Mayra Flores (TX-34) Research Report
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Mayra Flores
Republican Candidate in Texas’s 34th Congressional District

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**Significant Findings**

Flores “Openly Affiliated With” QAnon, An Anti-Semitic Conspiracy Theory That Believed Democrats To Be Satan-Worshipping, Cannibalistic Pedophiles

- Flores has repeatedly posted QAnon hashtags and slogans on social media, leading Business Insider to note that she was “openly affiliated with the QAnon conspiracy theory.”

- QAnon was a set of anti-Semitic conspiracy theories, which included false claims that the world was run by Satan-worshipping pedophiles who stole the 2020 election. QAnon followers have committed related crimes in real life—including at the January 6th insurrection.

Flores Seized On Baseless Claims Of 2020 Election Fraud And Propagated The Big Lie To Push Support For Texas SB 1 And For Removing Local Control In Texas Municipal Elections

- Flores claimed the 2020 election was stolen, illegitimate, and fraudulent, Biden was a criminal and “president in name only” and Trump would return to office.

- Flores retweeted claims from Monica De La Cruz Hernandez that Vicente Gonzalez’s 2020 Victory In Texas’ 15th District was fraudulent.

- After the 2020 election, Flores retweeted claims about election fraud in Georgia, Michigan, and Arizona.

- Flores retweeted claims that DC Police, Antifa, and BLM set up the January 6th rioters and claimed Trump’s Twitter ban was “an attack against freedom of speech.”

- Flores supported Texas SB 1, which imposed new restrictions on mail-in voting that have led to “confusion and frustration” for voters and ballots being thrown out “at an abnormally high rate.”

- 2021: Flores signed a petition to invoke an election code that enabled a tiny minority of voters to force McAllen to relinquish control of upcoming municipal elections—potentially giving a tiny minority of the electorate enormous power over election administration.

  - The petition was spearheaded by a failed mayoral candidate and backed by Flores and other local Republican activists.

Flores Campaigned On Her Support For Law Enforcement, Touting Her Family Ties To Border Patrol, But Accepted An Endorsement From A Man Who Threatened And Claimed To Have Killed Police Officers

- Flores categorically denounced criticism of and attacks against law enforcement, touting her family ties to law enforcement to show the issue was personal to her.
✓ Flores said that law enforcement was a key issue for her district and campaign and that to voters in her district “when you attack law enforcement you’re attacking their family.”

✓ Flores minimized Border Patrol and police misconduct and said she would not allow others to criticize law enforcement.
  ✓ Flores blamed Breonna Taylor and her boyfriend for Taylor’s death.
  ✓ Flores said she would not allow anyone to criticize law enforcement.

✓ Flores attacked Democrats for allegedly wanting to defund the police.

✓ However, Flores accepted the endorsement of Mike Mihalski, who “physically clashed with,” threatened, and claimed to have killed police officers.

✓ Flores posted on Facebook that she was endorsed by Mike Mihalski, the President of Sons of Liberty Gunworks.

✓ Mihalski had a history of “physically clashing with” and threatening to kill police officers, and even claimed to have killed police officers.

✓ In addition, Mihalski had a significant criminal history, including being charged for domestic violence against his own mother.

Flores Called Abortion A Crime And Was “Very Proud To Support” Anti-Choice Bills Like Texas’s Six-Week Abortion Ban

✓ Flores said “I’m very proud to support” measures in Texas and other states to restrict abortion because “defending life” was “a top priority” for her.

✓ Texas Senate Bill 8 prohibited abortions before many people knew they were pregnant, allowed private citizens to sue abortion providers for $10,000, was opposed by doctors because it would endanger patients, and lacked exceptions for rape, incest, or fetal abnormalities.

✓ Flores retweeted claims that abortion was a crime and people enabling abortions were criminals.

✓ Flores opposed taxpayer funding for abortions and called for defunding Planned Parenthood.

✓ Anti-abortion groups supported Flores.

✓ After the 2020 election, Flores retweeted a call for pro-choice cheaters to repent.

Flores Opposed The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Despite The Benefits The Legislation Would Bring To Texas

✓ Flores opposed the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act, calling it “wasteful.”

✓ The bipartisan infrastructure bill provided billions in funding for roads, bridges, and other infrastructure in Texas.
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Citing Her Own Story, Flores Said She Wanted To Encourage Legal Immigration, But She Also Backed Hard-Right Immigration Stances And Promoted Fear-Based Arguments Against Undocumented Immigrants

- Flores said she believed in legal immigration “the way she moved from Mexico to Texas” and that she understood why “people want to come here to the United States.”
- Flores claimed to support “encouraging people to come here legally” and “bettering our legal immigration system.”
- However, Flores also promoted fear-based rhetoric about immigration and supported right-wing immigration policies.
  - Flores called for sending troops to the border and hiring more Border Patrol agents.
  - Flores argued that undocumented immigrants put South Texas communities at risk due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - Flores argued that cartels profited from smuggling undocumented immigrants across the border.
  - Flores said Texans weren’t visiting family in Mexico anymore because “we’re afraid” and “we don’t want what we’re afraid of to come here.”
  - Flores said South Texans “feel there is so much attention and help being given to the immigrants” instead of to them.
  - Flores appeared to support Trump’s proposal to temporarily restore DACA in exchange for border wall funding.
    - Trump’s proposal would only have given DACA recipients temporary protections and not offered a pathway to citizenship.

Flores Was A Former Democrat And Obama Voter Turned Trump Loyalist And Campaign Volunteer

- Flores said in 2020 that she left the Democratic party a decade ago and has also said she was “successfully encouraged” to vote for Obama in 2008.
- Flores said Trump inspired her to get involved in politics and energized Latinos, who were “no longer ashamed to be conservative.”
- Flores volunteered on Hispanic outreach efforts on behalf of Trump and other Republican candidates in South Texas.
  - Flores claimed to have worked to build Republican strength in the Rio Grande Valley for years.
  - Flores organized “Trump Trains” and told voter who hated Trump’s rhetoric about Mexicans and immigrants to “put their values first” and “focus on the policies.”
Flores Opposed The December 2020 COVID-19 Relief Bill, Was “Disgusted And Disappointed” With Those Who Supported It, Despite The Bill Including Billions Of Dollars In Stimulus Checks, Paycheck Protection Program Funds

✓ Flores Vehemently opposed the December 2020 COVID-19 relief bill and said she was “disgusted and disappointed” with those who supported it.

✓ The COVID-19 relief bill included billions of dollars in stimulus checks, rental assistance, and Paycheck Protection Program funds.

Flores Opposed Build Back Better, Calling It “A Socialistic Approach To Harm Our Very Principles And Country,” Despite The Benefits It Would Provide For Texans

✓ Flores opposed Build Back Better even though it would lower drug prices, help small businesses, expand healthcare access, and improve college affordability.

✓ Flores said Build Back Better was “a socialistic approach to harm our very principles and country.”

✓ Build Back Better would lower drug prices for Texans, level the playing field for small businesses in Texas, make college more affordable, and help close the Medicaid gap.

Flores Had Significant Support From Establishment Politicians And Republican Party Groups In Texas

✓ Flores was endorsed by Texas politicians including Gov. Abbot and Agriculture Secretary Sid Miller.

✓ Flores was endorsed by Members of Congress including Elise Stefanik.

✓ Flores was supported by local Republican party groups including the Hidalgo County Republican Party and the Cameron County Conservatives.

✓ Flores was supported by anti-choice groups including Texas Right To Life.

Background

- **FULL LEGAL NAME:** Mayra Nohemi Flores
- **BORN:** 01/01/1986; Burgos Tamaulipas, MX
- **FAMILY:** Husband, John F. Vallejo (US Border Patrol Agent); four children
- **HOME:** McAllen, TX 78504
- **EDUCATION:** Associates Degree, Texas State Technical College – Harlingen (2014); BA Organizational Leadership, South Texas College (2018)
- **PROFESSIONAL:** Respiratory Care Practitioner, Homecare Dimensions, Inc. (dates unknown)
- **POLITICAL:** Hidalgo County Republican Party Hispanic Outreach Chair (dates unknown) Hidalgo County Republican Party Precinct 206 Chair (exact dates unknown)
- **ORGANIZATIONS:** LEXIT USA Texas Ambassador (dates unknown), Live Action Ambassador (dates unknown)
• LICENSES: Respiratory Care Practitioner (active since 10/15/14, license no. RCP00078496, no disciplinary history with the Texas Medical Board)

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Flores Was “Openly Affiliated” With QAnon

Business Insider: Flores Was “Openly Affiliated With The QAnon Conspiracy Theory”

Business Insider: Flores Was “Openly Affiliated With The QAnon Conspiracy Theory.” “Around a dozen congressional candidates have openly affiliated with the QAnon conspiracy theory, including Daniel Wood of Arizona, Darlene Schwaffar of Florida, and Mayra Flores of Texas.” [Business Insider, 6/27/21]

Flores Has Repeatedly Posted The QAnon Hashtags And Slogans On Social Media

Media Matters: Flores “Has Repeatedly Posted The QAnon Hashtag And “#Q” On Twitter And On Facebook” And “Repeatedly Posted The QAnon Slogan” On Instagram. “Mayra Flores is a Republican candidate running in Texas’ 34th Congressional District. She won the primary on March 1. She has repeatedly posted the QAnon hashtag and ‘#Q’ on Twitter and on Facebook. On Instagram, she has also repeatedly posted the QAnon slogan.” [Media Matters, 4/1/22]

Texas Monthly: Flores “Sometimes Captioned Photos With QAnon Hashtags.” “Shortly after the 2020 election, Flores announced (using the hashtag #SomosConservadores) her bid to represent the Thirty-fourth Congressional District, which spans the western Rio Grande Valley and parts of the Gulf Coast and creeps as far north as San Antonio. Flores, who immigrated from Mexico, had built a large following on social media with her hard-line messaging. She’d posed with AR-15s, called Democrats “radical socialist communists,” and sometimes captioned photos with QAnon hashtags, including one meme joking that President Biden wanted to lower the “minimum age” to fifteen. But her district became more Democratic-leaning after the Legislature’s redistricting last year.” [Texas Monthly, 2/9/22]
Texas Monthly: Flores Shared A “Meme Joking That President Biden Wanted To Lower The ‘Minimum Age’ To Fifteen.” [Texas Monthly, 2/9/22]

Daily Dot: Flores “Used QAnon Slogans And Hashtags On Social Media.” “Republican Mayra Flores won her primary in Texas’ 34th district. As of this writing, the New York Times reports that Republican Johnny Teague has a 15-point lead in Texas’ 7th congressional district, with nearly two-thirds of the vote counted. Both Flores and Teague have been identified by Media Matters as followers of the QAnon conspiracy theory that the world is controlled by a cabal of satanic, cannibalistic pedophiles who former President Donald Trump is in a secret war against. Flores has used QAnon slogans and hashtags on social media; Teague has done the same, including retweeting the conspiracy theory about John F. Kennedy Jr. still being alive.” [Daily Dot, 2/2/22]

April 2020: Flores Used QAnon Hashtags On Facebook, Such As “#Q” And “#Wwg1wga.” “The Democrat Party has failed us! @donaldjtrumpjr @realdonaldtrump @hidalgocountygop #trumpmemes #trumpsupporters republican #maga #qanon #Trump2020 #q #buildthewall #wethepeople #factsmatter #kag #rightwing #donaldtrump #trump #usa #kag2020 #conservative #wakeupamerica #memes #trumptrain #america #trump2020 #wwg1wga #democrat #politics #makeamericagreatagain #2a #keepamericagreat #conservatives #2ndamendment”

[Facebook, Mayra Flores, 4/30/20]

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QAnon Adherents Believed That The World Was Run By Satan-Worshipping, Cannibalistic Pedophiles, Including Prominent Democrats

New York Times: QAnon Was A “Set Of Internet Conspiracy Theories That Alleged, Falsely, That The World Is Run By A Cabal Of Satan-Worshiping Pedophiles.” “QAnon is the umbrella term for a set of internet conspiracy theories that allege, falsely, that the world is run by a cabal of Satan-worshiping pedophiles. QAnon followers believe that this cabal includes top Democrats like President Joseph R. Biden Jr., Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama and George Soros, as well as a number of entertainers and Hollywood celebrities like Oprah Winfrey, Tom Hanks and Ellen DeGeneres and religious figures including Pope Francis and the Dalai Lama. Many of them also believe that, in addition to molesting children, members of this group kill and eat their victims to extract a life-extending chemical called adrenochrome.” [New York Times, 9/3/21]
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**After The 2020 Election, QAnon Became A “Stronghold Of Support” For The Belief That The Election Was Stolen And Adherents Believed Trump Would Stay In Office And Conduct Mass Arrests Of Democrats**

New York Times: “Since The 2020 Election, QAnon Has Also Become A Stronghold Of Support For The False Theory That The Election Was Stolen From President Trump.” “Since the 2020 election, QAnon has also become a stronghold of support for the false theory that the election was stolen from Mr. Trump. Some QAnon believers maintain that he is still the lawful president, although some have reluctantly accepted the reality that he is not.” [New York Times, 9/3/21]

• **QAnon Adherents Believe That Trump “Would Not Actually Leave Office” And “Would Declare Martial Law, Announce Mass Arrests Of Democrats And Stop Mr. Biden From Taking Office.”** “After Mr. Trump’s election loss in November, many QAnon believers rallied behind the false theory that the election was stolen from him. Many expected that on Inauguration Day, Mr. Trump would not actually leave office as scheduled but would declare martial law, announce mass arrests of Democrats and stop Mr. Biden from taking office.” [New York Times, 9/3/21]

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**QAnon’s Beliefs Were Rooted In Anti-Semitic Tropes**

New York Times: QAnon’s Beliefs Were “Rooted In Anti-Semitic Tropes.” “It’s true that much of QAnon’s subject matter is recycled from earlier conspiracy theories, and is rooted in anti-Semitic tropes that date back centuries.” [New York Times, 9/3/21]

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**QAnon Was Not Just An Internet Conspiracy Theory; Its Followers Have Committed Related Crimes In Real Life**

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Flores Claimed The 2020 Election Was “Stolen And Illegitimate” And That The Republican Party Won, Encouraging People To Go Out And Demonstrate

2022: Houston Chronicle: Flores Claimed The 2020 Election Was “Stolen Or Illegitimate.” “Candidates who say 2020 election was stolen or illegitimate, or voted not to certify Arizona or Pennsylvania results, or said they wouldn't have if in Congress […] Mayra Flores , 34th Congressional District.” [Houston Chronicle, 2/21/22]

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Flores Claimed The Republican Party Won The Election And Called For People To Go Out And Demonstrate. “We won! Ganamos y lo vamos a demostrar!”
After Biden Won The 2020 Election, Flores Called Biden A “Criminal,” Said Biden Was Not The President-Elect, And Then Later That He Was “President In Name Only”

September 2021: Flores Said Biden Was “President In Name Only.” “The President In Name Only should be impeached immediately! #SaveAmerica”

December 2020: Flores Claimed Biden Was A Criminal. “I recognize @JoeBiden as a criminal!”

