

Michelle Vallejo is backed by Joe Biden's Washington allies who have voted for trillions of dollars of reckless spending. Now inflation is the highest it's been in over forty years.

Michelle Vallejo is endorsed by Representatives Sylvia R. Garcia, Veronica Escobar, Pramila Jayapal, Teresa Leger Fernandez, and Lucille Roybal-Allard, all of whom have voted in line with Biden's position 98.6% of the time or more:

- Vallejo is endorsed by Rep. Sylvia R. Garcia.



Congresswoman Sylvia R. Garcia was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in November 2018, becoming the first Latina ever to represent Texas 29th Congressional district, and the first of two Latinas from Texas to serve in Congress.

(Endorsements, [Michelle Vallejo for Congress](#), Accessed 7/27/2022)

- Rep. Sylvia R. Garcia has voted in line with Biden's position 100% of the time as of July 2022.

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- Vallejo is endorsed by Veronica Escobar.

Congresswoman Veronica Escobar proudly represents Texas' 16th Congressional District in El Paso. She took office on January 3, 2019 as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives after making history as the first woman elected to this seat and the first of two Latinas from Texas to serve in Congress.

(Endorsements, [Michelle Vallejo for Congress](#), Accessed 7/18/2022)

- Rep. Escobar has voted in line with Biden's position 100% of the time, as of July 2022.

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- Vallejo is endorsed by Pramila Jayapal.



Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal proudly represents Washington's 7th Congressional District and has been a leader on immigration, income inequality, a \$15 minimum wage, Medicare for All, and College for All Act. She has authored other landmark pieces of progressive legislation including the Ultra-Millionaire Tax Ad, Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act, the Housing is a Human Right Act, and the National Domestic Workers Bill of Rights. She has also helped to introduce the THRIVE Act and other legislation to transition our economy to 100% clean energy and address the crisis of climate justice.

(Endorsements, [Michelle Vallejo for Congress](#), Accessed 7/27/2022)

- Rep. Jayapal has voted in line with Biden's position 98.6% of the time as of July 2022.

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- Vallejo is endorsed by Teresa Leger Fernandez.

Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernandez represents New Mexico's 3rd Congressional District. She has helped secure nearly a billion dollars for, and then helped build, schools, rural health clinics, broadband, businesses, affordable housing and critical infrastructure for New Mexico.

(Endorsements, [Michelle Vallejo for Congress](#), Accessed 7/27/2022)

- Rep. Leger Fernandez has voted in line with Biden's position 100% of the time, as of July 2022.

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- Vallejo is endorsed by Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard.

Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard represents California's congressional district 40 and was the first Mexican-American woman elected to Congress. Rep. Roybal-Allard is an original co-author of *The Dream Act*.

(Endorsements, [Michelle Vallejo for Congress](#), Accessed 7/27/2022)

- Rep. Roybal-Allard has voted in line with Biden's position 100% of the time, as of July 2022.

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Representatives Garcia (TX), Escobar, Jayapal, Leger Fernandez, and Roybal-Allard all voted for the American Rescue Plan Act, which contributed nearly \$2 trillion to government spending:

- Representatives Garcia (TX), Escobar, Jayapal, Leger Fernandez, and Roybal-Allard voted for H.R. 1319, the American Rescue Plan Act.** (H.R. 1319, [Roll Call #72](#), Passed 220-211: R 0-210, D 220-1, Garcia (TX) Voted Yea, Escobar Voted Yea, Jayapal Voted Yea, Leger Fernandez Voted Yea, Roybal-Allard Voted Yea, 3/10/21)
- The American Rescue Plan is a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package.** "President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package on Thursday. The colossal bill, known as the American Rescue Plan, allocates money for vaccines, schools, small businesses and anti-poverty programs such as an expanded child tax credit that will mean new monthly payments to many parents." (Barbara Sprunt, "Here's What's In The American Rescue Plan," [NPR](#), 3/11/21)
- The American Rescue Plan passed through Congress on a partisan basis.** "The American Rescue plan made it through Congress with only Democratic support, making it stand out from the bipartisan COVID relief plans Congress passed over the last year." (Savannah Behrmann, "Takeaways from the COVID-19 stimulus bill passing Congress: Weeks of partisan fighting comes to an end with a win for Biden," [USA Today](#), 3/10/21)

- Democrat Jared Golden of Maine was the sole Democrat to oppose the American Rescue Plan. “Democratic Rep. Jared Golden of Maine, who also voted against the original House version, was the sole member to break ranks. Golden argued in late February that many of the provisions in the nearly \$1.9 trillion pandemic relief package were not directly related to the pandemic or should be addressed in stand-alone bills.” (Jennifer Shutt, “House sends massive coronavirus relief bill to Biden,” [Roll Call](#), 3/10/21)

The American Rescue plan exacerbated inflation, causing it to reach its highest point in over four-decades:

Editor’s Note: To see most recent inflation numbers, please see the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics monthly [data](#).

