGNS, INC.
Recongized as latina business owner.
Cecilia gives back to our homeless veterans and special education.
2006 Latina Business Excellence Awards Finalist

https://www.linkedin.com/in/azteca-designs-inc-dba-azteca-designs-and-construction-87a2924/

LINKEDIN (PERSONAL – OTHER)



Cecilia Castellano
Owner, AZTECA Management Services and Management Consulting Consultant
San Antonio, Texas, United States · Contact info
2 connections

AZTECA Management Services
Texas A&M University

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About

7 years working with Government contracting: Bidding, writing technical & cost proposals.
11 years in accounting.

Goals are to increase business and hire two employees.

Specialties: Government Contracting, Bookkeeping.
M/W/DBE/Certifications, 8a certifications & GSA schedules.
Work with fortune 500 companies to provide procurement.
Consultant in land development.
Part owner in a Roofing company.

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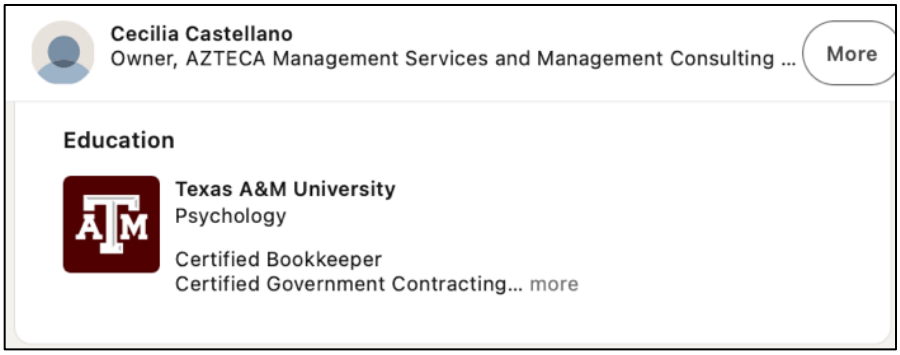
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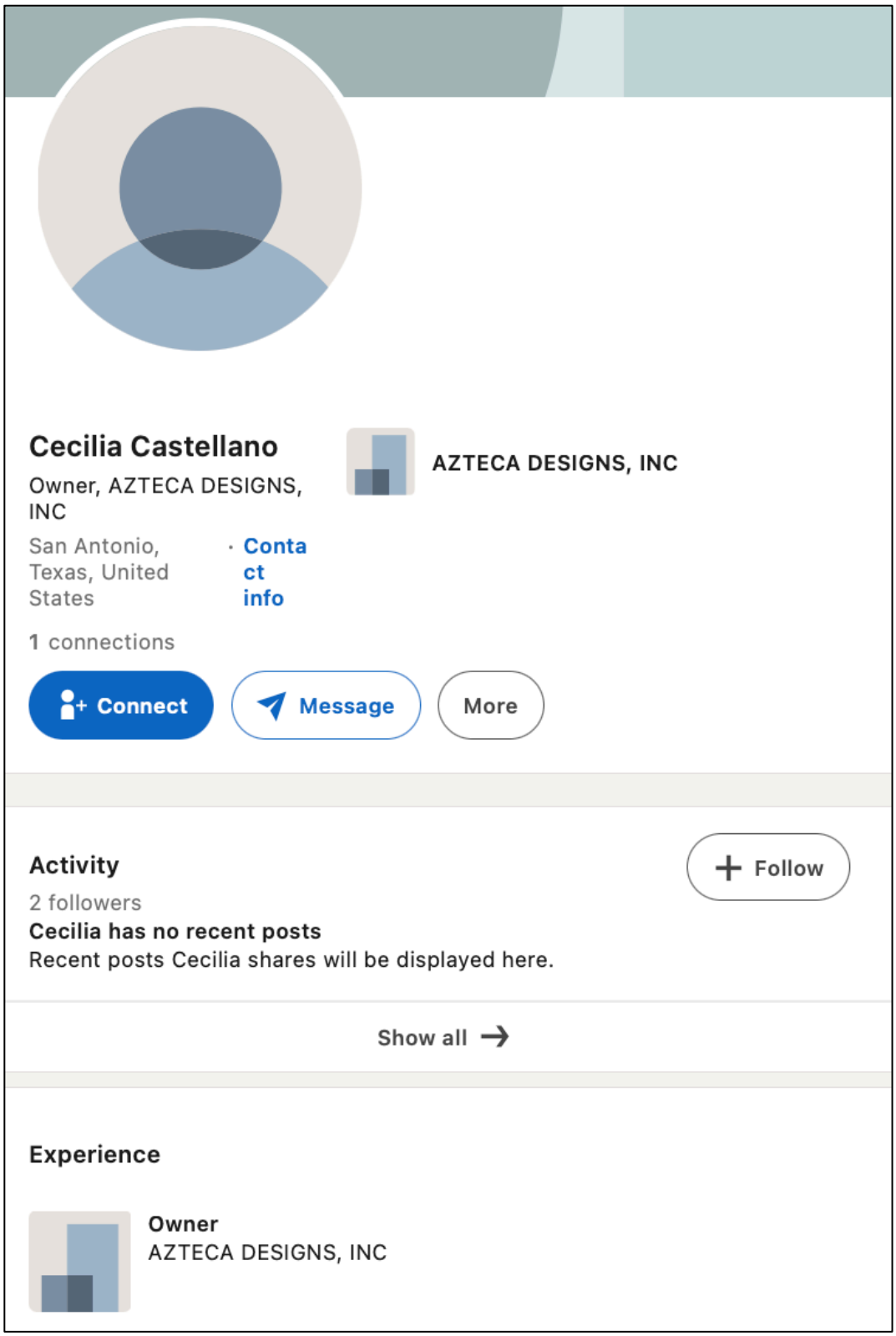
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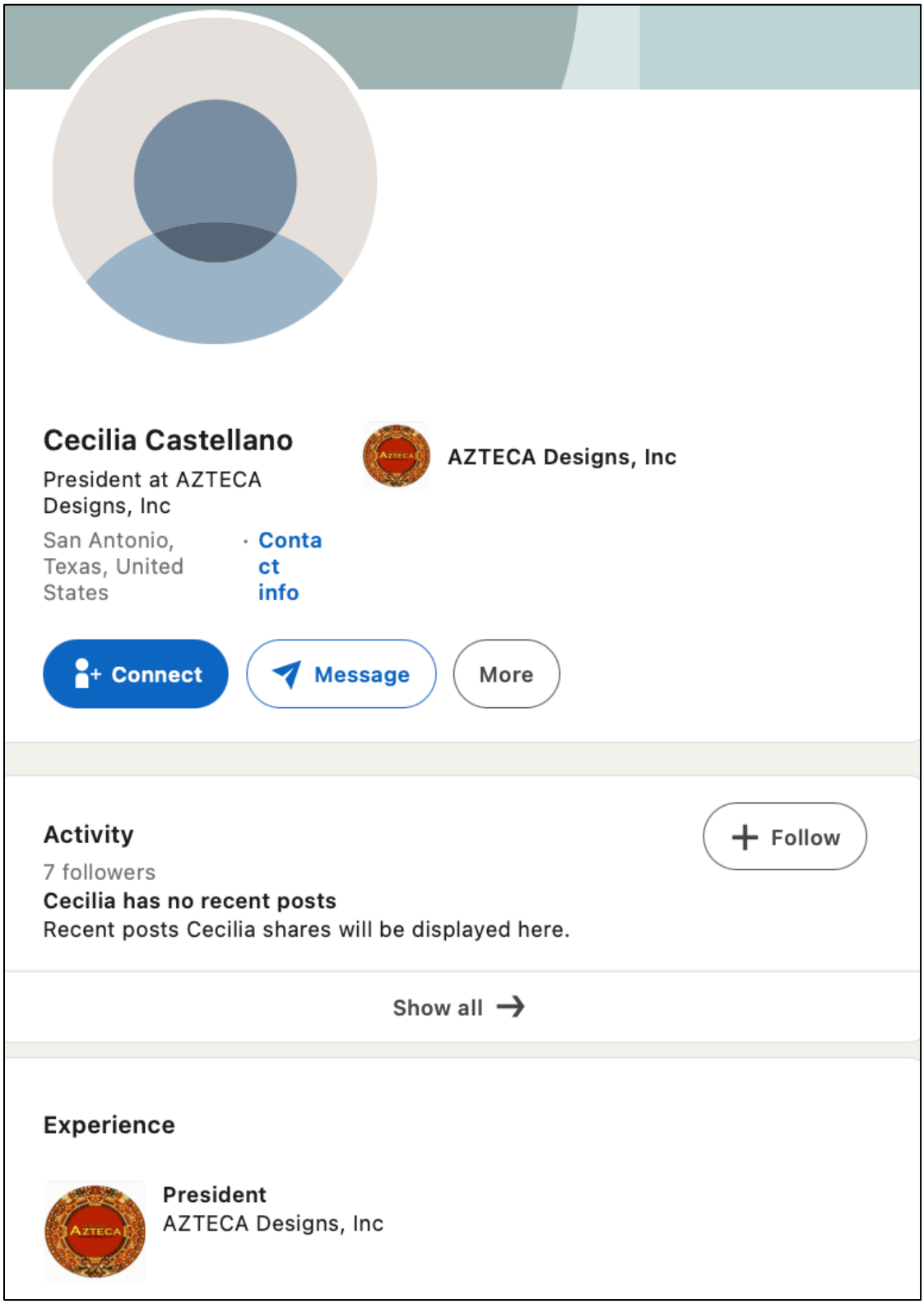
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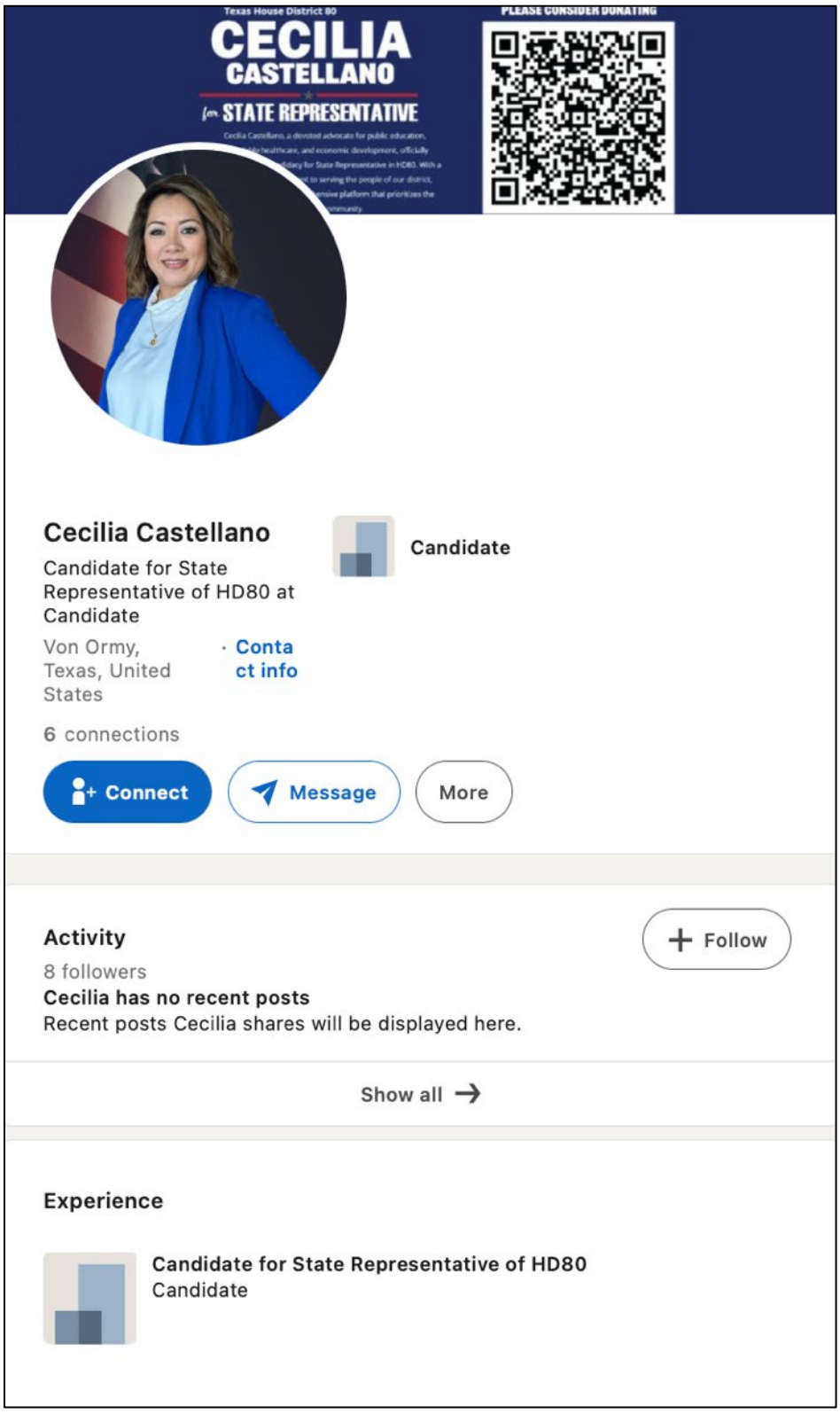
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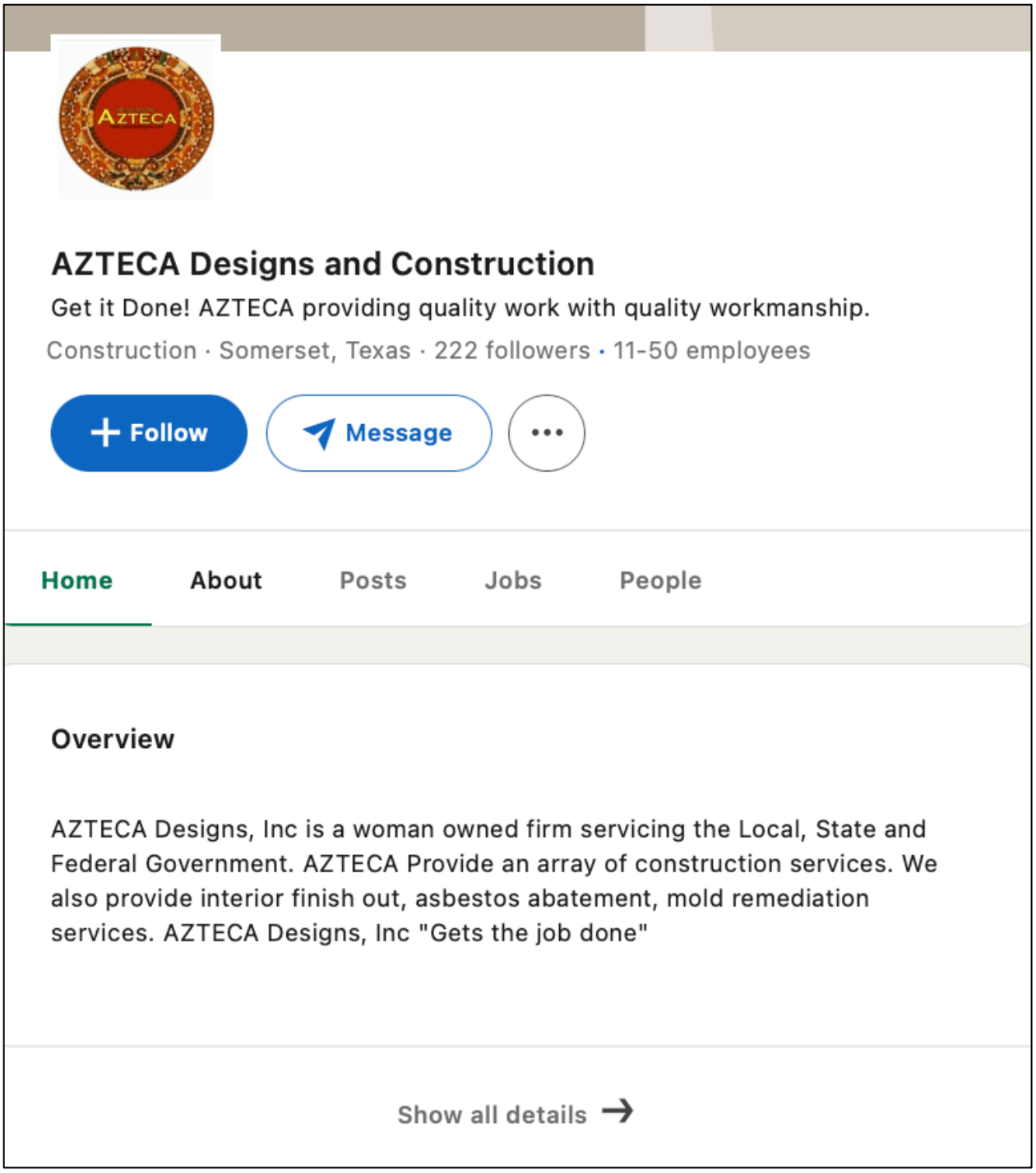
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LINKEDIN (AZTECA DESIGNS AND CONSTRUCTION)



