

TEXAS PROGRESSIVE ACTION NETWORK

2019 Year In Review



Introduction

Texas Progressive Action Network is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to advancing voter education and good public policy in Texas through advocacy and outreach. TPAN kicked off in January of 2017 and formally incorporated in August of the same year.

Here you will find our 2019 Year In Review Report and our goals for 2020.

We Stepped Up Our Advocacy In The 86th Legislative Session.

Texas Progressive Action Network (TPAN) was able to track over a 100 pieces of legislation this past legislative session and took action on 51 bills. We were able to do this thanks to the advocacy of action alert teams who advocated on a variety of issues and we grew our community by 188 members!

[See our 86th Regular Legislative Session Report here!](#)



Our Vote Texas Took Shape.

The need for voter rights advocacy in the state of Texas is ongoing and since the gutting of the Voting Rights Act in 2013, we know that those who deploy voter suppression tactics that undermine the electorate never rest. So we can't either.

This was made apparent this past legislative session with [anti-voter bills like SB 9](#) and a [botched attempt at a voter purge by former Secretary of State, David Whitley](#).

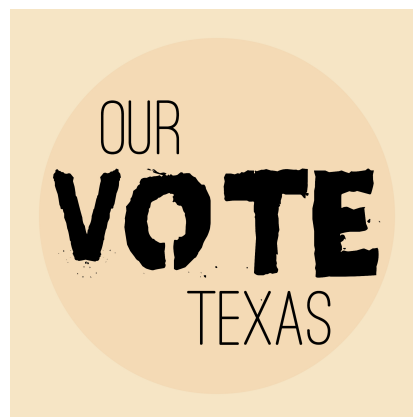
Out of these two key fights for Texas voters, [Our Vote Texas](#) came about.

In both instances, along with many other Texas voters, groups and organizations, we pushed back and advocated for Our Vote. We helped defeat SB 9 and David Whitley resigned from his position as Secretary of State as the legislative session came to a close.

What We Know However Is That Our Work Is Never Done.

To this end, the Our Vote Texas project has already begun rolling out voter resources and education materials that help shed light on the voting process in Texas. We want to make sure everyone knows their voter rights when they head to the polls. [These materials are free to VDRs and volunteers doing get out the vote work in 2020 and beyond.](#)

To date we've shipped out almost 2500 materials and are currently spanning 8 counties in the state of Texas!



Through voter registration work and continuing to build out these tools, as well as continuing to build on the [Voter Hub](#) of TPAN we hope to further serve Texas voters and those looking to engage in voter rights advocacy work.

Learn more about Our Vote Texas at <https://www.txprogressiveaction.com/> or <http://ourvotetexas.com/>.

Fair Maps For All.

Our efforts to advocate for a fair and more transparent redistricting process did not let up in 2019 and we will stay loud in 2020 and well beyond.

After getting a hearing on redistricting legislation this past session, [we mobilized with other advocates](#) to promote the establishment of an independent redistricting commission.

While these efforts ultimately did not succeed this time, there is a lot we can continue to do to advocate for a more open and fair redistricting process.

We will continue to help build a movement of support for redistricting reform in Texas.

Right now and heading into 2020, the Redistricting Committees of the Texas House and Senate are conducting public input hearings around the state and seeking feedback from Texans on how the redistricting process impacts our communities.

[We're mobilizing with others to rally communities across Texas to engage at these hearings and be a voice for Fair Maps!](#) **Join the movement with us!**

Learn more about Fair Maps Texas at <https://www.fairmapstexas.org/>.

The logo consists of the words "FAIR MAPS FOR ALL" in a bold, black, sans-serif font, centered within a light gray rectangular background.

FAIR MAPS FOR ALL

We Gained New Leadership And Established Our Founding Members.

In 2019, we welcomed Emma Mancha Sumners (January 2019) and Kelly Quinney Camp (July 2019) to the TPAN Board of Directors!

Their support and guidance on the mission and everyday work of our organization continues to be so very valuable.

Our forever Founding Members of Texas Progressive Action Network were also named in 2019 and we are proud to present them as:

Lulu Bautista

Amy Collier

Robert Villarreal

Sanjay Nagar

Robert Gonzalez

Valerie Street

As we continue our advocacy volunteer work in the years to come, we will continue to look for new voices to bring to our growing table!

Thank You For Your Continued Support!