

Julian Castro for President

The Changing Face of the United States



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By Joel Rodríguez

From the outside looking in, San Antonio stands out as an oxymoron of sorts; A booming city with a majority of Latin and Native Americans deep in the heart of Texas, a Republican “red” state. Success here is intertwined with inequality, technology evolves around tradition, and history competes with modernity to create a unique culture that is the very essence of San Antonio.

Julian Castro is a shining example of this powerful and beautiful mixture, combining the struggles of a culture with the progress of equality around the country and the world. The actions of men like Castro symbolize how all of us as Latin and Native Americans have the capacity to participate in government affairs.



Julían Castro announced his candidacy for President in front of the Guadalupe Church on the westside of San Antonio.

Unfortunately, many of us have not been raised with an awareness for citizen responsibility. As our parents and grandparents were raised in a different era, in a time of segregation and transition, at times we find ourselves falling backwards even as our momentum continues to propel us forward.

Although this feels natural and gives us a sense of security, it does not honor those who came before us. In fact, it undermines the suffering and hard work that they lived through to get us to this pivotal point in United States history.

Participating in government is a right that has been earned by the struggles of the past.

Julian Castro and the City of San Antonio are in a position to be a beacon of hope for Latin and Native Americans in the United States and around the world. We owe it to our parents, our grandparents, and ourselves to promote home grown representatives as well as our Latin and Native American culture both domestically and internationally. A vote for Castro is a vote for progress. *In Solidarity, Joel.*

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political parties. But today in India, we are facing a sition where if the BJP comes back in 2019, I don't think there's going to be anything left of what we thought of. With all its flaws, it's not that you'll be voting for a friend, but just for the enemy that you want to have. So I don't think we can afford to leave any spaces unchallenged and unfought, including the elections. But if all of us think that by defeating Modi or by impeaching Trump things are going to be OK, we got to have some extra iodine every night.

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