Likeithia "Keke" Williams (HD-54) TEXAS



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METHODOLOGY

- A review of Google and Nexis for news articles and blog posts related to Williams.
- A review of Williams' social media accounts.
- A review of videos of Williams available online.
- Publicly available public records, including property records, business records, military records, and criminal records.
- A review of Williams' campaign finance reports.

BACKGROUND

Williams grew up in Tampa, Florida and lived with her grandmother until she was 13 years old. "Because of where she grew up in Tampa (College Hill Homes, she lived with her grandmother until she was 13 years old), Ms. Williams says it is important for her to become a public servant." (Gwen Hayes, "Tampa Native is Demo Candidate For Texas House Of Representatives," *Florida Sentinel*, 6/19/20)

"Keke's mother was 15 when Keke was born, and went on to finish high school and college, becoming the first person in their family to earn a four-year degree." ("Meet Keke," Keke For Texas, Accessed 8/13/20)

"In 2000, Keke's mother passed away from brain cancer shortly before Keke's daughter, Cynthia, was born." ("Meet Keke," <u>Keke For Texas</u>, Accessed 8/13/20)

"At the age of 13, while her father was stationed at Fort Wainwright, Keke moved to Alaska to live with her parents." ("Meet Keke," Keke For Texas, Accessed 8/13/20)

"Ms. Williams is the mother of a daughter, Cynthia, who is disabled, but graduated from Harker Heights High School in 2019." (Gwen Hayes, "Tampa Native is Demo Candidate For Texas House Of Representatives," *Florida Sentinel*, 6/19/20)

Williams says she served in the United States Army for 24 years.



(Keke Williams For Texas State House Of Representatives, Facebook, 3/25/20)

 "After 24 years in the United States Army, a medical procedure caused her to retire on Valentine's Day, February 14, 2019." (Gwen Hayes, "Tampa Native is Demo Candidate For Texas House Of Representatives," *Florida Sentinel*, 6/19/20)

Williams became a dental assistant in the Army, serving 12 years, and became a Staff Sergeant in charge of one of the Army's largest dental clinics. "After graduating first in her class from the Army's dental academy, Keke served as a dental assistant in Army for 12 years. She participated in several humanitarian missions around the world to provide medical and dental care to communities in need. Keke became a Staff Sergeant in charge of one of the largest dental clinics in the entire U.S. Army and was awarded a 'green to gold' scholarship to attend a four-year university while serving as active duty military." ("Meet Keke," Keke For Texas, Accessed 8/13/20)

"After graduation, Keke served overseas in Korea in the Eight Army G1 and SGS and then returned home to become the Company Commander with the Fort Hood Garrison." ("Meet Keke," Keke For Texas, Accessed 8/13/20)

According to Williams' DD 214 Forms, she entered the U.S. Army on October 5, 1995 in Texas, served as a Dental Specialist, and separated as a Staff Sergeant on January 29, 2008 while stationed at Fort Stewart, GA.

| 12. RECORD OF SERVICE | YEAR(S) | MONTH(S) | DAY(S) |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|--------|
| a. DATE ENTERED AD THIS PERIOD | 1995 | 10 | 0.5 |
| b. SEPARATION DATE THIS PERIOD | 2008 | 01 | 29 |
| c. NET ACTIVE SERVICE THIS PERIOD | 0012 | 03 | 25 |
| d. TOTAL PRIOR ACTIVE SERVICE | 0000 | 00 | 0.0 |
| e. TOTAL PRIOR INACTIVE SERVICE | 0000 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| f. FOREIGN SERVICE | 0004 | 00 | 03 |
| g. SEA SERVICE | 0000 | 00 | 0.0 |
| h. EFFECTIVE DATE OF PAY GRADE | 2003 | 0.8 | 01 |

(Likeithia Delaine Williams, Form DD 214, Department of the Army, Received 5/12/20)

According to Williams' DD 214 Forms, she re-entered the U.S. Army on June 12, 2010 in Florida, served as an HR officer, and separated as a Captain on February 14, 2019 while stationed at Fort Hood, TX.

