**Name: Julián Castro**

<https://www.realclearpolitics.com/video/2019/01/13/julian_castro_officially_announces_2020_presidential_bid.html>



1:12 or 4:45 to 9:38

**Pod Save America Interview with Julián Castro**

<https://youtu.be/lu1vJwuzALo>

**State:** Born: Texas

Current resident: Texas

**Current Position:**

* **Committees**
* **Education:**
  + Stanford University in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in political science and communications
  + [Harvard Law School](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harvard_Law_School) in 1997 and graduated with a [Juris Doctor](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Juris_Doctor) in 2000
* **Experience:**
  + intern at the [White House](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_House) during the [presidency of Bill Clinton](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Presidency_of_Bill_Clinton)
  + law firm [Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Akin_Gump_Strauss_Hauer_%26_Feld)
  + started, with his brother, their own firm in 2005
  + named as the Dean’s Distinguished Fellow and Fellow of the Dávila Chair in International Trade Policy at the [Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lyndon_B._Johnson_School_of_Public_Affairs)
  + City Councilor and Mayor of San Antonio
  + [United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Secretary_of_Housing_and_Urban_Development)
* **Position on Issues:**

#### Crime

#### Drug costs

### Economy

### "believes in balanced budgets".

### supporter of free trade

#### Education

* + - established Cafe College in 2010, offering college guidance to San Antonio-area students
    - led a voter referendum to expand pre-kindergarten education
    - helped lead an effort to pass a $30 million sales tax to fund the pre-kindergarten education program
    - first 2 years of higher education free
    - supports [universal pre-kindergarten](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_pre-kindergarten)

#### Election Issues

### he is "not going to take any PAC money

#### Environment

#### supports the [Paris climate accord](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paris_climate_accord)

#### worked with companies to promote their transition to renewable energy.

#### voiced support for a [Green New Deal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Green_New_Deal)

* + - In the past, Castro has advocated for an "energy policy that includes fossil fuels while also "pointing out the benefits of fossil fuel jobs"

#### Foreign Policy

* + - endorsed a gradual withdrawal of [U.S. troops from Syria](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Inherent_Resolve) while also criticizing Trump's approach to the issue

### Healthcare

### universal health care

### [Medicare for All](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medicare_for_All), and indicated he would consider funding such a program by raising taxes on corporations and the wealthy

### supported the [Affordable Care Act](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Affordable_Care_Act).

### Housing

* + - accomplishments of the HUD department under his leadership.
      * work to stabilize the housing market
      * rebuild communities struck by natural disasters through a $1 billion National Disaster Resilience Competition
      * expansion of lead safety protections in federally assisted housing
      * and expansion of the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule to "finally fulfill the full obligation of the [Fair Housing Act](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fair_Housing_Act).

### Immigration

* + - supports a pathway to citizenship for most undocumented residents of the US
    - opposed President Trump's "border wall" plan
    - said that the [U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._Immigration_and_Customs_Enforcement) agency needs to be "reconstituted"

#### Monopolies and government intervention

### Opioid epidemic response

### Social Issues and civil rights

* + - Despite his Catholic background, Castro supports abortion rights, and has "vigorously" opposed state laws limiting abortion access after the 20th week of pregnancy and other restrictions.[[51]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julian_Castro#cite_note-:1-51)
    - opposed the law in Texas that denied legal recognition to same-sex marriages.
    - led a push to offer domestic partner benefits in the city and for same-sex marriage equality
    - Castro said in a tweet that transgender persons should be allowed to serve in the armed forces
    - supports tighter gun control, and has supported the reinstatement of the assault weapons ban, limiting access to high-capacity magazines, and closing the "gun show loophole"

#### Working class

* + - created SA2020, a community-wide visioning effort. It generated a list of goals created by the people of San Antonio based on their collective vision for San Antonio in the year 2020