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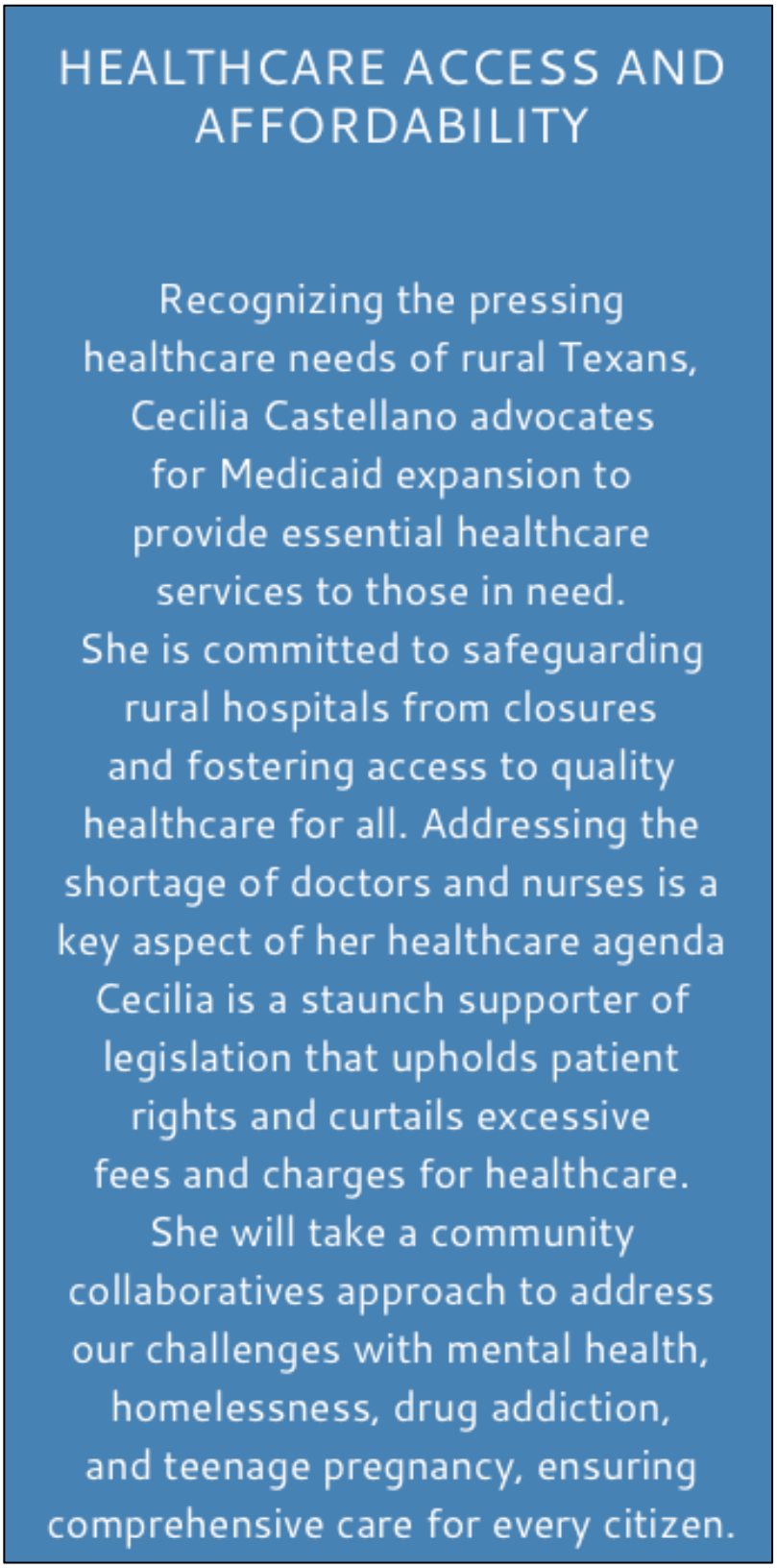
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Cecilia Castellano is President of AZTECA Designs & Construction. As a firm proponent of economic development, she pledges to bring jobs and prosperity to rural Texas. She envisions abundant small business opportunities through collaboration with the state government. By working together regionally, she aims to secure our community's fair share of funding for broadband development, water infrastructure, and essential road, highway, and bridge projects. Property tax relief is a cornerstone of her economic vision, providing homeowners and business owners with financial stability. She adamatly supports the bipartisan tax relief bill passed by the Texas Legislature and asks voters to approve this legislation in the upcoming November Constitutional Election. Local control is essential to rural economies, Cecilia will opppose state power grabs that restrict the growth of our local businesses and limit job opportunities for our families.Having a big sale, on-site celebrity, or other event? Be sure to announce it so everybody knows and gets excited about it.

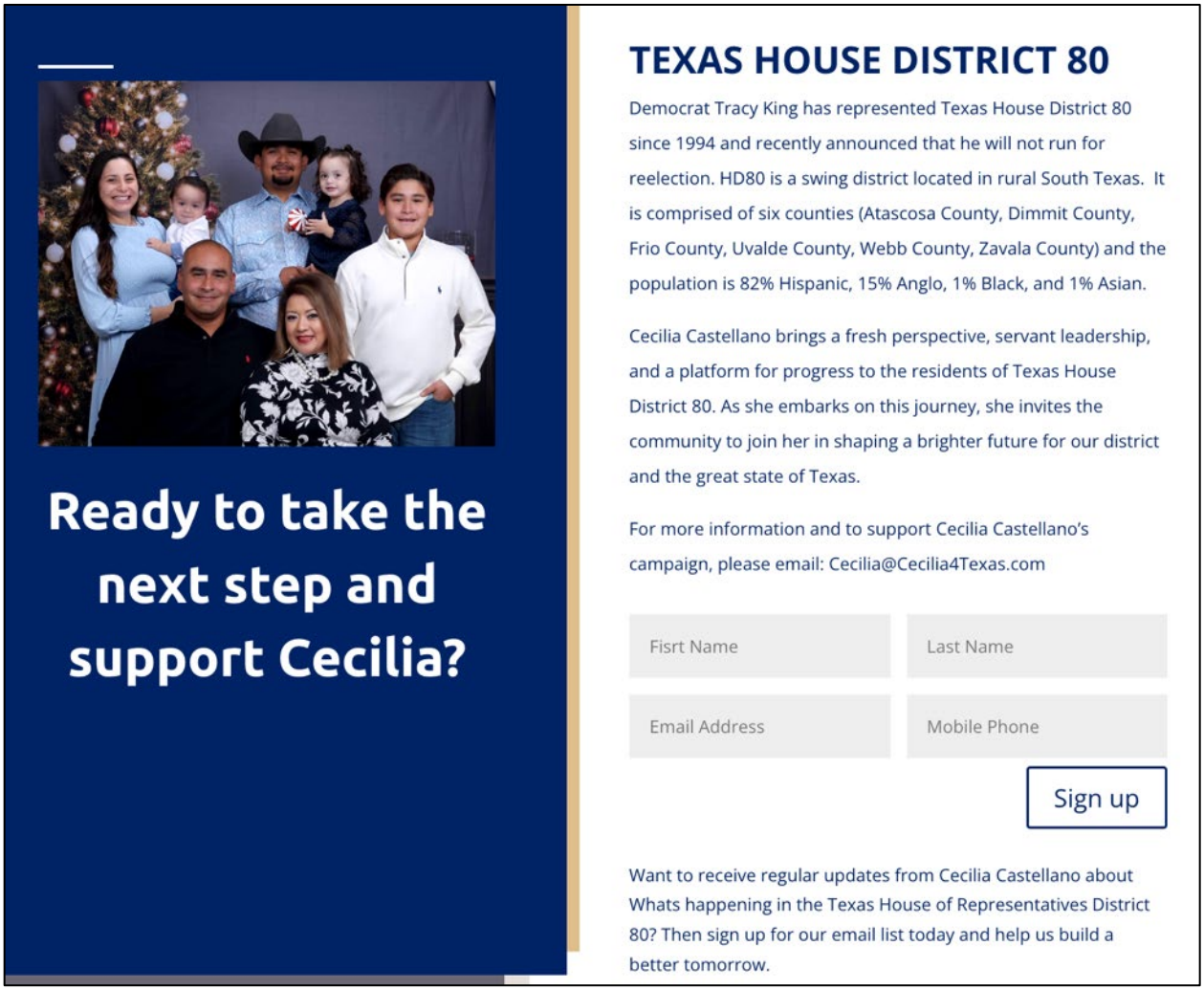
STRONG FOUNDATION IN FAITH, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY

Cecilia Castellano is a third-generation Texan from Atascosa County. Her personal values play an integral role in her public service. Her faith and family values motivate her to work tirelessly to improve the lives of working folks. As a dedicated member of New Life Christian Center since 2014, under the guidance of Pastors Dr. LaSalle R. Vaughn and Portia B. Vaughn, Cecilia derives inspiration from her faith to be a compassionate and effective leader. With two years of teaching and instruction of the Bible under her belt, she values knowledge and empathy as powerful tools for creating positive change. Cecilia has been married to her husband Antonio Castellano for over 23 years, together with their two children, Anthony Castellano, married to Julia Castellano with whom he has three children (Aris, Anthony, and Adonai), and Noah Castellano, who is the youngest, foreground strong family values by emphasizing on their constant support and encouragement of one another.

