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**DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE LAUNCHING VICTORY
LEADERS COUNCIL IN TEXAS**

*Democrats Are Building Infrastructure to Expand the Electoral Map This
Cycle and Beyond; Texas Announcement follows Utah, Georgia, and
Arizona*

Earlier this month, the Democratic National Committee launched its state-based Victory Leaders Council (VLC) program. Today, Texas becomes the fourth state program, following Georgia, Utah, and Arizona. Councils will exist in red and blue states that have not been contested in recent presidential elections. The goal of the councils is to help elect Hillary Clinton and win down ballot elections this cycle and beyond.

Each Victory Leaders Council will include prominent individuals and elected officials but depend on grassroots activists who put elbow grease into electing Democrats up and down the ballot. They will expand our ground capacity in each state, helping to deliver votes and volunteers to Hillary Clinton and down-ballot Democrats at every level of the ticket. These structures will live on beyond Election Day to help Democrats win in mid-term elections, flip Republican majorities, and to help President Hillary Clinton enact her policy agenda.

Victory Leaders Councils will be volunteer-led and driven but will work closely with each Hillary For America state director as well as the executive directors and chairs of each state party. The VLC program will be overseen by the Democratic National Committee's field team and each VLC leader will have a designated liaison at the DNC. Victory Leaders Councils will not only keep stakeholders engaged through regular meetings but will also organize door-to-door canvasses, phone banks, and Get-Out-The-Vote efforts in each state.

"We are committed to winning up and down the ticket from the White House to the state houses," said **Donna Brazile, interim chairwoman of**

the Democratic National Committee. “We are building on the momentum of our hugely successful convention, where we passed the most progressive platform in history that would do the most good for the most families. There is a stark choice for voters to make in this election, and Democrats have a historic opportunity and responsibility to help voters see that choice clearly. The Victory Leaders Councils are one more way that Democrats are investing in all 50 states.”

“Democrats are competing across the country and building for the future,” said **Brandon Davis, Chief of Staff at the Democratic National Committee.** “In states from Georgia to Texas, demographics and politics are changing quickly -- and Democrats are making the investments to make gains now so that we can take majorities later. We are mobilizing voters across the country to elect more Democrats and to deliver on the policies being driven by the Clinton-Kaine ticket and Democrats at every level of the ballot. In the meantime, the Republicans are pursuing outdated policies that have failed hard working families and our communities.”

Adam Parkhomenko, the DNC’s National Field Director, will be overseeing the Victory Leaders Council program at the DNC.

"I am so excited to be part of this effort and help launch the Victory Leaders Council to make sure Hillary and Democrats up and down the ballot will be victorious in November. Our country is at a crossroads in this election and electing Hillary Clinton and other Democrats will help secure the promise of America," said **Representative Sheila Jackson Lee.**

"The future of our nation depends on each and every one of us working together to get out the vote for Hillary Clinton. That is why the work of Hillary's Texas Victory Leadership Council is so important. Every vote counts, and each Texas community leader has a responsibility to serve and talk to their communities about the importance of this election," said **Texas Democratic Party Chair Gilberto Hinojosa.**

“The Victory Leaders Council is a step up, in that the program specifically looks to improve chances for candidates up and down the ballot in 'red' states, including Texas. This approach is an important step in ensuring that all Democrats are fully part of the party's national program," said **John**

Patrick, Texas AFL-CIO President.

“I am excited to see that once again the DNC is working hard to ensure that anyone who wants to be part of the process has the tools and resources to have their voices heard,” said **Aisha McClendon**.

"I am excited that the DNC, like our State Party and County Parties, is working to give Texas grassroots volunteers the resources and tools that we need to make a difference," said **Elliot Johnson, Grassroots Activist**.

"Political parties are strongest when local elections are prioritized. I look forward to working with the Council to improve the lives of every Texan and to turn Texas blue," said **Vince Harding, Travis County Democratic Chair**.

“I was inspired by Hillary’s candidacy to do something big here in Austin – because Hillary’s candidacy is big for America. The Victory Leaders Council will do something big for Texas both at the top of the ticket and down ballot,” said **Leslie Pool, City of Austin Councilmember**.

“This election is potentially the most important of our generation, not only because we have the opportunity to elect our first female president, but because we are going to choose the path that our country will follow for the next four--possibly eight--years. And it's our job as the Democratic Party to ensure that voters in our community understand the importance of voting and participating in the democratic process. If we work together, I have no doubt that we can turn Texas blue!” said **Iliana Holguin, El Paso Democratic Party Chair**.