| 12. RECORD OF SERVICE | YEAR(S) | MONTH(S) | DAY(S) |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|--------|
| a. DATE ENTERED AD THIS PERIOD | 2010 | 06 | 12 |
| b. SEPARATION DATE THIS PERIOD | 2019 | 02 | 14 |
| c. NET ACTIVE SERVICE THIS PERIOD | 0008 | 08 | 03 |
| d. TOTAL PRIOR ACTIVE SERVICE | 0012 | 03 | 25 |
| e. TOTAL PRIOR INACTIVE SERVICE | 0001 | 08 | 03 |
| f. FOREIGN SERVICE | 0004 | - 09 | 11 |
| g. SEA SERVICE | 0000 | 00 | 00 |
| h. INITIAL ENTRY TRAINING | 0000 | 00 | 00 |
| i. EFFECTIVE DATE OF PAY GRADE | 2014 | 06 | 01 |
| 44 MULTARY EDUCATION (A | | | |

⁽Likeithia Delaine Williams, Form DD 214, Department of the Army, Received 5/12/20)

Editor's note: According to Williams' DD 214 forms, she was in active and inactive service with the U.S. Army for 22 years, 7 months, and 31 days.

Political Background

Williams retweeted David Ignatius saying Republican senators gave President Trump a pass.



(David Ignatius, <u>Twitter</u>, 1/31/20)

Williams retweeted Mike Bloomberg tweeting a campaign ad.



(Mike Bloomberg, <u>Twitter</u>, 2/2/20)

Williams attending the Austin, Texas Women's March.



(Keke For Texas, Instagram, Posted 3/24/20)



(Keke For Texas, Instagram, Posted 3/24/20)

Williams campaigned for Eliz Markowitz alongside Beto O'Rourke.



(Keke For Texas, Instagram, Posted 3/24/20)



(Keke For Texas, Instagram, Posted 3/24/20)



(Keke For Texas, Instagram, Posted 3/24/20)



(Keke For Texas, Instagram, Posted 3/24/20)

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FINE

<u>Likeithia "Keke" Williams, the Democratic candidate in Texas House district 54,</u> <u>failed to file her Personal Financial Statement on time, which requires a \$500 fine</u>

On December 2, 2019, Keke Williams filed to run in the Democratic primary for Texas House district 54.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 54 LIKEITHIA "KEKE" WILLIAMS

1120 WINDY HILL ROAD HARKER HEIGHTS TX 76548 PARTY: DEMOCRATIC STATUS: IN PRIMARY INCUMBENT: NO OCCUPATION: RETIRED SOLDIER FILING DATE: 12/02/2019

(Candidate Information, Texas Secretary of State, Accessed 4/24/20)

According to emails from the Texas Ethics Commission, Williams has not filed her Personal Financial Statement, which were due on February 12, 2020.

From: [REDACTED] Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 11:33 AM To: [REDACTED] Cc: [REDACTED] Subject: RE: Texas Ethics Commission

Ms. Williams (ID #84533) has not filed the PFS report due Feb 12, 2020.

[REDACTED]

(Emails from Texas Ethics Commission, 4/24/20)

According to emails from the Texas Ethics Commission, Williams was fined \$500 on April 6, 2020 but has not yet paid the fine.

| From: | [REDACTED] |
|----------|-----------------------------------|
| To: | [REDACTED] |
| Cc: | [REDACTED] |
| Subject: | RE: Texas Ethics Commission |
| Date: | Friday, April 24, 2020 3:07:36 PM |

We mailed a first notice of late report on April 6, 2020, assessing a fine of \$500. She has not paid the fine.

(Emails from Texas Ethics Commission, 4/24/20)

Editor's note: This information is based on April 24, 2020 emails with the Ethics Commission and could be out of date. A request has been made for more information and any filings Williams may have made to date.