https://cecilia4texas.com

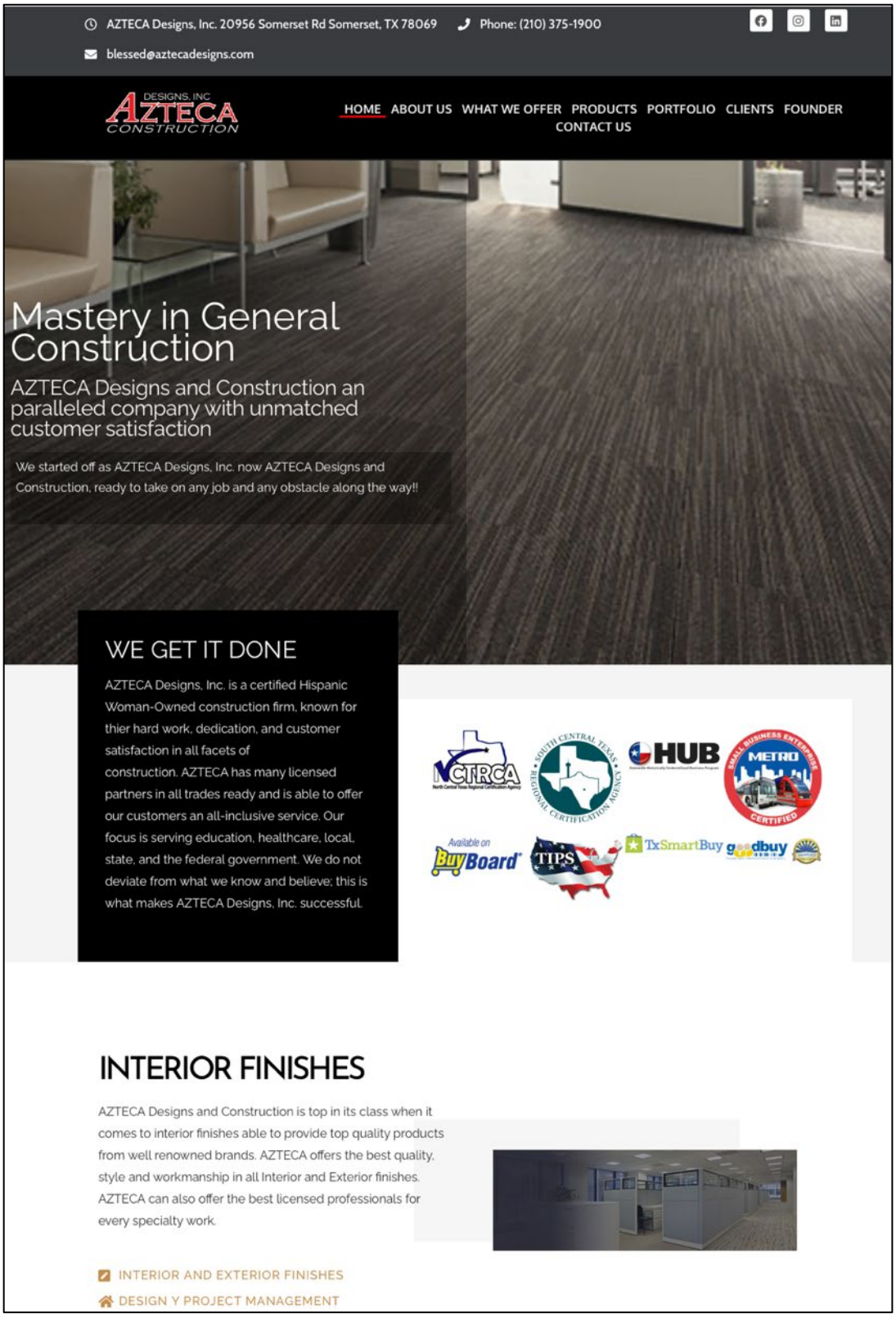
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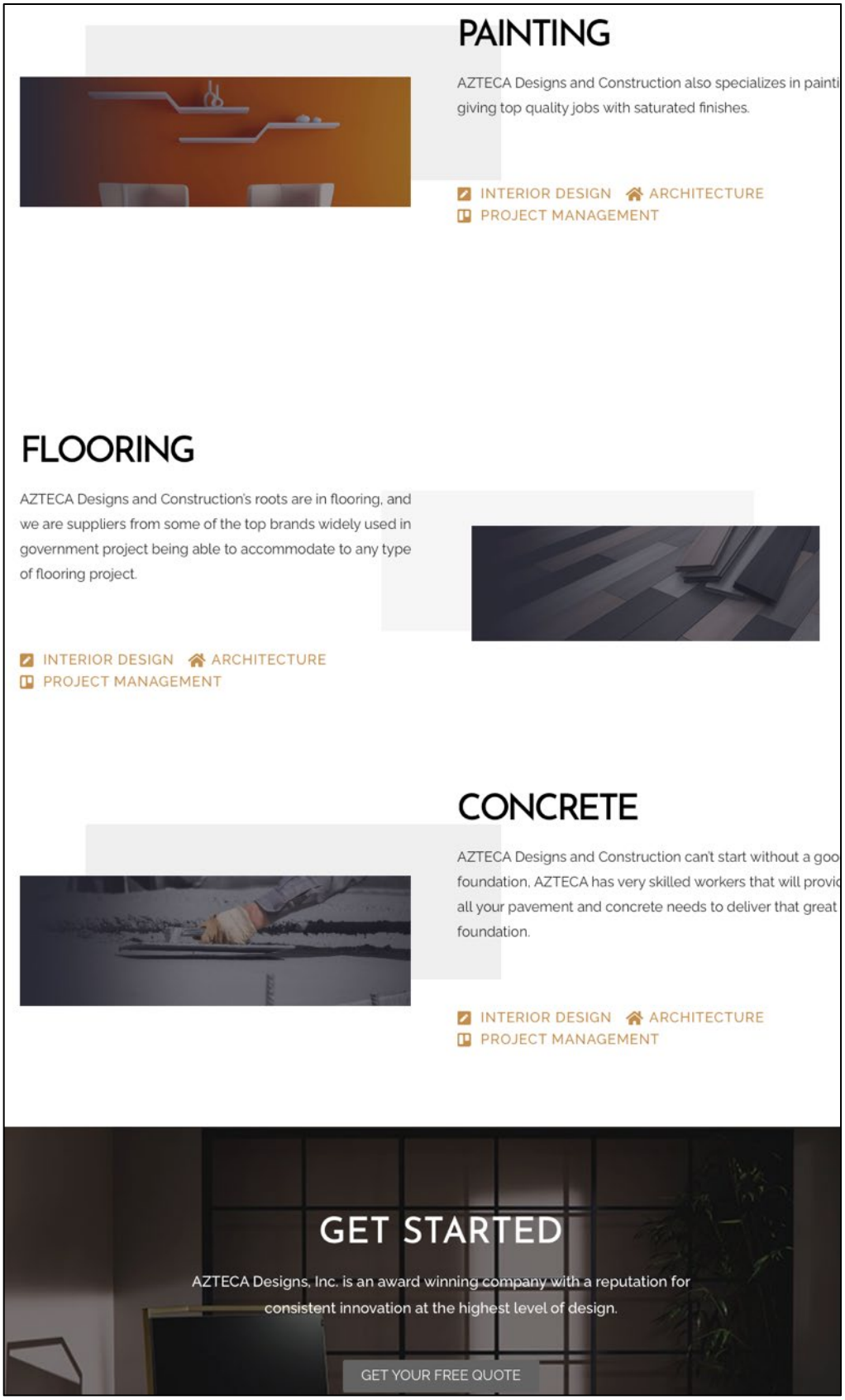




*Cecilia for Texas, "**Home**," captured 5/22/24 **Archive Link***

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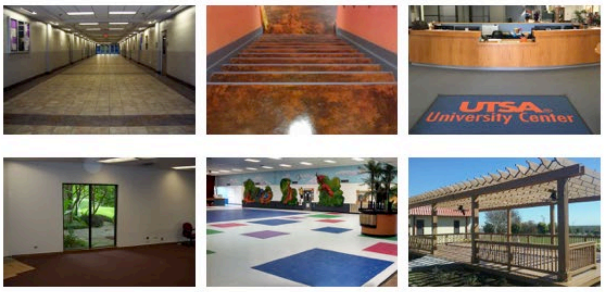



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AZTECA Designs and Construction's roots are in flooring, and we are suppliers from some of the top brands widely used in government project being able to accommodate to any type of flooring project.
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AZTECA Designs and Construction can't start without a goo
foundation. AZTECA has very skilled workers that will provi
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ARCHITECTURE
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Building not only structures but partnerships

– We strive to not only bring our clients a great project but to also form great partnerships that hold true for many years to come, AZTECA Designs and Construction is proud to declare that most of our work does not come from one-time callers but from repeated customers, that are only a testimony of AZTECA's integrity and performance.



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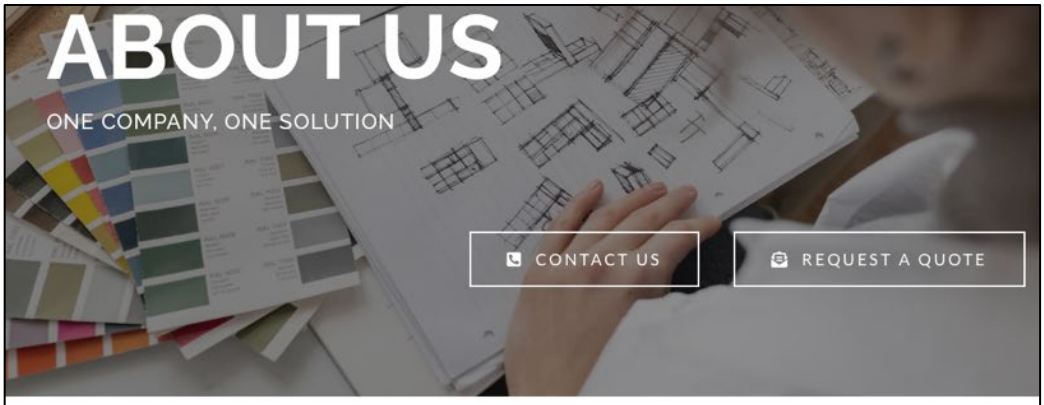
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AZTECA Designs and Construction holds multiple minority – woman owned certifications with agencies such as The State of Texas HUB, SCTRCA, along with federal certifications to name a few

AZTECA Designs Inc. was incorporated on March 01, 2006, by Ms. Cecilia Castellano and Mr. Antonio Castellano. With their extensive knowledge in the construction industry, marketing skills, and alacrity to provide extraordinary service, they decided to embark on this odyssey called Construction. AZTECA is A GOD first company, followed by their customers, and AZTECA's willingness to always strive to attain crowning achievement performing all projects, offering their customers a peace of mind knowing that their projects are always in capable hands. Consistently exceeding the customer's expectations, by giving great service for a great value.



At AZTECA Designs and Construction, we know that perfection is farfetched and something impossible to achieve. There will always be obstacles to overcome and unforeseen events that may alter the strategy of a project, but it is not about achieving this so-called perfection, but how we overcome these hindrances that make AZTECA an exemplary company. It is our capability and our extensive knowledge in construction that gives us the ability to always obtain a feasible solution, even when it seems impossible. At AZTECA we work with our customers to provide the most pleasant experience possible, which to be honest if you know anything about construction, you would know that this is hard to achieve.

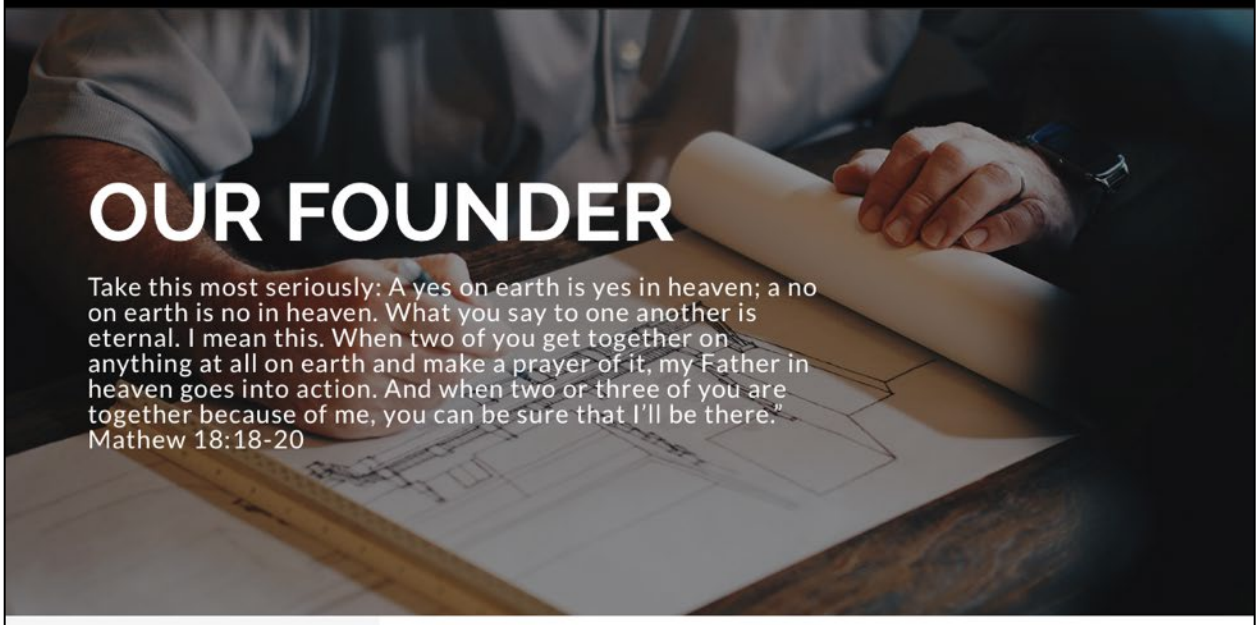


Since its inception in 2006, AZTECA Designs, Inc. has offered an array of services, specializing in interior finishes, being able to provide turnkey construction services to all our customers. Now AZTECA is offering so much more with our wide-ranging contracts with all types of trades, we at AZTECA can assure that the job will get done no matter what comes our way.

https://www.aztecadesigns.com/about/

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Take this most seriously: A yes on earth is yes in heaven; a no on earth is no in heaven. What you say to one another is eternal. I mean this. When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there." Mathew 18:18-20



Cecilia Castellano

PRESIDENT/CEO

AZTECA Designs, Inc. was founded in March of 2006, by third generation Texan, Cecilia Castellano, who developed and shaped the construction company into the construction firm it is today. Cecilia Castellano was able to turn her love of design and business into a thriving company specializing in interior finishes. Part of the first attendees of Texas A&M San Antonio, with a knack for connecting with people, has been able to maintain a steady client base with a wide range of exposure. From Educational Institutions to the Federal Government, Mrs. Castellano's talents have opened the door for her company and kept them open throughout the duration of its existence. With a strong personality and hardball tactics, Cecilia has made her place in a male-dominated industry, the construction world. Her company name remains on the A-list of some of the major construction players. With strength, perseverance, and not taking NO for an answer, Cecilia is not afraid of working hard or doing what it takes to ensure her company succeeds.