Flores Retweeted Claims That Biden Was Not The President-Elect And Might Never Be. “#Biden no es Presidente electo y tal vez nunca lo sea. Veremos que pasa. Para que un candidato sea presidente electo la declaración oficial solo tiene lugar cuando el Congreso certifica los resultados, que deben pasar antes por el Colegio Electoral. @realDonaldTrump #4MoreYears”
After Biden Won The Election, Flores Also Claimed That Trump Would Return To The White House

**January 2021: Compared Trump To Simba From The Lion King, Implying That He Would Return To Office. “Scar and Hyenas are now running our country but Simba will be back!”**

[Twitter, Mayra Flores, 1/21/21]


[Twitter, Mayra Flores, 1/18/21]

**December 2020: Flores Retweeted Claims That Trump Would Serve A Second Term And Remain In The White House. “Hermanos, I’ve a strong feeling that Pres #Trump will serve a 2nd term. @realDonaldTrump won & he’ll remain at WH for 4 more yrs. He’ll secure legal status for #Dreamers, continue to protect the unborn & ensure the US economy fully recovers & ppl get back to work. #LatinosForTump.”**
Flores Retweeted Claims From Monica De La Cruz Hernandez That Vicente Gonzalez’s Victory In Texas’ 15th District Was Fraudulent

Flores Retweeted Claims That The Validity Of Gonzalez’s Win In TX 15 In 2020 Was “In Question.” “The constituents of TX CD 15 deserve a fair election and to make their votes count. The validity of Gonzalez’ win is in question. I will not give up on my efforts to represent CD 15 to bring justice and transparency. I am formally announcing my candidacy for...”

Flores Retweeted Claims That The Hidalgo County Elections Office Was Illegally Closing Early To Avoid Answering Questions About The 2020 Election. “UNBELIEVABLE!!!! Hidalgo County Elections Office Closes EARLY and ILLEGALLY to AVOID answering questions. The Hidalgo County Elections office KNOWS we are in the middle of a ballot investigation!! They know our deadline is the 23rd. They continue to play games and...”
December 2020: Flores Retweeted Claims That 944 People Who Were Not Registered Voted In Hidalgo County. “Hidalgo County ONLY: 944 people voted that weren't registered to vote. Now how could this happen...😊 Things that make you go hmm 😊😊😊😊😊@RepGonzalez #Facts #DontCareAboutYourFeelings.”

[Twitter, Monica De La Cruz Hernandez, 12/14/20]

After The 2020 Election, Flores Retweeted Claims About Election Fraud In Georgia, Michigan, And Arizona

Flores Retweeted Claims That “50,000 Illegal Votes” Were Found In Georgia. “A voting group has stated that they have found 50,000 illegal votes in Georgia, more than enough for Trump to win.”

[Twitter, David Harris, 12/3/20]

Flores Retweeted Claims That Michigan Was Blocking Disclosure Of Forensic Audit Results. “This needs to go VIRAL. Michigan has completed a forensic audit of the Dominion voting machines to see if they were rigged—the Attorney General of the state is now BLOCKING the disclosure of the audit results? WHY??!! What is Michigan hiding?! #STOPTHESTEAL.”
Flores Retweeted The Arizona Republican Party’s Call To “AUDIT THE VOTE.” “AUDIT THE VOTE!”

Before And After The 2020 Election, Flores Claimed That Vote-By-Mail Would Lead To Fraud And Called For Ending Mail-In Ballots

Flores Claimed That Vote-By-Mail Would Lead To Election Fraud. “Of course the Democrat Party pushing for Vote-by-Mail program. This will only bring more #Fraud to the RGV.”

Flores Called For “An End To Mail In Ballots For All.” “Let’s put an end to mail in ballots for all!”
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Flores Retweeted Claims That January 6th Was A Set Up And Claimed Trump’s Twitter Ban Was “An Attack Against Freedom Of Speech”

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Flores Retweeted Claims That DC Police And Antifa Set Up The January 6th Rioters. “DC police let them through the gates! This was a set up! Antifa is definitely among this crowd!!!”

[Facebook, Mayra Flores, 9/24/21]

Flores Retweeted Claims That A “BLM Activist & Professional Agitator” Was Involved In The January 6th Riot. “Why was BLM activist & professional agitator John Sullivan released from jail without bail despite being part of the Capitol Hill riot? How is that ‘justice?’”

[Twitter, Charlie Kirk, 1/17/21]

Flores Said Trump’s Twitter Ban Was “An Attack Against Freedom Of Speech”
January 2021: Flores Described Twitter Banning Trump As “An Attack Against Freedom Of Speech.” “This is an attack against freedom of speech and eventually YOU WILL BE NEXT!”

Flores Supported Texas SB 1, Which Imposed New Restrictions On Mail-In Voting, Leading To “Confusion And Frustration” For Voters And Ballots Being Thrown Out “At An Abnormally High Rate”

Flores Echoed Republican Claims That Texas SB 1 Made It “Easier To Vote And Harder To Cheat”

- Associated Press: Texas Republicans Claimed That New Voting Rules Would Make It “Easier To Vote And Harder To Cheat.” “Texas threw out mail votes at an abnormally high rate during the nation’s first primary of 2022, rejecting nearly 23,000 ballots outright under tougher voting rules that are part of a broad campaign by Republicans to reshape American elections, according to an analysis by The Associated Press. […] Republicans promised new layers of voting rules would make it ‘easier to vote and harder to cheat.’ But
the final numbers recorded by AP lay bare the glaring gulf between that objective and the obstacles, frustration and tens of thousands of uncounted votes resulting from tighter restrictions and rushed implementation. […] The most rejections were around Houston, a Democratic stronghold, where Harris County elections officials reported that nearly 7,000 mail ballots — about 19% — were discarded. During the last midterm elections in 2018, Texas’ largest county only rejected 135 mail ballots. Harris County elections officials said they received more than 8,000 calls since January from voters seeking help, which they attributed to “confusion and frustration” over the new requirements.” [Associated Press, 3/16/22]

Boston Globe: “CPAC Attendees Saw The Texas Voting Bill As A Direct Response To The 2020 Election, A Way Of Ensuring That Something They Believed Had Been Taken From Them Would Not Be Again.” “In interviews, CPAC attendees saw the Texas voting bill as a direct response to the 2020 election, a way of ensuring that something they believed had been taken from them would not be again. ‘People want to see they’re doing something,’ said Mayra Flores, who is running for Congress in a South Texas district held by Democrat Filemon Vela.” [Boston Globe, 7/12/21]


Texas SB 1 Placed New Restrictions On Mail-In Voting, Which Led To “Confusion And Frustration” And Mail Votes Being Thrown Out “At An Abnormally High Rate”

Texas SB 1 Restricted The Use Of Mail-In Ballots. “The Republican majorities in the House and Senate are expected to soon sign off on the final version of Senate Bill 1 and send it to Gov. Greg Abbott for his signature. […] It will become a state jail felony for local election officials to send unsolicited applications to request a mail-in ballot. That same punishment applies to officials who approve the use of public funds “to facilitate” the unsolicited distribution of applications by third-parties, which would keep counties from providing applications to local groups helping get out the vote. Political parties would still be able to send out unsolicited applications on their own dime.” [Texas Tribune, 8/30/21]

AP: “Texas Threw Out Mail Votes At An Abnormally High Rate During The Nation’s First Primary Of 2022, Rejecting Nearly 23,000 Ballots Outright” Under New Voting Restrictions. “Texas threw out mail votes at an abnormally high rate during the nation’s first primary of 2022, rejecting nearly 23,000 ballots outright under tougher voting rules that are part of a broad campaign by Republicans to reshape American elections, according to an analysis by The Associated Press. Roughly 13% of mail ballots returned in the March 1 primary were discarded and uncounted across 187 counties in Texas. While historical primary comparisons are lacking, the double-digit rejection rate would be far beyond what is typical in a general election, when experts say anything above 2% is usually cause for attention. […] Republicans promised new layers of voting rules would make it “easier to vote and harder to cheat.” But the final numbers recorded by AP lay bare the glaring gulf between that objective and the obstacles, frustration and tens of thousands of uncounted votes resulting from tighter restrictions and rushed implementation.” [Associated Press, 3/16/22]

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In Hidalgo County, SB 1’s Rules Led To Half Of Mail-In Ballot Requests Being Rejected And At Least 189 Mail-In Ballots Being Thrown Out

The Hidalgo County Elections Administrator Said Half Of Mail-In Ballot Requests Were Rejected Under The New Standards. “With the passage of Senate Bill 1 last September, new rules are taking effect for mail-in ballots for the primary elections in March. […] Hidalgo County Elections Administrator Yvonne Ramon says the new rules and the latest guidance from the Secretary of State are causing ballot applications to be rejected. ‘Let's say I registered when I was 20 years old and I used by driver's license number,’ Ramon said. ‘Well guess what? If the driver's license number is not matching your social security number, I must then reject that application because it must match.’ Ramon estimates more than half of the mail-in ballot request forms in Hidalgo County were rejected because they didn't meet the new standard.” [KRGV, 1/17/22]

As Of February 18, 2022, At Least 189 Mail-In Ballots Were Thrown Out In Hidalgo County. “With the passage of Senate Bill 1 last September, new rules are taking effect for mail-in ballots for the primary elections in March. […] Among other large Texas counties, Hidalgo election officials reported sending back 189 ballots of the 3,189 they had received, while at this time in the 2018 elections they had returned none.” [Reuters, 2/18/22]

2021: Flores Signed A Petition To Invoke An Election Code That Enabled A Tiny Minority Of Voters To Force The McAllen To Relinquish Control Of Upcoming Municipal Elections

The City Of McAllen Sued Texas And The Texas SOS After Receiving Petitions To Relinquish Control Of Upcoming Municipal Elections To The County Elections Administrator, Rather Than Conducting Its Own Election

Cities Of McAllen And Pharr Texas Sued Texas And Its Secretary Of State After Receiving Petitions From Residents Invoking Part Of An Election Code That Could Force The Cities To Relinquish Control Of Upcoming Municipal Elections. “Two South Texas cities are suing the state and the Texas Secretary of State after they both received petitions from residents invoking a little-known portion of the election code that could force them to relinquish control of their upcoming municipal elections. McAllen and Pharr announced Tuesday they had joined forces in asking a state district judge to declare Section 31.0925 of the Texas Election Code unconstitutional and to issue an injunction against its enforcement. […] The law essentially forces any municipality or school district within the county to hand over the administration of their elections to the Hidalgo County elections administrator if it receives a petition with enough signatures to equal just 1% of all votes cast in the most recent general election held by that political subdivision.” [McAllen Monitor, 2/2/21]

- McAllen City Attorney: “We Filed A Lawsuit” To Challenge Requiring “The City To Have The County Elections Administrator Run Our Election, As Opposed To The City Conducting Its Own Election.” “‘What we did was, we filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of…a provision of the election code that allowed for a small group of private citizens to require the city to have the county elections administrator run our election, as opposed to the city conducting its own election,’ McAllen City Attorney Isaac Tawil said Tuesday. ‘We don’t believe that that law does anything to protect the rights of our citizens or the integrity of our elections, which is of the highest priority to the city.’” [McAllen Monitor, 2/2/21]

The Election Code Would Allow As Few As 20 Voters To Force McAllen To Relinquish Control Of Municipal Elections, Giving A Tiny Minority Of The Electorate Enormous Power Over Election Administration

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- After McAllen’s 2019 City General Election, A Petition Needed Only 20 Signatures To Trigger The Requirement Set Out In The Statute. “‘In (McAllen’s) case, the most recent city general election was in 2019 when only two single-member districts covering a portion of the city were on the ballot and 1,907 persons voted,’ the city noted in its request for temporary injunction. ‘Thus, a petition would need to contain only 20 signatures to trigger the requirement set out in the statute…’ On Dec. 23, the city received a petition with more than 60 signatures, 34 of which were later verified by the city secretary, court documents indicated.” [McAllen Monitor, 2/2/21]

The Petition Was Spearheaded By A Failed Mayoral Candidate And Backed By Flores And Other Local Republican Activists

The Petition Was Spearheaded By An Unsuccessful Mayoral Candidate Who “Has Long Been At Odds With City Leadership.” “According to the Advance News Journal, the McAllen petition was spearheaded by mayoral candidate Othal E. Brand Jr., who ran an unsuccessful bid for mayor in 2017 and has long been at odds with city leadership. Brand, who signed the petition himself, did not return a call seeking comment Tuesday. Several of the signees, however, appear to be active local Republicans. Brand, for example, bought breakfast at a Hidalgo County GOP event on Jan. 23 that was aimed at teaching local residents to run as Republicans. Robert Bonds, a presenter at that meeting and former Hidalgo County GOP chair hopeful, also signed the petition, along with Mayra Flores, a local Republican activist who said she was thinking of running for Congress in January. Eva Arechiga, an organizer of some of McAllen’s earliest ‘Trump Trains’ over the summer, also signed it, along with Debbie and Gary Groves, who were frequent participants at rallies in favor of the former president.” [McAllen Monitor, 2/2/21]

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Flores Denounced All Criticism Of Law Enforcement, Touting Her Family Ties To Border Patrol, But Accepted An Endorsement From A Man Who Threatened And Claimed To Have Killed Police Officers

Flores Categorically Denounced Criticism Of And Attacks Against Law Enforcement, Touting Her Family Ties To Law Enforcement To Show The Issue Was Personal To Her…
Flores Said That Law Enforcement Was A Key Issue For Her District And Campaign And That To Voters In Her District “When You Attack Law Enforcement You’re Attacking Their Family”

2021: Flores Said Law Enforcement Was The Number Two Issue For South Texas. “Mayra Flores, the first Republican to declare for Vela's seat in 2022, said the economy is the No. 1 issue for South Texas. No. 2 is law enforcement, she added, arguing voters were turned off by the movement to ‘defund the police’ that cropped up after George Floyd's death last summer. ‘When you have some of these Democrat congress[people] calling [law enforcement officers] names, it's, ‘Hey, that's my son, that's my husband, that's my daughter, that's my wife that you're attacking,’ Flores said. ‘When it comes to politics, family comes first. That type of message does not resonate in South Texas.” [Texas Tribune, 3/26/21]

- **Flores: To South Texans: “When You Have Some Of These Democrat Congress[People] Calling [Law Enforcement Officers] Names, It’s, ‘Hey, That’s My Son, That’s My Husband, That’s My Daughter, That’s My Wife That You’re Attacking.”** “Mayra Flores, the first Republican to declare for Vela's seat in 2022, said the economy is the No. 1 issue for South Texas. No. 2 is law enforcement, she added, arguing voters were turned off by the movement to ‘defund the police’ that cropped up after George Floyd's death last summer. ‘When you have some of these Democrat congress[people] calling [law enforcement officers] names, it's, ‘Hey, that's my son, that's my husband, that's my daughter, that's my wife that you're attacking,’ Flores said. ‘When it comes to politics, family comes first. That type of message does not resonate in South Texas.” [Texas Tribune, 3/26/21]

2020: Flores Said She Supported Law Enforcement. “Mayra Flores, 33, a stay-at-home mother of four in McAllen, left the Democratic Party a decade ago. She said she opposes abortion, supports law enforcement and believes in legal immigration -- the way she moved from Mexico to Texas with her parents when she was 6. That is the message she relayed to her 30,000 Facebook followers and the people she spoke to in Spanish for a phone-banking campaign for Trump. ‘A lot of them here have brothers, sisters who are Border Patrol agents,’ she said. ‘So when you attack law enforcement, you're attacking their family. Democrats forgot about that.” [Los Angeles Times, 12/12/20]

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Flores Minimized Border Patrol And Police Misconduct And Said She Would Not Allow Others To Criticize Law Enforcement

Flores Was Not Upset By Photos Of Border Patrol Agents Whipping Haitian Migrants. “Flores also noted that many Hispanics are border patrol agents in south Texas, and were angered by the photos of horse-mounted agents wielding long reins like whips in rounding up Haitian immigrants, which drew outrage from around the country. But she had a very different reaction to those incidents. ‘My husband, my uncle, and my cousin are border patrol agents,’ she said. ‘An attack on our border patrol agents is an attack on our families, so we take it personally.” [Newsweek, 12/8/21]

- **Flores Viewed Photos Of Border Patrol Agents Whipping Migrants As “An Attack On [Her Family].”** “My husband, my uncle, and my cousin are border patrol agents,’ she said. ‘An attack on our border patrol agents is an attack on our families, so we take it personally.” [Newsweek, 12/8/21]
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- **Flores On Border Patrol Agents Whipping Migrants:** “These Agents Were Chastised By The Mainstream Media & Criticized Harshly By The Biden Administration. #EnoughIsEnough.” “It has now been over 6 months since Border Patrol Agents on horses were placed on administrative duties. These agents were chastised by the mainstream media & criticized harshly by the Biden Administration. #EnoughIsEnough #BackTheGreen #TX34 @BPUnion @rgv3307 @CBPSouthTexas.”