PUBLIC RECORDS

Property Records

Likeithia and Silas Williams own the home at 1150 Windy Hill Road, Harker Heights, TX. They purchased the home on July 20, 2015.

| Location | |
|------------------|---|
| Address: | 1120 WINDY HILL RD HARKER HEIGHTS, TX |
| Map ID: | 30D14 |
| Neighborhood CD: | ннжнітт |
| Owner | |
| Owner ID: | 798810 |
| Name: | WILLIAMS, LIKEITHIA D & SILAS |
| Mailing Address: | 1120 WINDY HILL RD HARKER HEIGHTS, TX 76548 |
| % Ownership: | 100.0% |
| Exemptions: | DVHS - Disabled Veteran Homestead For privacy reasons not all exemptions are shown online. |

| Property Deed History | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------|------|--------------|--|
| Deed Date | Туре | Description | Grantor | Grantee | Volume | Page | Number | |
| 7/20/2015 | 12 | CORRECTION DEED | CAROTHERS HOMES LLC | WILLIAMS, LIKEITHIA D & SILAS | | | 201500031549 | |
| 2/5/2014 | 1 | WARRANTY DEED | RSBP DEVELOPERS INC | CAROTHERS HOMES LLC | | | 201400005048 | |
| 10/16/2013 | 4 | SUBDIVISION | RSBP DEVELOPERS INC | RSBP DEVELOPERS INC | | | 201300053434 | |

(Property Search, <u>Bell County, TX Appraisal District</u>, Accessed 4/30/20)

Editor's note: Records show the Williams have accrued no penalties or fees for late property tax payments.

The Williams took out a \$303,850 mortgage to purchase this home.

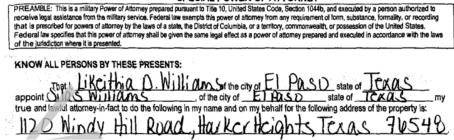
(F) "Note" means the promissory note signed by Borrower and dated July 20, 2015. The Note states that Borrower owes Lender THREE HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE AND NO/100 Dollars (U.S. \$303,385.00) plus interest. Borrower has promised to pay this debt in regular Periodic Payments and to pay the debt in full not later than August 1, 2045.

(Deed of Trust, Doc #: 2015027483, Bell County, TX Clerk, Filed 7/21/15)

Editor's note: This is a Department of Veterans Affairs guaranteed loan.

Likeithia Williams gave Silas Williams the power of attorney for purchasing the home.

SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY



(Power of Attorney, Doc #: 2015027482, Bell County, TX Clerk, Filed 7/21/15)

Voter Records

Williams first registered to vote in Bell County, Texas on November 7, 2019.

| | Voter Name: | | LIKEITHIA DEI WILLIAMS | | | ress | 1120 WINDY HILL ROAD HARKER HEIGHTS TX 76548 | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---|--------|-----------------|
| | VUID: | | 2161227306 | | | Mailing Address | | | |
| | Valid From Date: | | 01/01/2020 | | Change/Audit Date: | | 01/01/2020 | | |
| | Current Status: | | ACTIVE | | County: | | BELL | | |
| | Status Reason: | | | | Original Voter: | | | | |
| | Status Change Date: | _ | 11/07/2019 | | Voter Attribute | 25 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Change/Audit Date - Tim | e | Activ | ity | Type of Change | | Change Rea | son | County | Changed User ID |
| 02/28/2020 7:18 AM | | CHAN | NGE | Others | | ELECTION F | ARTICIPATION | BELL | VOTER HISTORY |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 01/01/2020 2:28 AM | | VR C | ARD | Renewal Voter Re Sent | egistration Card | MASS MAIL | OUT | BELL | SYSTEM |

(Likethia Delaine Williams Voter Participation History, Texas Ethics Commission, Received 4/30/20)

Editor's note: This is less than a month prior to Williams filing to run for office. Williams is retired from the U.S. Army and moved around during her service. According to property records, Williams moved to Bell County in 2015.

Williams voted early in the March 3, 2020 Democratic primary.

| ACTIVITY DATE | ELECTION NAME | ELECTION TYPE | PARTY | PRECINCT | BALLOT TYPE | BALLOT STATUS | REJECTION REASON | ENVELOPE/PROVISIONAL TRACKING ID | POLL PLACE | COUNTY VOTE CAST IN |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------|----------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| 02/27/2020 | 2020 MARCH 3RD DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY | PRIMARY | DEM | 202 | EARLY VOTING BALLOT | ACCEPTED | | | KILLEEN COMMUNITY CENTER - KILLEEN COMMUNITY CENTER | BELL |

(Likethia Delaine Williams Voter Participation History, Texas Ethics Commission, Received 4/30/20)

Divorces

In 1996, Likeithia Delaine Davis filed for divorce and a protective order from Walter Davis, Jr.

