













2025 Year in Review

Texas' 16th Congressional District

















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Dear Neighbor,

As this year comes to a close, I'm pleased to share my annual "Year in Review" with you. This has been a difficult year in many ways – for our community and our nation. But even in difficult times, El Paso continues to show extraordinary resilience, compassion, and strength. That spirit is what inspires my work every single day.

Throughout this year, I remained focused on the issues that matter most to our community: protecting access to food assistance for families who rely on it, standing up for affordable healthcare, advocating for transparency and dignity at the border, ensuring veterans have access to the benefits they've earned, defending essential services for all, and so much more. I introduced legislation to improve accountability in immigration enforcement, pushed back against harmful cuts to federal programs that El Pasoans depend on, and continued fighting for humane, commonsense solutions to the issues facing our nation.

Not every challenge has an easy solution, nor does every accomplishment make headlines, but our commitment to improve the lives of every person in our community remains the top priority for me and my team. This year, our office helped thousands of constituents navigate federal agencies, secure benefits, resolve long-standing cases, and access the support that they deserve. These quiet victories, often unseen by the public, are some of the most meaningful aspects of this job.

What gives me the greatest hope is our community itself. From students sharing their dreams during school visits to families stepping up for one another in times of need, El Paso always shows the country what generosity truly looks like.

As we look to the year ahead, I remain deeply grateful for the trust you have placed in me. I will continue fighting for you, listening to you, and working every day to build a future worthy of our community. Working for our beloved community is a privilege and honor.

With gratitude,

Member of Congress



helped

1,208

El Pasoans close cases with federal agencies secured over

\$4.3 Million

in tax dollars and benefits owed to EL Pasoans

responded to

129,000

constituents about the issues that matter most to them

delivered over

\$221.6 Million

in federal grant funding for local organizations and governments

(your) Federal Funding in El Paso

Voting for Our Veterans

This year, I was proud to help pass the *Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2025* to require the VA to raise the amount of money veterans can receive for disability benefits, surviving spouses and children benefits, and dependents' benefits.

As cost of living continues to rise, a focus of mine has been to lower the financial burden for our veterans and their families.



Investing in Our Community

El Paso Children's Hospital is near and dear to my heart.

I was proud to see the almost \$600,000 in funding I secured in 2023 finally come to fruition as the new El Paso Children's Pediatric Mobile Clinic was officially unveiled. Equipped with exam rooms, essential equipment, clinical services, and screenings on board, the mobile clinic will bring high-quality care directly to families in underserved areas of our community.



Keeping Our Communities Safe

This year, I was proud to help secure \$2.25 million in federal funding to hire 18 new police officers and support community policing efforts. This COPS grant will help the El Paso Police Department expand its community-based initiatives, strengthen trust between officers and residents, and ensure that every person, especially our most vulnerable neighbors, can feel safe and supported. I will continue to support local law enforcement and ensure they have the resources they need to keep our community safe.



Supporting Our Students

Tens of thousands of El Paso students ride a bus to school every day, but emissions from older diesel vehicles increase the risk of respiratory illnesses among the very students they should be transporting safely. Thanks to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Canutillo ISD received \$4.5 million to invest in 8 new electric buses, using clean energy to transport students. As the only Member of Congress in our region to vote for this funding, I am so proud to see this project come to fruition!





11

bills introduced

187

bills cosponsored

300+

votes cast on behalf of TX-16 **231**

oversight letters sent



FOR OUR YOUNGEST EL PASOANS

Hi there, I'm Congresswoman Veronica Escobar, and I represent El Paso, TX in the U.S. House of Representatives. As the Congresswoman for our beautiful community, it is a privilege and an honor to work for you!

I'm a life-long resident of El Paso, where I live with my husband and our kitty family!

In Congress, I work every day to make sure the voices of El Pasoans are heard and work to solve our community's most important issues! This means writing laws, taking votes, and advocating for El Paso in Washington, D.C.

If your family ever visits our nation's capital, my office is always eager to help coordinate tours of the U.S. Capitol, the White House, and other government buildings.

A lot of laws start as small ideas. Do you have any ideas for a law or to make our community better? What are some issues that matter to you?

YOUTH PROGRAMS

<u>Congressional Art Competition</u> — A nationwide high school arts competition is sponsored by the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

<u>Congressional App Challenge</u> — A challenge for middle school and high school students to encourage participation in STEM education,

develop coding skills, and create original applications that better their communities.

Congressional Youth Advisory Council — A

leadership opportunity for high school students with an interest in public service and the legislative process.

<u>Service Academy Nominations</u> — Information for a Congressional nomination to four of the five service academies.

<u>Internships</u> — Part-time and full-time internships in Congresswoman Escobar's Washington, DC and El Paso offices.

<u>Hispanic Heritage Month Essay Contest</u> —An essay challenge for El Paso's middle school students during Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15th - October 15th

It's important to me to hear directly from our community and their thoughts on current events. That's why I send out my email surveys. This year, I heard from thousands of El Pasoans on topics like:

- Medicaid Cuts
- Redistricting
- The Epstein Files
- The State of the Economy
- Government Shutdown
- Health Insurance Prices

and more. Sign up for my newsletter and surveys on my website.

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If you're interested in what I've done for El Paso, find a list of my accomplishments here or at escobar.house.gov/issues