  [Twitter, Mayra Flores, 3/29/22]

- **Flores Claimed That Breonna Taylor’s Boyfriend Was “A Career Criminal” Who “Fired At Police First.”** “Breonna Taylor boyfriend was a career criminal drug dealer who fired at police first, while she was standing behind him NOT sleeping 😛. My advise is DONT date drug dealers!”

  [Twitter, Mayra Flores, 9/25/20]

- **Flores To Breonna Taylor:** “My Advise is DONT Date Drug Dealers.” [Twitter, Mayra Flores, 9/25/20]

- **Flores: “I Will NOT Allow Anyone To Disrespect” Law Enforcement Officers.** “I will always be an advocate for our men and women in uniform. I will NOT allow anyone to disrespect our heroes that are doing the best they can during this crisis. All while they are saving lives and serving our communities. #backthebadge #backthegreen #backtheblue #HoldTheLine.”

  [Facebook, Mayra Flores, 12/6/21]

- **Flores Attacked Democrats For Allegedly Wanting To Defund The Police**
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Flores Claimed The Democratic Party Supported Defunding The Police. “But she argued that when ‘the squad’ group of progressive lawmakers is pushing to defund the police, ‘the problem is when the Democratic Party doesn’t stand against that.’ ‘It’s silence,’ she told Newsweek. ‘To me it’s the same thing, you’re not criticizing them for the disrespect toward our law enforcement.’ Flores also noted that many Hispanics are border patrol agents in south Texas, and were angered by the photos of horse-mounted agents wielding long reins like whips in rounding up Haitian immigrants, which drew outrage from around the country. But she had a very different reaction to those incidents. ‘My husband, my uncle, and my cousin are border patrol agents,’ she said. ‘An attack on our border patrol agents is an attack on our families, so we take it personally.” [Newsweek, 12/8/21]

…But Flores Accepted The Endorsement Of Mike Mihalski, Who “Physically Clashed With,” Threatened, And Claimed To Have Killed Police Officers

Flores Posted On Facebook That She Was Endorsed By Mike Mihalski, The President Of Sons Of Liberty Gunworks

January 2022: Mike Mihalski, The President Of Sons Of Liberty Gunworks, Endorsed Flores.

Mihalski Had A History Of “Physically Clashing With” And Threatening To Kill Police Officers, And Even Claimed To Have Killed Police Officers

Mihalski Admitting To “Physically Clashing With And Threatening” San Antonio Police Officers. “Months after several San Antonio law enforcement officers expressed concerns about their agencies being associated, Mike Mihalski, the co-owner of Sons of Liberty Gun Works, has admitted to a past history of physically clashing with and threatening San Antonio Police Department officers.” [KSAT, 3/9/20]

While Violently Resisting Arrest In 2010, Mihalski Claimed That “He Had Killed Officers Himself” And “Stated That He Would Return To Kill The Officers” Who Arrested Him. “Months later, in February 2010, Mihalski was again taken into custody by SAPD, according to public records. During this incident, officers were attempting to take Mihalski into custody outside a downtown wine bar for public intoxication when he began resisting. Mihalski was accused of using an expletive and a homophobic slur to refer to one officer before saying
that he himself had killed Sergeant Bocko, an apparent reference to late SAPD officer John Bocko. Bocko, then the rank of detective, was one of the four officers injured in the Denny’s shooting. […] Mihalski then lunged headfirst at one officer and violently kicked his feet at multiple officers while yelling that he had killed officers himself, the report states. Mihalski was later charged with resisting arrest and stated that he would return to kill the officers, the report states.” [KSAT, 3/9/20]

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**In 2007 Mihalski Was Arrested And Charged For Domestic Violence Against His Mother**

**Mihalski Told Police That He Wanted To “Take A Very Large Caliber Gun And Blow [His Mother’s] Head Off.”** “In November 2007, San Antonio police responded to a home in the 900 block of W. Summit after receiving an emergency call for a son tearing up the house, public records show. […] According to his arrest report, Mihalski looked at his mother and said he just wanted to run his fist through her mouth and see her brains, that she should, ‘take a very large caliber gun and blow her head off.’” [KSAT, 3/9/20]

- **Mihalski Was Arrested And Charged With Domestic Violence.** “In November 2007, San Antonio police responded to a home in the 900 block of W. Summit after receiving an emergency call for a son tearing up the house, public records show. […] Officers noted an injury to the woman’s nose, that her glasses had been broken and that she had skin torn off from three or four different places on her arm. Mihalski was then taken into custody on charges of family violence and making a terroristic threat against a family member, court records show.” [KSAT, 3/9/20]

**In 2009 Mihalski Was Arrested For “Abusive Calls To 911” But Charges Were Dropped In A Plea Deal For An Unrelated Driving While Intoxicated Charge**

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**Mihalski’s Charges Were Dropped In A Plea Deal For A Different Driving While Intoxicated Charge.** “Three months earlier, in February 2009, Mihalski was arrested on a charge of abusive calls to 911, records show. […] The three misdemeanor counts against Mihalski were dismissed in late November 2009, after he took a plea deal in an unrelated DWI case, court records show.” [KSAT, 3/9/20]

**Mihalski Had Four Arrests For Driving While Intoxicated, Including One As Recently As 2019**

**KSAT: February 2019 Arrest Was “The Fourth Time Mihalski Has Been Arrested On Suspicion Of Driving While Intoxicated.”** “At last check, he remains free on bond for DWI-2nd, following his arrest in February 2019. Court records show it is the fourth time Mihalski has been arrested on suspicion of driving while intoxicated in Bexar County since 2000.” [KSAT, 3/9/20]

**Flores Called Abortion A Crime And Said She Was “Very Proud To Support” Anti-Choice Bills Like Texas’s Six-Week Abortion Ban**
Flores Said “I’m Very Proud To Support” Measures In Texas And Other States To Restrict Abortion Because “Defending Life” Was “A Top Priority” For Her

2022: When Asked “Texas And Other States Across The County Are Limiting Access To Abortion. Do You Favor These Measures?” Flores Said She Was “Very Proud To Support This.” “On abortion rights, the candidates were asked, ‘Texas and other states across the country are limiting access to abortion. Do you favor these measures? Why or why not?’ Three of the candidates, McCaffrey, Flores and Kunkle, said they favored the measures and were pro-life, while Cantu-Cabrerra said she opposed them and was pro-choice. […] Flores said: ‘Well, we are the pro-life generation. I’m very proud to support this. I was raised with strong conservative values, to always put God, life and family first and I believe that if we are so proud of our culture and our community, we should always defend life. For me it is a top priority, and I am very proud to say that I was endorsed by Texans for Life.’” [Brownsville Herald, 1/13/22]

- Flores Elaborated: “We Should Always Defend Life. For Me It Is A Top Priority, And I Am Very Proud To Say That I Was Endorsed By Texans For Life.” .”“On abortion rights, the candidates were asked, ‘Texas and other states across the country are limiting access to abortion. Do you favor these measures? Why or why not?’ Three of the candidates, McCaffrey, Flores and Kunkle, said they favored the measures and were pro-life, while Cantu-Cabrerra said she opposed them and was pro-choice. […] Flores said: ‘Well, we are the pro-life generation. I’m very proud to support this. I was raised with strong conservative values, to always put God, life and family first and I believe that if we are so proud of our culture and our community, we should always defend life. For me it is a top priority, and I am very proud to say that I was endorsed by Texans for Life.” [Brownsville Herald, 1/13/22]

Texas Senate Bill 8 Prohibited Abortions Before Many People Knew They Were Pregnant

Texas SB 8 Bans Abortions “Before Many People Realize They’re Pregnant.” “The law, known as Senate Bill 8, bans the procedure as early as six weeks into a pregnancy — often before many people realize they’re pregnant.” [WKUT, 3/7/22]

Texas SB 8 “Prohibits Abortions After Fetal Cardiac Activity Is Detected.” “The law, passed as Senate Bill 8, prohibits abortions after fetal cardiac activity is detected, usually around six weeks of pregnancy. While other states have tried and failed to ban abortions this early in pregnancy, Texas’ law relied on a unique private enforcement mechanism that made it extremely difficult to challenge in court.” [Texas Tribune, 3/1/22]

Texas SB 8 Allowed Private Citizens To Sue Abortion Providers For $10,000

Texas SB 8 “Empowers Private Citizens To Sue Anyone Who ‘Aids Or Abets’ A Prohibited Abortion.” “The law, passed as Senate Bill 8, prohibits abortions after fetal cardiac activity is detected, usually around six weeks of pregnancy. […] The law empowers private citizens to sue anyone who “aids or abets” a prohibited abortion. Those who sue could be awarded at least $10,000 if they win. Since it isn’t enforced by state officials, the law is difficult to challenge on constitutional grounds.” [Texas Tribune, 3/1/22]

- Three People Who Wanted The $10,000 Reward Filed Suit Against A San Antonio Doctor. “Immediately after Texas’ latest abortion restrictions went into effect Sept. 1, one San Antonio doctor, Alan Braid, announced in a Washington Post op-ed that he had provided an abortion after cardiac activity was detected. […] Three people sued Braid, including two disbarred attorneys who indicated they were more interested in seeing the law tested and getting the money than actually taking a stand against abortion.” [Texas Tribune, 3/1/22]

- Anti-Abortion Lawyers Sought To Depose Leaders Of Abortion Funding Non-Profits To Prepare For Future Litigation. “Immediately after Texas’ latest abortion restrictions went into effect Sept. 1, one San Antonio doctor, Alan Braid, announced in a Washington Post op-ed that he had provided an abortion after
cardiac activity was detected. […] Three people sued Braid, including two disbarred attorneys who indicated they were more interested in seeing the law tested and getting the money than actually taking a stand against abortion. Hearron, who is also representing Braid, said Thursday that they have filed a countersuit in federal court against the three claimants, seeking to have the law declared unconstitutional and the suits thrown out. Beyond those initial three claims, no lawsuits have been brought against anyone for aiding or abetting in a prohibited abortion. But just last week, a group of anti-abortion lawyers asked a judge to allow them to depose the leaders of two abortion funding nonprofits to gather information for potential lawsuits.” [Texas Tribune, 3/1/22]

**Doctors Opposed SB 8 Because It Would Endanger Patients**

NPR: “Doctors In Texas Have Been Warning That SB 8 Would Make It Harder For Them To Treat Medical Crises And Would Endanger Their Patients.” “Doctors in Texas have been warning that SB 8 would make it harder for them to treat medical crises and would endanger their patients. Six months in, many say those predictions are coming true.” [NPR, 2/28/22]

**Doctors’ Groups Opposed Texas SB 8 Because It Puts Patients At Risk.** “Groups including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists have opposed SB 8. They say the law is vaguely worded, leaves providers vulnerable to being sued and puts patients at risk.” [NPR, 2/28/22]

**Texas SB 8 Lacked Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or Fetal Abnormalities**

Texas SB 8 Lacked Exceptions For Rape Or Incest “Doctors in Texas have been warning that SB 8 would make it harder for them to treat medical crises and would endanger their patients. […] Also creating complications is that the law contains no exception for pregnancies conceived through rape or incest, creating wrenching situations for patients whose lives have already been rattled by trauma.” [NPR, 2/28/22]

Texas SB 8 Lacked An Exception For Fetal Abnormalities. “Known as the Texas Heartbeat Act, the state’s new abortion law makes it illegal for a physician to knowingly perform or induce an abortion if they detect a fetal heartbeat, which is usually found around six weeks of pregnancy. […] The law also does not make an exception for rape, sexual abuse, incest and fetal anomaly diagnoses.” [Houston Chronicle, 4/11/22]

**Flores Retweeted Claims That Abortion Was A Crime And People Enabling Abortions Were Criminals**


[Twitter, Eduardo Verastegui, 4/6/22]

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Flores Opposed Taxpayer Funding For Abortions And Called For Defunding Planned Parenthood

Flores Said She Opposed Taxpayer Funding Of Abortions. “Taxpayer money should NOT be used to fund abortions! #UnbornLivesMatter @LiveAction.”

Flores Called For Defunding Planned Parenthood. “Planned Parenthood kills over 320,000 preborn children every year. One baby aborted every 97 seconds. It’s time to defund America’s biggest abortion chain. Sign the petition http://liveaction.org/petition/.”

Anti-Abortion Groups Supported Flores. “Flores said: ‘Well, we are the pro-life generation. I’m very proud to support this. I was raised with strong conservative values, to always put God, life and family first and I believe that if we are so proud of our culture and our community, we should always defend life. For me it is a top priority, and I am very proud to say that I was endorsed by Texans for Life.’” [Brownsville Herald, 1/13/22]
January 2022: Texas Right To Life Endorsed Flores.

[Facebook, Mayra Flores, 1/5/22]

May 2020: Flores Said She Was An Ambassador For Live Action. “Life is a right not a privilege and protecting it is not an ideology it is a duty! La vida es un derecho no un privilegio y protegerla no es una ideología es un deber! Live Action Hidalgo County GOP #NoAlAborto #SiALaVida #SoyProvida #Trump2020 #LatinosForTrump #VoteRepublican #VoteConservative #SomosRepublicanos #ProudRepublican #ProGod #ProGun #ProCapitalism #LiveActionAmbassador #LexitTexasStateAmbassador #Lexit #DrainTheSwamp #ProLife #AmericaFirst #KAG #Conservative #MAGA #USA #LaRepublicana86 #HispanicOutreach #HidalgoCo #GrassrootsMatter #Growth #Opportunity #Prosperity #InGodWeTrust

[Facebook, Mayra Flores, 5/8/20]

After The 2020 Election, Flores Retweeted A Call For Pro-Choice Cheaters To Repent

December 2020: Flores Retweeted A Call For Pro-Choice Cheaters To Repent. “Los tramposos pro-abortistas tarde o temprano caerán y serán descubiertos. Podrán engañar a muchos, y vaya que lo han hecho. Pero a Dios
nadie lo engaña, nadie. Están a tiempo de arrepentirse, nunca es demasiado tarde. #NoAlAborto #Transparencia.”

