

the United States has a special responsibility in this area. Last May, President Obama released our new National Drug Control Strategy, our plan to reduce domestic drug abuse over the next five years, largely through treatment, education, and prevention. We are determined to do our part.

- We should also make it more difficult for smugglers and traffickers to ply their trade, by protecting our borders, taking steps to prevent criminals from traveling, providing better training for border security professionals, developing strong watch lists, and making greater use of biometrics.

- We should target those who facilitate criminal activities. As criminal networks expand—and the threats they pose converge—they are increasingly reliant on facilitators who operate in both the licit and illicit worlds and provide services such as funding, logistics, and the acquisition of weapons, false documents, and other materials.

- Countries like the United States must also help improve the capabilities of our emerging and developing partner states, which too often involuntarily provide safe haven for criminal networks. This means proactively supporting such countries in their efforts to build accountable, transparent, and capable institutions that can enforce the rule of law and act as our partners to counter these threats. Waiting until it is too late is not a good answer.

- And finally, we should continue to build partnerships within multilateral institutions, because threats that respect no borders must be met by corresponding solutions. Toward that end, the United States strongly supports the UN Convention Against Corruption and the Convention on Transnational Organized Crime.

Let me just conclude by saying that in the Obama Administration's National Security Strategy, published earlier this year, we laid out America's enduring national interests—security, prosperity, respect for universal values, and an international order that can meet the challenges of the 21st century.

The expanding size, scope, and influence of transnational crime threatens each of those principles, and is one of the most significant security challenges we face—as a nation, and as an international community. No nation, no matter how powerful, can tackle it alone. And we look forward to working together—with Russia and with the nations you represent—to help shape a better future for each of our countries.

Once again, I would like to thank our hosts for their vision in deciding to hold such an important conference.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Interview: Kesha Rogers

'The Future Is Ours For the Making'

LaRouche Democrat Kesha Rogers fired a shot across the bow of the Party establishment last March, when she defeated her Democratic Primary opponent for the nomination, in the 22nd Congressional District (Houston), garnering 53% of the vote, in an upset victory as big as the state of Texas. Her highly visible campaign has featured door-to-door organizing, soundtrucks through neighborhoods playing beautiful Classical music, and giant banners calling for Obama's impeachment, Glass-Steagall, and defense of NASA.

Since March, Rogers has been running a scantily funded, but aggressive, David vs. Goliath grassroots campaign against Republican incumbent Pete Olson, which has sparked optimism that the country can be turned around with Lyndon LaRouche's recovery policies.

She was interviewed by EIR on Oct. 15.

EIR: Can you give us a brief report on the campaign in the Texas 22nd C.D. over the past seven months, since your upset victory in the Democratic Primary last March?

Rogers: Since the landslide victory back in March of this year, we have continued to lead a non-stop mobilization to educate the mass strike in the population. I won the primary because I had the courage to tell the truth, and fight on principle, and have continued to do so ever since. My campaign platform of "Save NASA and Impeach Obama," has made national and international headlines. I have been a guest on many radio shows, and the campaign has been the hot topic of discussion of many news articles.

But, I think what is most important, is the impact the campaign has had, on the ground, in the 22nd Congressional District, and throughout the U.S. population. We have taken the challenge to the citizen, to restore the principles of a republican government, "of, by, and for the people." My campaign has continued to organize citizens on what it means to live in a republic, and how

to restore those principles. We have held weekly policy workshops on polices like NAWAPA, Glass-Steagall, NASA, the Four Powers alliance, and our economic polices, which I have adopted under the platform of the “LaRouche Plan.”

We have been highly visible in the district with big banners (some up to 18 feet long!) at intersections. Just a few examples: “Save NASA, Impeach Obama,” “Why Is Pete Olson Defending Obama? Want Obama Out? Vote Keshia,” and our latest, “Tell Obama To Hit the Road, Invoke the 25th Amendment.” All of these and more have been a hit, and a real discussion starter in the population. People are telling us how they got a text message and a picture of us rallying, sent by one of their friends who saw us out there and stopped to sign up. We have hosted several town hall meetings, and recently held a major conference entitled “Rebuilding America 2010.” We have been engaged in a number of activities hosted throughout the district.

If I went through everything, we may not have room for other things in this publication, but one thing that I think must be mentioned which has been the power and trademark of the campaign, is our transforming the culture with truly beautiful, *bel canto* Classical music. Whether it is on the university campuses or at senior citizens’ homes, this moves people, no matter who they are. They are able to discover what it really means to be human. I have to say, this is what has really brought joy to me the most, throughout the campaign.

Removing an Insane President

EIR: When you began your campaign, you called for the impeachment of President Obama, and now, for the application of the 25th Amendment to remove him from office. I understand that you have received significant press coverage recently for this initiative. Please tell us how you plan to make this happen.

Rogers: As Mr. LaRouche rightly forecast on April 11, 2009, we are dealing with an Emperor Nero personality, and LaRouche has been proven right since that time. The Constitutional powers of the 25th Amendment allow us to remove an insane President Obama from office expediently. My campaign will continue to educate the population on the 25th Amendment and its immediate implications. We are not just talking about not liking the President’s polices, or debates on whether he is a U.S. citizen, or a Muslim, or any of these things. We are speaking of removing a President who is clinically insane. And this will mean that the population

must demand leadership from a Congress which has shown itself to be gutless cowards, capitulating to the insanity of Nero Obama all the way.