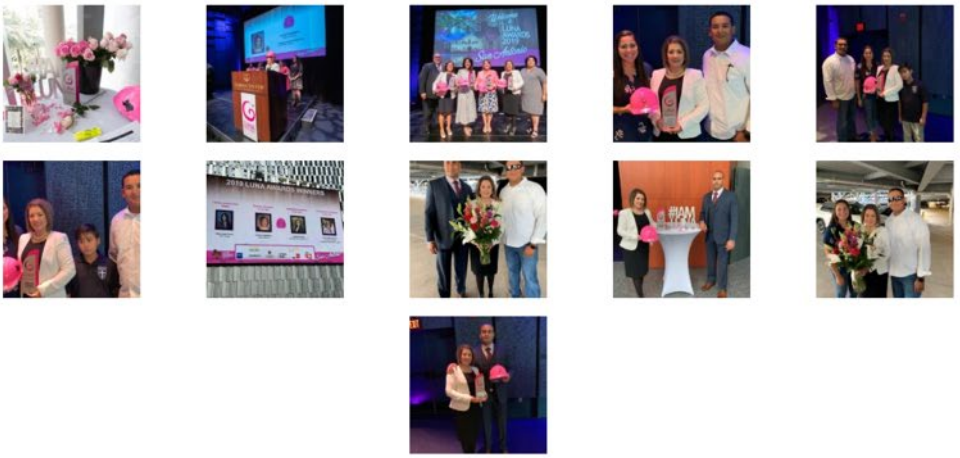
Awards



Cecilia Castellano was selected as a recipient of the 2021 Alamo Area Council of Governments Regional Awards, for AZTECA's altruism in providing families with much needed water and food after the snowstorm, that left a lot of families without not only electricity but basic necessities. AZTECA went out and beyond to be able to supply all these families with some supplies but most importantly with a lot of HOPE.

Luna Awards

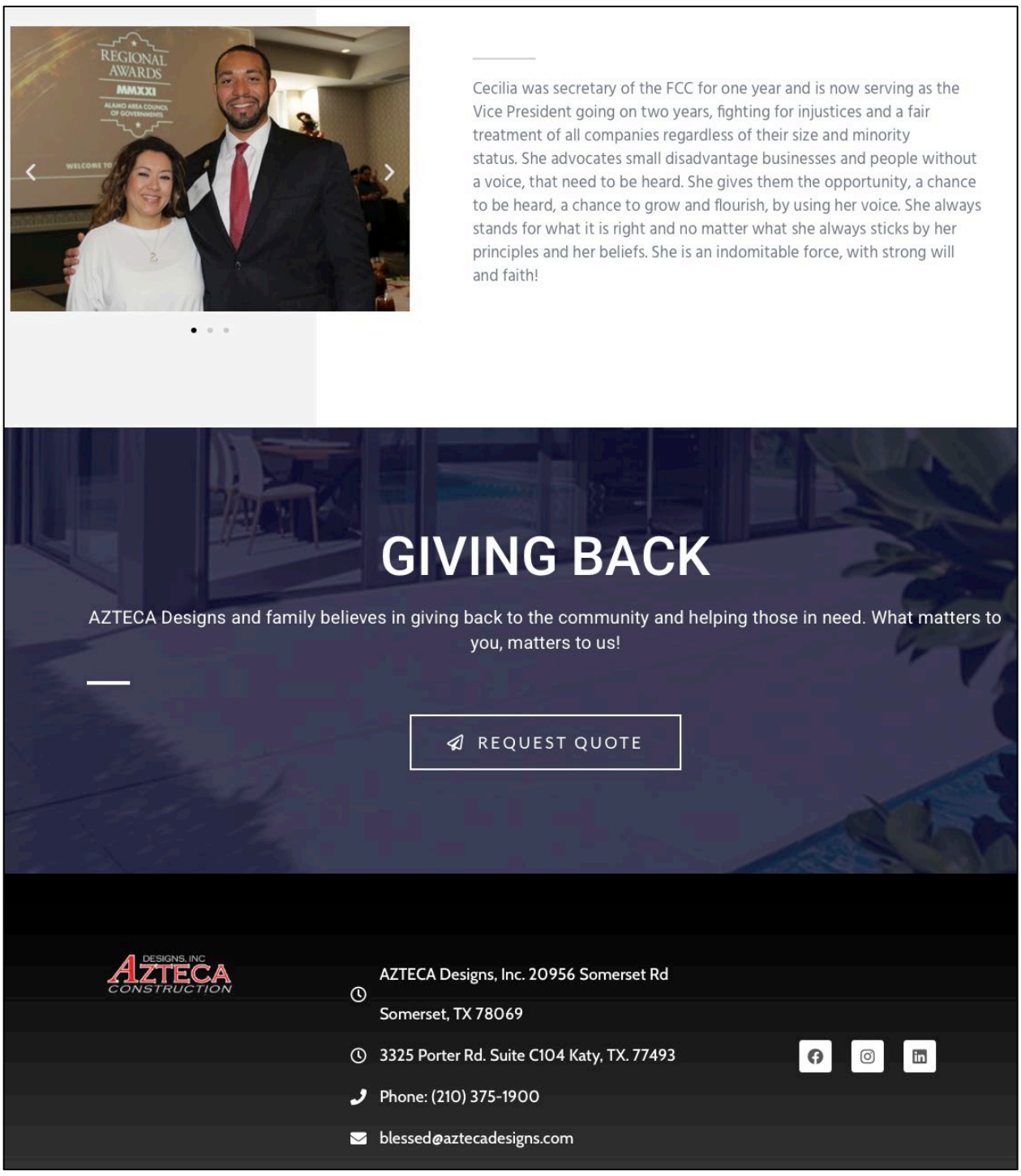
LUNA Awards 2019 presented Cecilia Castellano with Business Advocate of the year



"AZTECA Designs, Inc. is a very unique company because we created our company before God and as a result every person or entity that we've had the pleasure of working with can see our values, character, and uniqueness in our business. We not only design, but we implement our own work."



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Personal Political Contributions from Subject

FEDERAL

Recipient	Contributor	Address	City	State	Employer	Occupation	Memo	Date	Amount
ACTBLUE	CASTELLANO, CECILIA	430 SAVANNAH HEIGHTS	VON ORMY	TX	AZTECA DESIGNS, INC	BUSINESS OWNER	EARMARKED FOR JULIAN FOR THE FUTURE (C00693044)	4/4/19	10
ACTBLUE	CASTELLANO, CECILIA	430 SAVANNAH HEIGHTS	VON ORMY	TX	AZTECA DESIGNS, INC	BUSINESS OWNER	EARMARKED FOR JULIAN FOR THE FUTURE PRESIDENTIAL EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE (C00693044)	12/13/18	25
TEXAS DEMOCRATIC PARTY	CECILIA CASTELLANO CAMPAIGN (SOMERSET SCHOOL BOARD)	430 SAVANNAH HEIGHTS	VON ORMY	TX				8/8/14	75

*Table sourced from Federal Election Commission, "**Individual Contributions Search**" accessed on 05/26/2026*

TEXAS (STATE)

REPNO	Filer Name	Contributor Name	Amount	Date	Employer	Occupation	City	State
100967861	Webb County Democratic Party (CEC) ,	Castellano , Cecillia	150.00	02-08-2024		Self Employed	Von Ormy	TX
100937703	Castellano ,Cecilia	Castellano, Cecilia	25.00	12-31-2023	Azteca	Executive	Von Ormy	TX
100931143	ActBlue Texas ,	CASTELLANO , CECILIA	25.00	12-31-2023	AZTECA	PRESIDENT	VON ORMY	TX
100972009	Castellano ,Cecilia	Castellano, Cecilia	25.00	09-01-2024	Azteca Designs & Constructio n	Exectutive	Von Ormy	TX
100937703	Castellano ,Cecilia	Castellano, Cecilia	100.00	08-24-2023	Azteca	Executive	Von Ormy	TX
100937703	Castellano ,Cecilia	Castellano, Cecilia	5.00	08-24-2023	Azteca	Executive	Von Ormy	TX
100921172	ActBlue Texas ,	CASTELLANO , CECILIA	5.00	08-24-2023	AZTECA	BUSINESS OWNER	VON ORMY	TX
100972009	Castellano ,Cecilia	Castellano, Cecilia	25.00	08-01-2024	Azteca Designs & Constructio n	Exectutive	Von Ormy	TX
100972009	Castellano ,Cecilia	Castellano, Cecilia	25.00	07-01-2024	Azteca Designs & Constructio n	Exectutive	Von Ormy	TX
100939260	ActBlue Texas ,	CASTELLANO , CECILIA	150.00	01-18-2024	AZTECA DESIGNS AND	BUSINESS OWNER	VON ORMY	TX
526757	Stonewall Democrats of San Antonio ,	Castellano, Cecilla	35.00	02-26-2012	Azteca Designs	President	Von Ormy	TX

Table Sourced from Texas Ethics Commission

Campaign Finance Activity

LASTEST FINANCIAL SUMMARY (TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION)

- **Click here for links** to all campaign finance reports submitted to Texas Ethics Commission dating back to 2023. Below is the financial summary based on the last report submitted on February 23, 2026.

Summary Totals Not Included for SS or Dally	
Total Unitemized	$620.00
Total Political Contributions:	$620.00
Total Unitemized Expenditures:	$406.38
Total Expenditures:	$406.38
Total Unitemized Pledges:	$0.00
Cash On Hand:	$310.43
Principal of Outstanding Loans:	$0.00
Total Unitemized Loans:	$0.00

Texas Ethics Commission

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS TO CASTELLANO

- **Click here for a list of all contributions** to Castellano's campaign sourced from the Texas Ethics Commission on 6/18/2026.

ALL EXPENDITURES BY CASTELLANO

- **Click here for a list of all expenditures** by Castellano's campaign sourced from the Texas Ethics Commission on 6/18/2026.

TOP CONTRIBUTORS/TOP PAYEES (TRANSPARENCY USA)

Top Contributors

Total Contributions	Name	Type
$35,000.00	Domingo Garcia	INDIVIDUAL
$20,093.00	Manuel Medina	INDIVIDUAL
$10,000.00	Powered by People	ENTITY
$9,759.79	Aggregated Unitemized Contributions	INDIVIDUAL
$7,500.00	Lone Star Project Federal	ENTITY
$6,000.00	Anthony Castellano	INDIVIDUAL
$5,100.00	Antonio T Castellano	INDIVIDUAL
$5,000.00	Democrats for Educational Equity	ENTITY
$5,000.00	Janeth Soto	INDIVIDUAL
$5,000.00	Tomas Torres	INDIVIDUAL

Top Payees

Total Expenditures	Payee	Type
$174,636.45	Professional Campaign Services	ENTITY
$39,504.64	PC Creative Services Inc	ENTITY
$34,481.73	3d Signs	ENTITY
$24,501.00	Emilio Pena	INDIVIDUAL
$16,297.12	Prestige Printing LLC	ENTITY
$6,734.39	Rachel Means	INDIVIDUAL
$6,267.13	Aggregated Unitemized Expenditures	ENTITY
$5,000.00	Priscilla Villarreal	INDIVIDUAL
$3,077.56	James Mormando	INDIVIDUAL
$2,100.00	Ana Ayala	INDIVIDUAL

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Voter Registration and Election Participation

TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE

3/30/2026 **INDIVIDUAL VOTE REPORT** **Generated By: KARAK99**

Voter Current Information

VUID:	1019892430
NAME:	CECILIA ALICIA CASTELLANO
GENDER:	FEMALE
RESIDENCE ADDRESS:	430 SAVANNAH HEIGHTS VON ORMY TX 78073
EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION DATE:	11/2/2003
Voter Status:	FEMALE

Voter Participation History

Election Date	Election Name	Election Type	Party	County	Ballot Status
11/5/2024	2024 NOVEMBER 5TH GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION		ATASCOSA	Accepted
5/28/2024	2024 MAY 28TH DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RUNOFF	PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION	DEMOCRATIC	ATASCOSA	Accepted
3/5/2024	2024 MARCH 5TH DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY	PRIMARY	DEMOCRATIC	ATASCOSA	Accepted
11/7/2023	2023 NOVEMBER 7TH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT	SPECIAL ELECTION		ATASCOSA	Accepted
11/8/2022	2022 NOVEMBER 8TH GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION		ATASCOSA	Accepted
11/8/2022	2022 SOMERSET ISD	GENERAL ELECTION		ATASCOSA	Accepted
5/24/2022	2022 MAY 24TH DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RUNOFF	PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION	DEMOCRATIC	ATASCOSA	Accepted
3/1/2022	2022 MARCH 1ST DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY	PRIMARY	DEMOCRATIC	ATASCOSA	Accepted
11/3/2020	2020 NOVEMBER 3RD GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION		ATASCOSA	Accepted
7/14/2020	2020 JULY 14TH DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RUNOFF	PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION	DEMOCRATIC	ATASCOSA	Accepted
3/3/2020	2020 MARCH 3RD DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY	PRIMARY	DEMOCRATIC	ATASCOSA	Accepted
11/5/2019	2019 NOVEMBER 5TH CONSTITUTIONAL AMEND.	SPECIAL ELECTION		ATASCOSA	Accepted
11/6/2018	2018 NOVEMBER 6TH GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION		ATASCOSA	Accepted
9/18/2018	2018 SEPTEMBER 18TH SD 19 SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION	SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION		ATASCOSA	Accepted
7/31/2018	2018 JULY 31ST SD 19 SPECIAL ELECTION	SPECIAL ELECTION		ATASCOSA	Accepted
11/8/2016	2016 NOVEMBER 8TH GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION		ATASCOSA	Accepted
11/8/2016	2016 SOMERSET ISD	GENERAL ELECTION		ATASCOSA	Accepted
3/1/2016	2016 MARCH 1ST DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY	PRIMARY	DEMOCRATIC	ATASCOSA	Accepted
11/4/2014	2014 NOVEMBER 4TH GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION		ATASCOSA	Accepted
11/4/2014	2014 CITY OF SOUTH SAVANNAH HEIGHTS	GENERAL ELECTION		ATASCOSA	Accepted
11/4/2014	2014 SOMERSET ISD #7	GENERAL ELECTION		ATASCOSA	Accepted
11/6/2012	2012 NOVEMBER 6TH GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION		ATASCOSA	Accepted
3/4/2008	2008 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION	PRIMARY	DEMOCRATIC	ATASCOSA	Accepted
3/7/2006	MARCH 7 2006 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION	PRIMARY		ATASCOSA	Accepted
11/2/2004	2004 - NOVEMBER 2ND - GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION		ATASCOSA	Accepted

*Texas Secretary of State, **Individual Voter Record***

ATASCOSA COUNTY, TEXAS

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VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION
(SOLICITUD DE INSCRIPCION DE VOTANTE)

Additional Information for Office Use Only: 13 20030702 DR

Last Name (Apellido (s))	First Name (NOT HUSBAND'S) (Su nombre de pila) (Si casado mujer: no el del esposo)	Middle / Maiden Name (If any) (Segundo Nombre/Apellido de Soltera (si tiene))	Former Name (Nombre anterior)
CASTELLANO	CECILIA	ALICIA	

Residence Address: Street Address and Apartment Number, City, State, and ZIP. If none, describe where you live. (Do not include P.O. Box or Rural Rt.) (Domicilio: Calle y número, número de apartamento, Ciudad, Estado, y Código Postal; A falta de estos datos, describa la localidad de su residencia. (No incluya apartado postal ni su ruta rural.)