- **In June 2022, inflation reached a four-decade high.** “The prices of gas, food and most other goods and services jumped in May, raising inflation to a new four-decade high and giving American households no respite from rising costs.” (“US inflation at new 40-year high as price increases spread,” [Associated Press](#), 6/10/22)

Inflation over the decade

Annual CPI inflation from Jan 2010 to June 2022



(“Inflation surges 9.1% in June, accelerating more than expected to new 40-year high,” [Fox News](#), 7/13/22)

- “The Labor Department said the increases for food and energy were the fastest 12-month gains in at least 13 years.” “The Labor Department said the increases for food and energy were the fastest 12-month gains in at least 13 years.” (Megan Henney, “US Inflation Surges To 39-Year High As Consumer Prices Soar,” [Fox News](#), 12/10/21)
- **HEADLINE: “. . . Biden’s stimulus is temporarily stoking inflation.”**

The New York Times

A regional Fed analysis suggests Biden's stimulus is temporarily stoking inflation.

(Jeanna Smialek, "A regional Fed analysis suggests Biden's stimulus is temporarily stoking inflation.," [The New York Times](#), 10/18/21)

- **According to a regional Federal Reserve Bank analysis, the American Rescue Plan boosted inflation.** "Inflation is likely getting a temporary boost from the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package that the Biden administration ushered in early this year, new Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco research released on Monday suggested." (Jeanna Smialek, "A regional Fed analysis suggests Biden's stimulus is temporarily stoking inflation.," [The New York Times](#), 10/18/21)
- **Researchers found that the American Rescue Plan might raise the vacancy-to-unemployment ratio close to its historical peak in 1968, fueling inflation.** "Based on the package's size and using historical evidence on how fiscal spending affects the labor market, the researchers found that the American Rescue Plan might raise the vacancy-to-unemployment ratio close to its historical peak in 1968, fueling some inflation – but that the price impact would be small and short-lived." (Jeanna Smialek, "A regional Fed analysis suggests Biden's stimulus is temporarily stoking inflation.," [The New York Times](#), 10/18/21)
- **The American Rescue Plan extended supplemental unemployment benefits.** "The American Rescue Plan extended unemployment benefits until September 6 with a weekly supplemental benefit of \$300 on top of the regular \$400 benefit." (The White House, "[American Rescue Plan](#)," Accessed 11/1/21)
- **COVID-related unemployment benefits contribute to inflation.** "5) Low-wage workers are finally getting raises. Full-service restaurants saw no inflation in April, but fast-food establishments jacked up prices significantly. ... With their savings buttressed by stimulus checks – and, for the previously laid off, their sustenance assured by \$300-a-week federal unemployment benefits – many American workers have become newly empowered to turn down lousy job offers. This, combined with resurgent demand, has produced a shortage of labor in some sectors, forcing firms to raise wages to attract new hires." (Eric Levitz, "THE ECONOMY JUNE 8, 2021 The Case for (and Against) Worrying About Inflation," [NY Mag](#), 6/8/21)

On November 5, 2021, Reps. Garcia (TX), Escobar, Jayapal, Leger Fernandez, and Roybal-Allard voted for H.R. 3684, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act:

- **On November 5, 2021, Representatives Garcia (TX), Escobar, Jayapal, Leger Fernandez, and Roybal-Allard voted for the Motion to Concur on H.R. 3684, passing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.** (H.R. 3684, [Roll Call #369](#), Passed 228-206: R 13-200, D 215-6, Garcia (TX) Voted Yea, Escobar Voted Yea, Jayapal Voted Yea, Leger Fernandez Voted Yea, and Roybal-Allard Voted Yea, 11/5/21)