[Twitter, Eduardo Verastegui, 12/16/20]

Flores Opposed The Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Despite The Benefits The Legislation Would Bring To Texas

Flores Opposed The Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act, Calling It “Wasteful”

November 2021: Flores Called The Infrastructure Bill “Wasteful.” “Congress Passes Biden’s Wasteful $1.2 TRILLION Infrastructure Spending Package With Help of 13 Weak Republicans! Katko, Bacon, Van Drew, Young, Upton, Kinzinger, Gonzalez (OH) Reed, Smith, Gabarino, Malliotakis, Fitzpatrick, McKinley #VoteThemOut #SaveAmerica mayrafloresforcongress.com.”

[Facebook, Mayra Flores 11/6/21]
The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Provided Billions In Funding For Roads, Bridges, And Other Infrastructure In Texas

The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act Provided $27.4 Billion To Texas For Roads And Bridges

Texas Was Expected To Receive Over $27.4 Billion For Roads And Bridges Under The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act. “In Texas there are 818 bridges and over 19,400 miles of highway in poor condition. Since 2011, commute times have increased by 11.4% in Texas and on average, each driver pays $709 per year in costs due to driving on roads in need of repair. Based on formula funding alone, Texas would expect to receive $26.9 billion for federal-aid highway apportioned programs and $537 million for bridge replacement and repairs under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act over five years. Texas can also compete for the $12.5 billion Bridge Investment Program for economically significant bridges and nearly $16 billion of national funding in the bill dedicated for major projects that will deliver substantial economic benefits to communities.” [White House, Fact Sheet, accessed 4/26/22]

- Texas Was Also Able To Compete For An Additional $28.5 Billion In Funding For Roads And Bridges. “Texas can also compete for the $12.5 billion Bridge Investment Program for economically significant bridges and nearly $16 billion of national funding in the bill dedicated for major projects that will deliver substantial economic benefits to communities.” [White House, Fact Sheet, accessed 4/26/22]

The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act Provided $3.3 Billion For Public Transit In Texas

Texas Was Expected To Receive $3.3 Billion To Improve Public Transit. “Texans who take public transportation spend an extra 80.8% of their time commuting and nonWhite households are 2.7 times more likely to commute via public transportation. 12% of trains and other transit vehicles in the state are past useful life. Based on formula funding alone, Texas would expect to receive $3.3 billion over five years under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to improve public transportation options across the state.” [White House, Fact Sheet, accessed 4/26/22]

The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act Provided $408 Million For Electric Vehicle Chargers In Texas

Texas Was Expected To Receive $408 Million For Electric Vehicle Charger Construction. “The U.S. market share of plug-in electric vehicle (EV) sales is only one-third the size of the Chinese EV market. The President believes that must change. The bill invests $7.5 billion to build out the first-ever national network of EV chargers in the United States and is a critical element in the Biden-Harris Administration’s plan to accelerate the adoption of EVs to address the climate crisis and support domestic manufacturing jobs. Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Texas would expect to receive $408 million over five years to support the expansion of an EV charging network in the state. Texas will also have the opportunity to apply for the $2.5 billion in grant funding dedicated to EV charging in the bill.” [White House, Fact Sheet, accessed 4/26/22]

- Texas Was Also Able To Compete For Additional $2.5 Billion For Electric Vehicle Charger Construction. “Texas will also have the opportunity to apply for the $2.5 billion in grant funding dedicated to EV charging in the bill.” [White House, Fact Sheet, accessed 4/26/22]

The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act Helped 29% Of Texans Obtain Broadband Access

29% Of People In Texas Were Eligible For The Affordability Connectivity Benefit To Expand Broadband Access. “Broadband internet is necessary for Americans to do their jobs, to participate equally in school learning, health care, and to stay connected. Yet 14% of Texas households do not have an internet subscription, and 4% of Texans live in areas where, under the FCC’s benchmark, there is no broadband infrastructure. Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Texas will receive a minimum allocation of $100 million to help provide
broadband coverage across the state, including providing access to the at least 1,058,000 Texans who currently lack it. And, under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, 8,381,000 or 29% of people in Texas will be eligible for the Affordability Connectivity Benefit, which will help low-income families afford internet access.” [White House, Fact Sheet, accessed 4/26/22]

The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act Provided $95 Million For Texas To Combat Wildfires And Cyber Attacks

Texas Was Expected To Receive $95 Million To Combat Wildfires And Cyber Attacks. “From 2010 to 2020, Texas has experienced 67 extreme weather events, costing the state up to $200 billion in damages. Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, based on historical formula funding levels, Texas will expect to receive $53 million over five years to protect against wildfires and $42 million to protect against cyberattacks. Texans will also benefit from the bill’s historic $3.5 billion national investment in weatherization which will reduce energy costs for families.” [White House, Fact Sheet, accessed 4/26/22]

The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act Provided $2.9 Billion For Drinking Water Infrastructure In Texas

Texas Was Expected To Receive $2.9 Billion For Drinking Water Infrastructure. “Currently, up to 10 million American households and 400,000 schools and child care centers lack safe drinking water. Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, based on the traditional state revolving fund formula, Texas will expect to receive $2.9 billion over five years to improve water infrastructure across the state and ensure that clean, safe drinking water is a right in all communities.” [White House, Fact Sheet, accessed 4/26/22]

The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act Provided $1.2 Billion For Airports In Texas

Texas Was Expected To Receive $1.2 Billion For Airport Improvements. “The United States built modern aviation, but our airports lag far behind our competitors. Under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, airports in Texas would receive approximately $1.2 billion for infrastructure development for airports over five years.” [White House, Fact Sheet, accessed 4/26/22]

Flores Tried To Have It Both Ways On COVID-19 Vaccines, Touting Their Efficacy But Opposing Mandates And Saying She Would Not Take A Vaccine

Flores At Times Touted The Efficacy Of COVID-19 Vaccines

November 2020: Flores Touted The Efficacy Of COVID-19 Vaccines. “Thanks to President Trump's #OperationWarpSpeed, we are closer than ever to a COVID-19 vaccine. Last week: Pfizer announced their vaccine may be 95% effective. This week: Moderna’s vaccine trial early results appear to be 94.5% effective.”
In December 2021, Flores Said That As A Respiratory Care Therapist She Supported COVID-19 Vaccines

December 2021: Flores Said She Opposed Vaccine Mandates But Support Vaccines. “But Mayra Flores, a Republican congressional candidate for the 34th congressional district being vacated after Filemon Vela's retirement, insists she and fellow Republicans aren't peddling disinformation in south Texas, but are instead trying to open the eyes of Latino voters like her parents, who voted for Democrats for years, because she says they were told to by media networks like Univision and Telemundo. Although Flores is opposed to vaccine mandates, she said that as a respiratory care practitioner she supports the COVID-19 vaccines themselves.” [Newsweek, 12/8/21]

..But Flores Also Said She Did Not Want A Vaccine And Vehemently Opposed Vaccine Mandates

In December 2020, Flores Said She Did Not Want A Vaccine Because Clinton, Bush, And Obama Were Vaccinated

Flores Vehemently Opposed Vaccine Mandates

Flores: “Biden Mandates Are Unlawful.” “The Biden Mandates are unlawful and his policies are horrendous! We need to bring logic back to D.C. and make our voice heard in 2022! #SaveAmerica us.”

Flores: “No Lawyer, Municipal Or County Judge Is Going To Mandate My Family To Take A Vaccine.” “No lawyer, municipal or county judge is going to mandate my family to take a vaccine for COVID-19. #trash Read the headline: Local municipalities can make COVID-19 vaccine mandatory

https://www.valleycentral.com/.../local-municipalities.../.”
Flores Said “I’m A Health Care Worker, The Vaccine Should Be A Choice”

Flores: “I’m A Health Care Worker, The Vaccine Should Be A Choice.” “I'm a health care worker, the vaccine should be a choice! #MedicalFreedom.”

Flores Claimed Her Husband Had To “Get Vaccinated Or Face Termination.” “My husband is a border patrol agent and he’s being given til 11/22 to get vaccinated or face termination! If this administration really cared about the well being of this country they would secure our borders instead of the vilification of our agents!”
February 2022: **Flores Called For Soldiers Dismissed For Vaccine Refusal To Be Reinstated.** “Give them their jobs back. They should have never been discharged #SupportOurTroops #SupportOurVeterans.”

Flores Applauded Air Force Members Who Refused COVID-19 Vaccines. “To the 27 members of the Air Force that were discharged for simply refusing the mandates we applaud you 👏 We the people stand with you.”

Despite Claims Of Bipartisanship, Flores Called Democrats Traitors, Sought To Remove Them From Office, And Insulted Their Voters

Since Declaring Her Run For Congress, Flores Has Claimed To Support Bipartisanship And To Represent All People Regardless Of Who They Vote For

July 2021: **Flores Said She Was Looking Ahead To The 2022 Election With Bipartisanship In Mind.** “Mayra Flores, a Republican from Cameron County vying for the congressional seat soon to be vacated by U.S. Rep. Filemon Vela, is looking ahead to the 2022 election with bipartisanship in mind. Despite the polarizing rhetoric, Flores hopes to strike a bipartisan tone. [The Brownsville Herald, 7/10/21]

- **Flores:** “At The End Of The Day, I'm Here To Serve All People, Democrats And Republicans, I Don’t Care What Their Political Affiliation Is.” “She favors enhancing border security while creating more legal pathways to citizenship. ‘It should be bipartisan. We should all work together in securing our border and bettering our legal immigration system and encouraging people to come here legally,’ she said. Though she has
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an established party, Flores said she understands the needs exceed political lines. ‘At the end of the day, I'm here to serve all people, Democrats and Republicans,’ she added. ‘I don't care what their political affiliation is, I want a better future for all children of South Texas.’ [The Brownsville Herald, 7/10/21]

Flores Claimed To Be “Running For The People Of District 34 Regardless Of What They Vote For.” “Mayra Flores, a Republican who is running in the 34th district against Gonzalez, said she was born in Mexico, worked in cotton fields until the age of 13 to buy her own clothes and school supplies, and she understands the struggle of the people in south Texas. She said her father has voted for Democrats for all of his life, but she came to realize their pro-life conservative values that put God and family first aligned more with the Republican Party. She’s not getting financial support from the RNC, she told Newsweek, but knows Latinos will be key to winning not only the 34th district, which is 84% Hispanic, but Texas for years to come. ‘If we want to keep this state Republican, keep it red, we must invest in the Hispanic community,’ she said. But she avoided a hard partisan sell. ‘I'm Republican,’ she added, ‘but I'm running for the people of District 34 regardless of what they vote for.’” [Newsweek, 12/16/20]

But Flores Also Said The Democratic Party Was The “Greatest Threat America Faces” And “Traitors” Who Want To “Destroy Our Country From Within”

Flores Accused Democrats Of Wanting To Destroy America


[Twitter, Mayra Flores, 2/15/21]

Flores: “Far Left Socialist Democrats” Are “Destroying My Country.” “Breaks my heart what these far left socialist Democrats are doing to our country. They are destroying my country and I can no longer just watch 😞.. I am coming after you!”

[Twitter, 12/5/20]

Flores: “Democrats Want To Destroy Our County From Within.” “Both destroyed the Black community and now the Democrats wants to destroy our country from within.”
Flores: “The Democrat Party Want Our Country Destroyed.” “Mayor Eric Garcetti announces $150 million cut to LAPD budget. You have the Democrat Party encouraging states to defund the Police. The people that protect us and give up their lives for us. OPEN YOUR EYES ü the Democrat Party want our country destroyed! Democratic Party READ THE COMMENTS!”

[Facebook, Mayra Flores, 6/5/20]

April 2020: Flores Claimed Democrats Wanted To Destroy America. “Pay attention America our own want to destroy our country. Democrat politicians are the biggest threat to our country and should be voted out. @donaldjrepublican #americafirst #republican…
https://instagram.com/p/B_i747JFh4X/?igshid=183oej37jitzq.”

[Twitter, Mayra Flores, 4/28/20]

Flores Described Democrats As “A Disgrace” And “Traitors”
Flores: “Democrats Are A Disgrace And Embarrassment!”

August 2020: Flores: “Democrats Are Traitors.” “Democrats are traitors and I don’t recognize the party. I can’t wait to get our President re elected us🇺🇸.”

Flores Asked God For Protection From Democrats

Flores: “God Protect Us From The Democrat Party.”
Flores Said Democrats Do Not Deserve America

Flores: “Democrats Don’t Deserve This Country And You Are The Biggest Threat To Our Beautiful Country! I Am Coming After You! #2022 #godblessamerica.”

Flores Insulted Democratic Voters, Asking “Are Y’All Blind?” And Saying That Latinos Only Voted Democratic Because Telemundo And Univision Told Them To

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trying to open the eyes of Latino voters like her parents, who voted for Democrats for years, because she says they were told to by media networks like Univision and Telemundo.” [Newsweek, 12/8/21]

Flores: “To The Democrat Voter Are Y’All Blind? I Just Don’t Understand Why Anyone Would Vote Democrat.”

[Facebook, Mayra Flores, 8/1/20]

Flores Called For “Remov[ing],” “Disband[ing],” And Imprisoning Democrats In Guantanamo Bay

February 2022: Flores Called For “Remov[ing] All Democrats.” “It’s RED Friday Remove Every Democrat.”

[Facebook, Mayra Flores, 2/11/22]

Flores Called For Sending Mayor Bowser To Guantanamo Bay. “DC Mayor Muriel Bowser should be sent to GITMO. STAT!!! These are our soldiers that DC mayor kicked out of local hotels. -- We all should be raging mad at this sight. #DCProtests #MilitaryThrownOutOfDChotels.”
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[Twitter, Mayra Flores, 6/6/20]

Note: As of April 25th, 2022, this tweet is no longer visible on Twitter.

Flores Called For “Disband[ing]” “Democrats Like @IlhanMN.” “It’s time to disband the domestic terrorist group ANTIFA and Democrats like @IlhanMN.”

Flores Claimed That Democrats Supported Segregation And That Biden And Harris “Destroyed The Black Community”

Flores Claimed That Biden And Harris “Destroyed The Black Community.” “Both destroyed the Black community and now the Democrats want to destroy our country from within.”

Flores Claimed That Democrats Wanted To Segregate America Again. “That’s exactly what the Democrat Party wants to do. We are stronger united #voteredtosaveAmerica #WeAreOne #Trump2020.”
Flores: “I Will NOT Let The Democrat Party Ruin The Hispanic Community Like They Have Ruined Black Americans.” “I will NOT let the Democrat Party ruin the Hispanic community like they have ruined Black Americans! #voterepublican #votered #trump #trump2020.”

Flores Compared Democrats To Rats On Social Media

Flores Used #DemocRATS To Refer To Political Opponents. “Practice what you preach !! #DemocRATS #VoteThemOut #Trump2020.”
Flores: “#DemocRATs are more worried about toilet paper than the pandemic #VPDebate.”

Flores Described The Democratic Party As Rats. “Whatever you’re doing right now... stop and Google ‘Democratic Party’ Screenshot what you see 🕵️‍♀️ #Ratas #Rats.”
Flores Delighted In Trolling Democrats Online

Flores: “Good Morning, What Will Liberals Get Offended By Today? EVERYTHING.”

