

# Kesha Rogers Wins Again!

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When LaRouche Democrat Kesha Rogers won the Democratic primary election in the 22nd District of Texas in 2010, on a platform of impeaching Barack Obama and reviving the NASA space program, Democratic Party officialdom—from the White House on down—was terrified. They were fearful that the image of Obama as invincible would be damaged, and they were determined that the national leadership shown by Rogers would never be permitted to win such a victory again.

Thus, in the course of the 2012 primary elections, when Rogers ran again as part of the LaRouche National Slate, the entire focus of her Democratic Party opposition was to “Stop Kesha.” The local party leadership even admitted that their alternate candidate could not beat the incumbent Republican, but that Rogers had to be defeated at all cost. By such antics, including a vicious smear campaign against Rogers, in which they succeeded in preventing any debate on crucial issues, they did succeed in suppressing the vote in the May 29 Democratic primary to abysmal levels—but Kesha won again.

While Rogers received 51% of the vote in the 2012 primary, fewer than 7,300 Democrats voted, compared to more than the 62,000 votes she received in the general election in November 2010, as the Democratic Party nominee. The voter suppression campaign tactics adopted by the Obama team successfully reduced the Democratic vote in the district by an astounding 88%!

However, the failure of the Obama campaign team—which directed the anti-Kesha campaign—to demoralize all Texas Democrats, as evidenced by Rogers’ victory, points to an enhanced potential for the

sudden removal of the President from the Oval Office. Obama’s popularity is collapsing, which can be seen in the 40% of Democratic primary voters who voted against him in recent weeks in West Virginia, Arkansas, and Kentucky. The vote for Kesha in Texas confirms this pattern of disgust with Obama, as both Kesha and her opponents made him the issue in the 22nd C.D. Only this time, the vote against Obama among Democrats was over 50%.

With Obama removed from office, it would be likely that there would be an upsurge of support for the LaRouche emergency program promoted by Rogers, which calls for immediate re-implementation of Glass-Steagall banking regulations, a return to a Hamiltonian credit system, and funding for major job-creating, wealth-producing projects, especially the North American Water and Power Alliance (NAWAPA) great water engineering project—all of which are opposed by Obama, who is a puppet of City of London-Wall Street speculative financial interests.

## Press Our Advantage

When briefed on Rogers’ victory, Lyndon LaRouche said that this is an opportunity for American patriots to “press our advantage,” to remove Obama. “We have been right about him,” LaRouche added. “He is evil, and is destroying the nation.

“Look what his campaign did in Texas,” he continued, “engaging in voter suppression.” Obama and his allies “are destroying what’s left of their own base.... Most Texas Democrats ought to be ashamed that they tolerate



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*Kesha Rogers' victory in the Democratic Primary in Texas (22nd C.D.) shattered the illusion of the pro-Obama party hacks that the President was invincible. Voters agreed with Rogers that Obama must go.*

such evil; at least some [those who voted for Kesha, and gave her the victory] emerged with their dignity.”

It should be noted that Obama’s Attorney General Eric Holder, who is under scrutiny for his role in the “Fast and Furious” gun-running scandal, and who has angered many Democrats with his defense of Obama’s dictatorial measures to extend spying on American citizens, while offering legal justifications for the President’s right to kill Americans suspected of links to al-Qaeda, may have added to the voter suppression. Holder had ordered Justice Department officials to monitor the vote in the 22nd District, allegedly to guard against “voter intimidation.” While the officials reported no incidents, the real voter intimidation was done by the Obama Democrats, in convincing voters, especially African-Americans, to stay home, to prevent them from casting their ballots for Rogers.