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Mailing Address, City, State and ZIP: If mail cannot be delivered to your residence address. (Dirección postal, Ciudad, Estado y Código Postal) (Si es imposible entregarle correspondencia a domicilio.)

Gender (Optional) (Sexo) (Opcional) ☐Male (Hombre) ☐Female (Mujer)

Date of Birth: month, day, year (Fecha de Nacimiento): (mes, día, año)	City, County, and State of Former Residence (Ciudad, Condado, Estado de su residencia anterior)	Social Security No. (Optional) (Número de Seguro Social) (opcional)
[redacted]	SAN ANTONIO/BEX	

Check appropriate box: I AM A UNITED STATES CITIZEN (Marque el cuadro apropiado: Soy Ciudadano /a de los Estados Unidos) ☒ Yes (Si) ☐ No (No)

TX Driver's License No. or Personal I.D. No. (Issued by TX Dept. of Public Safety) (Optional) (Número de su licencia tejana de manejar o de su Cédula de Identidad expedida por el Departamento de Seguridad Pública de Tejas) (opcional)

[redacted]

Telephone Number (Optional) (Número telefónico) (opcional)

I understand that giving false information to procure a voter registration is perjury, and a crime under state and federal law. (Entiendo que el hecho de proporcionar [illegible] a fin de obtener inscripción en el registro de votantes, constituye el delito de perjurio o de declaración falsa y es una infracción punible por ley federal y estatal.)

I affirm that I (Declaro que soy)

- **am a resident of this county** (residente del condado)
- **have not been finally convicted of a felony or if a felon I am eligible for registration under Section 13.001, Election Code; and** (que no he sido condenado/a en definitiva por un delito penal, o en caso de tal condena, que estoy habilitado/a para inscribirme, a temor de lo dispuesto por la sección 13.001 del Código Electoral)
- **have not been declared mentally incompetent by final judgment of a court of law.** (no se me ha declarado mentalmente incapacitado por orden judicial.)

Check one (Marque el cuadro) ☐New (Nuevo) ☐Change (Cambio) ☐Replacement (Reemplazar)

X [signature] 10 / 03 / 2003 Date (fecha)

Signature of Applicant or Agent and Relationship to Applicant or Printed Name of Applicant if Signed by Witness and Date. (Firma del/de la solicitante o de su apoderado/a y qué parentesco tiene el/la apoderado con el/la solicitante. Si la firma es de un(a) testigo, escriba el nombre del/de la solicitante usando letra de molde y ponga la fecha.)

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+ 2026 March Democratic Election
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Participation

Actions	Election Date	Election Name	Election Type	Party	Ballot Type	Voting Method	County	Ballot Status	Polling Locations	Date Voted
⋮	11/05/2024	2024 NOVEMBER 5TH GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION			Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Accepted	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE #2 EV	10/21/2024
⋮	05/28/2024	2024 MAY 28TH DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RUNOFF	PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION	DEMOCRATIC		Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Accepted	JUSTICE OF THE PRECINCT #2 ED	05/21/2024
⋮	03/05/2024	2024 MARCH 5TH DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY	PRIMARY	DEMOCRATIC		Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Accepted	JUSTICE OF THE PRECINCT #2 ED	02/20/2024
⋮	11/07/2023	2023 NOVEMBER 7TH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT	SPECIAL ELECTION			Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Accepted	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE #2 EV	11/03/2023
⋮	11/08/2022	2022 NOVEMBER 8TH GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION			Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Accepted	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE #2 EV	11/03/2022

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⋮	11/08/2022	2022 SOMERSET ISD	GENERAL ELECTION			Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Accepted	JUSTICE OF THE PEACE #2 EV	11/03/2022	
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⋮	03/01/2022	2022 MARCH 1ST DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY	PRIMARY	DEMOCRATIC		Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted	COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH	03/01/2022	
⋮	11/03/2020	2020 NOVEMBER 3RD GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION			Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Accepted	POTEET EMS	10/28/2020	
⋮	07/14/2020	2020 JULY 14TH DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RUNOFF	PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION	DEMOCRATIC		Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted	POTEET VFW POST 6970	07/14/2020	

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⋮	11/05/2019	2019 NOVEMBER 5TH CONSTITUTIONAL AMEND.	SPECIAL ELECTION			Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted	ESSEX PROPERTIES	11/05/2019
⋮	11/06/2018	2018 NOVEMBER 6TH GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION			Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted	ELECTION DAY	11/06/2018
⋮	09/18/2018	2018 SEPTEMBER 18TH SD 19 SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION	SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION			Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted	POTEET VFW POST 6970	09/18/2018
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Actions	Election Date	Election Name	Election Type	Party	Ballot Type	Voting Method	County	Ballot Status	Polling Locations	Date Voted	Notes
⋮	11/08/2016	2016 NOVEMBER 8TH GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION			Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted	ESSEX PROPERTIES	11/08/2016	
⋮	11/08/2016	2016 SOMERSET ISD	GENERAL ELECTION			Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted	ESSEX PROPERTIES	11/08/2016	
⋮	03/01/2016	2016 MARCH 1ST DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY	PRIMARY	DEMOCRATIC		Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted	ESSEX PROPERTIES	03/01/2016	
⋮	11/04/2014	2014 NOVEMBER 4TH GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION			Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted	ESSEX PROPERTIES	11/04/2014	
⋮	11/04/2014	2014 CITY OF SOUTH SAVANNAH HEIGHTS	GENERAL ELECTION			Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted	ESSEX PROPERTIES	11/04/2014	

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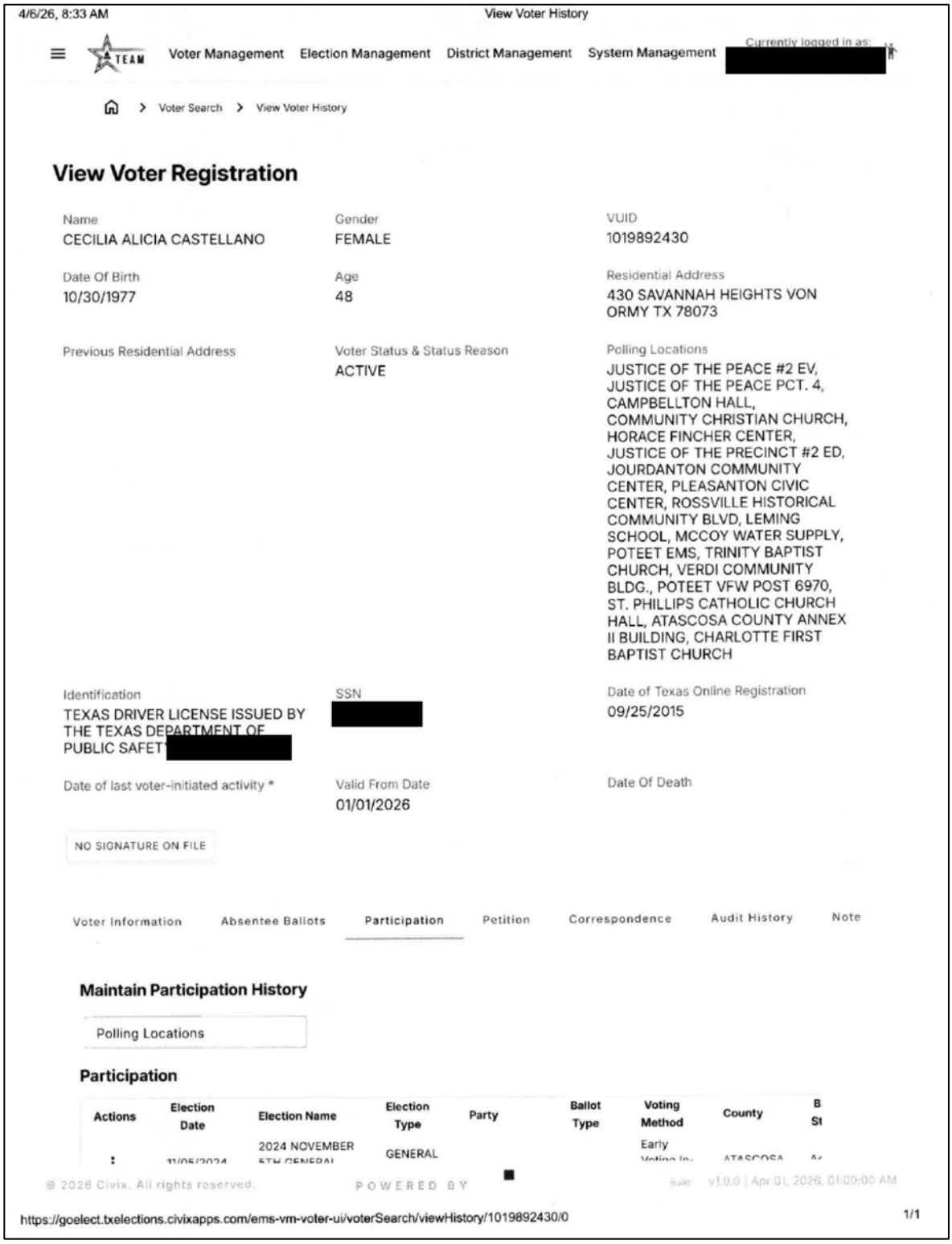
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⋮	03/07/2006	MARCH 7 2006 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION	PRIMARY			Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted		03/07/2006	
⋮	11/02/2004	2004 - NOVEMBER 2ND - GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION			Election Day	ATASCOSA	Accepted		11/02/2004	

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Name CECILIA ALICIA CASTELLANO	Gender FEMALE	VUID 1019892430
Date Of Birth 10/30/1977	Age 48	Residential Address 430 SAVANNAH HEIGHTS VON ORMY TX 78073
Previous Residential Address	Voter Status & Status Reason ACTIVE	Polling Locations JUSTICE OF THE PEACE #2 EV, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE PCT. 4, CAMPBELLTON HALL, COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, HORACE FINCHER CENTER, JUSTICE OF THE PRECINCT #2 ED, JOURDANTON COMMUNITY CENTER, PLEASANTON CIVIC CENTER, ROSSVILLE HISTORICAL COMMUNITY BLVD, LEMING SCHOOL, MCCOY WATER SUPPLY, POTEET EMS, TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH, VERDI COMMUNITY BLDG., POTEET VFW POST 6970, ST. PHILLIPS CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL, ATASCOSA COUNTY ANNEX II BUILDING, CHARLOTTE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Identification TEXAS DRIVER LICENSE ISSUED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFET[redacted]	SSN [redacted]	Date of Texas Online Registration 09/25/2015
Date of last voter-initiated activity *	Valid From Date 01/01/2026	Date Of Death

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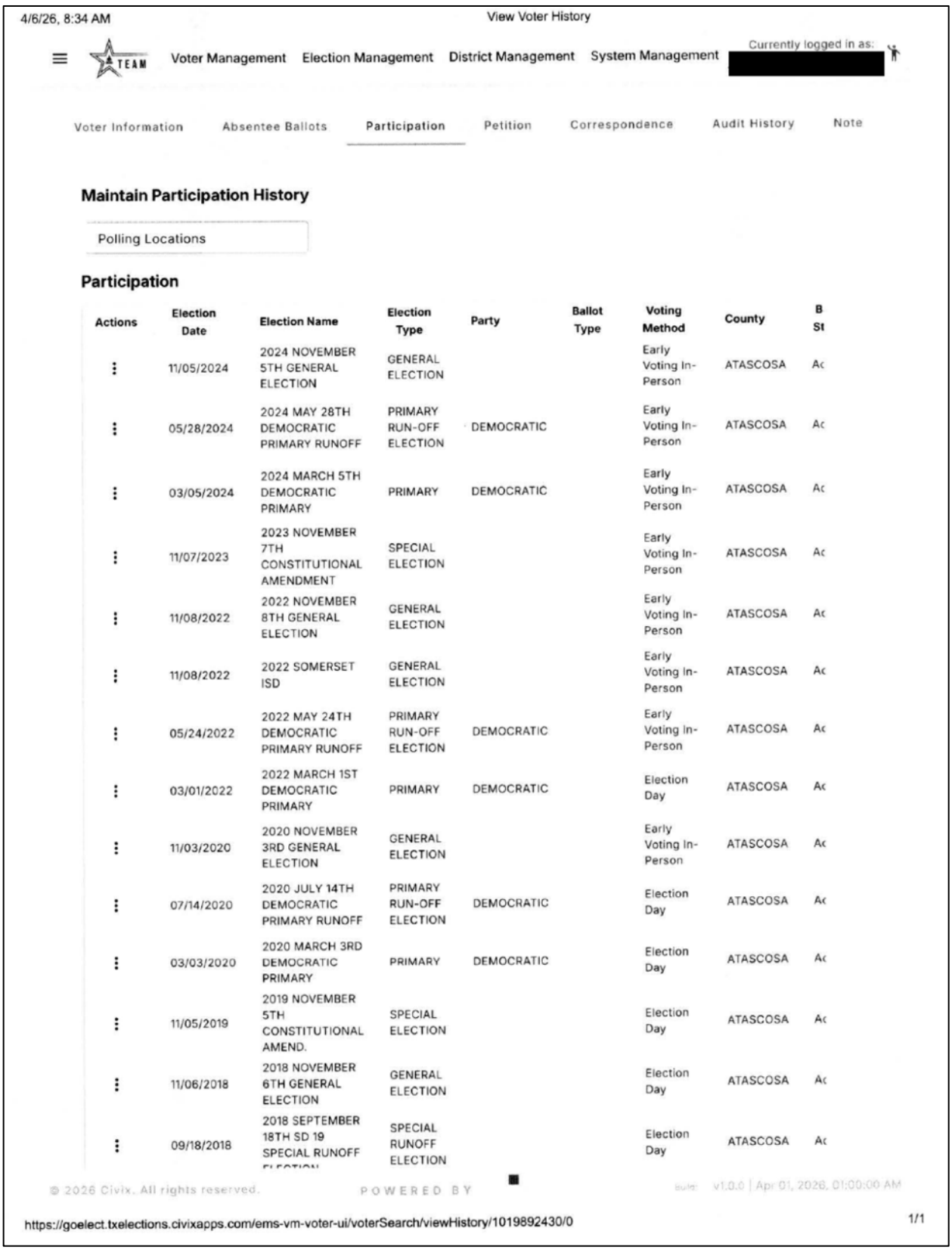
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Participation

