Linda Curtis is a co-founder of LIV and longtime political independent. We respect and listen to her advice -- and, sometimes even follow it!

The fact is, Linda is usually going in the opposite direction, as pictured here crossing the Rio Grande for Mexico (presumably legally), with her friend in the background. She got to Texas, as the saying goes, "as soon as I could" -- 1992.

Linda has a 40-year history advocating for non-aligned independent voters. It all started for her with the history-making presidential campaign of Lenora Fulani, the first woman and African American to get on the ballot for President in 50 states (1988). In 1992, Fulani, a progressive, joined forces with some of the leading "militant moderates" in the Ross Perot movement convincing Perot to lead the formation the National Reform Party in 1994. Fulani also worked alongside conservative, Pat Buchanan, teaching us how to bring about cross-partisan efforts.

Linda said about such cross-partisan efforts that:

> "We all wanted to see Perot's 19% of the vote turned into a viable third party not just a pressure group."

Linda became the Texas Reform Party state organizer serving under State Chair, Paul Truax of Dallas (now deceased). In 2000, the Reform Party collapsed. This is a long story that cannot be cut short. Linda threatens to write a book about it someday stating,

> "I never regretted this experience -- it was fun, frustrating and made me yearn even more to get out from under two-party rule in America."

> In 2001, Linda helped form a PAC, Independent Texans (IndyTexans.org). IndyTexans now dormant, remains a registered PAC for a reason -- we all know independent (non-aligned) voters continue to rise.

See the **latest Gallup poll** . In January 2021, our numbers (50%!) have never been higher.

Linda is a ballot access expert for new parties, independent candidates and citizen's petitions in Texas. She is leading LIV's effort to bring together the tools to share with those doing citizen's petitions we call, "Homegrown Petitions."