From Twitter, Mayra Flores, 10/10/20:

"I love triggering liberals. They go craaaazy when they see a Conservative Latina supporting our President... #Trump4EVA #SomosConservadores #MAGA #SomosRepublicanos #ProudAmerican #ProudRepublican #Trump2020 #LatinosForTrump #ProGod #ProLife #ProGun #ProFamily #LaRepublicana86."

Flores Said There Would Be Twice As Many Liberal Tears When Trump Won For The Second Time.

“Remember that great night in 2016? I stayed up until they confirm the big win and I had the biggest smile on my..."
face the next day. It's all going to happen again, this time with twice the liberal tears. #trump2020 #faith #family #freedom #prolife #prosperity #valuesfirst.”

Flores Claimed That Democrats Only Cared About Latinos During Elections

Flores Claimed Democrats Took Latino Voters For Granted. “Flores, who immigrated to the US as a child from Mexico and describes herself as a ‘walk-away’ from the Democratic Party after voting for Barack Obama in 2008, said concerns about border security particularly resonate with many South Texans. […] She thinks Democrats took their votes for granted. ‘That’s what happened in 2020. The Hispanic community in South Texas said, ‘Hey, you do not own our vote. We are not loyal to you. And if you don't get to work, we're going to vote you out.’” [CNN Wire, 2/27/22]

- Flores Claimed Democrats Make The Same Promises Every Election But Do Not Keep Them. “In interviews, Flores and Garcia — both first-time candidates — said they believe part of the reason Republicans are gaining traction is frustration over years of one-party rule in the region. They argue that Democrats have taken Hispanic voters for granted for too long, creating an opening for the GOP to court them. ‘They've been making the same promises year after year and don't keep them,’ Flores said. ‘Why should we keep giving them our vote?’” [Prairie Pundit, 3/3/22]

Flores Claimed “Progressives & The Far Left Is Only After The Hispanic Voters During Elections.” “Progressives & the far left is only after the Hispanic voters during elections. Voters are waking up to the lies & broken promises. The shift in GOP support & investments in the Hispanic community is working. We ready @NRCC @GOP @RNCLatinos @RNC_RGV @GOP #TX34 #MayraFlores2022.”

Flores Claimed That Democrats Support “Child Trafficking, Human Trafficking, Riots, Looters”

Flores: “Democrats Promote Child Trafficking, Human Trafficking, Riots, Looters, Killing Unborn Babies And List Goes On...”
Flores Testified Against The Republican-Drawn 2022 Texas Congressional Map And Called For Gov. Abbott To Veto It Because She Thought Her District Was Too Difficult To Win

Flores Testified Against The 2022 Texas Congressional Maps Because She Said They Gave Her An Unfavorable District

Texas Redrew The Congressional Map, Transforming “CD-34 From A Competitive District Where Biden Won The Presidency By Only 4 Percentage Points Into One In Which Biden Would Have Won By 15 Percentage Points.” “Flores, who'd volunteered for Republican Rey Gonzalez in neighboring Congressional District 34, thought she could compete against U.S. Rep. Filemon Vela, D-Brownsville, next cycle if she started her campaign early. In March, Vela announced he would not seek reelection, further fueling her run. But when lawmakers redrew congressional districts in South Texas this month, they took six Republican-leaning counties out of CD-34 and put them into Congressional District 27, represented by U.S. Rep. Michael Cloud, R-Victoria. That transformed CD-34 from a competitive district where Biden won the presidency by only 4 percentage points into one in which Biden would have won by 15 percentage points. Flores is still running but feels the new map put her at a disadvantage. ‘Why would anyone do that?’ Flores said. ‘I don't care if you're a Democrat or Republican, you should earn your seat.” [Texas Tribune, 10/22/21]

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October 2021: Flores Said She Testified Before The Redistricting Commission “In Favor Of Conservatives Across South Texas.” “Yesterday, I provided testimony against all odds and in favor of conservatives across South Texas. When Texas Redistricting only helps the establishment, there is a serious problem. Squiggly lines and odd shapes to give the incumbent a 20 point difference is WRONG! Every Vote Must Be Earned! #txlege #termlimits #MayraFlores2022.”
Austin American Statesman: Flores “Sharply Criticized” The Republican-Drawn Congressional Map For Giving Democrats A 15-Point Advantage In Texas’ 34th District And Urged Them To Return The District Closer To Its Current 3-Point Democratic Advantage. “Mayra Flores, a Republican candidate for U.S. House in the 34th Congressional District, sharply criticized the GOP-drawn map for giving Democrats a 15-point advantage in the South Texas district where Republicans were closing the gap. ‘I don't understand why a Republican committee would set us back,’ Flores said, urging senators to return the district closer to its current 3-point Democratic advantage. ‘All I'm asking is for a real opportunity and not be handing this seat to a Democrat.’” [Austin American Statesman, 10/1/21]

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Flores: Redistricting Committee Did Not Care About Conservative Hispanics In South Texas. “The best-known Republican candidate for Vela's seat, Mayra Flores, has no plans to switch races — but is not pleased with the proposed bluer district. She traveled to Austin on Thursday to testify against the map proposal, telling GOP lawmakers it seems they are ‘sending the message of not really caring about the conservative Hispanics in South Texas.’ ‘We have worked very hard in District 34, so I don't understand why the Republican committee sets us back,’ Flores told the Senate Redistricting Committee. She added she did not want candidates of either party to have the seat handed to them and implored lawmakers to revise the proposed district.” [Texas Tribune, 10/1/21]

Flores Criticized The Maps As “Unfair” And Asked Why The Republican-Led Redistricting Commission Would Make It Easier For Democrats To Win

Flores: New Texas 34 Map “Unfair To Conservatives.” “Thank you Texas Redistricting for making an open seat more unfair to conservatives across South Texas. Fair & Competitive redistricting was/is to much to ask for! #txlege.”

Flores Expressed Incredulity That The Republican Led Commission Would Make It “Easier For Democrats To Win

Flores: “Why Would Texas Redistricting Make It Easier For Democrats To Get Elected In South Texas In The Middle Of A Border Crisis?” “Why would Texas Redistricting make it easier for Democrats to get elected in
South Texas in the middle of a border crisis? No matter how the maps looks like I will flip it with or without you! Hispanics are the future of the Republican Party and we are here to stay!"

Flores Questioned Why The Republican Committee Removed Six Republican Counties From Texas’s 34th District. “Why would the Republican Committee propose in Texas to remove 6 key Republican Counties from District 34? Why would they make it easier for a Democrat to get elected in South Texas? #txlege #redistricting.”

Flores Called On Governor Abbott To Veto The Redistricting Bill, Calling For “Competitive Districts” And Asking Why They Were Making It “Easier For Democrats To Get Elected”

Flores Called For Abbott To Veto The Texas Redistricting Bill, Saying “Why Are They Making It Easier For Democrats To Get Elected In South Texas During A Border Crisis?” “There’s no reason why we can’t have more competitive districts in South Texas! Why are they making it easier for Democrats to get elected in South Texas during a border crisis? Democrats are destroying our country! Veto the bill @GovAbbott.”
Citing Her Own Story, Flores Said She Wanted To Encourage Legal Immigration, But Backed Hard-Right Immigration Stances And Promoted Fear-Based Arguments Against Undocumented Immigrants

Flores Cited Immigration As One Of “The Most Pressing Issues” For Her Campaign

Flores Said Immigration Was One Of The Most Pressing Issues For Her Campaign. “Economic development, employment, elderly care, and immigration are some of the most pressing issues for Flores who is already working to address them with local leaders during her campaign.” [The Brownsville Herald, 7/10/21]

Flores Said She Believed In Legal Immigration “The Way She Moved From Mexico To Texas” And That She Understood Why “People Want To Come Here To The United States”

Flores: “I Understand People Want To Come Here To The United States. I Get It. I'm An Immigrant And I Was Blessed To Come Here Legally.” [The Brownsville Herald, 7/10/21]

Flores Said She Believes In Legal Immigration, “The Way She Moved From Mexico To Texas With Her Parents When She Was 6.” “Mayra Flores, 33, a stay-at-home mother of four in McAllen, left the Democratic Party a decade ago. She said she opposes abortion, supports law enforcement and believes in legal immigration -- the way she moved from Mexico to Texas with her parents when she was 6.” [Los Angeles Times, 12/12/20]

Flores Claimed To Support “Encouraging People To Come Here Legally” And “Bettering Our Legal Immigration System”

Flores On Immigration: “We Should All Work Together In Securing Our Border And Bettering Our Legal Immigration System And Encouraging People To Come Here Legally.” “Flores leans on her background as a daughter of immigrant parents and a conservative ideological core to navigate her through the divisive nature of the current border politics. ‘I understand people want to come here to the United States. I get it. I'm an immigrant and I was blessed to come here legally,’ Flores, a naturalized citizen, said. She favors enhancing border security while creating more legal pathways to citizenship. Despite the polarizing rhetoric, Flores hopes to strike a bipartisan tone. ‘It should be bipartisan. We should all work together in securing our border and bettering our legal immigration system and encouraging people to come here legally,’ she said.” [The Brownsville Herald, 7/10/21]

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**Flores Called For Hiring More Immigration Judges And Asylum Officers.** REPORTER: “But for some who live along the southern border, that is not good enough.” FLORES: “Hire more immigration judges, more asylum officers to process these asylum faster.” [CNN, Anderson Cooper 360°, 8/15/21]

…But Flores Also Promoted Fear-Based Rhetoric About Immigration And Supported Right-Wing Immigration Policies

**Flores Called For Hiring More Border Patrol Agents And Sending Troops To The Border**

Flores: “We Should Hire 87K Border Agents, Not 87K IRS Agents.” “We should hire 87K Border Agents, not 87K IRS Agents #SecureOurBorder”

[Twitter, Mayra Flores, 1/3/22]

February 2022: Flores: “Send Troops To Our Southern Border Not Europe.”

[Facebook, Mayra Flores, 2/1/22]

**Flores Argued That Undocumented Immigrants Put South Texas Communities At Risk Due To The COVID-19 Pandemic**

2021: Voice Of America: Flores “Fears For The Border Patrol Agents” And “Her Community In South Texas” Because They Didn’t Have The “Resources To Absorb The New Migrants” During The COVID-19
Pandemic. “Mayra Flores, a U.S. citizen originally from Mexico, is the wife of a border patrol agent. She sees the increase in migrants trying to cross the border and fears for the border patrol agents as well as her community in South Texas. She says the cartels profit from smuggling people across the border and endanger migrants trying to cross. ‘Cameron County and Hidalgo County (Texas), we have one of the highest poverty rates in the United States they don't have the resources’ to absorb the new migrants at a time when many places in the U.S. are still facing unemployment rates due to the coronavirus, Flores said. ‘We need to decrease the COVID-19 situation here in South Texas,’ said Flores, who has decided to run for U.S. Congress. ‘It's putting our border patrol agents at risk, it's putting everyone at risk. It's putting our community at risk.” [Voice of America, 3/5/21]

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Flores: Undocumented Immigrants Put “Everyone” At Risk Due To COVID-19. “Mayra Flores, a U.S. citizen originally from Mexico, is the wife of a border patrol agent. She sees the increase in migrants trying to cross the border and fears for the border patrol agents as well as her community in South Texas. […] ‘We need to decrease the COVID-19 situation here in South Texas,’ said Flores, who has decided to run for U.S. Congress. ‘It's putting our border patrol agents at risk, it's putting everyone at risk. It's putting our community at risk.” [Voice of America, 3/5/21]

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2021: Voice Of America: Flores Claimed That “Cartels Profit From Smuggling People Across The Border And Endanger People Trying To Cross.” Mayra Flores, a U.S. citizen originally from Mexico, is the wife of a border patrol agent. She sees the increase in migrants trying to cross the border and fears for the border patrol agents as well as her community in South Texas. She says the cartels profit from smuggling people across the border and endanger migrants trying to cross.” [Voice of America, 3/5/21]

Flores Said Texans Weren’t Visiting Family In Mexico Anymore Because “We’re Afraid” And “We Don’t Want What We’re Afraid Of To Come Here”

2022: Flores Claimed Texans Were Too Afraid To Visit Family In Mexico. “Flores, who immigrated to the US as a child from Mexico and describes herself as a ‘walk-away’ from the Democratic Party after voting for Barack Obama in 2008, said concerns about border security particularly resonate with many South Texans. ‘We have families in Mexico that we are not visiting anymore because we’re afraid,’ said Flores, who is married to a Border Patrol agent, as she went door to door talking to voters in Brownsville recently. ‘We don't want what we're afraid of to come here.” [CNN Wire, 2/27/22]

- Flores: “We Don’t Want What We’re Afraid Of To Come Here.” [CNN Wire, 2/27/22]
Flores Said South Texans “Feel There Is So Much Attention And Help Being Given To The Immigrants” Instead Of To Them

2022: Flores Said Too Much Help Was Given To Immigrants Instead Of Voters. “Mayra Flores, the daughter of Mexican immigrants, has done much of her campaigning in South Texas in Spanish. She has heard one phrase repeatedly from voters as she and other candidates try to become the first Republicans to represent the Rio Grande Valley in Congress. Y nosotros? And what about us? I hear every day that they’re tired — they feel that there is so much attention and help being given to the immigrants,” Ms. Flores said. “The attention’s on all these illegal immigrants, and not on them.” [New York Times, 2/28/22]

Flores Appeared To Support Trump’s Proposal To Temporarily Restore DACA In Exchange For Border Wall Funding

Flores Said One Reason Why She Supported Trump Was That He “Offered A Pathway To Citizenship” For DACA Recipients “In Exchange For Wall Funding.” “I’m a Latina Trump supporter and here a few reasons why I support him: […] ✔️ Offered a pathway to citizenship for DACA (dreamers) more than once in exchange for wall funding.”

