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### Kulkarni's Lead Expanding In Race For Open TX-22 Seat

With less than a month until election day, Sri Preston Kulkarni holds the lead and the momentum in the race for Texas' 22<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District. After starting 3 points behind Troy Nehls in early August, Kulkarni now leads by 5.

This is one of the fastest growing and most diverse districts in the country. Running against a Sheriff who represents more than two-thirds of the district, Kulkarni had to overcome a large name identification deficit. Through a combination of TV ads, digital ad, direct mail, and a strong earned media and grassroots campaign, Kulkarni has succeeded and now leads. But while Kulkarni has raised significantly more money than Nehls, outside groups have come to rescue Nehls with mis-leading attacks on Sri.

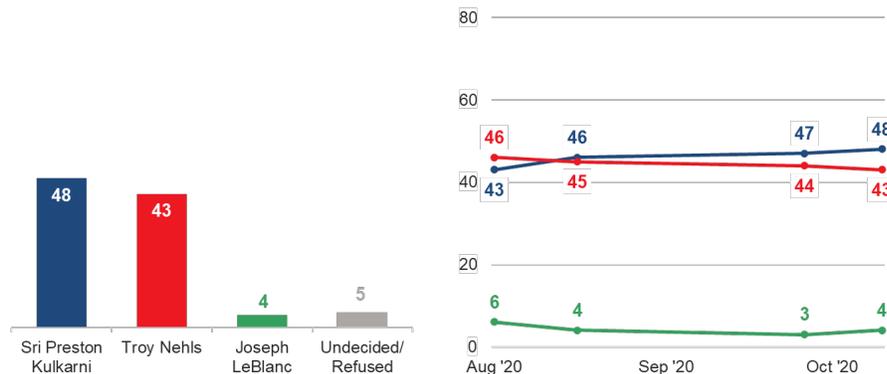
The following are key findings from our most recent survey, which shows that if we can keep our momentum and close strong, Sri Preston Kulkarni will win this race.

#### Key Findings

- **After a barrage of advertising from both sides, Sri Preston Kulkarni has grown his lead to 5 points (48% – 43%).** Kulkarni's share of the vote grew from 43% in early August to 48% today, while Nehls' vote share has declined from 46% to 43%.
- Kulkarni leads by 16 points with independents and by 9 points with voters that recall seeing, hearing, or reading something about him over the past few weeks. In contrast, Nehls is at 7-point deficit with voters who can say the same about him.

TX-22 Vote

*If the election for the U.S. Congress were held today, and the candidates were Democrat Sri Preston Kulkarni, Republican Troy Nehls, and Libertarian Joseph LeBlanc, for whom would you vote?*



- **Joe Biden is running strong in the Presidential race.** In this highly educated and racially diverse suburban district, Biden leads Trump 52% – 43%.

*Methodology*

GBAO conducted the survey of 500 likely November voters using live dialers, reaching voters from a voter file on cell phones and landlines. The survey was conducted October 8-11, 2020 and carries a 4.4 percentage-point margin of error at the 95% confidence level.