

ELVA ESTELLA CURL (D-HD112)
TEXAS



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METHODOLOGY

- *A review of Google and Nexis for news articles and blog posts related to Curl.*
- *A review of Curl's social media accounts for comments, images, and videos that may provide vulnerabilities.*
- *A review of videos of Curl available online.*
- *Property, financial, campaign finance, and criminal records available online and through Nexis.*
- *A review of public records related to Curl's employment for U.S. Senator John Cornyn*
- *A review of public records related to Curl's employment for the City of Dallas, which were requested by FOIA.*
- *Pulled negative information related to Curl's ties to Beto O'Rourke.*

OUTSTANDING RESEARCH

- *Researcher is awaiting responses to some public records requests.*

TIMELINE

March 16, 1980 – Born Elva Estella Curl. (Nexis Public Records, Accessed 3/14/22)

1998 – Graduated Nimitz High School. ([Elva Curl for State Representative](#), Accessed 3/14/22; Nexis Public Records, Accessed 3/15/22)

1999-2003 – Graduated Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. ([Elva Curl for State Representative](#), Accessed 3/14/22; Nexis Public Records, Accessed 3/15/22)

2004-2006 – Graduated University of Texas at Dallas with a Masters in Public Affairs. ([Elva Curl for State Representative](#), Accessed 3/14/22)

August 23, 2004 - March 31, 2006 – Regional director assistant for U.S. Senator John Cornyn. (Legistorm, [Salary Data](#), Accessed 4/11/22)

April 1, 2006 - September 30, 2006 – Regional Deputy director U.S. Senator John Cornyn. (Matt Smith, "Cornyn staffers visit Johnson County," [Ceburne Times-Review](#), 8/11/06; Legistorm, [Salary Data](#), Accessed 4/11/22)

October 1, 2006 - March 11, 2007 – Media representative for U.S. Senator John Cornyn. (Legistorm, [Salary Data](#), Accessed 4/11/22)

Unknown – City of Dallas Public Works Office. ([Elva Curl for State Representative](#), Accessed 3/14/22)

Unknown – City of Dallas Department of Aviation. ([Elva Curl for State Representative](#), Accessed 3/14/22)

Unknown – City of Dallas City Manager's Office. ([Elva Curl for State Representative](#), Accessed 3/14/22)

February 8, 2021 – Filed to run in for City Council in Dallas' 12th District. (Elva Curl, [Twitter](#), 2/9/21)

May 1, 2021 – Curl lost the general election to Cara Mendelsohn. (City of Dallas, "[2021 Joint Election Unofficial Results](#)", Filed 5/7/21)

December 2, 2021 – Filed to run in the Democratic primary for Texas House District 112. (Secretary Of State, [Candidate Information](#), Filed 12/2/21)

BACKGROUND

Curl is a fourth-generation Texan and a longtime resident of Dallas. "Elva Curl is a fourth-generation native Texan, government professional and longtime Dallas resident. Elva is passionate about local government, and she is ready to ably serve House District 112 in Austin. Elva believes we need a representative who will listen to district residents, get along with others, and work collaboratively to find solutions and get things done." ([Elva Curl for State Representative](#), Accessed 4/11/22)

Curl was the first in her family to graduate from college and received her Masters of Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Dallas. "Elva is a graduate of Nimitz High School in Irving and was the first person in her family to attend college. Elva worked full time to put herself through Texas A&M University, earning a degree in Political Science in 2003. Elva went on to get a Masters of Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Dallas." ([Elva Curl for State Representative](#), Accessed 4/11/22)

Employment History

Curl worked in multiple departments for the City of Dallas. "Curl, 41, previously worked for U.S. Sen. John Cornyn. She has served Dallas with stints in the city manager's office, public works and the department of aviation." ([Pressreader](#), Accessed 4/13/21)

- **Editor's note:** An information request to the City of Dallas revealed that Curl's employment records were, per city practice, disposed of in 2021. Curl's last documented employment year with the City of Dallas was 2011.