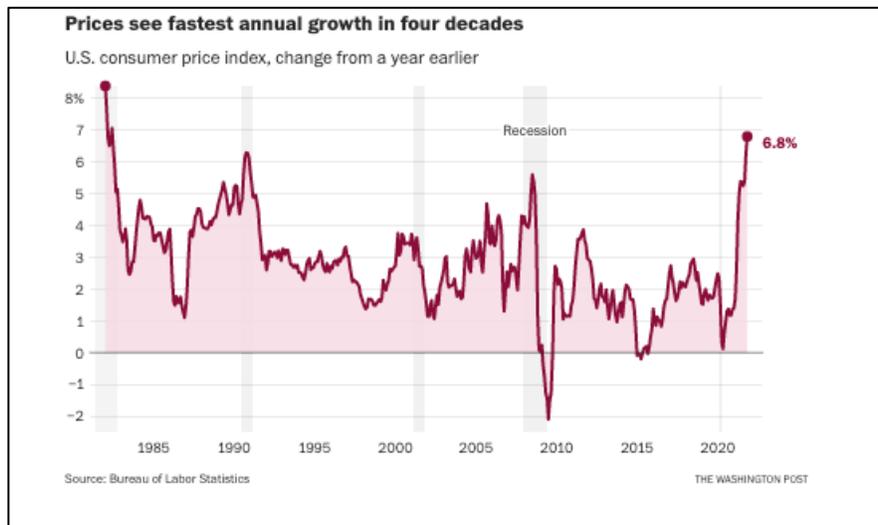
- **The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provides for \$1.2 trillion in federal spending over the next five years.** “The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provides for \$1.2 trillion in federal spending over the next five years. Learn how this could impact economic recovery and what it could mean for your business, organization, or agency.” (“Infrastructure Bill,” [EY](#), Accessed 7/15/22)

***Editor’s Note:** 13 Republicans in the House voted for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. That list includes Don Bacon (NE), Brian Fitzpatrick (PA), Andrew Garbarino (NY), Anthony Gonzalez (OH), John Katko (NY), Adam Kinzinger (IL), Nicole Malliotakis (NY), David McKinley (WV), Tom Reed (NY), Christopher Smith (NJ), Fred Upton (MI), Jefferson Van Drew (NJ), and Don Young (AK)*

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act contributed to the reckless spending that has driven inflation higher:

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- **In March 2022, inflation reached its highest levels in over 40 years.** “Inflation surges to 8.5%, highest in over 40 years... Inflation surged again in March, as consumer prices hit yet another fresh peak not seen in a generation. Why it matters: The relentless rise in prices is a challenge for investors, Federal Reserve policy makers and politicians, who are all trying to navigate an inflationary backdrop that hasn't been seen since the early 1980s. Driving the news: The consumer price index rose 1.2% in March compared to February, above economists expectations for 1.1%. Prices were up 8.5% over the last year, higher than the 8.4% rise that economists expected, according to consensus expectations reported by FactSet. That's the highest annual rate of inflation since December 1981.” (Matt Phillips, “Inflation surges to 8.5%, highest in over 40 years,” [Axios](#), 4/12/22)



(Rachel Siegel, “Prices Climbed 6.8% In November Compared With Last Year, Largest Rise In Nearly Four Decades, As Inflation Spreads Through Economy,” [Washington Post](#), 12/10/21)

- **According to the Heritage Foundation, Biden’s infrastructure bill contributed to the worst inflation surge in decades.** “The harmful effects of excessive government spending have become the most pressing issue for Americans due to the worst inflation surge in decades. Washington’s reckless choice to pump trillions of dollars into the economy is the reason we face more inflation than other top economies around the world. Yet, incredibly, Congress is still planning an onslaught of additional inflationary spending bills with seemingly no end in sight... Compared to projections from February 2021, when Biden had just taken office, the latest analysis shows a combined \$2.77 trillion in additional deficits over the 2021-2031 period. The largest factor for this increase was the wasteful and opportunistic \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 package that passed with exclusively Democratic support in March 2021. The shoddy \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill that Biden championed added even more red ink.” (David Ditch, “New Charts Reveal Harms of Biden’s Budget-Busting Binge,” [The Heritage Foundation](#), 6/8/22)

Non-Traditional Infrastructure Spending

Electric Vehicle Spending

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act spends \$15 billion on electric vehicles, electric buses, and “low carbon” ferries:

- **The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act would provide \$7.5 billion to “build out a national network of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations across the country.”** “Provides \$7.5 billion (B) for alternative fuel corridors and to build out a national network of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations across the country.” (Jennifer Larkin Lukawski, William Crozer, and Chay English, “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act - Electric Vehicles, Buses and Ferries,” [BGR Group](#), accessed 2/22/22)
- **The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act includes \$5 billion for “the replacement of existing school buses with zero emission and clean school buses.”** “Includes \$5B for the replacement of existing school buses with zero emission and clean school buses, with a priority on low income, rural, and Tribal schools.” (Jennifer Larkin Lukawski, William Crozer, and Chay English, “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act - Electric Vehicles, Buses and Ferries,” [BGR Group](#), accessed 2/22/22)
- **The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provides \$2.5 billion to “replace existing ferries with low carbon ferries.”** “Provides \$2.5B for state and local governments to replace existing ferries with low carbon ferries and to assist states with operational costs for essential rural ferries.” (Jennifer Larkin Lukawski, William Crozer, and Chay English, “Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act - Electric Vehicles, Buses and Ferries,” [BGR Group](#), accessed 2/22/22)
- **The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act specifically provides \$250 million for “an electric or low-emitting ferry pilot program to support the transition of passenger ferries to low- or zero-emission technologies.”** “\$250 million for an electric or low-emitting ferry pilot program to support the transition of passenger ferries to low- or zero-emission

