

# Voces Tejas



## Who we are:

Voces Tejas is Social Citizen Action Group interested in achieving equity for Latinx communities through service, outreach, and bridge building.

## What we do:

Our mission is to connect Latinxs with each other and to connect allies with Latinx communities to address basic needs in order to cultivate involvement in civic life.

## Why we do it:

We envision a future where Latinx social and political empowerment brings about the positive progress our society needs to keep moving forward for the sake of humanity.

We believe that Latinx communities harbor the potential to bring about the positive change necessary to drive our society to new successes if we foster the opportunities for them to do so.

**Our Contact Info:**  
info@vocestejas.org

**Website**  
vocestejas.org

**FIND US ON**



## A note from the co-founders:

Voces Tejas comes from the hearts of Leandra Blei and María Milner. Both Latinas grew up in areas where they felt the pull of their heritage conflict with the pressure of assimilation.

Voces Tejas came as a result of the feeling of duty to do more for their communities by way of creating the space at the table of social inclusion that they both notice has become increasingly denied to Latinxs.



Leandra Blei, Co-Founder  
leandra@vocestejas.org  
Photo courtesy of  
Inti St. Clair



María Milner, Co-Founder  
maria@vocestejas.org  
Photo courtesy of  
Leandra Blei Photography

## Upcoming Events - January

### 22 **Voces Tejas Volunteer & Community Connection Night**

5PM - 7PM @ Raúl R. Salinas Room,  
Emma S. Barrientos Mexican-American Cultural Center,  
600 River St, Austin, TX

Voces Tejas will be holding their first meet and greet to make ourselves visible to the Latinx community of Austin and to get to know our future volunteers.

We'll be discussing our immediate future events, long-term vision, and ways to get involved! Light refreshments will be provided

### 3 **"Being Afro-Latina" Panel Discussion**

1PM - 3PM @ Room 2, George Washington Carver Library,  
1165 Angelina St, Austin, TX

The panel discussion is being put on by Maria Brown, local citizen, Afro-Latina, and Army/National Guard veteran. "During this panel [the audience] will hear from women that identify with being Afro-Latina and hear about their unique experiences. This panel will allow for us to build community, create awareness and empower each other." Voces Tejas has been asked to participate from the Latina perspective.

## February

### 10 **Latinx Voter Outreach Presentation**

1:30PM - 3:30PM @ Lamppost Coffee  
1205 Round Rock Ave, Round Rock, TX

Voces Tejas will be hosting a Latinx Voter Outreach Presentation for interested parties in the Williamson County/North Austin area.

Our outreach presentation is based on our mission of discussing the basic needs of Latinx communities in order to provide them a stable basis to move forward into civic engagement, such as becoming a stable and well-educated voting bloc.