[Facebook, Mayra Flores, 8/28/20]

- Pence: “There Is No Pathway To Citizenship In This Proposal.” “There is no pathway to citizenship in this proposal,’ Mr. Pence said.” [New York Times, 1/19/19]

Trump’s Proposal Would Only Have Given DACA Recipients Temporary Protections—Not Offer Pathway To Citizenship

Trump Proposed Restoring Temporary Protections For DACA Recipients In Exchange For Border Wall Funding. “President Trump, facing a growing public backlash over the partial government shutdown, shifted course on Saturday and offered Democrats a deal: temporary protections for roughly 700,000 young undocumented immigrants in exchange for $5.7 billion in funding for a wall along the southern border.” [New York Times, 1/19/19]

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**Flores Voted For Obama In 2008.** “Flores, who immigrated to the US as a child from Mexico and describes herself as a ‘walk-away’ from the Democratic Party after voting for Barack Obama in 2008, said concerns about border security particularly resonate with many South Texans. ‘We have families in Mexico that we are not visiting anymore because we’re afraid,’ said Flores, who is married to a Border Patrol agent, as she went door to door talking to voters in Brownsville recently. ‘We don’t want what we’re afraid of to come here.’” [CNN Wire, 2/27/22]

- **Flores Said She Was “Successfully Encouraged” To Vote For Obama In 2008.** “Flores’ campaign website states she is pro-life, pro-second amendment, and pro-law enforcement. While these are traditional Republican values, her father successfully encouraged her to vote for Obama in 2008, Flores said.” [The Brownsville Herald, 7/10/21]

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Flores Claimed That Trump Energized Latinos By Attacking Democrats 

“Mayra Flores, who won the Republican nomination for an open South Texas congressional seat last week, said former president Donald Trump ‘played a huge role’ in energizing Latinos in part by labeling Democrats as socialists. Still, she said the party’s gains aren’t dependent on him being on the ballot — as last week’s turnout shows. She said she personally connected with voters. ‘They’re finally seeing a Republican that looks like them, that has a similar story to them and shares their values,’ Flores, who was born in Mexico and immigrated to the U.S. at age 6, said of voters in her district, which includes the border city of Brownsville. ‘I think that’s very important.’” [US News, 3/11/22]

Flores Claimed People In South Texas Were No Longer Ashamed To Be Conservative

“Much remains uncertain, and until the maps are drawn later this year, the future of South Texas politics is theoretical. But Flores, the Republican running for the Vela seat, said there is tangible change in the region. ‘People just weren’t any longer ashamed to come out and say, ‘I’m a conservative.’ Now they say it,’ she said. ‘They’re no longer afraid to stand up for their values.”” [Texas Tribune, 3/26/21]

Flores Volunteered On Hispanic Outreach Efforts On Behalf Of Trump And Other Republican Candidates In South Texas

“Mayra Flores had worked to build Republican strength in the Democrat-dominated Rio Grande Valley for years. She’d volunteered for local groups, parties and candidates to push Republican campaigns in South Texas, leaning on appeals to faith and border security. Flores, a Mexican immigrant who became a naturalized U.S. citizen and married a Border Patrol agent, felt her work had paid off after Trump's good results in the region last year.” [Texas Tribune, 10/22/21]

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Flores Volunteered For Rey Gonzalez In 2020. “Flores, who'd volunteered for Republican Rey Gonzalez in neighboring Congressional District 34, thought she could compete against U.S. Rep. Filemon Vela, D-Brownsville, next cycle if she started her campaign early.” [Texas Tribune, 10/22/21]

Flores Organized “Trump Trains” And Told Voters Who Hated Trump’s Rhetoric About Mexicans And Immigrants To “Put Their Values First” And “Focus On The Policies”
January 2021: Flores Was Excited For Trump To Visit Hidalgo County. “Eight days before reluctantly leaving office, President Donald Trump will visit the border in South Hidalgo County on Tuesday to tout partial construction of the massive wall he promised to deliver — far more than critics wanted, far less than he wanted, and none it funded by Mexico. […] ‘Everyone is excited to have him,’ said Mayra Flores, a Hidalgo County GOP organizer behind flag-waving caravans known as ‘Trump trains.’ ‘You saw the tremendous support he got from South Texas, though it surprised some.’” [Dallas Morning News, 1/11/21]

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2020: Flores Told Voters To Focus On “Values” And “Policies” Over Trump’s Rhetoric. “Mayra Flores, 33, a stay-at-home mother of four in McAllen, left the Democratic Party a decade ago. She said she opposes abortion, supports law enforcement and believes in legal immigration -- the way she moved from Mexico to Texas with her parents when she was 6. That is the message she relayed to her 30,000 Facebook followers and the people she spoke to in Spanish for a phone-banking campaign for Trump. […] When voters told her they hated the way the president talked about Mexicans and immigrants, she had an answer for them. ‘I’d tell them they needed to put their values first, focus on the policies – ‘Are those policies helping you?’ she said. ‘We were able to convince a lot of people.’” [Los Angeles Times, 12/12/20]

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November 2020: Flores “Made Phone Calls In Spanish To Encourage Fellow Rio Grande Valley Residents To Support President Trump.” “Alma Perez (left), president of Hidalgo County Young Republicans, with volunteer Mayra Flores, who used social media and made phone calls in Spanish to encourage fellow Rio Grande Valley residents to support President Trump.” [McClatchy-Tribune Photo Service, 11/12/20]

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Flores Claimed Hispanic Women Were The Face Of The Republican Party. “We want to show Hispanics that this is what the Republican Party looks like. It looks just like them,” said Mayra Flores, who won the GOP nomination for her South Texas-based congressional seat. “We were raised to think that the Republican Party was for the rich and only white men and that's not true. Look at us. We are the face of the party.” [Prairie Pundit, 3/3/22]
Flores Said She Was Subjected To Racial Slurs For Being A Conservative

Flores Said She Was Subjected To Racial Slurs For Being A Conservative. “"I was called a coconut," said Mayra Flores, an up-and-coming Republican politician who was born in Tamaulipas and is making a bid for US Representative Filemon Vela's seat. She was referring to the derogatory term used to describe Latinos seen as ‘brown on the outside, white on the inside’ - a word she said had been used against her simply for being conservative, which she pointed out was racist in itself.” [Boston Globe, 5/29/21]

Flores Opposed Build Back Better, Calling It “A Socialistic Approach To Harm Our Very Principles And Country,” Despite The Benefits It Would Provide For Texans

Flores Opposed Build Back Better Even Though It Would Lower Drug Prices, Help Small Businesses, Expand Healthcare Access, And Improve College Affordability

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February 2022: Flores Said Build Back Better Was A “Socialistic Approach To Harm Our Very Principles And Country.” “The Build Back Better Agenda is nothing more than a socialistic approach to harm our very principles and country! #SaveAmerica #MidTerms2022.”

[Facebook, Mayra Flores, 2/13/22]

Build Back Better Would Lower Drug Prices For Texans

Build Back Better Would Allow Medicare To Negotiate Drug Prices, Lowering Costs, And Penalize Companies That Increased Drug Prices Faster Than Inflation. “Drug price reduction efforts: Build Back Better contained multiple efforts to lower the price of prescription medication -- most notably allowing Medicare to negotiate prices for the first time. The bill would have empowered Medicare to negotiate prices of certain costly medications administered in doctors' offices or purchased at the pharmacy. The Health and Human Services secretary would negotiate up to 10 drugs in 2025 and up to 20 medications starting in 2028. The legislation also would have imposed penalties if drug companies increased their prices faster than inflation.” [CNN, 12/20/21]
The Build Back Better Deal Lowered Drug Prices For Seniors By Reducing Co-Pays And Establishing A $2,000 Out-Of-Pocket Limit in Medicare Part D. “Pelosi celebrated the drug-pricing agreement: ‘For a generation, House Democrats have been fighting to deliver real drug price negotiations that will lower costs. With today’s agreement on strong lower drug price provisions for the Build Back Better Act, Democrats have a path forward to make good on this transformational agenda for our seniors.’ She said the deal will lower drug prices for seniors, reduce their out-of-pocket co-pays and establish a $2,000 out-of-pocket limit for seniors’ expenses in Medicare Part D. The bill would also halt price hikes above inflation, which would affect all Americans, she said.” [NBC News, 11/2/21]

Build Back Better Would Cap The Price Of Insulin At $35, Potentially Saving Diabetics More Than $11,500 Annually. “Under the Build Back Better Act, prescription drug prices will become more affordable, with out-of-pocket expenses for seniors and people with disabilities capped at $2,000 annually. Currently, millions of seniors pay $6,000 out-of-pocket expenses for prescription drugs, meaning they will save $4,000 each year. Further, insulin costs will be capped at $35 per month. Currently, diabetics pay up to $1,000 per month for insulin. This means some diabetics will save more than $11,500 a year.” [The Hill, Rose Khattar Op-Ed, 12/15/21]

Build Back Better Would Level The Playing Field For Small Businesses In Texas

BBB Would Close Tax Loopholes Exploited By Offshoring Companies, Leveling The Playing Field For Small Businesses. “Three quarters of small business owners have said the tax code favors large corporations over small businesses and that small businesses are harmed when large businesses or corporations use loopholes to avoid paying taxes. Not only is the framework paid for, it is done so by helping level the playing field in the tax code. The package includes an agreement with 136 countries on a 15% global minimum tax that will prevent companies from receiving massive tax benefits from shifting profits and jobs abroad (The passage of the BBB framework will formally ratify this agreement). The legislation also ensures the highest income Americans are paying their fair share in taxes by including a new surtax on the income of multi-millionaires and billionaires with a 5% rate above income of $10 million, and an additional 3% surtax on income above $25 million. This doesn’t touch the vast majority of small businesses owners who make below $250,000 a year. This honors President Biden’s promise to not raise taxes on Any American making more than $400,000 and that’s the vast majority of small businesses.” [Forbes, Rhett Buttle Op-Ed, 11/8/21]

PolitiFact: BBB Would Close Tax Loopholes That Currently Benefit Companies That Offshore Jobs. “One change would affect the global intangible low-taxed income, or GILTI. This refers to the income earned by foreign affiliates of U.S. companies that exceeds a 10% return on their tangible assets. Currently, a U.S. corporation must include half of the GILTI income earned by its foreign affiliates in the gross income that is subject to the U.S. corporate income tax. However, it can claim a tax credit for 80% of the foreign tax paid on GILTI. Notably, under the current rules, a multinational corporation might be able to avoid GILTI taxation by ‘blending’ income earned in low tax-rate countries with income earned in high-tax rate countries, effectively sidestepping much of the tax bite. Biden's Build Back Better legislation, which has passed the House and is now being considered by the Senate, would change how GILTI operates. It would effectively bar that cross-country ‘blending’ strategy and would increase the effective tax rate on GILTI from 10.5% to 15%.” [PolitiFact, 1/7/22]

Build Back Better Would Make College More Affordable

BBB Would Increase Pell Grant Purchasing Power By $550, Allocate $500 Million To College Retention And Completion Grants, And Fund Minority-Serving Higher Education Institutions With $6 Billion. “The Build Back Better Act increases the purchasing power of Pell by raising the maximum amount of Pell by $550 to $7,045 for the next three academic years. The boost is the largest single-year increase in a decade, confirming President Biden’s commitment to make college more affordable for low- and moderate-income students. […] The Retention and Completion Grants will allocate $500 million to eligible states and state systems over five years to support the development of practices that have been shown to improve student outcomes, such as providing comprehensive academic, career and student support services; assistance in applying for financial aid or mean-tested benefits;
accelerated learning opportunities; and improved developmental education and transfer pathways. […] Finally, HBCUs, TCUs and MSIs, which have been severely underfunded by the federal government in the past, will receive $3 billion for infrastructure and research capacity building. The bill will also allocate in total $6 billion in institutional aid over the next five years to strengthen HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs’ academic, administrative, and fiscal capabilities.” [New American, 11/23/21]


Build Back Better Would Help Close The Medicaid Gap

Center For American Progress: BBB Would Allow 4 Million Americans To Gain Health Insurance By Funding Efforts To Close The Medicaid Gap. “The Build Back Better Act would close a major hole in health coverage, ensuring that people in all states can access affordable, comprehensive health insurance. In 2019, an estimated 2.2 million low-income, uninsured Americans had incomes too low to qualify for marketplace plan subsidies yet were not eligible for Medicaid because their state refused to implement the ACA expansion. The legislation would make individuals with family incomes up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL)—including roughly 4 million who are uninsured—in the 12 nonexpansion states eligible to obtain marketplace plans with no premium and a 99 percent actuarial value so that they would face only minimal out-of-pocket costs. This fix for the Medicaid coverage gap would be available through 2025.” [Center for American Progress, 12/6/21]

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December 2020: Flores: “We Shouldn’t Be Giving A Dime We Don’t Have To Other Countries.” “We shouldn’t be giving a DIME we DON’T have to other countries! South Texas poverty rate is one of the highest in Texas yet you send our money to other countries instead of your district! @RepCuellar @RepGonzalez @RepFilemonVela.”

Flores: “STOP Sending Our Money To Countries That Hate Us!”
Mayra Flores Tweeted At Vela: “You Support Giving Millions To Foreign Countries And Give The American People The Bare Minimum.” “If you were really in favor of giving the American people $2,000 you would’ve voted against the $600 the first time. You support giving millions to foreign countries and give the American people the bare minimum! #southtexas #district34 #rgvlife #rgvproud.”

Flores Tweeted At Cuellar: “Democrats Continue To Want Other Countries To Get Millions From Us.” “No that’s the problem. Democrats continue to want other countries to get millions from us.”

[Twitter, Mayra Flores, 12/24/20]
Flores Tweeted At Cuellar: “This Bill Should Only Be About The American People!” “Stop the lie! You were not stopped by Republicans! You continue to add foreign aid on the bill when this bill should only be about the American people!”

Flores: “This Stimulus Bill Had No Business Having Money To Anything But COVID Related Relief!” “This stimulus bill had no business having money to anything but covid related relief! I am disgusted and disappointed in those that support this bill. The American people should be priority and not put last!”
The COVID-19 Relief Bill Included Billions Of Dollars In Stimulus Checks, Rental Assistance, And Paycheck Protection Program Funds

The COVID-19 Relief Bill Included Stimulus Checks Of $600 Per Adult And Child. “The Senate acted swiftly Monday night, in a 92-6 vote, to approve more than $900 billion for coronavirus assistance, shortly after the House of Representatives passed the package. [...] It includes another round of direct stimulus checks — this time $600 per adult who are in certain income thresholds and the same amount for children.” [NPR, 12/21/20]

The COVID-19 Relief Bill Extended Enhanced Unemployment Insurance Benefits. “The Senate acted swiftly Monday night, in a 92-6 vote, to approve more than $900 billion for coronavirus assistance, shortly after the House of Representatives passed the package. [...] It provides an extension of enhanced unemployment insurance benefits for up to $300 per week and lengthens the maximum number of weeks.” [NPR, 12/21/20]

The COVID-19 Relief Bill Included $25 Billion In Rental Assistance And Extended A Ban On Evictions. “The Senate acted swiftly Monday night, in a 92-6 vote, to approve more than $900 billion for coronavirus assistance, shortly after the House of Representatives passed the package. [...] The package includes $25 billion in rental assistance and extends a ban on evictions that was scheduled to expire at the end of December.” [NPR, 12/21/20]

The COVID-19 Relief Bill Included $13 Billion For The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. “The Senate acted swiftly Monday night, in a 92-6 vote, to approve more than $900 billion for coronavirus assistance, shortly after the House of Representatives passed the package. [...] To address the increasing number of those with food insecurity, $13 billion was added to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.” [NPR, 12/21/20]

The COVID-19 Relief Bill Included $300 Billion For the Paycheck Protection Program. “The Senate acted swiftly Monday night, in a 92-6 vote, to approve more than $900 billion for coronavirus assistance, shortly after the House of Representatives passed the package. [...] To help small businesses worried about closing their doors, the legislation has another roughly $300 billion for the popular Paycheck Protection Program and expands the kinds of businesses that can qualify for forgivable loans and grants.” [NPR, 12/21/20]

The COVID-19 Relief Bill Included $68 Billion To “Support Vaccine Distribution And COVID-19 Testing Costs.” “The Senate acted swiftly Monday night, in a 92-6 vote, to approve more than $900 billion for coronavirus assistance, shortly after the House of Representatives passed the package. [...] As hospitals continued vaccinating priority groups with the two vaccines recently authorized by the FDA, the bill provided $68 billion to support vaccine distribution and COVID-19 testing costs.” [NPR, 12/21/20]

Impeachment
Flores Called For Biden To Impeached

February 2022: Flores To Biden: “You Should Resign Or Be Impeached.” “You should resign or be impeached! Your administration has failed at every level #SaveAmerica.”