Curl worked for Republican U.S. Senator John Cornyn's Dallas office during the 108th and 109th Congressional sessions. "Elva Curl was a full-time staffer in U.S. Senator John Cornyn's Dallas office, serving as his deputy Regional Director during the 108th and 109th congressional sessions. If elected, she says she'll address infrastructure, public safety and foster an atmosphere of cooperation. As her website states, she'll bring 'professionalism and civility to City Hall.'" (Kevin Phinney, "Dallas City Council Election: See May 1 Candidates," [The Patch](#), 4/29/21)

- **From 2004 to 2007, Curl held various roles in Sen. Cornyn's Dallas office.**

EMPLOYING OFFICE	START DATE	END DATE	POSITION	AMOUNT
Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)	10/01/06	03/11/07	Media Representative	\$15,651.49
			FY 2007 subtotal:	\$15,651.49
Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)	04/01/06	09/30/06	Regional Deputy Director	\$14,513.42
Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)	10/01/05	03/31/06	Regional Director Assistant	\$13,583.30
			FY 2006 subtotal:	\$28,096.72
Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)	04/01/05	09/30/05	Regional Director Assistant	\$12,499.92
Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)	10/01/04	03/31/05	Regional Director Assistant	\$12,333.32
			FY 2005 subtotal:	\$24,833.24
Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX)	08/23/04	09/30/04	Regional Director Assistant	\$2,533.33
			FY 2004 subtotal:	\$2,533.33

(Legistorm, [Salary Data](#), Accessed 4/11/22)

Property Records

Curl and her husband, James, own their property listed at 6917 Windy Ridge Drive, Dallas, TX 75248.

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(Dallas Central Appraisal District, [Property Records Account #00000797723640000](#), Accessed 3/31/22)

James and Elva Curl have no outstanding taxes on 6917 Windy Ridge Drive, Dallas TX, 75248.

Account Number: 00000797723640000

Address:
CURL JAMES A & ELVA E
6917 WINDY RIDGE DR
DALLAS, TX 75248-0000

Property Site Address:
6917 WINDY RIDGE DR, DA

Legal Description:
PRESTONWOOD 7
BLK 4/8195 LT 8
INT201800173466 DD06262018 CO-DC
8195 004 00800 3DA8195 004

Current Tax Levy: \$7,300.00

Current Amount Due: \$0.00

Prior Year Amount Due: \$0.00

Total Amount Due: \$0.00

(John Ames, [Dallas County Tax Assessor and Collector](#), Accessed 3/31/22)

Voting Record

On March 6, 2007, Curl registered in Dallas County.

Voter Information
Name: ELVA ESTELLA CURL
Address: 6917 WINDY RIDGE DRIVE DALLAS TX 75248
Gender: FEMALE
Valid From: 01/01/2022
Effective Date of Registration: 03/06/2007
Voter Status: ACTIVE
County: DALLAS
Precinct: 2043

(Texas Secretary of State, Accessed 3/15/22)

In 2021, Curl stated she has voted in Republican primaries in the past. "For full transparency, I do want Stonewall Democrats to know up-front that in some past election cycles I voted in the Republican Primary." (Stonewall Democrats of Dallas, "[Stonewall Questionnaire E-Booklet](#)", 3/13/21)

Statement of Financial Interest

2022 Filing

In 2022, Curl's family reported owning between 100 and 499 shares each of ENGlobal Corporation. (Texas Ethics Commission, Curl Personal Financial Statement, Filed 2/14/22)

- **ENGlobal Corporation is an organization specializing in pipeline and oil refinery design.** “Midstream core competencies include FEED and detailed design on crude pipeline projects, condensate stabilization facilities, ammonia treatment facilities, storage and offloading facilities, NGL recovery and fractionation systems, natural gas treatment facilities, dehydration units, sulfur recovery units, product and gas pipelines, compressor stations, pipeline control and SCADA systems, NGL and liquid products pipelines, pump stations and tank truck/rail car loading and unloading facilities.” (ENGlobal, [Oil/Gas & Petrochemicals](#), Accessed 4/7/22)

In 2022, Curl reported owning less than 10,000 shares of U.S. Well Service. (Texas Ethics Commission, Curl Personal Financial Statement, Filed 2/14/22)