Rogers’ victory was the result of two things: her personal determination to take a “top-down” approach, leading with the life-and-death strategic issues, espe-

cially focusing on the need to remove Obama, and to implement the LaRouche three-part solution to reverse the economic collapse—Glass-Steagall, a national credit system, and NAWAPA—and an intense effort by her supporters, who realized that every discussion with voters, whether at book tables, door-to-door organizing, or phone calls, was a critical battle to move each person they were addressing. This was not just a matter of saying that “every vote counts,” but of communicating that every citizen must take personal responsibility for the future of the nation.

At her victory celebration after the vote, Rogers emphasized that this victory is just the start, that beginning the next morning, she and her supporters will be mobilizing to recruit more and more people to the mission of restoring the American System, to create a better future.

### **Defeating the British Empire**

It is this optimism which threatens the continued control of the British Empire over the U.S. If the American people can be awakened to battle—what LaRouche calls the “Pearl Harbor syndrome”—they can become an unstoppable force.

The day after Rogers won in 2010, the London *Economist*, voice of the Empire, took notice of her declared war against London, in a sarcastic item titled “America on verge of war with British empire.” But clearly the message had gotten across that there was a mood among the American people which made them responsive to LaRouche’s leadership—and that was reason for London’s alarm. Similar alarm obviously spread through the London-aligned U.S. establishment, and it has done its best to bully any opposition to Obama that might have been encouraged by Rogers’ win.

It will be more difficult this time. Two years later, the American population is increasingly disgusted by this President, as well as his anointed Republican opponent, and is running away from the political system as rapidly as possible. Rogers’ victory, as part of the National Slate which is pursuing a unified campaign for Glass-Steagall, a national credit system, NAWAPA XXI, and ousting Obama, will potentially moralize them into action.

Rogers, like the other members of the LaRouche National Slate, did not campaign on local issues, or play on local prejudices. Her concerted focus was to present a program of national leadership, a true Presi-

dential campaign platform, which would address the needs of the nation as a whole.

For lawful reasons, the population in the Texas district where Rogers was campaigning is among the most demoralized in the nation. Not only have they lived under the Bushes and their like for years, but the corruption that goes with a loser mentality has dominated the Democrats. It was clear throughout this campaign that many “regular” Democrats admired Rogers’ courage and her vision, but were intimidated into keeping silent. Yet, a sufficient number came forward on election day to give her a narrow, but decisive win.

The fear of further LaRouche Slate victories is spreading. A blog called “Democratic Underground,” tied to funding by British operative and drug-promoter George Soros, posted warnings that there are LaRouche candidates running in New Jersey—Diane Sare, whose primary is June 5—and in Washington State, Dave Christie. “LaRouchies are dangerous and can sneak up on you,” wrote the frightened blogger, who advocates the kind of smear campaign which did not work against Rogers. The same tactic is being used in Michigan, where Obama Democrats are slandering LaRouche Democrat Bill Roberts, because they do not dare to debate him!

As LaRouche commented, another decisive defeat of the Obama Democrats, such as that handed to them by Kesha Rogers, may trigger mass defections, opening the door for his abrupt removal.

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## Kesha Rogers on LPAC-TV

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# The Vote: Dump Obama; Rebuild the U.S.A.

*May 31—Anna Shavin of LPAC-TV spoke by phone with Kesha Rogers, the LaRouche National Slate candidate who won the Democratic Congressional primary in the Texas 22nd C.D., on May 29, in a stunning second upset election.*

**Anna Shavin:** Hello, my name is Anna Shavin, with LPAC-TV, and today we have the official Democratic nominee for the 22nd Congressional District for Texas, Miss Kesha Rogers, on the line, to give us some insights into what’s happening down there, and her

election victory. Hi Kesha.

**Kesha Rogers:** Hi Anna.

**Shavin:** After you won, you said that your victory is not limited to the voters of the 22nd District, but rather, that this is going to have an international significance. Can you elaborate on that?