| Civil Case Data | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|------------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Case Number | Case Sequence | Cause Title | File Court | Date Filed | Style 1 / Plaintiff | Style 2 / Defendant | Judgement Date | Judgement Title | Assigned Judge |
| 161221 | 0 | Protective Order | 146 | 1996-09-24 | DAVIS, LIKEITHIA DELAINE | DAVIS, WALTER JR | 1996-10-09 | OtherDispos. | |
| 161221 | 01 | Divorce | 146 | 1996-11-19 | DAVIS, LIKEITHIA DELAINE | DAVIS, WALTER, JR. | 2012-04-19 | Want Prosecut | |

(Davis v. Davis Jr., Case #: 161221, Bell County, TX Clerk, Accessed 5/7/20)

In February 2020, Likeithia Delaine Williams filed for divorce with no children from Silas Williams.

| Civil Case Data | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Case Number | Case Sequence | Cause Title | File Court | Date Filed | Style 1 / Plaintiff | Style 2 / Defendant | Judgement Date | Judgement Title | Assigned Judge |
| 315488 | 0 | Divorce No Children | 426 | 2020-02-06 | WILLIAMS, LIKEITHIA DELAINE | WILLIAMS, SILAS | | Not Final | JEZEK |

(Davis v. Davis Jr., Case #: 315488, Bell County, TX Clerk, Accessed 5/7/20)

Editor's note: Researcher is awaiting a response to requests for these records.

2020 CAMPAIGN

On December 2, 2019, Keke Williams filed to run in the Democratic primary for Texas House district 54.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 54

LIKEITHIA "KEKE" WILLIAMS

1120 WINDY HILL ROAD HARKER HEIGHTS TX 76548 PARTY: DEMOCRATIC STATUS: IN PRIMARY INCUMBENT: NO OCCUPATION: RETIRED SOLDIER FILING DATE: 12/02/2019

(Candidate Information, <u>Texas Secretary of State</u>, Accessed 4/24/20)

As of April 28, 2020, one of Williams' campaign Twitter accounts was locked

Williams' campaign Facebook page links to the Twitter account @KekeForTexas.



(Keke Williams For Texas State House Of Representatives, Facebook, Accessed 4/28/20)

@KekeForTexas is a protected account that requires a person follow it to view the tweets.



(Keke Williams For Texas House District 54, Twitter, Accessed 4/28/20)

• *Editor's note:* The tweets on this account were reviewed after the researcher was allowed to follow the account.

Williams' has another campaign Twitter account (@KekeForHD54), which as of April 28, 2020 had not posted since February 7, 2020.

| Keke @kekef | Williams orhd54 | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|-----|----------|----|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Texas Democratic Candidate for HD54, Mother, Proud Combat Veteran, Member of a Gold Star Family. "Don't mess with Texas!" | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 🚯 Foll | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tw | Tweets Tweets & replies Media Likes | | | | | | | | | | |
| tì | CA Keke Williams Retweeted Amy Klobuchar I @ @amyklobuchar · Feb 6 I have a plan for the first 100 days of my presidency. But in the first 100 seconds, I will fire Betsy DeVos. #CNNTownHall | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 12К | 💙 121.1K | ́_ | | | | | | | |
| Keke Williams @kekeforhd54 · Feb 7 It takes courage and tenacity to walk alongside of, and speak to the heart of Central Texans in saying, I'll not only talk the right kind of talk, but I'll also walk the longest and most enduring walk to get us where we need to be. Follow Me HD54! I'm read to lead the way! | | | | | | | | | | | |

(Keke Williams, <u>Twitter</u>, Accessed 4/28/20)

Campaign Finance

As of June 30, 2020, Williams' campaign had raised \$66,107.27, spent \$16,840.67, and had \$26,165.89 in cash on hand. (Likeithia D. Williams, January 15, 2020 Year End Report, Texas Ethics Commission, Filed 1/21/20; Likeithia D. Williams, July 15, 2020 Mid-Year Report, Texas Ethics Commission, Filed 7/15/20)

Between January 1 and June 30, 2020, Williams' campaign received a total of \$23,934 in in-kind contributions from the Lone Star Project and Texas House Democratic Campaign Committee, all unitemized. (Likeithia D. Williams, January 15, 2020 Year End

