

Henry Cuellar has built a family-run political operation fueled by power, money, and self-interest. Not only have he and his wife been indicted, his brother was indicted for using government resources to run a private business that siphoned profits from over five hundred thousand dollars in government contracts. Cuellar has even pushed his own campaign money to his brother's campaigns for Webb County Sheriff.

In May 2024, Congressman Henry Cuellar And His Wife, Imelda Cuellar, Were Charged “With Participating In Two Schemes Involving Bribery, Unlawful Foreign Influence, And Money Laundering.” “An indictment was unsealed today in the Southern District of Texas charging U.S. Congressman Enrique Roberto ‘Henry’ Cuellar, 68, and his wife, Imelda Cuellar, 67, both of Laredo, Texas, with participating in two schemes involving bribery, unlawful foreign influence, and money laundering. Congressman Cuellar and Imelda Cuellar made their initial court appearance today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Dena Palermo in Houston. ... Congressman Cuellar and Imelda Cuellar are each charged with the following offenses, and if convicted, face maximum penalties as indicated: two counts of conspiracy to commit bribery of a federal official and to have a public official act as an agent of a foreign principal required to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA), five years imprisonment on each count; two counts of bribery of a federal official, 15 years imprisonment on each count; two counts of conspiracy to commit honest services wire fraud, 20 years imprisonment on each count; two counts of violating the ban on public officials acting as agents of a foreign principal required to register under FARA, two years imprisonment on each count; one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering, 20 years imprisonment; and five counts of money laundering, 20 years imprisonment on each count.” (“U.S. Congressman Henry Cuellar Charged with Bribery and Acting as a Foreign Agent,” U.S. Department Of Justice Office Of Public Affairs, [Press Release](#), 5/3/24)

Henry Cuellar Has A Brother, Named Martin, Who Has Been Sheriff Of Webb County Texas Since 2008

Henry Cuellar’s Brother Martin Who Has Been Sheriff Of Webb County Since 2008. “Rep. Henry Cuellar, Webb County Sheriff Martin Cuellar and the rest of the Cuellar family laid to rest who they called the strongest of the Cuellar bunch on Saturday, Sept. 4 after Carlos Cuellar, 64, passed away in San Antonio from natural causes...’Carlos was the second oldest of eight of us,” Henry Cuellar said. “I am the oldest, Carlos was number two and then Martin and then the rest of the brothers and sisters...” (Jorge A. Vela, “Cuellar Family Lays To Rest Their ‘Strong’ And ‘Gentle’ Brother,” [LMTonline](#), 9/19/21)

Cuellar Has Used His Campaign Accounts To Donate Thousands To Sheriff Martin Cuellar’s Campaign

From 2008 To 2020, Cuellar’s PAC Gave A Total Of \$8,400 To His Brother’s Campaign For Sheriff. (Disbursements, [Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 2/4/25)

Spender	Recipient	State	Description	Disbursement date	Amount
TEXAS FIRST PAC	MARTIN CUELLAR FOR SHERIFF	TX	IN-KIND: CONSULTING	02/14/2020	\$3,400.00
TEXAS FIRST PAC	MARTIN CUELLAR FOR SHERIFF	TX	TX-WEBB COUNTY SHERIFF	06/20/2008	\$5,000.00

(Disbursements, [Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 2/4/25)

In 2020, Cuellar’s PAC Gave A \$3,400 In-Kind Donation To His Brother’s Campaign For Sheriff. (Disbursements, [Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 2/4/25)

Spender	Recipient	State	Description	Disbursement date	Amount
TEXAS FIRST PAC	AZUL STRATEGIES LLC	TX	IN-KIND: MARTIN CUELLAR FOR SHERIFF	02/14/2020	\$3,400.00

(Disbursements, [Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 2/4/25)

From 2011 To 2016, Cuellar's Campaign Gave A Total Of \$3,250 To His Brother's Campaign For Sheriff.

(Disbursements, [Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 2/4/25)

Spender	Recipient	State	Description	Disbursement date	Amount
TEXANS FOR HENRY CUELLAR CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN	RE-ELECT MARTIN CUELLAR SHERIFF	TX	NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION	11/01/2016	\$1,500.00
TEXANS FOR HENRY CUELLAR CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN	MARTIN CUELLAR FOR SHERIFF	TX	NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION	06/29/2015	\$500.00
TEXANS FOR HENRY CUELLAR CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN	MARTIN CUELLAR CAMPAIGN	TX	NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION	11/03/2014	\$500.00
TEXANS FOR HENRY CUELLAR CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN	MARTIN CUELLAR CAMPAIGN	TX	NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION	05/10/2013	\$250.00
TEXANS FOR HENRY CUELLAR CONGRESSIONAL CAMPAIGN	SHERIFF MARTIN CUELLAR	TX	NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION	05/09/2011	\$500.00

(Disbursements, [Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 2/4/25)

In January 2026, An Indictment Of Henry Cuellar's Brother, Martin, Was Unsealed Alleging His Involvement In Using His Position As Sheriff Of Webb County, TX In A Fraud Scheme To Funnel County Resources To His Private Business. "Webb County Sheriff Martin Cuellar appeared before a federal judge Thursday for allegedly using public funds to run a fraudulent for-profit disinfecting business during the COVID-19 pandemic. He has pleaded not guilty and was released on bond. The South Texas sheriff was indicted alongside his assistant chief in November. The charges, unsealed Thursday, accuse them of opening a private business, Disinfect Pro Master, in April 2020 and entering into agreements with local businesses and restaurants 'despite having no employees or supplies of their own.'" (Eleanor Klibanoff, "Webb County Sheriff Martin Cuellar, Brother Of Rep. Henry Cuellar, Indicted On Federal Fraud Charges," [The Texas Tribune](#), 1/22/26)

The Indictment Detailed That Cuellar's Company, Disinfect Pro Master, Was Awarded \$500,000 In Government Contracts. "The company secured a \$500,000 contract to clean schools in Laredo, which they fulfilled using department staff and resources, U.S. Attorney Nicholas Ganjei of the Southern District of Texas said in a statement. 'For more than two years, the business allegedly operated almost entirely with county employees and supplies, incurring minimal overhead,' Ganjei said, alleging that Cuellar and two deputies split the profits three ways, each coming away with about \$175,000.'" (Eleanor Klibanoff, "Webb County Sheriff Martin Cuellar, Brother Of Rep. Henry Cuellar, Indicted On Federal Fraud Charges," [The Texas Tribune](#), 1/22/26)