- **U.S. Well Service “provides high-pressure, hydraulic fracturing services in unconventional oil and natural gas basins.”** (USWellServices, [About US](#), Accessed 4/7/22)

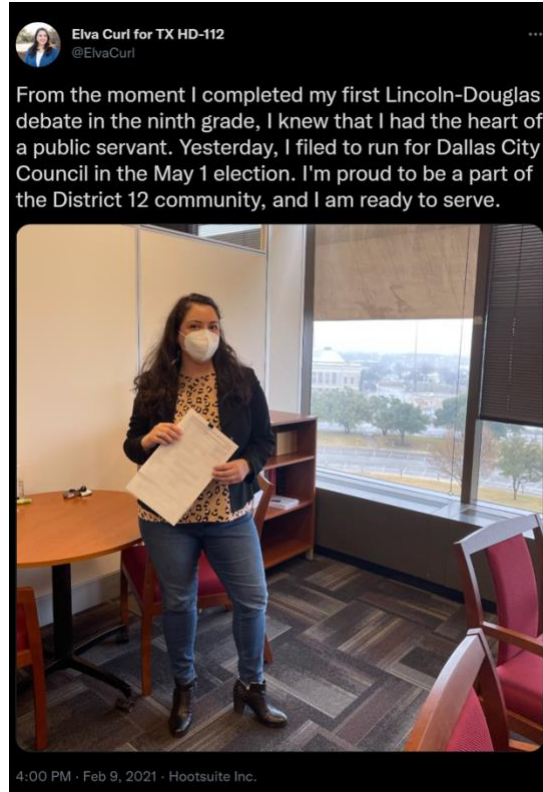
In 2022, Curl reported owning between 1,000 to 4,999 shares of Denison Mines Corporation. (Texas Ethics Commission, Curl Personal Financial Statement, Filed 2/14/22)

- **Denison Mines is a uranium mining organization based in Canada.** “Denison is a uranium exploration and development company with interests focused in the Athabasca Basin region of northern Saskatchewan, Canada.” (Denison Mines, [Corporate Profile](#), Accessed 4/6/22)

CURL’S CAMPAIGNS

2021 Dallas City Council

On February 8, 2021, Curl filed to run for Dallas City Council’s 12th District.



(Elva Curl, [Twitter](#), 2/9/21)

In 2021, Curl stated she would be more responsive to constituent needs than the current council woman. “I am running because I want to bring back good governance, civility, and responsiveness to District 12 representation at city hall... Returning an email or phone call takes such little effort and it means a great deal to a constituent. Unfortunately, my phone calls and emails to the District 12 incumbent went unanswered throughout 2019 and 2020... I started watching city council meetings and found that my council member often was out of step with many in our district and her fellow council members -- she often was equal parts unresponsive, ineffective, and divisive... I know how the city works and can bring a unique viewpoint to this role because I know what the city is capable of accomplishing. I know how to work in a civil and respectful manner with city staff and council members to get things done.” (Voter Guide, “2021 Spring Candidates,” [The Dallas Morning News](#), Accessed 4/11/22)

- **Critics of Curl cited her lack of funding and weak platform as reasons she would not be a serious challenger to the sitting councilwoman.** “But she lacks the funding and leadership experience to mount a serious challenge to Mendelsohn. We weren’t convinced by Curl’s optimism about mending the divisions among the council or the assertion that she would bring ‘an immediate understanding of the situation and work successfully to improve it.’ We also fear that some of Curl’s proposals might incentivize homelessness. She praised homeless programs in King County, Wash., even though the homeless population there is more than double the size of Dallas’ and continues to surge.” (Editorial, “Mendelsohn for Dallas City Council District, 12,” [The Dallas Morning News](#), 4/13/21)

On May 1, 2021, Curl lost the general election to Cara Mendelsohn.

