

Linda Morales is a fierce advocate for Latino, women, LGBTQIA+ and worker rights.

Morales extensive professional experience includes work in healthcare, state government, and labor union organizing.

This includes serving as a Legislative Assistant to members of the Texas Senate and House of Representatives; Television Specialist on the Marketing Team for the Texas Health Report with Dr. “Red” Duke, an internationally syndicated health information commentary; Producer of MIDDAY, a health program for Texas Medical Center community and Editor of *What Goes On*, a newsletter for healthcare professionals in the Texas Medical Center.

Morales has worked for the National AFL-CIO, Sheet Metal Workers International Union, SEIU Local 1, California Nurses Association/National Nurses United, organizing workers across the United States engaging with a diverse workforce and educating them about the advantages of unionization.

Linda currently works with the Texas Gulf Coast Area Labor Federation/AFL-CIO (TGICALF/AFL-CIO), where she leads two critical initiatives for the TGICALF, the Build Houston Better initiative aimed at passing local policy to

improve workforce labor standards such as wages, safety training & apprenticeship opportunities and also leads the Presidents Organizing Initiative (Houston POI) which strives to grow the labor movement by coordinating solidarity support for each others' current and future organizing activities and to engage with unions to develop long term plans to support larger-scale organizing where synergies are possible.

Morales currently serves as Board Director of the Harris County Houston Sports Authority. She has served as President of the Gulf Coast Chapter of the Labor Council for Latin Advancement (LCLAA), including the aiding victims of domestic violence at the Rose/la Rosa Center; supporting efforts to end the HIV epidemic at the AIDS Equity League; and, serving the Harris Health System as Board Trustee.

Morales has been recognized widely for her work to grow power for working families and advocacy for social and economic justice in our community, including receiving the 'Si Se Puede' Award at the Harris County Democratic Party Johnson-Rayburn-Richards Annual Dinner and the A. Philip Randolph, Living Legend Award.

Originally from Uvalde, TX, Morales has made Houston her home since 1977 and is married to Esther Martinez.

