

Representative Gina Hinojosa Biography

A native Texan and a proud product of public schools, Representative Gina Hinojosa arrived in Austin in 1992 to attend the University of Texas at Austin. With the exception of her years in law school in Washington, D.C., she has called Austin home ever since.

Gina graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Plan II Honors/Government degree. She received her law degree from George Washington Law School in 1999 and was licensed that same year.

Gina ran for the Austin Independent School District (AISD) School Board primarily because she was frustrated with the District's proposed plan to close neighborhood schools, including the school her son attended, Pease Elementary. She was elected to an at-large position on the Board in November 2012 and was elected Board President by her fellow trustees in January 2015. In the short time that Gina has served on the School Board, she has led successful efforts on workers' rights, advocated and testified at the Legislature in support of increased funding for public education, partnered with the City to secure millions in additional funding for students, and secured the rights and safety of LGBTQ employees and students. Under her leadership, every AISD high school met state accountability standards for the first time, a major step forward in improving academic performance for all students.

In March 2016, Gina defeated five other candidates to fill the State House District 49 position. As State Representative, Gina has outlined her legislative priorities to be legislation that protects vulnerable populations from fear and discrimination and promotes local control and economic investments in communities.