



## Kamala Harris is ‘honestly useless’ – US congresswoman

### Description

#### **USA: After a shock victory in a Hispanic district, Rep. Mayra Flores slated the vice president for her handling of the border**

Vice President Kamala Harris has been “*honestly useless*” at controlling the US border with Mexico, Republican Representative Mayra Flores (Texas) told Fox News earlier this week. In a recent special election, Flores flipped a seat comfortably won by her Democratic predecessor just two years ago.

Flores defeated Democratic candidate Dan Sanchez in a special election last week, picking up 51% of the vote in a district won by outgoing Democratic Rep. Filemon Vela by 13 points in 2020. Flores’ district, which sits in the Rio Grande Valley bordering Mexico, is 85% Hispanic, has been represented by Vela since 2012, and voted for Democrats in the last three presidential elections.

Flores’ victory is being interpreted by some analysts as a sign that voters are unhappy with the Democratic Party’s border policies, and Flores herself singled out Harris for criticism on Thursday.

*“She’s honestly useless,” Flores said. “I don’t know why she’s in that position. She hasn’t been here in south Texas to see what their policies are creating, the mess that they’re creating in our country, and that their policies are hurting real people.”*

Harris was tapped by US President Joe Biden in 2021 to address a brewing crisis on the US-Mexico border. After Biden ended former President Donald Trump’s ‘Remain in Mexico’ policy and reinstated the Obama-era policy of ‘Catch and Release’, the number of migrants interdicted along the US’ southern border [nearly tripled](#) during the president’s first six months in office. Enormous shanty towns of migrants sprung up along crossing points, as Republicans accused Biden of ignoring the problem.

Harris visited the border region once while serving as Biden’s ‘border czar’, and the last migration-related event held by the vice president took place in January, when she met with Honduran President Xiomara Castro to [discuss](#) the “*root causes of migration*.” Meanwhile, illegal border crossings reached a record 239,416 last month – not counting those who evaded detection – and this year’s illegal entries are on track to pass last year’s total of 1.7 million within the coming weeks.

Flores, who was born in Mexico and immigrated to the US as a child, made border security front and

center of her campaign. Her television ads touted her marriage to a Border Patrol agent and accused Democrats in Washington of putting the Rio Grande Valley “*under attack*.” As Flores is currently finishing out Vela’s term, she will have to fight for her seat again in November, in a redrawn district map that is believed to favor her Democrat opponent, Vincente Gonzalez Jr.

**Category**

1. Main
2. Politics-Geopolitics-Gov.-Events

**Date Created**

06/21/2022