

Girl Scouts San Jacinto Council (GSSJC) celebrates local women at their annual *Success to Significance* event. In 2012, GSSJC honored¹ Sylvia R. Garcia, a local politician who has been praised² by Planned Parenthood CEO Cecile Richards. Garcia, who is currently featured³ on GSSJC's website, is an avid public supporter⁴ of Planned Parenthood and abortion rights⁵. Garcia has collaborated² with other pro-abortion organizations like Emily's List and Catholics for Choice. Garcia recently gained notoriety among pro-abortion activists for her opposition⁵ to Texas legislative bills (HB2 and SB5) aimed at banning late term abortion and regulating abortion facilities. Garcia's accolades⁶ include her service as a GSUSA board member as well as recipient of the GSSJC "Board Award".

¹<http://www.gssjc.org/content/dam/gssjc/documents/publications/annual-report/2012AnnualReport.pdf>

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The Council's name changes from San Jacinto Girl Scouts to Girl Scouts of San Jacinto.

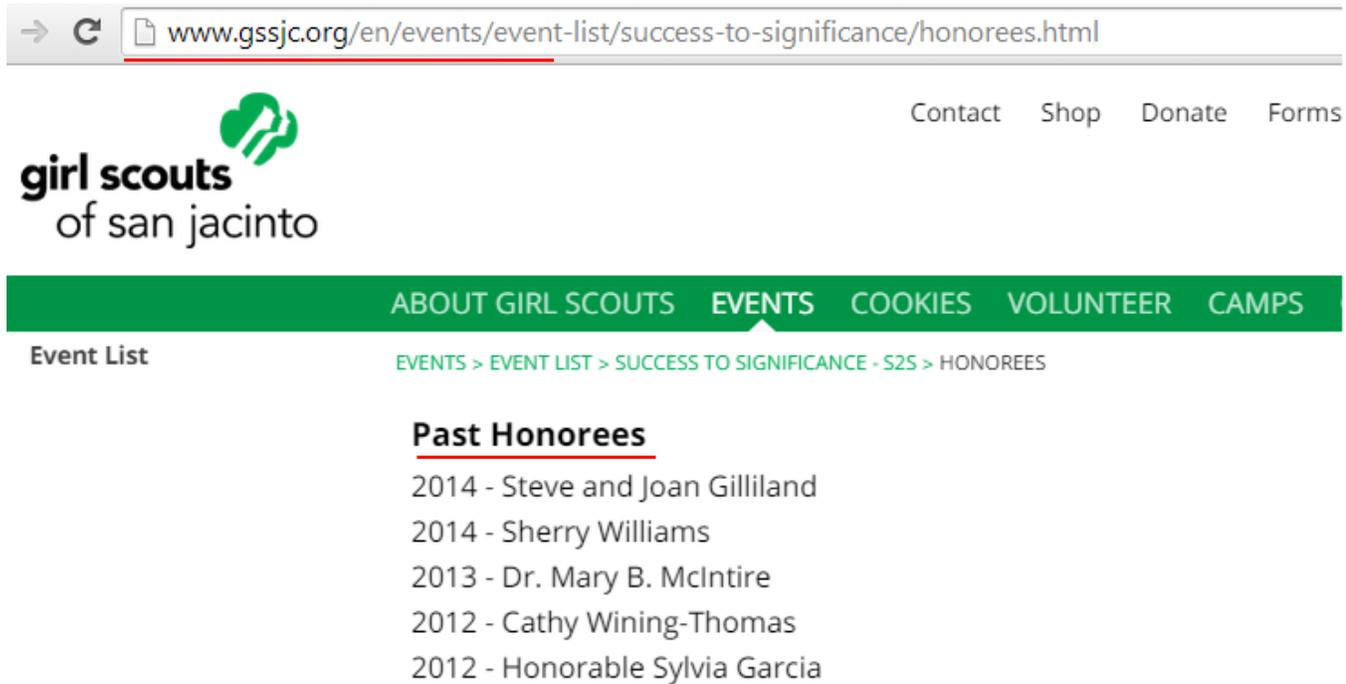
GSSJC hosts the 2011 Council Session and 52nd National Convention at the George R. Brown Convention Center. GSSJC kicks off the inaugural Success to Significance

Success to Significance 2012 honored Sylvia Garcia and Cathy Wining-Thomas for their significant impacts in the community. New York Times best-selling author Liz Murray delivered a powerful keynote address, sharing her story of going from being homeless to graduating from Harvard. Sylvia Garcia was the first woman to be elected to the Harris County Commissioner's court in November 2002 where she served until 2010.