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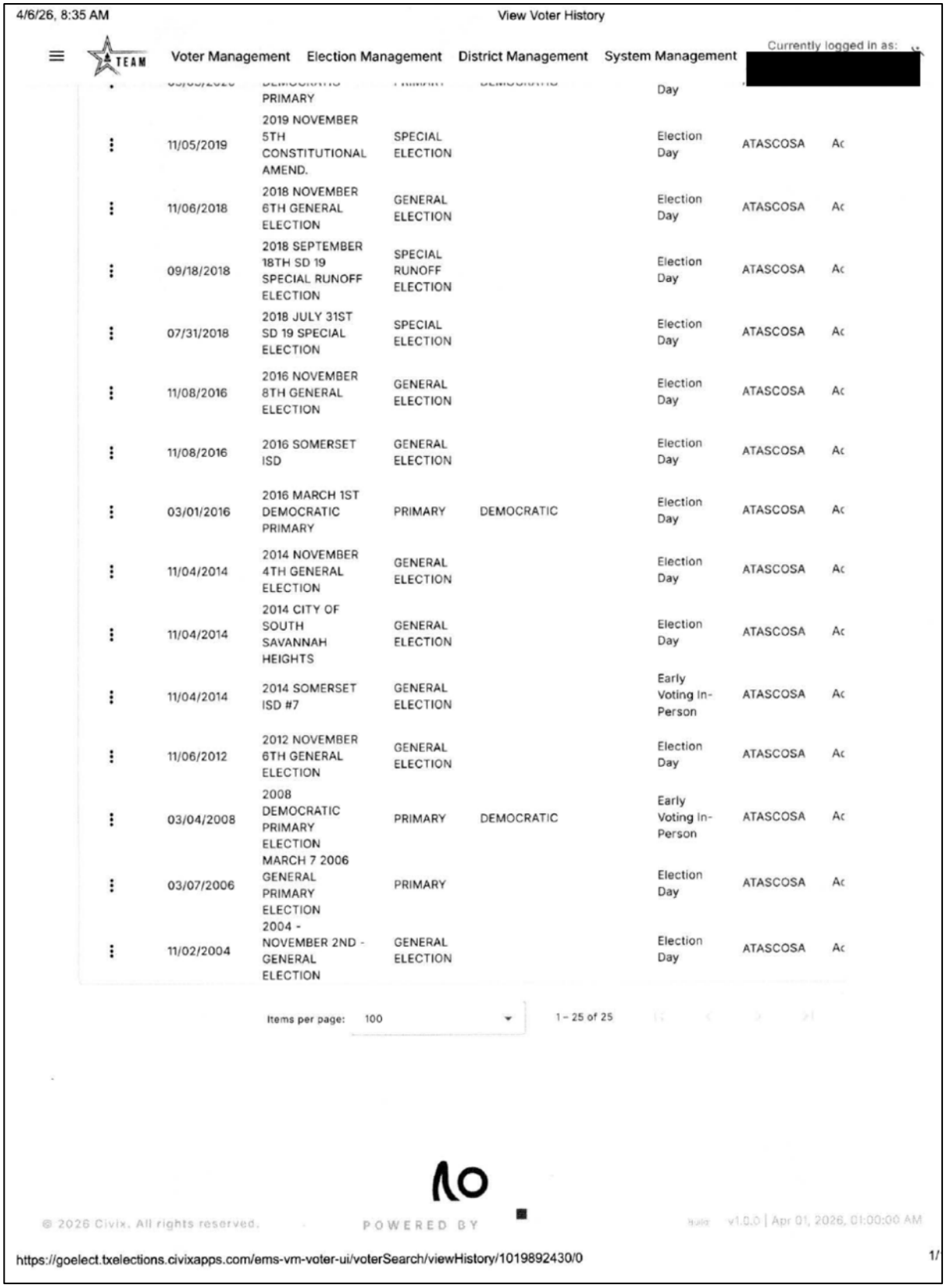
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⋮	05/28/2024	2024 MAY 28TH DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RUNOFF	PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION	DEMOCRATIC		Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Ac
⋮	03/05/2024	2024 MARCH 5TH DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY	PRIMARY	DEMOCRATIC		Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Ac
⋮	11/07/2023	2023 NOVEMBER 7TH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT	SPECIAL ELECTION			Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Ac
⋮	11/08/2022	2022 NOVEMBER 8TH GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION			Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Ac
⋮	11/08/2022	2022 SOMERSET ISD	GENERAL ELECTION			Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Ac
⋮	05/24/2022	2022 MAY 24TH DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RUNOFF	PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION	DEMOCRATIC		Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Ac
⋮	03/01/2022	2022 MARCH 1ST DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY	PRIMARY	DEMOCRATIC		Election Day	ATASCOSA	Ac
⋮	11/03/2020	2020 NOVEMBER 3RD GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION			Early Voting In-Person	ATASCOSA	Ac
⋮	07/14/2020	2020 JULY 14TH DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RUNOFF	PRIMARY RUN-OFF ELECTION	DEMOCRATIC		Election Day	ATASCOSA	Ac
⋮	03/03/2020	2020 MARCH 3RD DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY	PRIMARY	DEMOCRATIC		Election Day	ATASCOSA	Ac
⋮	11/05/2019	2019 NOVEMBER 5TH CONSTITUTIONAL AMEND.	SPECIAL ELECTION			Election Day	ATASCOSA	Ac
⋮	11/06/2018	2018 NOVEMBER 6TH GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION			Election Day	ATASCOSA	Ac
⋮	09/18/2018	2018 SEPTEMBER 18TH SD 19 SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION	SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION			Election Day	ATASCOSA	Ac

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⋮	11/06/2018	2018 NOVEMBER 6TH GENERAL ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION		Election Day	ATASCOSA	Ac
⋮	09/18/2018	2018 SEPTEMBER 18TH SD 19 SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION	SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION		Election Day	ATASCOSA	Ac
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Campaign Filings

APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER (2026)

APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE — FORM CTA PG 1

See CTA Instruction Guide for detailed instructions.

1 Total pages filed: 1

2 CANDIDATE NAME	MS / MRS / MR: Mrs. Cecilia A. — FIRST — MI — NICKNAME — LAST: Castellano — SUFFIX
3 CANDIDATE MAILING ADDRESS	ADDRESS / PO BOX; APT / SUITE #; CITY; STATE; ZIP CODE: 430 Savannah Heights, Von Ormy, Texas 78703
4 CANDIDATE PHONE	AREA CODE: (210) PHONE NUMBER: 365-6663 — EXTENSION
5 OFFICE HELD (if any)	
6 OFFICE SOUGHT (if known)	Texas State Representative, House District 80
7 CAMPAIGN TREASURER NAME	MS/MRS/MR — FIRST — MI — NICKNAME — LAST — SUFFIX: Mrs. Cecilia A. Castellano
8 CAMPAIGN TREASURER STREET ADDRESS (residence or business)	STREET ADDRESS; APT / SUITE #; CITY; STATE; ZIP CODE: 430 Savannah Heights, Von Ormy, Texas 78703
9 CAMPAIGN TREASURER PHONE	AREA CODE: (210) PHONE NUMBER: 365-6663 — EXTENSION
10 CANDIDATE SIGNATURE	I am aware of the Nepotism Law, Chapter 573 of the Texas Government Code. I am aware of my responsibility to file timely reports as required by title 15 of the Election Code. I am aware of the restrictions in title 15 of the Election Code on contributions from corporations and labor organizations. Signature of Candidate — Date Signed: 12/1/2025

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APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN TREASURER (2024)

APPOINTMENT OF A CAMPAIGN TREASURER BY A CANDIDATE — FORM CTA PG 1

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3 CANDIDATE MAILING ADDRESS	ADDRESS / PO BOX: 430 Savannah Heights, Von Ormy, Texas, 78073 · APT / SUITE #: · CITY: · STATE: · ZIP CODE	
4 CANDIDATE PHONE	AREA CODE: (210) · PHONE NUMBER: 365-6663 · EXTENSION	Receipt #: · Amount $: · Date Processed: 8.1.23 · Date Imaged:
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8 CAMPAIGN TREASURER STREET ADDRESS (residence or business)	STREET ADDRESS: 430 Savannah Heights, Von Ormy, Texas, 78073 · APT / SUITE #: · CITY: · STATE: · ZIP CODE	
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Election Results

2026

Texas State House District 80; Democratic Primary Election 03/03/2026		
Cecilia Castellano	10,365	76.7%
Julie Hiberg	3,143	23.3%

Texas Secretary of State Election Results

2024

Texas State House District 80; General Election 11/05/2024		
Cecilia Castellano	21,231	40.51%
Don McLaughlin Jr	31,182	59.49%

Texas Secretary of State Election Results

Texas State House District 80; Democratic Primary Runoff Election 05/28/2024		
Cecilia Castellano	4,347	57.89%
Rosie Cuellar	3,162	42.11%

Texas Secretary of State Election Results

Texas State House District 80; Democratic Primary Election 03/05/2024		
Cecilia Castellano	3,425	27.06%
Rosie Cuellar	3,226	25.49%
Carlos Lopez	2,932	23.17%
Teresa Johnson-Hernandez	2,286	18.06%
Graciela Villarreal	787	6.22%

Texas Secretary of State Election Results

Business Entities

AZTECA DESIGNS, INC

AZTECA DESIGNS, INC	
Texas Taxpayer Number:	32019193443
Mailing Address:	20956 SOMERSET RD SOMERSET, TX 78069 - 3321
Right to Transact Business in Texas:	ACTIVE
State of Formation:	TX
SOS Registration Status (SOS status updated each business day):	ACTIVE
Effective SOS Registration Date:	03/01/2006
Texas SOS File Number:	0800617312
Registered Agent Name:	CASTELLANO CECILIA
Registered Office Street Address:	20956 SOMERSET ROAD SOMERSET, TX 78069

Public Information Report for Year 2025

Title	Name and Address
PRESIDENT	**CECILIA A CASTELLANO** 20956 SOMERSET RD SOMERSET, TX 78069 **Source:** CPA

https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/franchise/account-status/search/32019193443

CASTELLANO ENTERPRISES LLC

CASTELLANO ENTERPRISES LLC	
Texas Taxpayer Number:	32060146753
Mailing Address:	20956 SOMERSET RD SOMERSET, TX 78069 - 3321
Right to Transact Business in Texas:	FRANCHISE TAX INVOLUNTARILY ENDED Request tax clearance to reinstate entity
State of Formation:	TX
SOS Registration Status (SOS status updated each business day):	INACTIVE
Effective SOS Registration Date:	04/08/2016
Texas SOS File Number:	0802432072
Registered Agent Name:	CECILIA CASTELLANO
Registered Office Street Address:	20956 SOMERSET RD. SOMERSET, TX 78069

Title	Name and Address
MANAGER	**CECILIA CASTELLANO** 6852 ALAMO DOWNS PKWY SAN ANTONIO, TX 78238 **Source:** SOS

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Property Records

ATASCOSA COUNTY, TEXAS

- Homestead: 430 Savannah Heights Von Ormy, TX 78073

Property ID: 56915 For Year 2025 | Appraisal Notice | View Map | Print

Property Details

Account		
Property ID:	56915	**Geographic ID:** 02762-03-001-003600
Type:	R	**Zoning:**
Property Use:		**Condo:**
Location		
Situs Address:	430 SAVANNAH HEIGHTS TX 78069	
Map ID:		**Mapsco:**
Legal Description:	SAVANNAH HEIGHTS S/D UNIT 3 BLK 1 LOT 36 1.287 HUD# PFS0705413	
Abstract/Subdivision:	S02762-03	
Neighborhood:	(SSU/T7DP) SSU/T7DP	
Owner		
Owner ID:	60985	
Name:	CASTELLANO ANTONIO T &	
Agent:		
Mailing Address:	CECILIA A 430 SAVANNAH HTS VON ORMY, TX 78073	
% Ownership:	100.0%	
Exemptions:	HS - For privacy reasons not all exemptions are shown online.	

