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Julián Castro Announces 58 Endorsements Ahead of Fourth Democratic Debate

Campaign announces new slate of endorsements from local representatives, former representatives, community leaders and celebrities

SAN ANTONIO, TX (October 14, 2019) – On Monday, October 14, 2019, presidential candidate and former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and San Antonio Mayor **Julián Castro** announced 58 endorsements from local representatives, former representatives, community leaders, and celebrities.

Monday's endorsements build on the support Secretary Castro has received from Texas, Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada, South Carolina, and throughout the country.

"This campaign continues to gain momentum as more and more Americans learn about Julián's experience and vision for our country's future," said **campaign manager Maya Rupert**. "We've built a strong base of support from local elected officials, celebrities, and community leaders throughout the country that will help carry our campaign to victory next November."

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Below is a snapshot of the leaders endorsing Secretary Castro:

"I support Secretary Castro because his progressive policies have reflected the priorities of the Latino community," said **Noemi McGregor**, **President of the Democratic Hispanic Caucus of Florida**. "Sec. Castro understands our community's complex dynamics -- we are Mexican, Cuban, Venezuelan, Puerto Rican, Central American. Sec. Castro has demonstrated that he's willing to address our individual needs, and not treat us as a monolithic group. We feel seen, heard, and empowered, and his candidacy will help mobilize our country's biggest voting block to the polls."

"Julián Castro has the heart and knowledge to bring people together," said **Arizona State Representative Raquel Teràn**. "At a time when the opposition drives their narrative and actions so far to the right, we need someone like Julián who will stand firm on the fight for basic human needs for everybody."

"We need a bold leader who really listens, engages, and reflects on the issues and stories brought to them," said **Angela Lang, a criminal justice reform advocate**. "We need a leader who isn't afraid to speak truth to power in these dark and dangerous times. We need someone who will roll up their sleeves and get to work to restore the morality of this country. I am confident that Secretary Castro is that leader. He has shown that no matter what zip code you are in, your socioeconomic status, your immigration status, who you love, and how you walk through the world, we all deserve the freedom to live thriving and healthy lives. His compassion and thoughtful approach is how we get this country back on the right track."

"I first heard Julian Castro speak at the Democratic National Convention in 2012 over satellite radio," said **Actress and Comedian Cristela Alonzo**. "I was in a car and pulled over the side of the road to hear his entire speech. I knew back then that I would support him if/when the time came when he would run for President. When I see Julian, I not only see future that this country could become but also the past that made him and people like me, what we are today. His roots come from generations of strong women that taught him that the impossible was always within his grasp. He comes from immigrants that sought a better life for their future and because of that, he seeks a better life for all Americans. His policies are an example of that, ranging from education to police reform. The direction of this country should be towards a

The full list of endorsements is below:

John Leguizamo, Actor

Cristela Alonzo, Actor and Comedian

Blair Imani, Historian and Writer

Abby Govindan, Comedian and Writer

Ana Breton, Digital Director, Full Frontal with Samantha bee

State Representative Christina Morales, Texas (D-145)

State Representative Javier Martinez, New Mexico (D-11)

State Representative Raquel Teràn, Arizona (D-30)

State Representative Carlos Mariani, Minnesota (D-65B)

Councilmember Joca Marquez, San Marcos, Texas (Place 5)

Councilmember Andrew Lewis, North Westwood, California

Councilmember Noel Gallo, Oakland, California (District 5)

Councilmember Alondra Cano, Minneapolis, Minnesota (Ward 9)

Councilmember Bryan Osorio, Delano, California

Former Mayor Martin J. Chavez, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Former State Senator Leticia Van De Putte, Texas

Former State Representative Norma Chàvez, Texas

Former State Representative Chente Quintanilla, Texas

Former Councilmember Maria Berriozabal, San Antonio, Texas

Dulce M. Sherman, Chair, Latinx Caucus of Nebraska

Coby Owens, Executive Committee Wilmington At-Large, Delaware Democratic Party

Rachel Gonzalez, Executive Committee Member, Missouri Democratic Party

Spencer Bounds, Membership Director, Young Democrats of Texas

Jose Trinidad Castaneda, Chair of the Orange County Housing & Transit Democratic Club, California

The Honorable Mickey Ibarra, Former Director of The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs under the Clinton administration

Dr Ana M " **Cha**" **Guzman**, Educator, Former Chair of the White House Commission for Educational Excellence for Hispanic under the Clinton administration

Gabriel Sandoval, Former Senior Advisor and Director of Policy, Obama White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics & Senior Counsel in the U.S. Dept. of Education Office for Civil Rights

Oscar Ramirez, Latino Victory National Committee Member and Obama Administration and Campaign Alumni

Jennifer Godinez, Latinx Community Leader, Minnesota

Vielka Wambold, Hispanic Community Leader Charlotte County, Florida

Marcie Stefan, Hispanic Community Leader Alachua County, Florida

Mily Cancio, Hispanic Community Leader Collier County, Florida

Rolando Chang Barrero, Hispanic Community Leader and Small Business Owner, West Palm Beach, Florida

Angela Lang, Criminal Justice Advocate, Wisconsin

Irvin Camacho, Bail Reform Leader and Immigrant Rights Advocate, Arkansas

Ciriac Alvarez, Immigrant Rights Advocate, Utah

Valeria Jimenez, Immigrant Rights Advocate, Utah

Joe Bravo, Immigrant Rights Advocate, Florida

Jessica Jin, Gun Reform Advocate, California

Diego Garcia, Gun Reform Advocate, Illinois

Rolando Rios, Voting Rights Attorney & Advocate, Texas

Rev. Dr. Chuck Currie, United Church of Christ Ordained Minister, Director of the Center for Peace and Spirituality and University chaplain at Pacific University,Oregon

Casey Antonio Williams, Vice President, El Paso Queer Bar Association, Texas

Libby Adler, Prof of Law & Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, Massachusetts

Dr. Manuel Berriozábal, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics, Texas

Emily M. Farris, Associate Professor of Political Science, Texas

Marcelino Quiñonez, Educator, former Roosevelt School District Governing Board Member, Arizona

Kaki Blackburn, Educator, Senior Policy Fellow, Teach Plus California, California

Geronimo Rodriguez, President, Austin Independent School District, Texas (* Title for informational purposes only)

Christopher Jimenez, Founder, Montebello Youth Leadership Club, California

Marshall Martinez, Community Leader, New Mexico

Raj Salhotra, Houston Community Leader, Texas

Ray Mancera, El Paso Community Leader, Texas

Margarita Ortega, Minneapolis Native Community Leader, Minnesota

Lance LaMont, Minneapolis Native Community Leader, Minnesota

Erica Jacquez, Los Angeles Community Leader, California

Christian Arana, San Francisco Community Leader, California

Montebello Youth Leadership Club

Julián Castro served as U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under President Barack Obama from 2014-2017. Before that, he was Mayor of his native San Antonio, Texas — the youngest mayor of a Top 50 American city at the time. In 2012, he gave a rousing keynote speech at the Democratic National Convention, during which he described the American Dream as a relay to be passed from generation to generation. In 2018, Castro founded Opportunity First, an organization to invest in the next generation of progressive leaders. In October 2018, Little, Brown published Castro's memoir, An Unlikely Journey: Waking Up from My American Dream. On January 12, 2019, Secretary Castro announced his candidacy for President of the United States. Follow Julián Castro on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. JulianfortheFuture.com and Julianparaelfuturo.com.

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