[Facebook, Mayra Flores, 2/24/22]

August 2021: Flores Called For Biden To Resign Or Be Impeached. “#WalkAwayJoe needs to resign or be impeached immediately #SaveAmerica”

[Facebook, Mayra Flores, 8/31/21]

September 2021: Flores: “The President In Name Only Should Be Impeached Immediately.” “The President In Name Only should be impeached immediately! #SaveAmerica”
The Media

Flores Said Latinos Only Voted Democratic Because The Media Told Them To And That The Media Manipulates Public Opinion

Flores: Latinos Voted Democratic Because Telemundo And Univision Told Them To. “But Mayra Flores, a Republican congressional candidate for the 34th congressional district being vacated after Filemon Vela’s retirement, insists she and fellow Republicans aren’t peddling disinformation in south Texas, but are instead trying to open the eyes of Latino voters like her parents, who voted for Democrats for years, because she says they were told to by media networks like Univision and Telemundo.” [Newsweek, 12/8/21]

November 2020: Flores Claimed The Media Is Designed “To Manipulate Public Opinion.” “The media is not designed to inform the population, but to manipulate public opinion. This is something that people finally have to understand once and for all.”

Campaign Finance

Flores Claimed To Not Accept Donations From Special Interest Groups Or Corporate PACs

2021: Flores: “No Special Interests Groups Or Corporate PACs Have Donated To Our Campaign.” “It's been a full year of campaigning across Texas and it's been a tough, but humbling experience. I will always stand up against the political establishments and put America's best interest first. Join The Fight & Donate Today! https://secure.winred.com/mayra-flores-for-congress/donate No special interests groups or corporate PACs have donated to our campaign. All my donations have been from individual donors like you. Help me close out the year strong & let's flip the house in 2022! #God #Family #Country #Dios #Familia #Patria https://secure.winred.com/mayra-flores-for-congress/donate.”
Note: As of Flores’ Q1 2022 FEC Report, the campaign does not appear to have received money from corporate PACs.

Economy

Flores Said The Economy Was A Key Issue For Her Campaign And Her District

2021: Flores Said The Economy Was The Number One Issue For South Texas “Mayra Flores, the first Republican to declare for Vela’s seat in 2022, said the economy is the No. 1 issue for South Texas.” [Texas Tribune, 3/26/21]

Flores Cited Economic Development And Employment As Key Issues For Her Campaign. “Economic development, employment, elderly care, and immigration are some of the most pressing issues for Flores who is already working to address them with local leaders during her campaign.” [The Brownsville Herald, 7/10/21]

Flores: ‘There's Not That Many Good Paying Jobs” In South Texas. “Economic development, employment, elderly care, and immigration are some of the most pressing issues for Flores who is already working to address them with local leaders during her campaign. ‘Why is there so much unemployment here? Why is there poor economic growth here in South Texas?’ Flores said. ‘There's not that many good paying jobs. Either you get in law enforcement or you go to school.’ […] Over the course of the year, she's met with local leaders, block-walked, and participated in events to introduce herself to the community and learn about the improvements needed. ‘I want to find out what is stopping businesses from coming here,’ Flores said. ‘Are there restrictions stopping them? Do we need to remove some of these restrictions so more companies with better paying jobs come here to South Texas?’” [The Brownsville Herald, 7/10/21]

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Flores Said She Supported Elon Musk’s Investments In South Texas

Flores Said She Supported The Investments And Job Opportunities Created In South Texas By Elon Musk. “Cameron County received national attention after Elon Musk decided to build and launch his rockets in the region, but that came with concerns of displacement in 2019 and, most recently, concerns about a detainment. Flores said she supports the investment and job opportunities created by Musk's work, but said the concerns must be addressed. ‘I want people to come here and invest here. We're worth it,’ Flores said.” [The Brownsville Herald, 7/10/21]

Seniors
Flores Cited Her Work With The Elderly And Realization That Social Security Checks Were Stagnant As The Reason She Became A Republican.

Flores graduated from San Benito High School in 2004 and married in 2005. As a mother, she attended college and later graduated as a respiratory care practitioner in 2014. Shortly after, she started working with the elderly in Cameron County, which led to observations that later inspired political positions. ‘Their [government] paycheck is still the same. They're getting the same amount of paycheck every single month, yet everything else is more expensive,’ she said. This prompted her to get acquainted with the community and question its leadership. ‘We have voted Democrat for so long and we haven't seen the changes. And it's all about accountability, that's what I believe,” Flores said.” [The Brownsville Herald, 7/10/21]

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Energy & Climate

Flores Cited Her District Was Very Dependent On Oil And Gas

“‘We are very dependent on oil and gas. That’s the reason you saw those numbers,’ said Flores, who was born in Mexico, came to the United State at age 6 and picked cotton every summer growing up after age 12. ‘That’s what people do. That’s where they work.” [Associated Press Financial Wire, 10/3/21]

Flores Called For Energy Independence “Immediately.”

March 2022: Flores Called For Energy Independence “Immediately.” “We should not be so reliant on other countries. We must create American energy independence immediately 👍 #SaveAmerica.”

Flores Claimed Biden’s Promise To Transition Away From Fossil Fuels Drove People To Vote Republican. “During last year's final presidential debate, Biden promised to ‘transition’ the country away from fossil fuels. […] Flores says Biden's debate comment is still reverberating across South Texas, too. ‘I see this rise in the Republican Party,” said Flores, who campaigns under the slogan ‘Make America Godly Again.’ ‘People are going to go vote to get their jobs back.” [Associated Press Financial Wire, 10/3/21]

2021: Flores: Democrats Forced Texans To Choose Between Jobs and Climate Change. “They’re really making it easy on us,’ said Mayra Flores, a 35-year-old respiratory care practitioner and organizer for Donald Trump's 2020 presidential campaign. Flores is also running for Vela's seat and argues that Democrats are forcing Texans to choose between their energy sector jobs and curbing climate change. Trump won 38% of the national Latino vote last year, 10 percentage points more from in 2016, according to the Pew Research Center. Some of his most dramatic gains came in heavily Hispanic areas that produce large amounts of oil and gas, including the district Garza and Flores want to represent.” [Associated Press Financial Wire, 10/3/21]
Labor

Flores Pledged To “Advocate For Labor Rights” For Farmworkers

Flores: “I Will Always Stand With Our Farmworkers And Advocate For Labor Rights For Them.” “I was a Farmworker for many years and understand the value of hard work. Farmworkers play a critical part in our country and it’s because of them we have plenty of food at our tables. I will always stand with our Farmworkers and advocate for labor rights for them.”

[Twitter, Mayra Flores, 3/31/21]

Robocalls

Flores Said She Should Would “Introduce A Bill Against Robocalls”

2021: Flores: “I Will Introduce A Bill Against Robocalls.” “I will introduce a bill against robocalls about your cars warranty and social security. They're trash! #MayraFlores2022.”
**Education**

**Flores Said She Opposed Critical Race Theory**

**Flores Called For Getting Rid Of Critical Race Theory.** “Let's teach our children to love America, not hate it! Let's get rid of critical race theory! #SaveTexas #SaveAmerica.”

[Twitter, Mayra Flores, 2/26/22]

**Flores: “Our Children Should Be Taught Critical Thinking, Not Critical Race Theory.”** “Our children should be taught critical thinking, not Critical Race Theory. #BanCriticalRaceTheory #PassItOn.”
Flores Said She Supported School Choice

Flores Said She Supported School Choice. “I believe that parents should have the choice to determine where their children go to school.”

[Facebook, Mayra Flores, 10/19/21]

Transgender Athletes

Flores Said She Opposed Transgender Athletes Competing In Women’s Sports

Flores Claimed A Biden Executive Order Made Women Compete Against Men. “Sad day for women’s sports. Women must compete against biological males at the risk of injury and loss of title, thanks to a new Biden executive order. Don’t ever tell me this is ‘pro-woman.’ It’s not!”

[Twitter, Mayra Flores, 1/21/21]

Flores: “An Actual ‘War On Women’ Is Putting Men In Women’s Sports!”

[Twitter, Mayra Flores, 1/25/21]
Flores Retweeted: “Our Daughter’s Sports Are Not A Plan B For Failed Male Athletes.” “Lia Thomas spent 21 years of his life as a man. He started competing against women in swimming this year and became a national champion. Our daughter’s sports are not a plan B for failed male athletes.”

Note: As Of April 25th, 2022 this tweet is no longer visible on Twitter.

December 2020: Flores: “Men Shouldn't Play In Women's Sports And Women Shouldn't Play In Men's Sports!”

Flores Called For People To Move To Parler And Gab

Flores Called For People To Use The Social Media Platform Gab. “Let’s go to Gab https://twitter.com/getongab/status/134865097522595265”

November 2020: Flores: “Let’s Make Parler The #1 Social Media Platform.”
Let’s make Parler the #1 social media platform 🇺🇸

I am the Hispanic Outreach Chair for the Republican Party in Hidalgo County. The values I inherited from my family and my faith is something I won’t give up and why I am a Conservative.

[Twitter, Mayra Flores, 11/18/20]

Flores Called For Leaving Other Social Media Platforms And Moving To Parler. “You’ll never be safe from these tech tyrants. They are resolutely committed to destroying free speech. Make PARLER your social media hole and escape the tech tyrant’s ideological prison.”

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[Twitter, 9/5/20]

Heroes Act

In 2020, Flores Called On The Senate To Oppose The Heroes Act.

#VoteRepublican #VoteConservative #SomosRepublicanos #ProGod #ProGun #ProCapitalism #LiveActionAmbassador #LexitTexasStateAmbassador #Lexit #DrainTheSwamp #ProLife #AmericaFirst #KAG #Conservative #MAGA #USA #LaRepublicana86 #HispanicOutreach #HidalgoCo #GrassrootsMatter #Growth #Opportunity #Prosperity #LEADRIGHT #InGodWeTrust #ProVida.”

Term Limits

Flores Said She Took The Term Limits Pledge

March 2022: Flores: “I Always Be An Advocate For Limited Government And Term Limits.” “I always be an advocate for limited government and term limits. That's why I took the term limits pledge and will do everything I can against the establishment. Vote Mayra Flores For Congress in November #TermLimits.”

Supreme Court

Flores Said Clarence Thomas Was Her Favorite Supreme Court Justice
Flores Said Clarence Thomas Was Her Favorite Justice. “Clarence Thomas is my favorite Justice of the Supreme Court.”

Flooding

Flores Blamed Democrats For Flooding In Brownsville.

Flores Blamed Democrats For Flooding In Brownsville. “The residents of Brownsville and South Texas deserves better leadership! We see the red flags and they do nothing to fix the problem. We must do something before we get hit by a severe Hurricane. My home has flooded twice so I truly understand the frustration. Democrats currently hold positions at the local, county, state, and federal levels. We cannot continue to vote for the same people and expect different results... #VoteThemAllOut #MayraFlores2022.”
Flores Called For Court Martialing Mark Milley

September 2021: Flores: “Court Martial Mark Milley!”

[Facebook, Mayra Flores, 9/15/21]

- HEADLINE: “Republicans Call Gen. Mark Milley ‘Traitor,’ And Say He Should Be Fired Or Court-Martialed For A Report That He Secretly Intervened To Avoid War With China” [Business Insider, 9/15/21]

Flores ATTACKED Filemon Vela And Vicente Gonzalez For Abandoning Voters In Their Districts

Flores ATTACKED Gonzalez For Abandoning Voters In District 15 By Running In District 34

Flores Said Vicente Gonzalez Abandoned District 15 Voters By Running In District 34. “In an article by BorderReport Democrat Vicente Gonzalez claimed the newly drawn redistricting maps would have been prevented from running in Congressional District 15. That is a lie. Congressional races do NOT require for you to live within the district only within the state. The people of South Texas will not forget! He is part of the establishment and part of the problem here in South Texas. #TX34 #MayraFlores2022.”
Flores Attacked Vela For Abandoning Voters By Retiring

Flores Criticized Filemon Vela For “Abandoning” Texas’ 34th District. “Democrats are suddenly staring down a special election in South Texas, an increasingly competitive region, after U.S. Rep. Filemon Vela, D-Brownsville, revealed Thursday he plans to leave Congress early. […] Mayra Flores, the current Republican nominee for the district in November's general election, quickly made clear that she was in for the special election. ‘Filemon Vela is abandoning us while we have a crisis on our border and families can't afford groceries and gas because prices are so high,’ Flores said in a statement. ‘I will never abandon our community and will absolutely be a candidate in any special election for Texas' 34th District.” [Texas Tribune, 3/24/22]

Flores Attacked Gonzalez For Having An Account With The Bank Of China

Flores Attacked Gonzalez For Having “A 6 Figure Bank Account With The Bank Of China.” “My political opponent, Vicente Gonzalez, earned thousands of dollars in interest from Bank of China. Mandatory financial disclosures filed with the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives revealed Gonzalez held a 6 figure bank account with the Bank of China for years. We must end all foreign ties to communist nations. Its time we put our communities and America First! Vote For Mayra Flores For Congress in November! www.mayrafloresforcongress.com.”
Mayra Flores (TX-34) Research Memo | 75

Flores Said Hunter Biden Should Be In Jail

January 2021: Flores Tweeted At Biden: “Start With Your Son That Is Not In Jail Like He Should Be.”

[Facebook, Mayra Flores, 3/21/22]

Professional History

According To Her Campaign Bio, Flores Was The Hidalgo County Republican Party Hispanic Outreach Chair

According To Her Campaign Bio, Flores “Currently Serves As The Hidalgo County GOP Hispanic Outreach Chair.” “Mayra currently serves as the Hidalgo County GOP Hispanic Outreach Chair and has played a critical role in growing and maintaining Republican support across South Texas.” [Mayrafloresforcongress.com, accessed 4/26/22]

[Twitter, Mayra Flores, 1/10/21]
May 2020: Flores Said She Was An Ambassador For Anti-Abortion Group Live Action. “Life is a right not a privilege and protecting it is not an ideology it is a duty! La vida es un derecho no un privilegio y protegerla no es una ideología es un deber! Live Action Hidalgo County GOP #NoAlAborto #SiALaVida #SoyProvida #Trump2020 #LatinosForTrump #VoteRepublican #VoteConservative #SamosRepublicanos #ProudRepublican #ProGod #ProGun #ProCapitalism #LiveActionAmbassador #LexitTexasStateAmbassador #Lexit #DrainTheSwamp #ProLife #AmericaFirst #KAG #Conservative #MAGA #USA #LaRepublicana86 #HispanicOutreach #HidalgoCo #GrassrootsMatter #Growth #Opportunity #Prosperity #InGodWeTrust

[Facebook, Mayra Flores, 5/8/20]

- According To The Organization’s Website, Live Action Uses Undercover Operatives To “Expose” What Takes Place At Abortion Clinics. “The industry employs a massive public relations machine and political lobby to whitewash its grave human rights abuses and systemic corruption as “choice” and “reproductive rights.” So in order to show the world what is actually happening in abortion facilities, we have to go into abortion facilities. We have been conducting multi-state undercover investigations of the abortion industry for the last decade. Our brave undercover investigators and their cameras have revealed the stark reality of what happens behind the closed doors of abortion facilities — documenting abuses, cover up, and disregard for the health and safety of their clients.” [Liveaction.org, accessed 4/26/22]

- Live Action’s Website Describes Abortion As A Systemic Abuse Of Human Rights. “Over the past several decades, the abortion industry and lobby have lured the media, politicians, and other powerful institutions into complicity, making this grave human rights abuse increasingly systemic.” [Liveaction.org, accessed 4/26/22]

In May 2020, Flores Said She Was An Ambassador For Anti-Abortion Group Live Action

May 2020: Flores Said She Was An Ambassador For Lexit. “The SA city council will resolve that if you call #coronavirus the ‘Chinese Virus’ or ‘Kung Fu Virus,’ it’s hate speech and authorities will be sent to you to investigate you. This is unconstitutional. It directly violates the First Amendment. #Trump2020 #LatinosForTrump #VoteRepublican #VoteConservative #SamosRepublicanos #ProudRepublican #ProGod #ProGun #ProCapitalism #LiveActionAmbassador #LexitTexasStateAmbassador #Lexit #DrainTheSwamp #ProLife #AmericaFirst #KAG #Conservative #MAGA #USA #LaRepublicana86 #HispanicOutreach #HidalgoCo #GrassrootsMatter #Growth #Opportunity #Prosperity #InGodWeTrust”

[Facebook, Mayra Flores, 5/9/20]
September 2020: Lexit Sued Lexit Movement Over The Rights To Their Name And Trademark. “A Texas non-profit group representing conservative Latinos filed a lawsuit accusing what it described as a disgruntled former member of infringing on its name. Lexit, which is based in Lubbock, filed a lawsuit Tuesday in federal court accusing Lexit Movement, a California-based non-profit, of trademark infringement, unfair competition, cancellation of trademark, cyber squatting and breach of contract. The Texas group seeks from the court an order barring the California Lexit group from using the Lexit name. They are also seeking an order to take down the California group’s website and social media accounts that use the Lexit name. The Texas group is also seeking an order canceling or invalidating a patent for the Lexit name that they said was fraudulently filed by the California group’s founder, Jesse Holguin.” [Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, 9/28/20]

Flores Said She Graduated From South Texas College With A Degree In Organizational Leadership

According To Her Campaign Bio, Flores Graduated From South Texas College With A Bachelor’s Degree In Organizational Leadership. “Mayra graduated in 2014 as a Respiratory Care Practitioner with the support of her family. […] She continued her studies and graduated with a Bachelors in Organizational Leadership from South Texas College.” [Mayrafloresforcongress.com, accessed 4/26/22]

Flores Graduated From South Texas College In 2018. [Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 4/4/22]

After Receiving Her Associate’s Degree, Flores Worked As A Respiratory Care Practitioner At Homecare Dimensions, Inc.

