



Katy Padilla Stout Officially Files for Democratic Nomination in Texas' 23rd Congressional District

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SAN ANTONIO, TX — Katy Padilla Stout, a lifelong Texan, wife, mother, attorney, and former public school teacher, has officially filed her application for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Congress in Texas' 23rd Congressional District (TX-23).

Padilla Stout has dedicated her personal and professional life to serving children, families, and communities across South Texas. Since 2017, she has served as an appointed member of the Bexar County Child Welfare Board, working to strengthen systems that protect vulnerable children and support families in crisis.

A proud product of South Texas, Padilla Stout attended Lee High School in San Antonio and earned her bachelor's degree in Education from The University of Texas at Austin. She returned home to teach elementary school in Northside ISD, gaining firsthand experience with the challenges facing educators, parents, and students. Her desire to advocate for students on a broader level led her to pursue a law degree at South Texas College of Law. In 2014, she was sworn in as an attorney in front of her second-grade students.

As an attorney, Padilla Stout has built a respected practice in child welfare and education law, devoting her career to advocating for children and families in some of the most challenging circumstances. She practices law alongside her father, Alfredo Z. Padilla, at their family firm based in Carrizo Springs, Texas.

Padilla Stout's roots in the district run deep. Her father and grandparents were migrant farm workers from South Texas, and her great-grandfather served for many years as a

custodian at the Bexar County Courthouse. Raised by a single mother, she grew up understanding the pressures facing working families.

Today, she lives in Leon Springs, Texas, with her husband, Austin, a career prosecutor, and their four young children. She believes her background has uniquely prepared her to represent TX-23, a district as diverse as it is geographically vast.

“With so many families struggling and so many voices left unheard, we need leadership that listens, understands, and fights for our shared values—not the values of national lobbyists or polarizing national figures,” Padilla Stout said. “We need a representative who demonstrates sound judgment—professionally and personally—and whose full attention is devoted to the families, workers, and small businesses of this district—not someone consumed by distractions in their personal life.”

As a mother of four young children who attend public school, Padilla Stout says she wants to bring the voice of parents and families into the national conversation.

“Our children deserve a future where families don’t go broke paying for healthcare, where schools are fully supported, and where opportunity is not determined by your ZIP code,” she said. “I’m running because our families deserve leadership grounded in integrity, service, and compassion.”

More information about the campaign will be released in the coming weeks.

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High-resolution photos from the official filing ceremony and approved campaign images are available upon request.

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