Below is the Victory Leaders Council roster for Texas. Victory Leaders Councils are still in formation and additional members may be added on a rolling basis.

TEXAS VICTORY LEADERS COUNCIL (in formation, additional members may be added)

Steve Adler

Leonard Aguilar
Joe Aldarete
Kebran Alexander
Alma Allen
Laura Allen
Monica Alonzo
Roberto Alonzo
Eric Alva
Carol Alvarado
Jessica Anacker
Rafael Anchia
Matt Angle
Frank Archuleta
Diana Arevalo
Becky Arredondo
Linda Autrey
Linda Baca
Judy Baker
Sharon Barbosa-Crain
Ben Barnes
Gonzalo Barrientos
Tawna Beck-Davis
Chris Bell
Kyle Benson
Diego Bernal
Hector Bernal
Cesar Blanco
John Bland
Dwight Boykins
Todd Bradley
Zach Brigham
Jay Brim
Valeria Bristol
Chris Brown
Linda Brown
John Bucy
Linda Burgess
Cecelia Burke
Lon Burnam
Jara Butler

Darcy Cabellero
Nelda Calhoun
Tommy Calvert
Terry Canales
Noel Candelaria
Zephaniah Capo
Frank Carlson
Erica Lee Carter
Maria Isela Castanon Williams
Patricia Hayden Castella
John Castillo
Joaquin Castro
Alicia Chacón
Ramon Chapa III
Ramon Chapa Jr
Linda Chavez-Thompson
Nicholas Chu
Henry Cisneros
Margot Clarke
Rick Cofer
Ellen Cohen
Sheryl Cole
Garnet Coleman
Cathy Collier
Mike Collier
Nicole Collier
Gene Collins
Cecily Cox
Lloyd Criss
Nyssa Cruz
Henry Cuellar
Debra Danburg
Davis Darusman
Yvonne Davis
Alicia de Jong Davis
Carl Davis
James Davis
Jerry Davis
Sharon Davis
Wendy Davis

Sergio De Leon
Nora Dearing
Alicia Del Rio
Dalila Delgado-Aguilar
Philip DeNicolo
Almeda Dent
Joe Deshotel
Rick Diegel
George Dillingham
Lloyd Doggett
Laura Dominguez
Dawnna Dukes
Bobbie Duncan
Pam Durham
AJ Durrani
Harold Dutton
Sarah Eckhardt
Amanda Edwards
Harryette Ehrhardt
Rosa Elkins
Rodney Ellis
Juneau Embry
Veronica Escobar
Jaime Esparza
Frank Estrada
Joe Farias
Jennifer Farmer
Jessica Christina Farrar
Kyle Ferari
Cindy Flint
Lulu Flores
Kimberly Frederick
Pete Gallego
Anna Maria Garcia
Chente Garcia
Emmanuel Garcia
Henry Garcia
Manny Garcia
Mary Garcia
Ramon Garcia

Sylvia Garcia
Montserrat Garibay
Laetitia Garriott de Cayeux
Delia Garza
Kathryn Garza
Luciano Garza
Suzan Gentry
Barbara Gervin-Hawkins
Helen Giddings
Kim Gilby
JD Gins
Margaret Gomez
Ed Gonzalez
Irma Yolanda Gonzalez
Mary Gonzalez
Saul Gonzalez
Jackie Goodman
Randolph Goodman
Andy Govea
Nora Govea
Coretta Graham
Al Green
Gene Green
Larry Green
Ronald Green
Sherri Greenberg
Rodney Griffin
David Griggs
Jorge Luis Guerra
Rene Guerra
Roberto Guerra
Ryan Guillen
Carol Guthrie
Baldemar Gutierrez
Yvonne Gutierrez
Craig Hall
Kathryn Hall
LaTreshia Hamilton
William Hamilton
Mary Ellen Hamm