2014: After Graduating From College, Flores Worked With The Elderly As A Respiratory Care Practitioner. “Flores graduated from San Benito High School in 2004 and married in 2005. As a mother, she attended college and later graduated as a respiratory care practitioner in 2014. Shortly after, she started working with the elderly in Cameron County, which led to observations that later inspired political positions.” [The Brownsville Herald, 7/10/21]

Flores Worked For Homecare Dimensions, Inc. As A Respiratory Care Practitioner. [Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 4/4/22]

The FEC Listed Homecare Dimensions, Inc As Flores’ Employer. [FEC, accessed 4/4/22]

In 2014 Flores Received Her Associate’s Degree From Texas State Technical College – Harlingen

2014: Flores Received Her Associate’s Degree From Texas State Technical College – Harlingen. [Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 4/4/22]

In 2004 Flores Graduated From San Benito High School


According To Her Campaign Bio, As A Child, Flores Worked Alongside Her Parents As A Farm Worker
According To Her Campaign Bio, As A Child, Flores Worked Alongside Her Parents As A Farm Worker. “Growing up, Mayra worked alongside her parents in the cotton fields in Memphis, TX to earn extra money for school clothes and supplies.” [Mayrafloresforcongress.com, accessed 4/26/22]

### Political Career

#### Election Results

| 2022 Texas 34th Congressional District Republican Primary Election Results |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Candidate** | **Vote Total** | **Vote Percentage** |
| Mayra Flores | 9,490 | 60.35% |
| Juana Cantu-Cabrera | 1,115 | 7.09% |
| Gregory Scott Kunkle, Jr. | 1,677 | 10.66% |
| Frank McCaffrey | 3,444 | 21.9% |

[Texas Secretary of State, Election Results, 3/1/22]

#### Campaign Finance

Flores Raised A Total Of $347,740.97 And Spent A Total OF $227,086.18 In Her Run For Federal-Level Office

According the Federal Election Commission, as of the end of Q1 2022, Flores raised $347,740.97 and spent $227,086.18 in her run for federal elected office.

| Flores Federal Campaign Finance History |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Year** | **Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee** | **Raised** | **Spent** |
| 2022 | Mayra Flores For Congress | $207,698.82 | $178,670.04 |
| **Total:** | **$207,698.82** | **$178,670.04** |

[FEC, accessed 4/4/22]

#### Endorsements

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott Endorsed Flores

April 2022: Governor Greg Abbott Endorsed Flores. “***ENDORSEMENT*** GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT ENDORSES MAYRA FLORES FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 34 ‘Mayra Flores was raised with strong conservative values and was taught to put God and family first. She has tirelessly worked building a strong relationship with her community and understands the needs of everyone within it. Mayra supports a secure border, the Second Amendment, and is pro-life. With her help, we will turn the Rio Grande Valley red. I urge everyone in Congressional District 34 to join me in supporting Mayra Flores for Congress for this critical special election,’ said Greg Abbott. #RedWave2022 #TX34 #SaveAmerica #MayraFlores2022 Office of the Governor Greg Abbott Join The Fight Today!! https://secure.winred.com/mayra-flores-for-congress/donate.”
Texas Republican Party Chair Matt Rinaldi Endorsed Flores

April 2022: Texas Republican Party Chair Matt Rinaldi Endorsed Flores. “Republican Party of Texas Chairman Matt Rinaldi and Vice-Chair Cat Parks both personally endorsed Mayra Flores for Congress in the June 14 Special Election for Texas Congressional District 34 today. Rep. Filemon Vela had previously held the seat but resigned to become a lobbyist. Chairman Rinaldi said ‘As we increasingly see the Rio Grande Valley swing to Republicans, Mayra is the kind of bold conservative leader we need to take back Congress from the radical left. I am proud to endorse her in the special election and look forward to sending her to Congress.’ […] #SaveAmerica #TX34 #MayraFlores2022 Republican Party of Texas GOP.”

Texas Republican Party Vice-Chair Cat Parks Endorsed Flores

April 2022: Texas Republican Party Vice-Chair Cat Parks Endorsed Flores. “Republican Party of Texas Chairman Matt Rinaldi and Vice-Chair Cat Parks both personally endorsed Mayra Flores for Congress in the June 14 Special Election for Texas Congressional District 34 today. Rep. Filemon Vela had previously held the seat but resigned to become a lobbyist. […] Vice-Chair Cat Parks said ‘The GOP saw incredible enthusiasm in South Texas during the primary election and we will continue to build on that momentum in this special election for TX-34. I am proud to offer my endorsement to Mayra Flores, who will help us flip South Texas red and ensure Texas remains a model state for conservative principles.’ #SaveAmerica #TX34 #MayraFlores2022 Republican Party of Texas GOP.”
Pastor Pepe Cervantes Endorsed Flores

April 2022: Pastor Pepe Cervantes Of Lifeline Heart Of Worship Endorsed Flores. “I am honored to be supported and endorsed by Pastor Pepe Cervantes from Lifeline Heart Of Worship. We must always remain faithful to our upbringing and religious beliefs. The Lord will always be first in my life, in ALL things. Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. #God #Family #Country #Dios #Familia #Patria.”

Rep. Elise Stefanik Endorsed Flores

March 2022: Elise Stefanik’s E-PAC Endorsed Flores. “TX-34: E-PAC is proud to endorse Mayra Flores For Congress! Mayra is a strong grassroots leader fighting to end the Biden Border Crisis, and I look forward to helping her FLIP this key seat RED! Donate to Mayra ↓.”
Pastor Kevin Ortiz Endorsed Flores

February 2022: Pastor Kevin Ortiz Of Faith Pleases God Church Endorsed Flores. “Honored to receive the endorsement of Pastor Kevin Ortiz from ‘Faith Pleases God’ Church in Harlingen, Texas. Our team and our efforts will always be in name of God #God #Family #Country”

The Texas Young Republicans Endorsed Flores

February 2022: The Texas Young Republicans Endorsed Flores. “The Texas YRs proudly endorse @MayraFlores2022 in Congressional District 34! This South Texas conservative Latina stands for God, family, and
country, and she’s the voice #TX34 needs up in Washington. GO VOTE tomorrow or on Election Day on Tuesday! #RedWave2022 #LeadRight

Flores Received An “AQ” Rating From The NRA

Flores Said She Was “Very Excited To Receive An AQ-Rating From The NRA.” “I am very excited to receive an AQ-rating from the NRA - National Rifle Association of America It’s the highest possible rating that a candidate can earn. As a strong supporter of our 2nd Amendment rights, I am eager to defend our rights as your Congresswoman #2A #TX34 #SaveTexas”
Cameron County Constable Norman Esquivel Endorsed Flores

February 2022: Cameron County Constable Norman Esquivel Endorsed Flores. “I am truly honored and blessed to have the support of our law enforcement community. Cameron County Constable Norman Esquivel has always put his community first and done what's best for the American people. I hope to continue that momentum when I get into office as your Congresswoman #backtheblue Cameron County Constable Precinct 1.”

[Facebook, Mayra Flores, 2/16/22]

Rep. Beth Van Duyne Endorsed Flores

January 2022: Beth Van Duyne Endorsed Flores. “Super humbled and excited to announce my congressional endorsement from my friend, Congresswoman Beth Van Duyne! She has seen the outpouring support we are gaining throughout South Texas and believes we have the best chance of winning this November! #MayraFlores2022 #midterms2022.”

[Facebook, Mayra Flores, 1/18/22]
Rep. Pat Fallon Endorsed Flores

January 2022: Pat Fallon Endorsed Flores. “Super excited to announce my first congressional endorsement, from my friend Rep Pat Fallon! He has been supportive of our efforts and believes we have the best chance of winning this November! The Best Is Yet To Come #MayraFlores2022 #midterms2022.”

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller Endorsed Flores

January 2022: Texas Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller Endorsed Flores.

Texas State Representative J.M. Lozano Endorsed Flores

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Kleberg County Sheriff Richard Kirkpatrick Endorsed Flores

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Los Fresnos Mayor Alejandro Flores Endorsed Mayra Flores

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Stephen Willeford, Who Stopped The Sutherland Springs Church Shooting, Endorsed Flores

January 2022: Stephen Willeford Endorsed Flores.
Willeford Stopped The First Baptist Church Shooting In Sutherland Springs, Texas. “The deadliest shooting in Texas history could have claimed even more lives if it weren’t for two strangers who jumped into action, authorities said. When Devin Patrick Kelley opened fire inside First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs on Sunday, Stephen Willeford, who lives near the church, grabbed his own gun and ran out of the house barefoot to confront the gunman.” [CNN, 11/7/17]

Warriors For Ranchers Founder Mike Miller Endorsed Flores

January 2022: Warriors For Ranchers Founder Mike Miller Endorsed Flores.

[Facebook, 1/5/22]

According To “The Thinking Conservative” Blog, Miller Ran A Group That Claimed To Support Ranchers Impacted By The Immigration Crisis. “Air Force Veteran Mike Miller and his Warriors For Ranchers focus on providing crisis relief to farmers and ranchers in Texas who are being impacted by the border crisis. They help with the financial costs of damages like rebuilding fences, paying deductibles, transportation of goods, equipment repair, and travel expenses. They work with local and state governments to speak on issues, to help pass bills, and to get information out to the public about this crisis so they can help fight for the American people.” [Thethinkingconservative.com, 5/26/21]

LEXIT USA Endorsed Flores

January 2022: LEXIT USA Endorsed Flores.
The Cameron County Conservatives Endorsed Flores

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Pastor Luis Cabrera Endorsed Flores


The Hidalgo County Teenage Republicans Endorsed Flores

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Pastors Jason And Gloria Mangum Endorsed Flores

January 2022: Pastors Jason And Gloria Mangum Of The River Church Endorsed Flores.
Texas Right To Life Endorsed Flores

January 2022: Texas Right To Life Endorsed Flores.

[Facebook, 1/5/22]

The Hidalgo County Young Republicans Endorsed Flores

January 2022: Hidalgo County Young Republicans Endorsed Flores.

[Facebook, Mayra Flores, 1/5/22]

Former Director Of Immigration And Customs Enforcement Tom Homan Endorsed Flores

May 2021: Former Director Of Immigration And Customs Enforcement Tom Homan Endorsed Flores. “I am proud to announce the endorsement of Former ICE Director Tom Homan. He has remained a fierce advocate for our law enforcement officials on the border and understands that we have to end this border crisis. #TomHoman #MayraFlores2022 #MakeAmericaGodlyAgain”

**The Texas Latino Conservatives PAC Endorsed Flores**

April 2021: The Texas Latino Conservatives PAC Endorsed Flores. “I am proud to announce an endorsement from the @TLCforTexas. This organization believes in my story and feels I am best the candidate to represent voters in South Texas District 34 Congressional Race for 2022. Donate today so we can make a difference!”

[Twitter, Mayra Flores, 5/10/21]

**The Republican National Hispanic Assembly Endorsed Flores**

April 2021: The Republican National Hispanic Assembly Endorsed Flores. “I am proud to announce my first official endorsement from the @rnhanational This organization has believed in me since day one and understands we need to flip in South Texas red! @NRCC @GOP you’re next! #GodBlessTexas #GodBlessAmerica #MayraFlores2022 #MakeAmericaGodlyAgain”

[Twitter, Mayra Flores, 4/30/21]
Personal Political History

Personal Political Donations

Flores Has Given $64 To Federal Political Candidates

According to the Federal Election Commission, Flores has given $64 to federal political candidates.

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Flores Has Given $1,637.50 To State-Level Political Committees

According to the Texas Ethics Commission, Flores has given $1,637.50 to state-level political committees.

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[Texas Ethics Commission, accessed 4/5/22]

Voter Activity

Flores Was Registered To Vote In Texas’s 15th Congressional District, Before And After 2022 Redistricting

Flores Was Registered To Vote In McAllen, TX. [VoteBuilder, accessed 4/5/22]

- Flores’ Address Was Located In Texas’s 15th Congressional District Before Redistricting. [House.gov, accessed 4/5/22]
Flores’ Address Was Located In Texas’s 15th Congressional District After Redistricting. [Texas Tribune, accessed 4/5/22]

2008 – 2022: Flores Voting History

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[VoteBuilder, accessed 4/5/22]

Public Records

Associated Entities

As of April 2022, Flores was not associated with any entities. [Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed, 4/4/22]

NOTE: Further research necessary into Flores’s associated entities.

Criminal And Traffic Violation Record

As of April 2022, Flores was not associated with any criminal or traffic violations. [Nexis Criminal Records search, accessed, 4/4/22]

NOTE: Further research necessary to determine whether Flores has a criminal record.

Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens

As of April 2022, Flores is not associated with any bankruptcy, judgments, or liens. [Nexis Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens search, accessed 4/5/22]

NOTE: Further research necessary into whether Flores or their associated entities had bankruptcies, judgments or liens.

Important Note On This Document

Please keep in mind at all times that this is preliminary research, and further research will be necessary on Mayra Flores. It is strongly recommended that you contact the DCCC’s Research Department for more information and in the event that you intend to use material from this report for public communications purposes. Thank you.