**Rogers:** Sure. What we made clear throughout this campaign was that the leadership which was necessary to address the entire global financial collapse—the fact that the whole financial system, of Europe, of the trans-Atlantic financial system, of the euro—that that is coming down now, and that the only option for addressing that crisis is the fact that the American people have to move immediately with dumping Obama. And this was what we made clear, as not just the fight for the 22nd District, but that this fight would pave the way for our National Slate of candidates, the LaRouche slate of candidates, to be able to implement the policies which are necessary to address this crisis that is looting the entire nation, and nations throughout the planet. And what Obama has continued to represent is to defend the interests of the Wall Street and London financial interests.

And what we saw from the American people is that they are disgusted with the likes of Obama, and the British and Wall Street controllers of Obama who are continuing to bail out the Wall Street interests, bail out the financial interests, at the expense of the lives of the people. And what they saw as a representation of this campaign, is that we weren’t just fighting for a local election campaign. What the voters of the 22nd District saw was that they were participating in a fight for the Republic, a fight for the nation, and that the solutions that we were putting on the table were not being provided by anyone else.

And the global effects of this campaign are that the solutions which represent a reinstatement of Glass-Steagall as the first solution after removing Obama, is going to be the first step in reversing this financial collapse, that is not only hitting and not only affecting the United States, but has been affecting the world at large.

And as we entered into the election primary, one of the things that we made clear is that Obama and his British backers are determined to launch war, to launch thermonuclear war with Russia, with China, and to actually push toward a policy that was going to destroy the sovereignty of nation-states.

And this is something that no other campaign is discussing. What was being discussed with the local party



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*The Rogers campaign covered the district with street rallies, door-to-door organizing, and speeches to numerous constituency groups. Shown: Rogers (left) talks with voters at a Cinco de Mayo celebration; campaign workers carry her banner in a Frontier Days Parade.*



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hacks and by my opponent, is how do we just focus on a local campaign? Not the fact that there's a reality that's addressing the world: The reality is, that the entire financial system is on the verge of a total blowout, and that people are continuing to suffer under the destructive policies of this Empire, and its puppet in the White House, Obama.

And despite the fact that the victory was a narrow margin of 106 votes, every single voter who came into contact with us saw that what we represented was a mission-orientation toward the future, not just going out to count the votes, and get people to say, "Hey, go out and vote for me, because I have a better personality than the other person," but that this is their future that's on the line, and they have to act on it.

And I think that what the voters of the 22nd District did, was to send a very stern message to the White House, and to the world, that we can be victorious in the face of this enemy.

### **The Voters Knew What I Stood for**

**Shavin:** That's actually very interesting, because it does seem like the Democratic Party in that district is

not taking its voters very seriously *at all*. I remember, in the last election [the 2010 Democratic Primary—ed.], which you won, some of the media, who were pessimistic and kind of naysayers, came out and said, "Oh, it's just because Kesha Rogers is an unknown element, she was new to the ballot." But *clearly* in this election, I think what you're saying is that is clearly not the case, and that everyone who voted is very aware of what the situation was and what they were doing with their vote.

**Rogers:** Absolutely. I know that it's clear, that this time—I'll have to say this—in the 2010 campaign, *everybody* knew what I stood for! Everyone knew that that campaign was the campaign to impeach Obama and save NASA, fully fund NASA. And the party hacks who said that I [won] by pulling the wool over the population's eyes, although we won, in a three-way race, 52% of the vote, and got over 63,000 votes in the general election—supposedly I was pulling the wool over the population's eyes and they just voted for me because I was a black woman, or because I was a woman, or because I was young, or whatever it may have been! It wasn't the fact that we actually had solutions and we were going out and organizing the population.

I mean, that's all a fraud! What is clear, is that, interestingly enough, the party establishment of Texas made it clear that "Kesha Rogers, a LaRouche candidate will *never* get the nomination again: We will make it known to everyone what they represent; the cheesy impeachment candidate, not a real Democrat," all of this. "We were going to run slanders and character assassinations,

and everything that we can to put a stop to the La-Rouchies.” And so they said, “We’re going to get out there that she wants to impeach Obama.”