Dallas Member of Council, PI 12

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	VOTE %	EV In-Person	EV Mail	Election Day	EV-ED Provisional
Elva Curl	595	18.55%	299	28	268	0
Cara Mendelsohn	2,613	81.45%	1,178	277	1,158	0
Total Votes Cast	3,208	100.00%	1,477	305	1,426	0
Overvotes	1		0	1	0	0
Undervotes	81		25	3	53	0

(City of Dallas, “[2021 Joint Election Unofficial Results](#), Filed 5/7/21)

Campaign Finance Top Lines

In 2021, Curl raised a total of \$10,114 for her city council campaign. (Elva Curl, 30th day before election Campaign Finance Report, [City of Dallas](#), Filed 4/1/21; Elva Curl, 8th day before election Campaign Finance Report, [City of Dallas](#), Filed 4/23/21; Elva Curl, July 15 Campaign Finance Report, [City of Dallas](#), Filed 7/17/21)

- **Curl’s city council campaign received \$2,650 from out-of-state donors.** (Elva Curl, 30th day before election Campaign Finance Report, [City of Dallas](#), Filed 4/1/21; Elva Curl, 8th day before election Campaign Finance Report, [City of Dallas](#), Filed 4/23/21; Elva Curl, July 15 Campaign Finance Report, [City of Dallas](#), Filed 7/17/21)

In 2021, Curl spent a total of \$18,829 for her city council campaign. (Elva Curl, 30th day before election Campaign Finance Report, [City of Dallas](#), Filed 4/1/21; Elva Curl, 8th day before election Campaign Finance Report, [City of Dallas](#), Filed 4/23/21; Elva Curl, July 15 Campaign Finance Report, [City of Dallas](#), Filed 7/17/21)

In 2021, Curl loaned her city council campaign a total of \$13,100. (Elva Curl, 30th day before election Campaign Finance Report, [City of Dallas](#), Filed 4/1/21; Elva Curl, 8th day before election Campaign Finance Report, [City of Dallas](#), Filed 4/23/21; Elva Curl, July 15 Campaign Finance Report, [City of Dallas](#), Filed 7/17/21)

Notable Contributions

On February 12, 2021, Curl received \$500 from Elizabeth Hunter. (Elva Curl, 30th day before election Campaign Finance Report, [City of Dallas](#), Filed 4/1/21)

On March 3, 2021, Curl received \$500 from Rea Mackay. (Elva Curl, 30th day before election Campaign Finance Report, [City of Dallas](#), Filed 4/1/21)

On March 24, 2021, Curl received \$500 from Sundeep Jujala. (Elva Curl, 8th day before election Campaign Finance Report, [City of Dallas](#), Filed 4/23/21)

On March 29, 2021, Curl received \$500 from Sravan Chowdary. (Elva Curl, 8th day before election Campaign Finance Report, [City of Dallas](#), Filed 4/23/21)

On March 29, 2021, Curl received \$1,000 from Aaron Rodriguez. (Elva Curl, 8th day before election Campaign Finance Report, [City of Dallas](#), Filed 4/23/21)

On April 5, 2021, Curl received \$1,000 from State Representative Ana-Maria Ramos. (Elva Curl, 8th day before election Campaign Finance Report, [City of Dallas](#), Filed 4/23/21)

On April 9, 2021, Curl received \$250 from the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas. (Elva Curl, 8th day before election Campaign Finance Report, [City of Dallas](#), Filed 4/23/21)

- **Curl asked for a maximum donation from the organization in addition to campaign volunteers.** "My district needs stronger leadership and the ability to collaborate with others. Because I am running against an incumbent who will have an easier time raising money, I hope the Stonewall Democrats will donate as much as possible (\$2500 limit for PACs) to my campaign. I also need volunteers to canvass, make phone calls, and help poll greet when the election comes." (Stonewall Democrats of Dallas, "[Stonewall Questionnaire E-Booklet](#)", 3/13/21)

On April 21, 2021, Curl received \$1,000 from Sandy Greyson. (Elva Curl, 8th day before election Campaign Finance Report, [City of Dallas](#), Filed 4/23/21)

Endorsements

In 2021, Living Blue in Texas endorsed Curl. ([Living Blue in Texas](#), Accessed 3/30/22)

- **Living Blue Texas core principles include expanded medical care, increased minimum wage, and gun regulations.**



Our core principles:

We believe in:

- Equality and equal opportunity for all Texans
- Protection for civil liberties and human and individual rights
- Black lives matter
- If you aren't anti-racist, then you are racist
- Common-sense gun laws
- No that one in America should be hungry
- A woman's medical procedures are no body's business
- No one should have to die without access to medical care
- People are more important than corporations
- Employees should earn a living wage
- Our earth and environment are in danger and we must do what we can now for the preservation of the generations to come.