Report, <u>Texas Ethics Commission</u>, Filed 1/21/20; Likeithia D. Williams, July 15, 2020 Mid-Year Report, <u>Texas Ethics Commission</u>, Filed 7/15/20)

Notable Donors

As of June 30, 2020, Williams' campaign has received \$4,500 in donations from the Texas House Democratic Campaign Committee. (Likeithia D. Williams, January 15, 2020 Year End Report,

Texas Ethics Commission, Filed 1/21/20; Likeithia D. Williams, July 15, 2020 Mid-Year Report, Texas Ethics Commission, Filed 7/15/20)

On February 4, 2020, Williams' campaign received \$5,000 from Fair and Square

Texas. (Likeithia D. Williams, January 15, 2020 Year End Report, <u>Texas Ethics Commission</u>, Filed 1/21/20; Likeithia D. Williams, July 15, 2020 Mid-Year Report, <u>Texas Ethics Commission</u>, Filed 7/15/20)

On February 27, 2020, Williams' campaign received \$5,000 from Future Now Fund TX. (Likeithia D. Williams, January 15, 2020 Year End Report, <u>Texas Ethics Commission</u>, Filed 1/21/20; Likeithia D. Williams, July 15, 2020 Mid-Year Report, <u>Texas Ethics Commission</u>, Filed 7/15/20)

On June 30, 2020, Williams' campaign received \$11,500 from Flippable Texas. (Likeithia D. Williams, January 15, 2020 Year End Report, <u>Texas Ethics Commission</u>, Filed 1/21/20; Likeithia D. Williams, July 15, 2020 Mid-Year Report, <u>Texas Ethics Commission</u>, Filed 7/15/20)

On June 28, 2020, Williams' campaign received \$1,000 from Karla Jurvetson. (Likeithia D. Williams, January 15, 2020 Year End Report, <u>Texas Ethics Commission</u>, Filed 1/21/20; Likeithia D. Williams, July 15, 2020 Mid-Year Report, <u>Texas Ethics Commission</u>, Filed 7/15/20)

- Jurvetson donated \$14.6 million to Persist PAC, a super PAC that backed Elizabeth Warren's 2020 presidential campaign. "The vast majority of the super PAC millions backing Elizabeth Warren in the final days of her presidential campaign came from one person: Karla Jurvetson, a wealthy doctor based in the Bay Area who donated a massive \$14.6 million to the main group that supported Warren." (Alex Thompson, "Mystery Warren super PAC funder revealed," *Politica*, 3/20/20)
- After the 2016 election, Karla Jurvetson donated \$6.9 million to Democratic candidates and launching her to one of the top political donors in the country. "In the year of the woman, she has quickly become one of the most influential women in political fundraising but don't worry if you've never heard of Karla Jurvetson. As a Stanford undergraduate, she went door-to-door for Rep. Anna Eshoo, handing out VCR tapes of Eshoo discussing her candidacy. More recently, she volunteered for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign and raised money for Democrats. But it wasn't until President Trump's victory that a 'shell-shocked' Jurvetson, a Los Altos Hills psychiatrist and the exwife of a prominent venture capital investor, found herself getting more deeply involved in politics: She gave \$6.9 million to Democratic candidates and causes over the last two years, launching herself from obscurity to one of the top political donors in the country." (Casey Tolan, "Meet Karla Jurvetson, the Bay Area megadonor who helped make 2018 the 'year of the woman'," *The Mercury News*, 11/25/18)

Endorsements

The Texas Democratic Party and Texas House Democratic Campaign Committee labeled House District 54 a top target district for winning a majority in the state

House. (Texas Democratic Party and Texas House Democratic Campaign Committee, "Texas Democrats Announce 22 Targeted State House Districts Ahead of 2020," <u>Press Release</u>, 1/27/20)

Williams was endorsed by Fair And Square PAC.



(Fair And Square PAC, <u>Twitter</u>, 1/30/20)

• "Fair and Square is a new state political action committee in Texas dedicated to creating a Democratic majority in the Texas House in 2020 and beyond." (Fair And Square PAC, Accessed, 4/24/20)

President Barack Obama endorsed Williams. ("Obama reveals his first wave of 2020 election endorsements," <u>KHOU</u>, 8/3/20)

On July 24, 2020, EveryDistrict endorsed Williams.



