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IGNITE Alumna, Karla Garcia, to Declare Run for Dallas Independent School District Trustee at *Young Women Run* Conference

Young Women Run is a training to advance the skills and capacities of young women who are eager to become the next generation of political leaders

FORT WORTH, TX -- Saturday, February 9, 2019, on the heels of a midterm election where historic numbers of women were elected as members of the United States Congress, IGNITE will mobilize Gen Z women of color in North Texas to follow in their footsteps and step into their own political power. Last November, Texans sent the first 3 Latinas - Representatives Sylvia Garcia, Veronica Escobar, and Xochitl Torres Small - to Washington, highlighting the importance of events such as these.

At the conference, IGNITE alumna **Karla Garcia**, will declare her own political ambition and her run for Dallas Independent School District Trustee. "I'm running for Dallas Independent School District Trustee, District 4 to champion the needs of the students and parents in Pleasant Grove, Balch Springs and Seagoville," **Garcia said**. "I am a fierce advocate for underserved communities and believe that systematic changes can improve the quality of education for all students in DISD. I'm stepping up for District 4, because our parents and students deserve an advocate that shares their lived experiences. Our campaign is from the community, for our community. Together we will work towards a much larger vision of opportunity and success for the people and families of District 4."

IGNITE is the largest nonpartisan political organization that works with young women ages 14 - 22. 76 percent of IGNITE's participants are young women of color. IGNITE's largest

membership is comprised of Latinas (33%), followed closely by African American girls and women (22%).

IGNITE has kicked off 2019 with a series of *Young Women Run* events to mobilize and train young women who share political and leadership ambition. Tapping the unprecedented engagement of young people in the midterm and state elections, IGNITE will be holding two Young Women Run conferences in the South this weekend, one in Dallas-Fort Worth, TX (February 9, 2019) and the other in Atlanta, GA (February 9, 2019).

WHO: Elected leaders and politically ambitious young women
WHAT: Young Women Run Conference in North Texas
WHEN: Saturday, February 9, 2019 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM CST
WHERE: [300 Trinity Campus Circle, Fort Worth, TX 76102](http://www.ignitenational.org/young-women-run-conference-north-texas)

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About IGNITE: IGNITE is a national movement of young women who are ready and eager to become the next generation of political leaders. As a nonpartisan 501c3, IGNITE builds political ambition in high school and college-aged young women in their own communities. IGNITE provides civic education, exposure to women in political leadership, hands on training, work opportunities, and a peer network of women who support and nurture each other's aspirations for civic and political leadership. www.ignitenational.org

The Young Women Run North Texas Conference is sponsored by Facebook, Texas Women's Foundation, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, and the Dallas Bar Foundation.