([Living Blue Texas](#), Accessed 1/27/22)

On March 17, 2021, the Stonewall Democrats of Dallas endorsed Curl. (Elva Curl, [Twitter](#), 3/17/21)

In 2021, the Executive Committee of the Collin County Democratic Party endorsed Curl. ([CCDP 2021 Endorsements](#), Accessed 4/8/22)

In 2021, the Turn Texas Green Sierra Club endorsed Curl. (Turn Texas Green, [2021 Endorsements](#), Accessed 4/8/22)

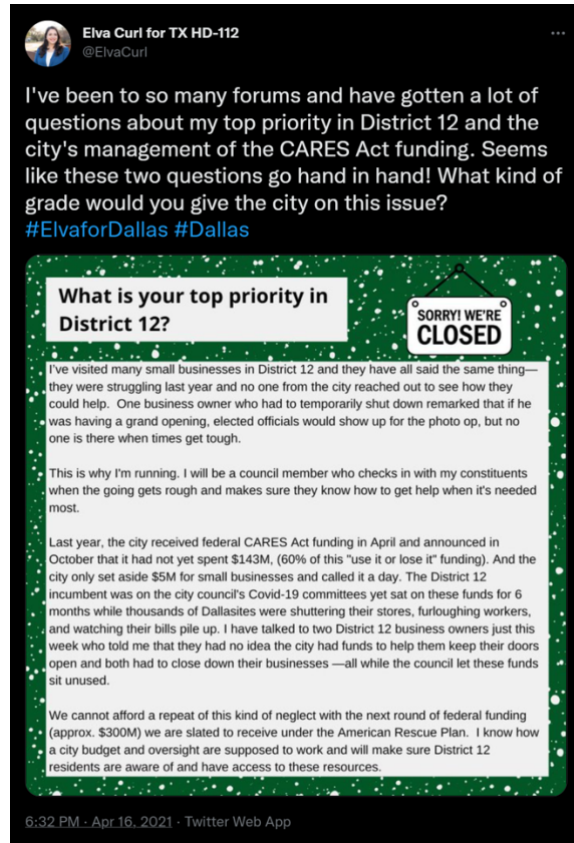
2022 Primary

On December 2, 2021, Curl filed to run in the primary for the 112 House District in Texas. (Secretary Of State, [Candidate Information](#), Filed 12/2/21)

ISSUES

CARES Act

On April 16, 2021, Curl tweeted that the management and budgeting of CARES Act funds would be her priority on city council.



(Elva Curl, [Twitter](#), 4/16/21)

Immigration

On April 1, 2022, the Biden administration announced it would be ending Title 42, a pre-pandemic border policy restricting immigration to the United States. “The Biden administration will end Trump-era pandemic restrictions that effectively blocked migrants from entering the United States on May 23, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced Friday.” (Priscilla Alvarez, “Biden administration announces official end to Title 42, the Trump-era pandemic restrictions at the US border,” [CNN](#), 4/1/22)

On April 6, 2022, Curl called Governor Abbott’s reinforcement of border security and use of the Texas Division of Emergency Management a “cheap political stunt”.

