



District 8 Secretary Candidate Information

Name: Nyla Vela

Candidate Position: Secretary, District 8

Work Experience

- Title, Jacinto City Branch Manager
 - Institution, Harris County Public Library

TLA Activities

- Tall Texans Selection Committee (2023-2026)

Other Professional Association Membership Information

I have presented at the District 8 conference and the ALA LibLearnX conference. I have been a TLA/ALA member for 3 years now and have been active in both organizations since I started as a librarian. I have been published in various psychological journals and magazines.

Statement of Concern:

With the new presidential administration committed to stripping our patron's freedom to read, it is more important than ever to protect and support our Texas libraries. Libraries are facing ever more scrutiny for carrying books centered around LGBTQ+ individuals and people of color. Further, with the number of schools getting rid of librarians altogether, many of us are in a place where we feel hopeless or scared for our very livelihoods. The TLA provides us a place to conquer these issues and come together to find solidarity amongst each other. I intend to help mitigate these issues by standing up for the TLA's mission while also providing a safe space for people to talk about their struggles as library workers.