(EveryDistrict, Twitter, 7/24/20)

On July 24, 2020, Annie's List endorsed Williams.



(Annie's List, Twitter, 7/24/20)

On August 8, 2020, Collective PAC endorsed Williams.



(Collective PAC, Twitter, 8/8/20)

 Collective PAC is "the nation's largest Black-led political action committee" and they "recruit, train, & fund progressive Black candidates on the local, state and federal level." (Collective PAC, Twitter, Accessed 8/12/20)

Williams was endorsed by the Texas AFL-CIO. (2020 Endorsements, Texas AFL-CIO, Accessed 4/24/20)

Williams is a spotlight candidate on the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee's website.

HISTORIC RAC

LIKEITHIA "KEKE" WILLIAMS

Combat veteran and Gold Star Family member Likeithia "Keke" Williams is running to be a Democratic voice for her community. A relentless advocate for marginalized groups, Keke will fight hard to open new gateways for success and opportunities for Texans.

- Committed to helping local business flourish by creating a first-class working environment for employers and employees
- Proud supporter of the CROWN Act, banning hair discrimination in Texas
- Critical red-to-blue flip opportunity in the Lone Star State

* Use of Likeithia William's military service does not imply endorsement by the Department of Defense.



| ELECTION DATE | Nov 3, 2020 |
|---------------|-------------|
| DISTRICT | HD 54 |
| STATE | Texas |
| SOCIAL | y |

("Likeithia 'Keke' Williams," DLCC, Accessed 4/24/20)

Future Now Fund has highlighted Williams as a top Texas candidate.



Likeitha "Keke" Williams HD-54

A member of a gold star family, Keke served our country in Iraq and at Fort Hood as a military captain. Keke's commitment to service continues in her civilian life, as she recently organized the first march against violence in her community.

("Texas 2020," Future Now Fund, Accessed 4/24/20)

The Sierra Club endorsed Williams. ("Endorsements," Keke For Texas, Accessed 8/12/20)

EMILY's List has endorsed Williams. ("State and Local Candidates," EMILY's List, Accessed 8/12/20)

On July 23, 2020, Williams was endorsed by Everytown for Gun Safety Action.

("Everytown Sets Sights on Texas State House, Announcing Polling, Digital Ads and Endorsements," Moms Demand Action, 7/23/20)

ISSUES

COVID-19 Response

On April 30, 2020, Williams retweeted someone saying it was time to reconsider Gov. Abbott's plan to reopen Texas.



(Keke Williams for Texas House District 54, Twitter, 4/30/20)

In April 2020, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) criticized Republicans, claiming they cared more about helping big businesses rather than families, while debating a coronavirus relief package. "Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) on Thursday accused Republicans of having more urgency to help large businesses than they do for families when drafting the next coronavirus relief package. 'It is a joke when Republicans say that they have urgency around this bill,' she said on the House floor. 'The only folks that they have urgency around are folks like Ruth's Chris Steak House and Shake Shack; those are the people getting assistance in this bill.''' (J. Edward Moreno, "Ocasio-Cortez: Republicans are prioritizing big chains in coronavirus relief," *The Hill*, 4/23/20)

- The House was voting on legislation to add \$300 billion to replenish the small business loan program. "The House is set to vote Thursday on a bill that would provide more than \$300 billion to replenish funding for small businesses amid the pandemic, with \$60 billion earmarked for community banks and smaller lenders. The PPP was initially funded with \$349 billion." (J. Edward Moreno, "Ocasio-Cortez: Republicans are prioritizing big chains in coronavirus relief," <u>The Hill</u>, 4/23/20)
- "The legislation being voted on also includes \$75 billion for hospitals, \$25 billion for testing and \$60 billion for emergency disaster loans and grants." (J. Edward Moreno, "Ocasio-Cortez: Republicans are prioritizing big chains in coronavirus relief," <u>The Hill</u>, 4/23/20)
- Ocasio-Cortez was one of five representatives and the only Democrat to vote against the bill. (H.R. 266, <u>Roll Call 104</u>, Passed: 388-5, 4/23/20, Ocasio-Cortez Voted Yea)

In April 2020, Williams retweeted a video of Ocasio-Cortez speaking in opposition to a bill adding funding to the Paycheck Protection Program.