Property Values

Improvement Homesite Value:	$342,180 (+)
Improvement Non-Homesite Value:	$0 (+)
Land Homesite Value:	$88,800 (+)
Land Non-Homesite Value:	$0 (+)
Agricultural Market Valuation:	$0 (+)
Market Value:	$430,980 (=)
Agricultural Value Loss:	$0 (-)
Appraised Value:	$430,980 (=)
HS Cap Loss:	$35,035 (-)
Circuit Breaker:	$0 (-)
Assessed Value:	$395,945
Ag Use Value:	$0

Property Taxing Jurisdiction

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Owner: CASTELLANO ANTONIO T &

Entity	Description	Tax Rate	Market Value	Taxable Value
AESD2	ATASCOSA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2	0.100000	$430,980	$395,945
FMLR	FARM TO MARKET ROAD	0.072867	$430,980	$392,945
GAT	ATASCOSA COUNTY	0.410021	$430,980	$395,945
SSU	SOMERSET ISD	1.075500	$430,980	$255,945
WEV	EVERGREEN WATER DIST	0.004353	$430,980	$395,945

Total Tax Rate: 1.662741

Property Improvement - Building

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Description: Mobile Home **Type:** Mobile Home **Living Area:** 2128.0 sqft **Value:** $242,900

Type	Description	Class CD	Year Built
MA	MAIN AREA	T7DP	2001
OP	OPEN PORCH	MOP3	2001
ACP	ATTACHED CARPORT	ACP3	2001
OP	OPEN PORCH	MOP3	2001
STG	STORAGE	STG3	2001
ADDN	ADDITION	TAD1	2010
PL	POOL	PL1	2001
ACP	ATTACHED CARPORT	ACP3	2014
ADDN	ADDITION	TAD1	2014
OP	OPEN PORCH	MOP3	2014
STG	STORAGE	STG3	2014
PATIO	PATIO	RPAT	2010

Description: RES **Living Area:** 1150.0 sqft **Value:** $99,280

Type	Description	Class CD	Year Built
MA	MAIN AREA	F4S	2010
OP	OPEN PORCH	*	2010

Property Land

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Type	Description	Acreage	Sqft	Eff Front	Eff Depth	Market Value	Prod. Value
RL	RESIDENTIAL LOT	0.69	29,925.72	0.00	0.00	$47,400	$0
RL	RESIDENTIAL LOT	0.60	26,136.00	0.00	0.00	$41,400	$0

Property Roll Value History

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Year	Improvements	Land Market	Ag Valuation	Appraised	HS Cap Loss	Assessed
2025	$342,180	$88,800	$0	$430,980	$35,035	$395,945
2024	$409,950	$65,640	$0	$475,590	$115,640	$359,950
2023	$370,970	$65,640	$0	$436,610	$109,383	$327,227
2022	$330,900	$38,610	$0	$369,510	$72,031	$297,479
2021	$284,780	$38,610	$0	$323,390	$52,955	$270,435
2020	$281,140	$38,610	$0	$319,750	$73,900	$245,850
2019	$283,500	$35,990	$0	$319,490	$95,990	$223,500
2018	$283,500	$35,990	$0	$319,490	$116,308	$203,182
2017	$114,330	$35,990	$0	$150,320	$0	$150,320

Property Deed History

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Deed Date	Type	Description	Grantor	Grantee	Volume	Page	Number
3/23/2001	WDVL	WARRANTY DEED W/VENDER'S LIEN	ONE SAVANNAH RIDGE DEVLPMT.,LP	CASTELLANO ANTONIO T &	166	239	0

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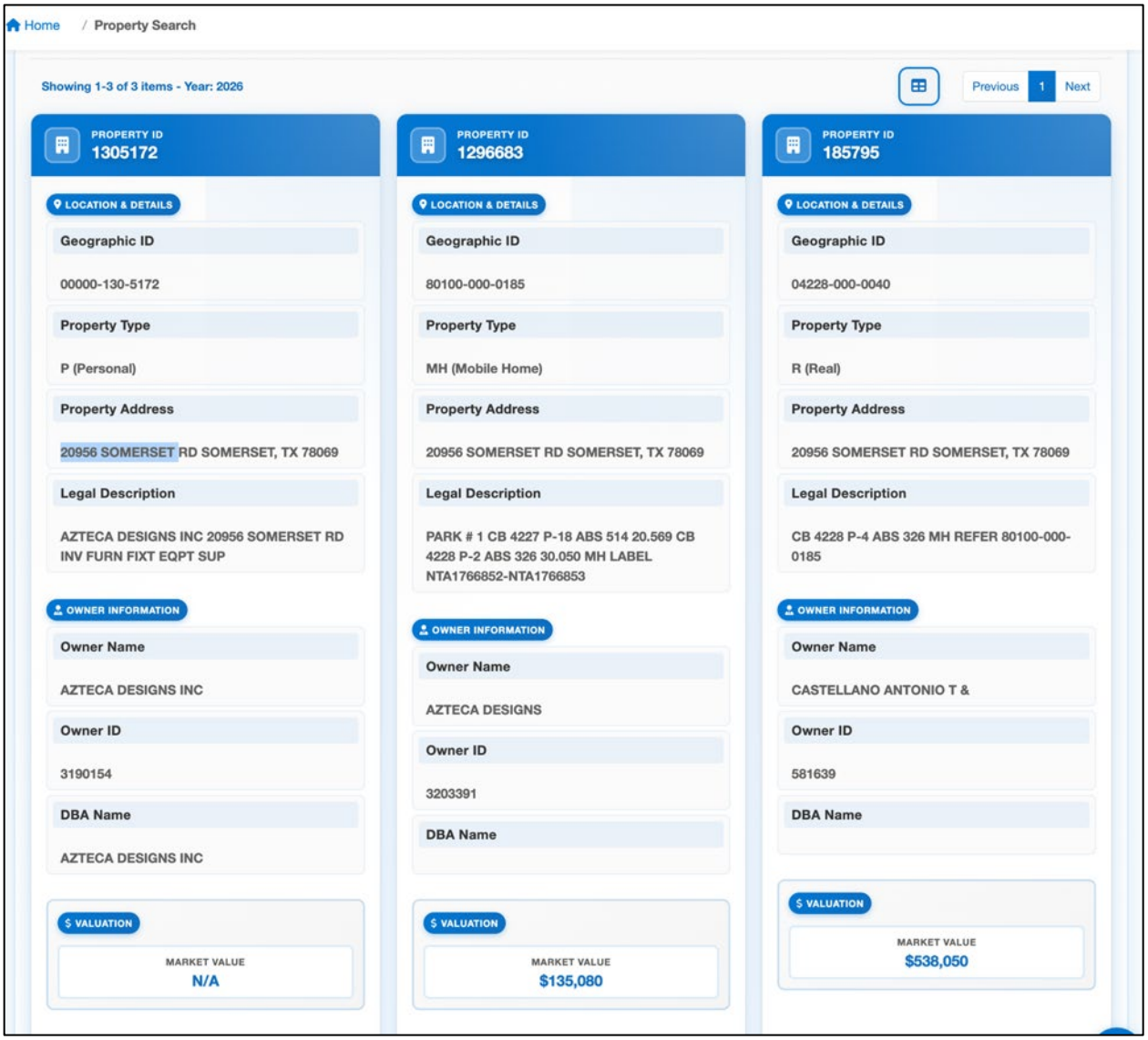
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Hearing Date And Time	Board Members	Owner's Opinion Of Value	Board's Determination Of Value	ARB Determination

Atascosa Central Appraisal District, Property ID: 56915

BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

- 20956 Somerset Rd Somerset, TX 78069 (Azteca Headquarters)
- 20956 SOMERSET RD is split into three property IDs, one for personal property, one for a mobile home and one for the land (real property). The first two are owned by Azteca Designs, and the 43.5 acre lot is owned directly by Castellano and her husband.



*Bexar Central Appraisal District, **Property Search** 20956 SOMERSET*

- Real: Land 43.5 acres

Property

Account

Property ID:	185795	Legal Description:	CB 4228 P-4 ABS 326 MH REFER 80100-000-0185
Geographic ID:	04228-000-0040	Zoning:	OCL
Type:	Real	Agent Code:	
Property Use Code:	009		
Property Use Description:	LAND (potential development land)		

Protest

Protest Status:	
Informal Date:	
Formal Date:	

Location

Address:	20956 SOMERSET RD SOMERSET, TX 78069	Mapsco:	747B4
Neighborhood:	STOLLE GROVE ADDN(SM)	Map ID:	24040
Neighborhood CD:	24040		

Owner

Name:	CASTELLANO ANTONIO T &	Owner ID:	581639
Mailing Address:	CECILIA A 430 SAVANNAH HTS VON ORMY, TX 78073-4999	% Ownership:	100.0000000000%
		Exemptions:	

Values

View Notice of Appraised Value

(+) Improvement Homesite Value:	+	$0		
(+) Improvement Non-Homesite Value:	+	$68,590		
(+) Land Homesite Value:	+	$0		
(+) Land Non-Homesite Value:	+	$12,380	Ag / Timber Use Value	
(+) Agricultural Market Valuation:	+	$457,800	$2,400	
(+) Timber Market Valuation:	+	$0	$0	
(=) Market Value:	=	$538,770		
(–) Ag or Timber Use Value Reduction:	–	$455,400		
(=) Appraised Value:	=	$83,370		
(–) HS Cap:	–	$0		
(=) Assessed Value:	=	$83,370		

Taxing Jurisdiction

Owner: CASTELLANO ANTONIO T &
% Ownership: 100.0000000000%
Total Value: $538,770

Entity	Description	Tax Rate	Appraised Value	Taxable Value	Estimated Tax
06	BEXAR CO RD & FLOOD	0.023668	$83,370	$83,370	$19.73
08	SA RIVER AUTH	0.018300	$83,370	$83,370	$15.26
09	ALAMO COM COLLEGE	0.149150	$83,370	$83,370	$124.35
10	UNIVERSITY HEALTH	0.276235	$83,370	$83,370	$230.30
11	BEXAR COUNTY	0.276331	$83,370	$83,370	$230.38
72	SOMERSET ISD	1.075500	$83,370	$83,370	$896.64
76	BEXAR CO EMERG DIST #5	0.100000	$83,370	$83,370	$83.37
CAD	BEXAR CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT	0.000000	$83,370	$83,370	$0.00
	Total Tax Rate:	1.919184			
				Taxes w/Current Exemptions:	$1,600.03
				Taxes w/o Exemptions:	$1,600.03

Improvement / Building

Improvement #1: Residential **State Code:** E1 **Living Area:** sqft **Value:** $68,590

Type	Description	Class CD	Exterior Wall	Year Built	SQFT
SHI	Implement Shed	G - S		2019	2400.0

Land

#	Type	Description	Acres	Sqft	Eff Front	Eff Depth	Market Value	Prod. Value
1	NATP	PTD Land Type - Native Pasture	9.3800	408592.80	0.00	0.00	$46,470	$530
2	NATP	PTD Land Type - Native Pasture	26.0000	1132560.00	0.00	0.00	$322,000	$1,460
3	NATP	PTD Land Type - Native Pasture	7.2130	314198.28	0.00	0.00	$89,330	$410
4	BSE	Base Rate Lot	1.0000	43560.00	0.00	0.00	$12,380	$0

Roll Value History

Year	Improvements	Land Market	Ag Valuation	Appraised	HS Cap	Assessed
2026	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2025	$68,590	$470,180	2,400	83,370	$0	$83,370
2024	$69,300	$408,370	3,000	83,060	$0	$83,060
2023	$69,300	$398,920	3,050	82,860	$0	$82,860
2022	$67,330	$318,320	2,350	78,060	$0	$78,060

Deed History - (Last 3 Deed Transactions)

#	Deed Date	Type	Description	Grantor	Grantee	Volume	Page	Deed Number
1	12/2/2010	WD	Warranty Deed	HATCHETT JAMES R	CASTELLANO ANTONIO T &	14755	0716	20100216301

***Bexar Central Appraisal District**, Property ID: 185795*

- Mobile Home

Property

Account

Property ID:	1296683	Legal Description:	PARK # 1 CB 4227 P-18 ABS 514 20.569 CB 4228 P-2 ABS 326 30.050 MH LABEL NTA1766852-NTA1766853
Geographic ID:	80100-000-0185	Zoning:	
Type:	Mobile Home	Agent Code:	
Property Use Code:	003		
Property Use Description:	Manufactured Home		

Protest

Protest Status:	
Informal Date:	
Formal Date:	

Location

Address:	20956 SOMERSET RD SOMERSET, TX 78069	Mapsco:	
Neighborhood:	STOLLE GROVE ADDN(SM)	Map ID:	
Neighborhood CD:	24040	E-File Eligible	

Owner

Name:	AZTECA DESIGNS	Owner ID:	3203391
Mailing Address:	20956 SOMERSET SAN ANTONIO, TX 78069-3321	% Ownership:	100.0000000000%
		Exemptions:	