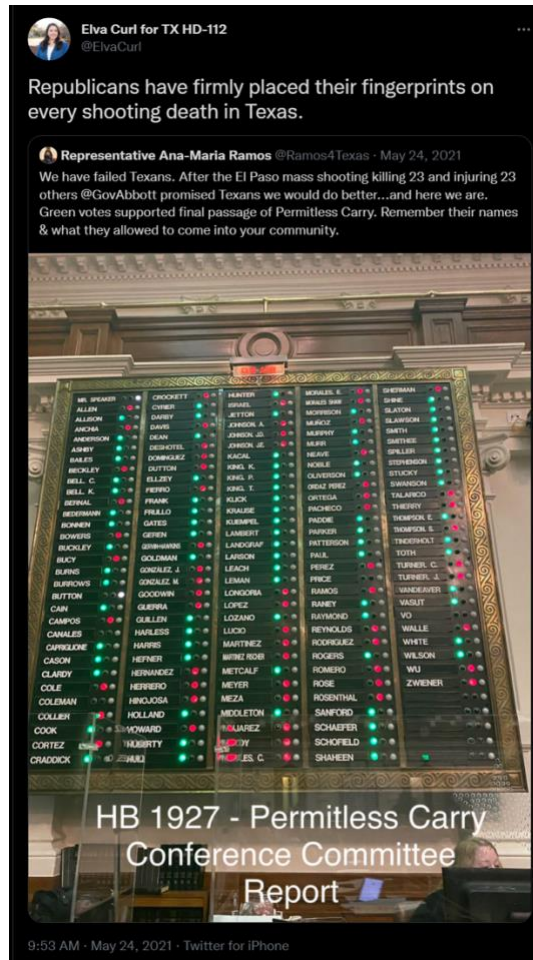


(Elva Curl, [Twitter](#), 4/6/22)

Second Amendment/Open Carry

On June 16, 2021, Governor Greg Abbott signed into law HB1927, a bill relating to Texas' open carry policy. "Relating to provisions governing the carrying of a firearm by a person who is 21 years of age or older and not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law from possessing the firearm and to other provisions related to the carrying, possessing, transporting, or storing of a firearm or other weapon; creating criminal offenses." ([HB1927](#), Effective 9/1/21)

- **On May 24, 2021, Curl tweeted that the passage of HB1927 implicated Republicans in every shooting death in Texas.**



(Elva Curl, [Twitter](https://twitter.com/ElvaCurl), 5/24/21)

Voting Rights

SB 1 imposes identification requirements in the mail-in voting process, prohibits elected officials from soliciting ballots, provides partisan poll watchers more autonomy, and outlaws 24-hour and curbside voting. “While SB 1 makes some changes that could expand access — namely increasing early voting hours in smaller, mostly Republican counties — the new law otherwise restricts how and when voters cast ballots. It specifically targets voting initiatives used by diverse, Democratic Harris County, the state’s most populous, by banning overnight early voting hours and drive-thru voting — both of which proved popular among voters of color last year. The new law also will ratchet up voting-by-mail rules in a state where the option is already significantly limited, give partisan poll watchers increased autonomy inside polling places by granting them free movement, and set new rules — and criminal penalties — for voter assistance. It also makes it a state jail felony for local election officials to proactively distribute applications for mail-in ballots, even if they are providing them to voters who automatically qualify to vote by mail or groups helping get out the vote.” (Alex Ura, “Gov. Greg Abbott signs Texas voting bill into law, overcoming Democratic quorum breaks,” [The Texas Tribune](https://www.texastribune.org/2021/09/07/abbott-signs-voting-bill/), 9/7/21)

On February 11, 2022, Curl tweeted her opposition to SB 1.

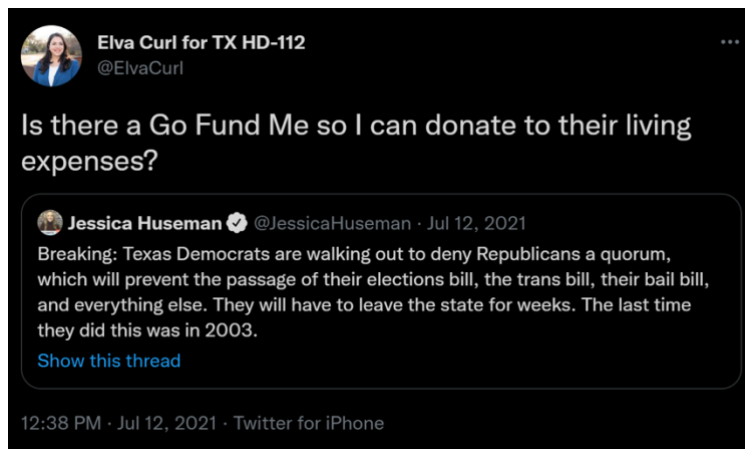


(Elva Curl, [Twitter](#), 2/11/22)

