

2020 Presidential Candidate Tracker

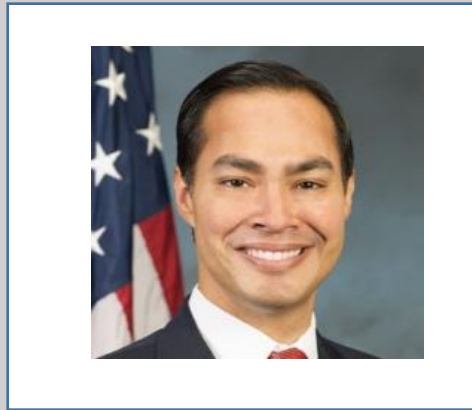


Julian Castro

State Affiliation: Texas

Background: Former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

Announcement: 1/12/2019



Positions & Quotes

<p>"I support things like gun buybacks... I know that they have had mixed success, but I believe that, in some circumstances, that's a good policy, and that we can recover some weapons that shouldn't be out there on the street,"</p>	<p>Washington Times</p>
<p>Mr. Castro said he also supports universal background checks, banning high-capacity magazines and preventing people who have committed domestic violence from buying firearms.</p>	<p>Washington Times</p>
<p>"I believe that Senator Feinstein has it right with regard to the assault weapons ban, that it ought to be reintroduced,"</p>	<p>ABC News</p>

<p>Has pushed for limiting high-capacity magazines and requiring background checks at gun shows</p>	<p>PBS</p>
<p>"I do think we can be more nuanced about what types of guns [we allow] and also making sure we close that loophole on gun shows."</p>	<p>ABC News</p>
<p>"We can and must pass common sense reforms to end the gun violence epidemic—and ensure no community has to endure the pain that the Virginia Beach community feels today."</p>	<p>Twitter.com</p>
<p>"I'm going to choose commonsense gun reform. So I believe that we're going to be able to get that done in 2021."</p>	<p>6/26 Debate</p>
<p>Supports a federal "red flag" law, which would allow people to petition courts to remove guns from individuals if they fear are a danger to themselves or others.</p>	<p>MSNBC Gun Safety Forum 2020</p>
<p>"We shouldn't use mental health as an excuse for gun violence"</p>	<p>MSNBC Gun Safety Forum 2020</p>
<p>"Teachers should be teaching, not serving as a security guard"</p>	<p>MSNBC Gun Safety Forum 2020</p>
<p>Wants to ban high-capacity magazines that can hold more than 10 rounds.</p>	<p>MSNBC Gun Safety Forum 2020</p>
<p>"We talk a lot about guns, but what we do with ammunition, just physically and also the way we tax it, is also part of the solution."</p>	<p>MSNBC Gun Safety Forum 2020</p>
<p>"We shouldn't expect our teachers to arm themselves because our legislators won't take action."</p>	<p>Twitter</p>
<p>"I think that one of the worst ideas to come out of different states, including Texas, was this idea that you should arm teachers."</p>	<p>MSNBC Gun Safety Forum 2020</p>

"There are two problems I have with mandatory buybacks. Number one, folks can't define it. And if you're not going door to door, then it's not really mandatory."

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