But what they did, was really, they campaigned for me! Because what was made clear in this election, is that the disgust with Obama is continuing to escalate. We saw this, not only with this victory on this past Tuesday, but we’ve been seeing this consistently with the last election primaries, where 40% of the population in Kentucky, in West Virginia, in Arkansas, has shown that, “Look it is time to kick Obama to the curb.”

So, the fact that these guys were going out and saying, “Kesha Rogers wants to impeach Obama,” they just really shot themselves in the foot, because what it did was to show the population that they don’t have anything in real policies to run on, and that we had the courage to stand up and tell the truth. And people said, as they wrote in about why they voted for me, “because you guys were out there.” “You were saying what your policies were, that Obama has to go, and what must be done to solve the crisis, when no one else is doing that.”

And I’ll just say this, that the intention of Obama and his party hacks, Obama’s minions here in the local party, was to demoralize the voter, and to keep the voter from realizing that there are solutions to addressing the crisis that we’re in. They said, “No, you should just stay at home, and wallow, and just not do anything. You shouldn’t actually come out and fight.” And in a sense, the Democratic Party was a little bit successful in demoralizing and suppressing the vote. And we’re looking at the fact that in this campaign, there were only a *total* of a little over 7,000 Democrats who actually came out to vote in this election. And I remember in the 2010 primary, there were at least two or three times more than that. And in the general election, there were 63,000 voters who cast their votes for me.

So, the population was very demoralized, and there was an intention to suppress the vote. But the people who came out victorious, who said, “We will not be suppressed, we will not before forced to stay at home and not to fight,” those few brave souls who came to vote for us, really sent a message, not only to their friends in the 22nd District, that “We can actually stand in the face of this enemy,” but they sent a message to people who are now going to vote in [LaRouche Slate candidate] Diane [Sare]’s election on next Tuesday [in New Jersey], that “we can stand together in the face of this enemy and we can be victorious, because the fight is necessary to be waged around the real solutions

toward a future progress for the nation, that our National Slate is representing.”

So, I have to say that, obviously, as we see, they were not victorious in their efforts to suppress the vote, or to keep us from actually achieving the victory, which we continue to set out for.

## A Clear Policy

**Shavin:** Now it’s clear that trying to change the discussion away from actually addressing the economic crisis, addressing the party hacks of Obama and what his war policy is—that is not going to work. What do you see, as the 22nd District nominee, that should be the policy for the nationwide Democratic Party to address—what is currently happening in Europe, but quickly spreading internationally, with the total financial breakdown?

**Rogers:** Well, we have a very clear policy that we have put forward that must be adopted now, and the only thing that stands in the way of that policy being put forward is Obama in the White House, who is opposed to every single policy that we’ve put out. Get Obama out!

But, in the meantime, what people must fight for, is that Glass-Steagall must be implemented now. This would actually be the first step in shutting down the trillions of dollars in Wall Street speculation and bailouts. And then, the second policy that we’re calling for, is a Hamiltonian credit system: Once we stop the bailouts, then we can actually go with the credit policy, so that we can invest in the necessary science-driver, productive, creative employment for the population. We’re talking about 5-6 million productive jobs, immediately, with the implementation and the building—shovels in the ground, very soon—with NAWAPA XXI, the North American Water and Power Alliance.

And this is the policy that everyone has to fight for. This is the policy that really shows the commitment to the posterity of our nation, a commitment to defending the General Welfare of the nation. And in order to fight for that, we’ve got to get Obama out now.

But this threefold solution is the solution that the American people, across the board, have to actually get up, get out, and organize for, in every way that they can.

**Shavin:** Okay. Thank you very much, Kesha Rogers, the victor in the Democratic primary for the 22nd District of Texas; and I’m sure we’re going to hear a lot more from you in the upcoming days.

**Rogers:** Yes! Thank you.