(Bloomberg QuickTake, <u>Twitter</u>, 4/23/20)

Abortion

Williams liked a tweet that said: "Instead of saying that someone is pro-life, I use the term anti-choice because I think it's pretty obvious by now that the anti-choice politicians don't give a damn about our lives."



(Keke For Texas, <u>Twitter</u>, 8/7/20)

In May 2020, Williams participated in a Planned Parenthood Texas campaign event.



legislators from across the state who are committed to protecting reproductive health and rights at the #WeDecideTX Kickoff. I can't wait to connect with you there!

RSVP now to save your spot: bit.ly/2020WDKickoff

(Keke Williams for Texas House District 54, Twitter, 5/15/20)

On her campaign website, Williams says she wants to protect funding for Planned Parenthood. "She will also protect funding for Planned Parenthood, where many women and families receive crucial healthcare services." ("Priorities," Keke For Texas, Accessed 8/12/20)

Economy

In March 2020, Williams tweeted that she supports 100% of jobs paying "a livable wage," "paid family, vacation, and sick leave for 100% of jobs," and protecting labor rights and increasing working representation.



(Keke Williams for Texas House District 54, Twitter, 3/24/20)

• Editor's note: This tweet appears to have been deleted.

On her campaign website, Williams says the minimum wage needs to be raised.

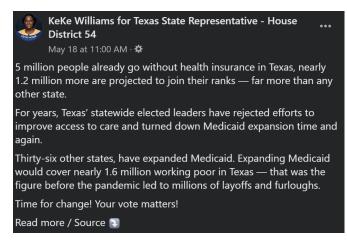
"Keke knows we need to raise the minimum wage so families can support themselves with one job instead of needing two or three to make ends meet. She also supports equal pay for women and paid family and medical leave for all families." ("Priorities," Keke For Texas, Accessed 8/12/20)

Education

On her campaign website, Williams says the state needs to pay "its fair share" of education funds to increase teacher salaries and full fund Pre-K. "She believes the state needs to pay its fair share of funding for public education, especially to increase teacher salaries and fully fund Pre-K throughout the state." ("Priorities," <u>Keke For Texas</u>, Accessed 8/12/20)

Healthcare

Williams appears to support Medicaid expansion.



(Keke Williams For Texas State House Of Representatives, Facebook, 5/18/20)

"Keke will push for access to quality and affordable healthcare through Medicaid expansion." ("Priorities," <u>Keke For Texas</u>, Accessed 8/12/20)

Crown Act

Williams has said she will work to pass the Crown Act to ban hair discrimination.



(Keke Williams, Twitter, 2/7/20)



Time for change! Let there be no other distinction than what has recently surfaced within a Texas School as being an act of Natural Hair Discrimination against a student who was told to cut his dreadlocks or he wouldn't be allowed to attend his high school graduation ceremony.

Texas Tribune @ @TexasTribune · Feb 3
 Only three states have laws to block discriminatory hair policies that are perceived to target people of color in schools and workplaces.
 If you've encountered hair-based discrimination in a Texas public school, we want to hear your story. #txed bit.ly/36S8z6C

12:35 PM · Feb 3, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

(Keke Williams, Twitter, 2/3/20)



Let there be no other distinction than what has recently surfaced within a Texas School as being an act of Natural Hair Discrimination against a student who was told to cut his dreadlocks or he wouldn't be allowed to attend his high school graduation ceremony. #timeforchange

10:45 AM · Feb 2, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

(Keke Williams, Twitter, 2/2/20)



(Keke Williams, Twitter, 2/2/20)

Other Issues

Williams spoke at a Bell County Commissioners' Court meeting about removing a Confederate statue at the Bell County Courthouse.



(Keke For Texas, Twitter, 7/16/20)

Williams retweeted Joe Biden's video about nominating Sen. Kamala Harris to be Vice President.



(Joe Biden, Twitter, 8/12/20)

Williams liked a tweet that said "#TrumpIsANationalDisgrace."



(Keke For Texas, <u>Twitter</u>, 8/9/20)