technologies.” (Progressive Railroad Editorial Staff, “FTA unveils transit infrastructure funding priorities,” [Progressive Railroad](#), 11/16/21)

Recycling Programs

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act spends \$350 million on recycling programs, including \$75 million to “boost public education about recycling, such as public relations campaigns to remind people how and where to recycle:”

- **The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act incorporated the “RECYCLE Act,” spending \$350 million on recycling programs, including “\$75 million to boost public education about recycling, such as public relations campaigns to remind people how and where to recycle.”** “The infrastructure bill incorporated the RECYCLE Act and, as part of the \$350 million in funding, allocated \$75 million to boost public education about recycling, such as public relations campaigns to remind people how and where to recycle. With the funding, EPA will be able to award grants to improve the effectiveness of residential and community recycling programs through public education and outreach.” (James Bruggers, “Biden’s Infrastructure Bill Includes Money for Recycling, But the Debate Over Plastics Rages On,” [Inside Climate News](#), 11/24/21)

Reconnecting Communities

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act spends \$1 billion in grants for projects addressing infrastructure that “hampered the connectivity of communities” by “reconnecting and revitalizing areas that were harmed by the disruptive construction of highways through neighborhoods:”

- **The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act spends \$1 billion in grants for projects addressing infrastructure that “hampered the connectivity of communities.”** “An initiative the infrastructure bill refers to as the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program provides \$1 billion over five years in grants for planning and projects aimed at either removing, retrofitting or mitigating pieces of highway and similar infrastructure that hampered the connectivity of communities, including affecting their economic development.” (Caroline Vakil, “Advocates see pilot program to address inequalities from highways as crucial first step,” [The Hill](#), 11/26/21)
- **Senators Schumer and Gillibrand stated that the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act spends \$1 billion to reconnect and revitalize “areas that were harmed by the disruptive construction of highways through neighborhoods.”** “The senators said the bill will invest a historic \$1 billion in efforts such as construction, planning, and community engagement to expand economic opportunity and address environmental hazards like air pollution in communities across New York and the country by reconnecting and revitalizing areas that were harmed by the disruptive construction of highways through neighborhoods.” (Senator Charles E. Schumer, “Following Their Continued Advocacy, Schumer, Gillibrand Announce Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Creates First-Ever Program to Revitalize Upstate NY Communities Divided by Highways; Senators Say \$1 Billion For Reconnecting Communities Key First Step In Addressing Historic Inequities & Increasing Investment In Disadvantaged Areas,” [Press Release](#), 11/20/21)

Animal Bridges

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- **The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act spends \$350 million to “construct wildlife crossings over and under roads.”** “The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act would provide the nation’s first dedicated resources—\$350 million over five years—for state, local, and tribal governments to construct wildlife crossings over and under roads.” (Marcia Argust, “Measures in Infrastructure Bill Would Help Fish and Wildlife,” [The PEW Charitable Trusts](#), 11/15/21)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act spends \$2.96 billion on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration:

- **The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act spends \$2.96 billion on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.** “The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: A \$2.96 billion investment in NOAA’s future.” (Lori Arguelles, “Statement from NOAA Administrator Rick Spinrad on the signing of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act,” [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#), 11/15/21)

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- NOAA Administrator Rick Spinrad stated that the \$2.96 billion will go towards expanding “climate prediction capabilities and services,” towards “Pacific salmon recovery,” and towards “investments in supercomputing,” among others. “Over the next five years the \$2.96 billion dollar investments for NOAA laid out in this legislation will improve and significantly expand equitable access to our weather and climate prediction capabilities and services; enhance coastal resilience and habitat restoration efforts, including Pacific salmon recovery; and improve our modeling capacity through investments in supercomputing.” (Lori Arguelles, “Statement from NOAA Administrator Rick Spinrad on the signing of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act,” [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#), 11/15/21)
- **“\$172 million to support recovery efforts for Pacific coastal salmon.”** (Lori Arguelles, “Statement from NOAA Administrator Rick Spinrad on the signing of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act,” [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration](#), 11/15/21)