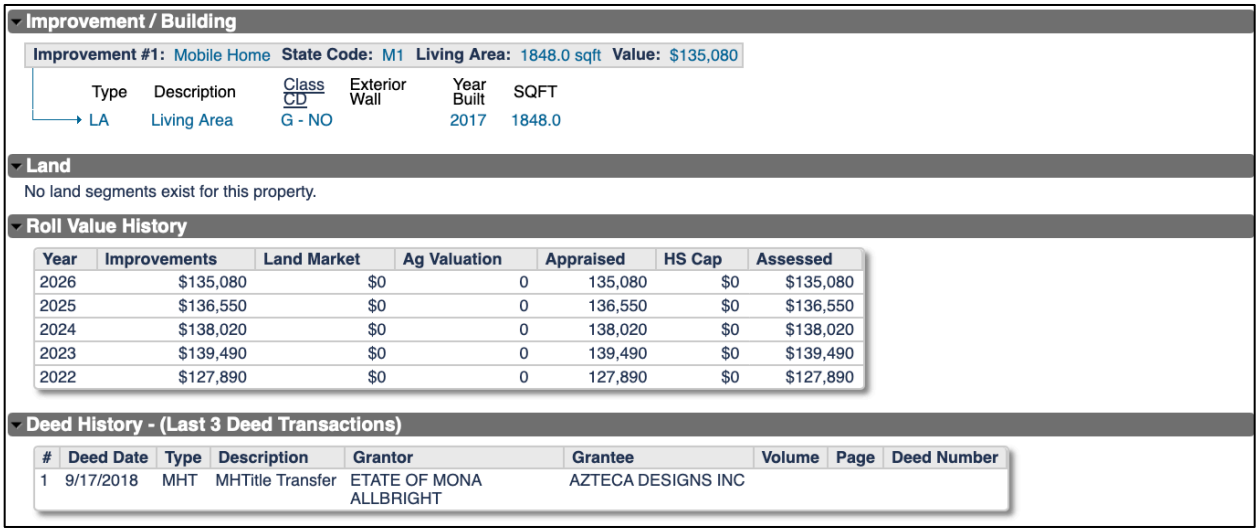
Values

(+) Improvement Homesite Value:	+	$135,080		
(+) Improvement Non-Homesite Value:	+	$0		
(+) Land Homesite Value:	+	$0		
(+) Land Non-Homesite Value:	+	$0	Ag / Timber Use Value	
(+) Agricultural Market Valuation:	+	$0	$0	
(+) Timber Market Valuation:	+	$0	$0	
(=) Market Value:	=	$135,080		
(–) Ag or Timber Use Value Reduction:	–	$0		
(=) Appraised Value:	=	$135,080		
(–) HS Cap:	–	$0		
(=) Assessed Value:	=	$135,080		

Taxing Jurisdiction

Owner: AZTECA DESIGNS
% Ownership: 100.0000000000%
Total Value: $135,080

Entity	Description	Tax Rate	Appraised Value	Taxable Value	Estimated Tax
06	BEXAR CO RD & FLOOD	0.023668	$135,080	$135,080	$31.97
08	SA RIVER AUTH	0.018300	$135,080	$135,080	$24.72
09	ALAMO COM COLLEGE	0.149150	$135,080	$135,080	$201.47
10	UNIVERSITY HEALTH	0.276235	$135,080	$135,080	$373.14
11	BEXAR COUNTY	0.276331	$135,080	$135,080	$373.27
72	SOMERSET ISD	1.075500	$135,080	$135,080	$1,452.78
76	BEXAR CO EMERG DIST #5	0.100000	$135,080	$135,080	$135.08
CAD	BEXAR CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT	0.000000	$135,080	$135,080	$0.00
	Total Tax Rate:	1.919184			
				Taxes w/Current Exemptions:	$2,592.43
				Taxes w/o Exemptions:	$2,592.43



Improvement / Building

Improvement #1: Mobile Home **State Code:** M1 **Living Area:** 1848.0 sqft **Value:** $135,080

Type	Description	Class CD	Exterior Wall	Year Built	SQFT
LA	Living Area	G - NO		2017	1848.0

Land

No land segments exist for this property.

Roll Value History

Year	Improvements	Land Market	Ag Valuation	Appraised	HS Cap	Assessed
2026	$135,080	$0	0	135,080	$0	$135,080
2025	$136,550	$0	0	136,550	$0	$136,550
2024	$138,020	$0	0	138,020	$0	$138,020
2023	$139,490	$0	0	139,490	$0	$139,490
2022	$127,890	$0	0	127,890	$0	$127,890

Deed History - (Last 3 Deed Transactions)

#	Deed Date	Type	Description	Grantor	Grantee	Volume	Page	Deed Number
1	9/17/2018	MHT	MHTitle Transfer	ETATE OF MONA ALLBRIGHT	AZTECA DESIGNS INC			

***Bexar Central Appraisal District**, Property ID: 1296683*

- Business Personal Property (Azteca Designs inventory/furniture/fixtures/equipment)

Property

Account

Property ID:	1305172	Legal Description:	AZTECA DESIGNS INC 20956 SOMERSET RD INV FURN FIXT EQPT SUP
Geographic ID:	00000-130-5172	Zoning:	RR2025
Type:	Personal	Agent Code:	
Property Use Code:			
Property Use Description:			

Protest

Protest Status:	
Informal Date:	
Formal Date:	

Location

Address:	20956 SOMERSET RD SOMERSET, TX 78069	Mapsco:	74744
Neighborhood:		Map ID:	
Neighborhood CD:			

Owner

Name:	AZTECA DESIGNS INC	Owner ID:	3190154
Mailing Address:	20956 SOMERSET RD SOMERSET, TX 78069	% Ownership:	100.0000000000%
		Exemptions:	145B

Values

(+) Improvement Homesite Value:	+	N/A		
(+) Improvement Non-Homesite Value:	+	N/A		
(+) Land Homesite Value:	+	N/A		
(+) Land Non-Homesite Value:	+	N/A	Ag / Timber Use Value	
(+) Agricultural Market Valuation:	+	N/A		N/A
(+) Timber Market Valuation:	+	N/A		N/A
(=) Market Value:	=	N/A		
(–) Ag or Timber Use Value Reduction:	–	N/A		
(=) Appraised Value:	=	N/A		
(–) HS Cap:	–	N/A		
(=) Assessed Value:	=	N/A		

Taxing Jurisdiction

Owner: AZTECA DESIGNS INC
% Ownership: 100.0000000000%
Total Value: N/A

Entity	Description	Tax Rate	Appraised Value	Taxable Value	Estimated Tax
06	BEXAR CO RD & FLOOD	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
08	SA RIVER AUTH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
09	ALAMO COM COLLEGE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10	UNIVERSITY HEALTH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
11	BEXAR COUNTY	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
72	SOMERSET ISD	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
76	BEXAR CO EMERG DIST #5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CAD	BEXAR CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Total Tax Rate:	N/A			
				Taxes w/Current Exemptions:	N/A
				Taxes w/o Exemptions:	N/A

Improvement / Building

No improvements exist for this property.

Land

No land segments exist for this property.

Roll Value History

Year	Improvements	Land Market	Ag Valuation	Appraised	HS Cap	Assessed
2026	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2025	$0	$0	0	112,470	$0	$112,470
2024	$0	$0	0	134,780	$0	$134,780
2023	$0	$0	0	27,670	$0	$27,670
2022	$0	$0	0	27,670	$0	$27,670

Deed History - (Last 3 Deed Transactions)

#	Deed Date	Type	Description	Grantor	Grantee	Volume	Page	Deed Number

***Bexar Central Appraisal District**, Property ID: 1305172*

- 1814 Hunt Lane San Antonio, TX 78245 (Vacant Lot)

Property Search Results > 681313 CASTELLANO ENTERPRISE LLC for Year 2025 Tax Year: 2025 New Search

Details | Map

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Property

Account

Property ID:	681313	Legal Description:	NCB 17877 BLK 37 LOT SW IRR 216.85' OF 5 LACKLAND CITY UT-110D
Geographic ID:	17877-037-0052	Zoning:	C-3R
Type:	Real	Agent Code:	
Property Use Code:	099		
Property Use Description:	VACANT LAND		

Protest

Protest Status:	
Informal Date:	
Formal Date:	

Location

Address:	1814 S HUNT LN SAN ANTONIO, TX 78245	Mapsco:	613B6
Neighborhood:	NBHD code15290	Map ID:	2015 FALL REVAL
Neighborhood CD:	15290		

Owner

Name:	CASTELLANO ENTERPRISE LLC	Owner ID:	3033992
Mailing Address:	20956 SOMERSET RD SOMERSET, TX 78069-3321	% Ownership:	100.0000000000%
		Exemptions:	

Values

View Notice of Appraised Value

(+) Improvement Homesite Value:	+	$0	
(+) Improvement Non-Homesite Value:	+	$0	
(+) Land Homesite Value:	+	$0	
(+) Land Non-Homesite Value:	+	$357,890	Ag / Timber Use Value
(+) Agricultural Market Valuation:	+	$0	$0
(+) Timber Market Valuation:	+	$0	$0
(=) Market Value:	=	$357,890	
(–) Ag or Timber Use Value Reduction:	–	$0	
(=) Appraised Value:	=	$357,890	
(–) HS Cap:	–	$0	
(=) Assessed Value:	=	$357,890	

Taxing Jurisdiction

Owner: CASTELLANO ENTERPRISE LLC
% Ownership: 100.0000000000%
Total Value: $357,890

Entity	Description	Tax Rate	Appraised Value	Taxable Value	Estimated Tax
06	BEXAR CO RD & FLOOD	0.023668	$357,890	$357,890	$84.71
08	SA RIVER AUTH	0.018300	$357,890	$357,890	$65.49
09	ALAMO COM COLLEGE	0.149150	$357,890	$357,890	$533.79
10	UNIVERSITY HEALTH	0.276235	$357,890	$357,890	$988.61
11	BEXAR COUNTY	0.276331	$357,890	$357,890	$988.96
21	CITY OF SAN ANTONIO	0.541590	$357,890	$357,890	$1,938.30
56	NORTHSIDE ISD	1.004900	$357,890	$357,890	$3,596.44
CAD	BEXAR CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT	0.000000	$357,890	$357,890	$0.00
	Total Tax Rate:	2.290174			
				Taxes w/Current Exemptions:	$8,196.30
				Taxes w/o Exemptions:	$8,196.30

Improvement / Building

No improvements exist for this property.

Land

#	Type	Description	Acres	Sqft	Eff Front	Eff Depth	Market Value	Prod. Value
1	CSS	Commercial Store Site	1.7900	77972.40	0.00	0.00	$357,890	$0

Roll Value History

Year	Improvements	Land Market	Ag Valuation	Appraised	HS Cap	Assessed
2026	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2025	$0	$357,890	0	357,890	$0	$357,890
2024	$0	$354,000	0	354,000	$0	$354,000
2023	$0	$354,000	0	354,000	$0	$354,000
2022	$0	$307,990	0	307,990	$0	$307,990

Deed History - (Last 3 Deed Transactions)

#	Deed Date	Type	Description	Grantor	Grantee	Volume	Page	Deed Number
1	10/18/2016	SWD	Special Warranty Deed	PRS REALTY II LP	CASTELLANO ENTERPRISE LLC	18155	2142	20160207393
2		Deed	Deed		PRS REALTY II LP	6296	1048	0

Bexar Central Appraisal District, *Property ID: 681313*

WALLER COUNTY, TEXAS

- 424 Horizon Light Lane Katy, TX 77493

Property ID: 260991 For Year 2026

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Property Details

Account		
Property ID:	260991	**Geographic ID:** 558204-001-035-000
Type:	R	**Zoning:**
Property Use:		**Condo:**
Location		
Situs Address:	424 HORIZON LIGHT LN KATY, TX 77493	
Map ID:	4260 SOUTH	**Mapsco:**
Legal Description:	S558204 LAKE HOUSE 4 BLK 1 LOT 35	
Abstract/Subdivision:	S558204	
Neighborhood:	(LH-0707.0) LAKEHOUSE	
Owner		
Owner ID:	1031469	
Name:	CASTELLANO CECILIA ALICIA & ANTONIO T	
Agent:		
Mailing Address:	424 HORIZON LIGHT LN KATY, TX 77493	
% Ownership:	100.0%	
Exemptions:	For privacy reasons not all exemptions are shown online.	

Property Values

Improvement Homesite Value:	N/A (+)
Improvement Non-Homesite Value:	N/A (+)
Land Homesite Value:	N/A (+)
Land Non-Homesite Value:	N/A (+)
Agricultural Market Valuation:	N/A (+)
Market Value:	N/A (=)
Agricultural Value Loss:	N/A (-)
Appraised Value:	N/A (=)
HS Cap Loss:	N/A (-)
Circuit Breaker:	N/A (-)
Assessed Value:	N/A
Ag Use Value:	N/A

Information provided for research purposes only. Legal descriptions and acreage amounts are for Appraisal District use only and should be verified prior to using for legal purpose and or documents. Please contact the Appraisal District to verify all information for accuracy.

Property Taxing Jurisdiction

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Owner: CASTELLANO CECILIA ALICIA & ANTONIO T

Entity	Description	Tax Rate	Market Value	Taxable Value	Estimated Tax	Freeze Ceiling
DBK	B-K DRAINAGE DISTRICT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ESD	WALLER-HARRIS ESD 200	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
GWA	WALLER COUNTY	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
RFM	WALLER CO FM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SKT	KATY I S D	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CAD	WALLER CAD	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Total Tax Rate: N/A

Estimated Taxes With Exemptions: N/A

Estimated Taxes Without Exemptions: N/A

Property Improvement - Building

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Description: FAIRVIEW, ELEV S, G/L **Type:** RESIDENTIAL **Living Area:** 3780.0 sqft **Value:** N/A

Type	Description	Class CD	Year Built	SQFT
MA	MAIN AREA	7	2022	2614
MA2	MAIN AREA - 2ND	7	2022	1166
GA	ATT/DET GARAGE	7	2022	652
PO	OPEN PORCH	7	2022	178
PO	OPEN PORCH	7	2022	416
LP	LARGE POOL	7	2023	1

Property Land

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Type	Description	Acreage	Sqft	Eff Front	Eff Depth	Market Value	Prod. Value
A1	A1	0.26	11,200.00	70.00	160.00	N/A	N/A

Property Roll Value History

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Year	Improvements	Land Market	Ag Valuation	Appraised	HS Cap Loss	Assessed
2026	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2025	$623,140	$71,900	$0	$695,040	$0	$695,040
2024	$639,520	$71,900	$0	$711,420	$0	$711,420
2023	$463,640	$71,900	$0	$535,540	$0	$535,540
2022	$0	$52,360	$0	$52,360	$0	$52,360
2021	$0	$39,200	$0	$39,200	$0	$39,200

Property Deed History

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Deed Date	Type	Description	Grantor	Grantee	Volume	Page	Number
6/14/2023	SWDV	SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED WITH VENDORS LIEN	TRENDMAKER HOMES INC	CASTELLANO CECILIA ALICIA & ANTONIO T			2306828

ARB Data

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Hearing Date And Time	Board Members	Owner's Opinion Of Value	Board's Determination Of Value	ARB Determination

***Waller Central Appraisal District**, Property ID: 260991*