Stopping the Invasion of Texas

Eva Guzman is the child of legal immigrants. Her parents came to the United States the right way, paid taxes, gained citizenship and pursued the American Dream. Eva grew up in a tough, working-class part of Houston. She earned her success, working hard to become a successful attorney and the first Latina elected statewide in Texas, as a judge on our Supreme Court.

More than any other candidate in the race for Attorney General, Eva Guzman knows that securing our borders is more than a talking point and photo op. When she was 26 years old, her father was killed by an illegal immigrant from Mexico who was never apprehended. It’s likely he slipped back across the border, free to live his life without consequence after shattering Eva’s family forever.

When it comes to illegal immigration, we cannot fix Mexico and Central America’s problems, but we must stop those problems from crossing our border. Not every illegal immigrant is a murderer, but the reckless policies that invite illegal immigration are also a magnet for dangerous criminal activities. Our border communities are overwhelmed with both the influx of people crossing illegally, and with the human, drug and weapons trafficking that result from the Biden Administration’s radical open-border policies.

It has to end. As Attorney General, Eva Guzman is committed to taking action to stop illegal immigration, rather than attempting to mitigate the consequences after the fact.

Build the wall. The federal government will sue to stop us from building a wall along our border. Texas needs an Attorney General to defend our right to stop the invasion from the south. That Attorney General can’t be the kind of lawyer who needs Google Maps to find the courthouse, or who is distracted by indictments, affairs and scandals.

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**End catch and release.** When people are arrested for crossing our border illegally or on suspicion of committing a crime while being in the U.S. without permission, they should not be released into Texas on the hope that they will return for a hearing. They should be detained or returned to their country of origin pending a hearing.

**Remain in Mexico.** The Biden Administration is seeking to end the Remain in Mexico policy, which requires migrants seeking asylum to stay in Mexico until their hearings before overwhelmed immigration courts. As Attorney General, Eva Guzman will fight the Biden Administration’s plan to allow these migrants to be released pending their court hearings. They must remain in Mexico.

**Provide resources to border communities.** Texas taxpayers have been forced to foot the bill for the federal government’s failure to secure the border. Border communities continue to expend resources to address the influx of migrants, drugs and crime. As Attorney General, Eva Guzman will sue to make the Biden Administration reimburse our state and local governments for the billions of dollars spent dealing with the flood of illegal immigrants into Texas.

**Prosecute felonies committed by illegal immigrants.** To protect public safety, the Texas Attorney General should be given the authority to prosecute illegal immigrants who engage in human trafficking, drug trafficking and other felonies in Texas.

**Protect public health.** Federal law allows immigrants to be immediately returned to their country of origin to protect U.S. citizens from the spread of diseases such as COVID-19. The U.S. government should continue to enforce this policy, and the Texas Attorney General should sue the Biden Administration if it refuses.

**Bolster judicial infrastructure to expedite hearings.** The procedural bottleneck in the immigration courts due to systemic inefficiencies and insufficient staffing is unacceptable. Eva Guzman is the only candidate with extensive experience overseeing staffing and management of courts to address challenges of mass adjudications, and she will most effectively advocate for the necessary increase in judicial resources at the border.