Democrats Breaking Quorum

On July 12, 2021, House Democrats announced they had left Texas for Washington D.C. to protest the proposed election bills. “Today, Texas House Democrats stand united in our decision to break quorum and refuse to let the Republican-led legislature force through dangerous legislation that would trample on Texans’ freedom to vote. We are now taking the fight to our nation’s Capital. We are living on borrowed time in Texas. We need Congress to act now to pass the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act to protect Texans — and all Americans — from the Trump Republicans’ nationwide war on democracy.” (Texas House Democrats, “Texas House Democrats Break Quorum,” [Press Release](#), 7/12/2021)

On July 12, 2021, Curl tweeted that she would donate money to assist the Democrats fleeing Texas to Washington, D.C.



(Elva Curl, [Twitter](#), 7/12/21)

On July 12, 2021, Curl responded to a post from O’Rourke asking Texans to donate resources to keep the fleeing Democrats in Washington, D.C.



(Elva Curl, [Twitter](#), 7/12/21)

In July 2021, Beto O'Rourke announced his PAC had helped raise over \$600,000 for the Texas Democrats in Washington D.C. "O'Rourke, a former congressman and presidential candidate from El Paso, raised \$600,000 for the lawmakers through his Powered By People PAC and said he wired money to party officials Monday, but he announced the contribution to the Democrats in their Washington hotel Thursday." (Madlin Mekelburg, "Beto O'Rourke raises \$600K for Texas House Democrats in Washington," [Austin American-Statesman](#), 7/22/21)

- **Powered by People PAC received over 15,000 donations to help the Texas lawmakers in Washington D.C.** "The former presidential candidate, El Paso congressman and 2018 U.S. Senate nominee has used his Powered by People group to raise over \$500,000 for the quorum-busting Democrats in just two days, according to his team. There

have been over 15,000 contributions, with an average individual donation of \$36.” (Patrick Svitek, “Who is footing the bill for Texas Democrats’ weekslong exodus to block the voting bill?” [The Texas Tribune](#), 7/14/21)

Homelessness

In 2021, Curl stated she supports decriminalizing homelessness in the City of Dallas.

“I think the City’s response has been very middle-of-the-road. There has been a good start with the hotels for the homeless that the City purchased with the CARES Act, but more needs to be done. I am supportive of DA John Creuzot’s effort to de-criminalize homelessness and instead deal with the issue and help people.” (Stonewall Democrats of Dallas, “[Stonewall Questionnaire E-Booklet](#),” 3/13/21)

In 2021, Curl stated that the City of Dallas should not be forcing homeless into shelters against their wishes.

“Curl, however, said news images of police clearing encampments in Dallas were ‘shocking ... inhumane and cruel.’ She suggested a model similar to the one in King County, Wash., where nonprofits are responsible for keeping encampments safe and clean and providing wraparound services for people in the camps. ‘I agree with council member Mendelsohn that some of these encampments are not well run and they are a hazard to people’s health,’ Curl said. ‘At the end of the day, we can’t force people into homeless shelters. Even if there is space, there are people that are adverse to being sheltered in a homeless shelter, and I don’t blame them.’” (Charles Scudder, “Curl challenges Mendelsohn in city’s northernmost district,” [The Dallas Morning News](#), 4/24/21)

- **Curl suggested that Dallas should dedicate areas to homeless encampments run by nonprofit organizations.** “Unregulated homeless encampments are generally unsafe for the people who live there. One idea that seems to be working in King County, Washington is to dedicate a space for a homeless encampment (in this case, hosted by a religious organization) and enact rules to make sure it operates safely. All its needs are handled by the non-profit that runs it. King County has done this since 2004 and it has proven remarkably successful. The King County Sheriff reports that there is no increase in crime in the area that houses the encampment.” (Voter Guide, “2021 Spring Candidates,” [The Dallas Morning News](#), Accessed 4/11/22)

