

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**
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- **Education:**
 - Stanford University in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in political science and communications
 - [Harvard Law School](#) in 1997 and graduated with a [Juris Doctor](#) in 2000
- **Experience:**
 - intern at the [White House](#) during the presidency of Bill Clinton
 - law firm [Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & 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](#)
 - City Councilor and Mayor of San Antonio
 - [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](#)
- **Election Issues**
 - he is "not going to take any PAC money"
- **Environment**
 - supports the [Paris climate accord](#)
 - worked with companies to promote their transition to renewable energy.
 - voiced support for a [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](#) while also criticizing Trump's approach to the issue
- **Healthcare**
 - universal health care
 - [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](#).
- **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](#)."
- **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](#) 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]
 - 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