Cathy Wining-Thomas enjoyed a career of more than 25 years with ConocoPhillips and retired as chief procurement officer. She is heavily involved in Girl Scouting, including the Emerald Circle, Promise Society, Pluralism Committee, Promise Project and was one of the founding members of the Juliette Gordon Low Society.

² <http://www.gssjc.org/en/events/event-list/success-to-significance/honorees.html> scroll to bottom of page

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Past Honorees

2014 - Steve and Joan Gilliland

2014 - Sherry Williams

2013 - Dr. Mary B. McIntire

2012 - Cathy Wining-Thomas

2012 - Honorable Sylvia Garcia

³http://emilyslist.org/news/releases/emilys_list_celebrates_champions_of_latina_health_at_naleo



EMILY's List Celebrates Champions of Latina Health at NALEO Annual Conference

San Antonio, TX -- EMILY's List, Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast and Planned Parenthood Trust of South Texas will join the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health (NLIRH), Catholics for Choice, and Annie's List as co-hosts of a reception celebrating champions for Latina health during the 28th Annual Conference of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO).

"EMILY's List is delighted to co-host this event," said Stephanie Schriock, EMILY's List president. "We know that putting women's health first helps strengthen families and communities. We are thrilled to get to Texas and celebrate the work being done on behalf of women's health."

"It is exciting to watch Texas become an increasingly diverse state, and I am excited about this special reception," said Jeffrey Hons, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Trust of South Texas. "In San Antonio -- where a national minority is the majority -- Latino lawmakers are seen as a natural expression of who we are as a community. We want to express our deep appreciation to Latino elected and appointed officials and their great work to champion family planning and women's health."

The Champions for Latina Health Reception will be held at the Grand Hyatt in San Antonio on June 25, with 25 elected and appointed officials from Texas serving as honorary co-hosts. They include Congressman Charles Gonzalez and the Honorable Sylvia R. Garcia, president of NALEO.

"Latinas are no different from other women," NALEO President Garcia said. "We care about our health and we care about our families. Quality and accessible health services are critical for all of us."

"Better access to preventive health care helps keep Hispanic women healthier throughout their lives," Congressman Gonzalez said. "Millions of Hispanic women and their families depend on access to family planning health centers for basic services like breast cancer screenings, immunizations, and blood pressure testing. It is critical that we continue to fight to protect their health and to ensure access to quality care."

This is a unique opportunity to celebrate leading women's health champions throughout the country at a time when Latinas' access to reproductive health care is under attack. These mounting efforts to restrict or eliminate women's health programs threaten the health and well-being of Latinas and their families.

Besides trying to cut health programs that serve large numbers of Latinas, some state and federal lawmakers are trying to bar Planned Parenthood health centers from providing care through publicly funded health programs. Nearly three-quarters of Planned Parenthood health centers serve women living in medically underserved or rural areas.

"Planned Parenthood celebrates champions for Latina health today and every day," said Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America. "Attacks on Planned Parenthood are attacks on the health and well-being of Latinas and their families. Without the leadership and commitment of people like Congressman Gonzalez and NALEO President Sylvia R. Garcia, and the countless other Latinos and Latinas in elected and appointed office, Latino communities would see their reproductive rights stripped away and their health suffer."

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In 2011 and 2012, Garcia co-chaired the Planned Parenthood Houston/Southeast Texas annual meeting:

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June 2013: Garcia stands with Senator Wendy Davis to vote “no” to the Texas Pro-life SB5 which would have banned late term abortions.



www.timesnews.net/article/9064256/perry-texas-gc

Perry, Texas GOP revive abortion limits fight

June 27th, 2013 12:42 pm by WILL WEISSERT, ASSOCIATED PRESS



In this Tuesday, June 25, 2013 photo, Texas state Senators Wendy Davis, left, and Sylvia R. Garcia cast their votes against Senate Bill 5 amidst the cheers of the Senate Gallery, in Austin, Texas. (AP Photo/The Daily Texan, Emily Ng)



Senator Sylvia R. Garcia: District 6

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Occupation: Attorney

Education: B.A., Social Work, Texas Woman's University; J.D., Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University

Legislative Experience: Senate Member, 2013 – present

Hometown: Palito Blanco

Party: Democrat

Active in the Houston community, Sylvia has served on more than 25 community boards and commissions, including the San Jacinto Girl Scouts, the Houston Hispanic Forum, the American Leadership Forum, Battleship Texas and the Museum of Fine Arts - Houston.

Sylvia has been named "Humanitarian of the Year" by the National Conference of Communities and Justice and chosen as one of "Houston's 25 Power People" by Inside Houston magazine. She is also a recipient of the Texas Woman's University Board of Regents Woman of Distinction Award, the Hispanic Scouting Distinguished Citizen Award from the Sam Houston Area Council/Boy Scouts of America, and the Board Award from the San Jacinto Girl Scouts.