



HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

Representative Veronica Escobar is a third-generation El Pasoan who has dedicated herself to the betterment of the community. She is currently serving her Freshman term as the Congresswoman for Texas' 16th District.

During her first term, Congresswoman Escobar sponsored the Homeland Security Improvement Act (passed the House of Representatives), the Asylum Seeker Protection Act, and the Department of Defense Climate Resiliency and Readiness Act, while co-sponsoring more than 260 additional bills.

Rep. Escobar has voted to support LGBTQ rights, equal pay, gun safety, environmental protections, expanding healthcare for all Americans, and election security, among other topics, and plans to continue her focus on these issues for her 2020 campaign.

She is an Assistant Whip, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, and the Judiciary Committee. Her leadership positions include serving as the Freshman Co-Representative to Leadership, Congressional Hispanic Caucus's (CHC) Freshman Representative, the Congressional Progressive Caucus's (CPC) Vice Chair and liaison to the CHC, Vice Chair of the Women's Working Group on Immigration and Vice Chair of the Women's Caucus.

Before serving in Congress, Veronica proudly served two terms as County Judge where she was able to have an extraordinary impact on the lives of El Pasoans. Rep. Escobar expanded access to affordable healthcare through her support of the El Paso County Hospital District, which has provided vital services for the community and built two new, modern clinics that provide primary care to some of the poorest El Pasoans. She was also instrumental in the foundation of El Paso Children's Hospital, the only stand-alone children's hospital on the border.

Rep. Escobar fought a system plagued by corruption and self-dealing. She brought significant internal reforms and modernized county government. Rep. Escobar initiated and supported legislation that created the only County Ethics Commission in the state of Texas, and secured legislation that increased transparency and accountability over other taxing jurisdictions.

Before serving El Paso as an elected official, Rep. Escobar was Executive Director for Community Scholars, a local non-profit organization that hired high school students to do public policy research and produce reports about El Paso's challenges and opportunities. She also served as the Communications Director for Mayor Raymond Caballero and was a faculty member at the University of Texas at El Paso and El Paso Community College. She has served as a volunteer on a number of boards, both in El Paso and for the state of Texas.

Congresswoman Veronica Escobar is the daughter of Benjamin and Isabel Escobar. She and her husband, Michael Pleters, have two children: Cristian Diego (23, Harvard graduate), and Eloisa Isabel (21, a student at Portland State University), and they live in Central El Paso.