Jennifer Harader
Vincent Harding
Tammie Hartgroves
Syed Hassan
Mary Hatfield
Jeremy Hendricks
Lyn Hendricks
Marc Hendrickson
Grace Hernandez
Sally Hernandez
Yvette Hernandez
Abel Herrero
Ann Heuberger
Gilberto Hinojosa
Juan Hinojosa
Regina Hinojosa
Rubén Hinojosa
Kat Hoang
Jean Hobby
Jared Hockema
Eduardo Holguin
Iliana Holguin
Donna Howard
Steve Huerta
Sarwat Husain
Kristie Husmann
Betty Hwang
Debbie Ingalsby
Celia Israel
Dock Jackson
Sheila Jackson-Lee
Clay Jenkins
Alfredo Jimenez
Eddie Bernice Johnson
Elliot Johnson
Eric Johnson
Clara Jones
Tim Juarez
Debbie Kastrin
Shelley Kennedy

Marti Kennedy PHD
Nishan Khan
Ann Kitchen
Robert Krueger
Shirley Layton
Sheila Lee
Jennie Lou Leeder
Carlos Leon
Judy Leunes
Ronald Levick
Rick Levy
Jacob Limon
Lily Limón
Emma Lou Linn
Gary Livingston
Mary Bell Lockhart
Oscar Longoria
Andres Lopez
Carisa Lopez
Rick Lord
Anne Marie Love
Annette LoVoi
Terry Lowry
John Loza
Eduardo Lucio III
Mary Luckey
Ana Hernandez Luna
Vilma Luna
Neto Madrigal
Molly Beth Malcolm
Louis Malfaro
Mike Mankins
Marisa Marquez
Jack Martin
Patsy Woods Martin
Armando Martinez
Trey Martinez Fischer
Sherrie Matula
Garry Mauro
Glen Maxey

Aisha McClendon
Donna Beth McCormick
Duane McCune
Patrick McGehearty
Michael McPhail
Virginia McRae
Nan McRaven
Amber Medina
Manuel Medina
Adam Medrano Medrano
Carlos Medrano
Margie Medrano
Pauline Medrano
Christopher Melton
Carlos Mendoza
Jose Menendez
Sherry Merfish
Choco Meza
Borris Miles
Lorraine Miller
Ina Minjarez
Destiny Molina
Joseph Moody
Anthony Morales
Gloria Moreno
Celia Morgan
Laura Morrison
Amber Mostyn
Steve Mostyn
Olga Moya
Richard Moya
Sergio Munoz
Henry Muñoz III
Elliott Naishtat
Katie Mary Naranjo
Omar Narvaez
George Nassar
Meta Jo Neal
Mary Ann Neely
Elizabeth Nelson

Piper Stege Nelson
Demetria Nelson-McNaulty
Alfonso Poncho Nevarez
Kiefer O'Dell
Beto O'Rourke
John Oeffinger
Elias Olivarez
René Oliveira
Lyndon Olson
Marco Orrantia
Roy Owens
Sylvia Palumbo
Jovita Pardo
Annise Parker
John Patrick
Leah Payne
Javier Aaron Paz
Danielle Jessica Pellett
Justin Perez
Mary Ann Perez
Rodolfo Perez
Crystal Kay Perkins
Janis Pinnelli
Joe Pinnelli
Leslie Pool
Steven Price
Velva Price
Arthur Pronin
Mike Purcell
Gordon Quan
Renee Rabb
Samina Rahman
Bede Ramcharan
Jen Ramos
Richard Raymond
Salvador Rene Lujan
Luis Reyes
Thelma Reyna
Ron Reynolds
Jeffrey Richard

Betty Richie
Carolyn Riggs
Susan Ritter
Carl L. Robinson
José Rodriguez
Eddie Rodriguez
Gloria Rodriguez
Johnny Rodriguez
Justin Rodriguez
Monica Rodriguez
Ramon Romero, Jr.
Larry Romo
Toni Rose
David Rosen
Barbara Rosenberg
Katherine Sabers McGovern
Rene Saenz
Rose Salas
Javier Salazar
Rey Saldaña
Diana Salgado
Claudia Sanchez
Mary Sandoval
Lillie Schechter
Arthur Schechter
Mary Taylor Scherz
Chip Serrano
Eliot Shapleigh
Susan Shelton
Bob Slagle
Pattie Slovacek
Charlie Smith
Jason Smith
Joy Smith
Michael Smith
Tracy Smith
Mike Snipes
Jan Soifer
Miguel Solis
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Dennis Speight
Chris Spellman
Roy Spence
Meghan Stabler
Jeff Strater
Marvin Sutton
Jean Taylor
Dennis Teal
Daniel Tejada
Ruben Tejada
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Stuart Williams
Egberto Willies
Prince Winbush
Eli Winkelman
Perry Winn
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