## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: DAN CONSTON / CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP FUND

FROM: ROB AUTRY / KAYLA DUNLAP

**DATE: JULY 27, 2020** 

RE: TEXAS CD 22 SURVEY FINDINGS

## **METHODOLGY**

Meeting Street Insights conducted a survey of 400 registered voters in Texas' 22<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District on July 19-22, 2020. The study was conducted with a mix of cell phone and landline interviewing. The margin of error for a sample size of N=400 is +4.9%.

## KFY SURVEY FINDINGS

**#1 / Republican Troy Nehls is leading Democratic candidate Sri Preston Kulkarni by twelve points in Texas' 22**<sup>nd</sup> **Congressional District.** In the open seat to replace long-time Congressman Pete Olson, Nehls leads Kulkarni 44% to 32% on the congressional ballot (LeBlanc at 5% and 17% undecided). Not only does Nehls put up strong numbers among Republicans (80% Nehls – 3% Kulkarni), but he's also winning Independents by nearly 20 points (42% Nehls – 23% Kulkarni).

**#2 / Troy Nehls is well-known and well-liked among voters here.** Fully 68% of voters in the district say they have heard of Troy Nehls, with 35% viewing him favorably while only 17% view him unfavorably. Nehls also receives strong image ratings among Independents (40% favorable - 15% unfavorable) and Hispanics (36% favorable - 11% unfavorable).

**#3 / By comparison, Sri Preston Kulkarni remains undefined with voters.** Just 38% of voters in Texas' 22<sup>nd</sup> congressional district have heard of Sri Preston Kulkarni, and his favorables sit at a mere 14% (6% unfavorable). Even among Democrats, only 53% say they have heard of the Democratic candidate for Congress. Whereas Nehls is well positioned among Independents, Kulkarni's image is weak and barely above water with these crucial voters (13% favorable – 9% unfavorable).