

PETE GALLEGO

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Pete Gallego is a husband, father, and son of West Texas. Pete values helping people solve problems, improving Texas government, sticking up for those who are most vulnerable, and making Texas a better place to be for citizens and businesses alike. Pete is seeking the State Senate seat for District 19 because he believes he can use his knowledge to improve the lives of Texans.

Pete worked his way through college. Graduating in just two years, Pete earned a Bachelors in Political Science in 1982. In 1985, he earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence from The University of Texas School of Law.

Pete was first elected to the Texas Legislature in 1990, representing his hometown of Alpine in House District 74. Pete then became the first freshman and the first ethnic minority elected as chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, until 2001, when he then served as chairman of the Mexican-American Legislative Caucus (MALC).

Pete served on several committees during his tenure in the Texas Legislature. Pete was the chairman of the Committee of Criminal Jurisprudence and the General Investigation Committee and several select and subcommittees. He served as a member of the powerful Sunset Commission. Pete as served on State Affairs, Appropriations, Calendars, Criminal Jurisprudence, Higher Education, Elections, Government Reform, and Natural Resources committees. In 1999, Pete made the Texas Monthly Best Legislators list.

"[Gallego] has become the most versatile member of the House, a jack-of-all-trades and master of all."-Texas Monthly, July 1999

In 2011, Pete ran for Congressional District 23. After defeating two incumbents, in the primary and general elections, respectively, Pete won in 2012. He served on the House Armed Services and Agriculture Committees and joined the Blue Dog Democrats Caucus. This group of legislators hold moderate views that line up with Pete's principals of working together on issues.

After serving a term in Congress, Pete lost to Republican Will Hurd in 2014 for this swing seat. After a narrowly unsuccessful bid for his old seat in 2016, Pete decided to take a step back from office to enjoy his time with his family, whom he loves dearly.

During Pete's time away from office, people would recognize him on the street and ask him to help solve their problems with public services or tell him of their frustrations with government.

Today, Pete has listened to these calls for help and is ready to serve the people of Texas again. With his track record helping pass 300 bills into law, a talent for relationship-building, and his quiet strength as a dealmaker, Pete is ready and capable of getting things done.

