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Congresswoman Veronica Escobar, a third-generation El Pasoan, proudly represents Texas' 16th Congressional District.

Since making history as the first woman elected to represent El Paso and the first of two Latinas from Texas to serve in Congress, Congresswoman Escobar serves on the prestigious House Judiciary Committee, House Armed Services Committee, and House Ethics Committee.

She is a member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, the Congressional Progressive Caucus, the New Democrat Coalition, the Democratic Women's Caucus, and the Pro-Choice Caucus.

In December 2022, Congresswoman Escobar, after receiving the highest vote count, was elected to Democratic Leadership, as one of three co-chairs of the Democratic Policy and Communications Committee (DPCC). In this position, she is charged with crafting and disseminating strong Caucus-wide messaging guidance that communicates House Democrats' values and sharply contrasts that with the extreme policies of House Republicans. Also, as Co-Chair of DPCC, she is the only Texan in leadership in both the House and the Senate and in both parties.

On January 6, 2023, Congresswoman Veronica Escobar had the honor of nominating Representative Hakeem Jeffries (NY-8) for Speaker of the House.

In Congress, she has established herself as the voice of the border and as a national leader on gun safety, healthcare, reproductive justice, and immigration. She has led legislation to address our nation's immigration challenges in a responsible and humane manner by ensuring accountability, transparency, and oversight. She has also led legislation to protect women's healthcare providers, patients, and staff by enhancing clinics' physical and cyber security. She has also championed efforts that support our men and women in uniform, as well as the well-being of their dependents and spouses.

Before her election, she served on the governing body for El Paso County, first as a County Commissioner and then as County Judge. There, she fought back against those who used government for their own personal gain and worked with her colleagues to modernize and reform the organization. She also worked to make El Paso County a leader in expanding access to healthcare by working with the University Medical Center of El Paso to build primary care clinics and the El Paso Children's Hospital, the only children's hospital on the U.S.-Mexico Border.

Prior to her service with El Paso County, Congresswoman Escobar was an English teacher at the University of Texas at El Paso and El Paso Community College, Communications Director for former Mayor Raymond Caballero, and the Executive Director of Community Scholars, a non-profit that taught high school students how to produce public policy reports and recommendations.

Congresswoman Escobar is a graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) and New York University (NYU). She and her husband, Michael, live in Central El Paso with their beloved cats. They have two grown children: Cristian Diego and Eloisa Isabel.