Minimum Wage Increase

In 2021, Curl stated she would lobby for a \$15-dollar minimum wage. “I think the City has not done enough to ensure there is enough affordable housing in the City. We need to lobby hard for \$15 minimum wage and living wages for work.” (Stonewall Democrats of Dallas, “[Stonewall Questionnaire E-Booklet](#),” 3/13/21)

Public Health

On January 20, 2022, Curl tweeted that expanding Medicaid in Texas should be a focus for state government.



(Elva Curl, [Twitter](#), 1/20/22)

BETO O'ROURKE

In a TikTok video posted, Curl's campaign highlights multiple meetings and events with O'Rourke and Elva Curl. (Elva Curl, [TikTok](#), 4/4/22)

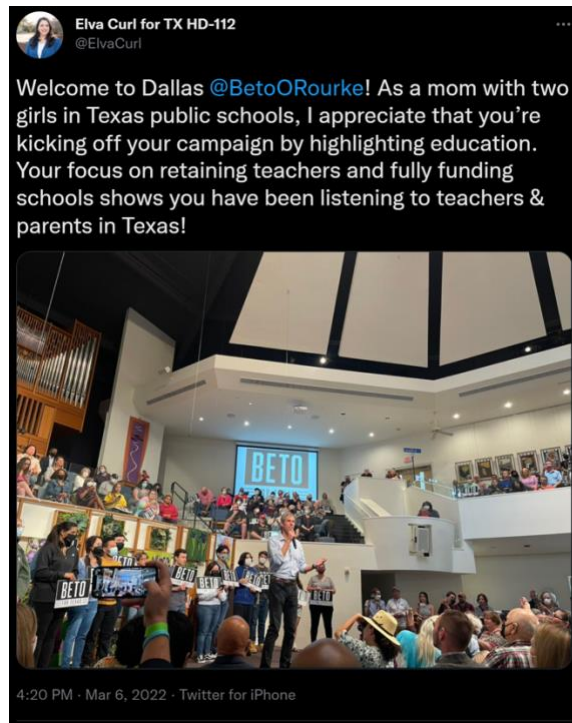
In his 2022 gubernatorial run, Beto O'Rourke traveled around Texas on his People of Texas Campaign

On March 1, 2022, O'Rourke hosted an Education Town Hall event in Dallas, Texas.



(Beto O'Rourke, [Twitter](#), 3/3/22)

On March 6, 2022, Curl attended the event and tweeted her support of his proposed education reform.



(Elva Curl, [Twitter](#), 3/6/22)

- **O'Rourke stated he would increase pay for public school teachers and provide retired teachers with cost-of-living increases.** "He repeatedly stressed the need to attract, recruit and retain high-quality educators. O'Rourke said that he'd like to get teacher pay in Texas 'at least' to the national average. The national average for public school teachers for 2019-20 was \$64,133, according to data from the National Education Association. Texas ranked 27th, with an average salary of \$57,090, over \$7,000 less than the national average. He added that he wants to provide retired teachers a cost-of-living increase, something that state lawmakers haven't approved since 2013." (Corbett Smith, "Beto O'Rourke pledges to increase school funding, fight vouchers during Dallas campaign stop," [The Dallas Morning News](#), 3/7/22)
- **O'Rourke stated he is committed to opposing tying teachers' pay to student assessments.** "During the townhall, Rosemary Curts — a Dallas ISD educator and teacher union Alliance/AFT steward — asked O'Rourke about Dallas' teacher pay and evaluation system, which heavily relies on student assessments like STAAR. Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath, a former Dallas ISD trustee, has pushed the model statewide, as part of a teacher pay pilot. O'Rourke responded that Curts had his "commitment" that he wouldn't support tying pay to student assessments." (Corbett Smith, "Beto O'Rourke pledges to increase school funding, fight vouchers during Dallas campaign stop," [The Dallas Morning News](#), 3/7/22)