Since we launched the 25th Amendment campaign, we have been out on the street, highly visible with big banners, and I have written statements on the subject which have gone viral in the media and on many blog posts.

EIR: Lyndon LaRouche has stated that the three LaRouchePAC Congressional campaigns—Rachel Brown in Massachusetts, Summer Shields in California, and you in Texas—were to be *national*, not local campaigns. You have focused on LaRouche’s economic recovery policies: NASA, Glass-Steagall, and NAWAPA. What has been the response there to these proposals?

Rogers: There are two kinds of responses. The first, is the person who realizes these policies are exactly what we need, and becomes very excited and ready to organize and support my intervention into politics. The number of these kinds of people is increasing dramatically, as people become more desperate, and open to looking for profound ideas and real solutions.

On the other hand, you also find a number of people who are so blinded by rage and ideology, that they will agree with me, “You want to impeach Obama, stop the bailout, and colonize Mars? Sign me up! Democrat?!? No way!” And these people are so angry, that they refuse to think beyond a simple word, to the extent they actually end up choosing to act in a way that perpetuates their problems. It’s actually very tragic.

But, we are finding that many people who say at first, “Oh, I’m voting Republican,” but once they find out what I’m doing, and the level of intervention my campaign is waging, are actually very happy to support me, because they know what the Democratic Party used to represent under JFK and FDR, and they want to bring that back. Many of these people tell me they used to be a JFK Democrat, and they were only supporting someone else because they did not know what my campaign represents.

EIR: Your campaign to save NASA has reminded us all of the thrilling accomplishments of the U.S. space program, and how that program has been systematically dismantled over the past four decades, including, under the current President. And, today, we are witnessing the incredible rescue of the miners in Chile, in which

NASA played a significant role. What will you do as a member of Congress to revive the manned space program?

Rogers: Well, as I have stated throughout the campaign, I am calling for full funding of NASA's manned space program. It must be recognized that this will not be possible, as long as Obama remains in office. We must restore a mission to our space program just as Kennedy understood. This means a Moon-Mars colonization program, fusion rocket propulsion for Mars exploration, and developing programs for mining helium-3 on the Moon. We must challenge ourselves to take on the great questions which confront us in space flight, such as, how to do we create 1-G acceleration? How do we deal with the problems of cosmic radiation, when we leave the protective magnetosphere of the Earth?

There are many more great challenges which confront us. The most important thing, is allowing these challenges in space to be a model of how we move forward in terraforming the Biosphere of planet Earth, greening the desert, and other great economic challenges we face today. Our space program is not to be a playground for the private sector, but a driver for the mission of mankind for the next 2-3 generations. I can honestly say, that when I am in Congress I will not capitulate, and sell out our scientists, astronauts, engineers, and others in our space program, as my opponent Pete Olson has continued to do. We must revive a culture in this country that values science, and human discovery.

The Mood Has Shifted Among African-Americans

EIR: You recently participated in the annual conference of the Congressional Black Caucus. The CBC seems to be politically paralyzed these days, knowing that they have been, shall we say, shafted, by Obama, but unwilling, or fearful, of openly supporting your demand for his ouster. What happened at the conference?

Rogers: I did what I always do, which is tell the truth, no matter who it is I'm talking to. People tell me it took real courage to tell the CBC we need to impeach Obama because, "he doesn't have a black agenda, he doesn't even have an American agenda!" And in one sense, I suppose they are right. But the point is, all I did



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Kesha Rogers' Congressional campaign, in the Texas district that is home to NASA, has been characterized by her fight for the urgent recovery policies of Lyndon LaRouche. But, she says, the power and trademark of the campaign has been to bring beautiful Classical culture the citizens of the district, and beyond.

was say what most of them were already thinking individually, but didn't say, because everyone thought they were the only one, and there is pressure from so-called "authorities" who are kissing Obama's butt.

It's more disgraceful to tolerate a black President who is fascist, simply because he's the first black President, than to say, "No, this Nero figure does not represent us, or anyone except himself. We demand a real leader step forward, with a vision for the future, and love for mankind." Over the two days I was there, this sentiment expressed itself in response to my interventions. The mood shifted from trying to call me out, to people saying they were proud to be standing up and agreeing with the ideas I put forward.

EIR: Please tell our readers about the three-day



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Kesha Rogers is conducting a genuine “grassroots” campaign, on the streets of the district, door-to-door, at traffic intersections, etc., as can be seen in these photos (clockwise from top left): Kesha organizes on the streets of Houston in July: “Impeach Obama; Save NASA; Cancel the Bailout”; Kesha briefs seniors on her plan to defend their living standards, and provide a future for their grandchildren, September; the giant banner takes LaRouche’s call to invoke the 25th Amendment to the voters, October; campaigning for the Primary in February, which she won in a landslide against her Democratic opponent.



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campaign event you held this past weekend. The reports are that it involved much more than just politics, that there were presentations on culture, science, etc.

Rogers: Yes, we made the point that cultural optimism, about mankind's ability to make scientific discoveries and implement technology that increases the productive powers of labor, is actually what real politics is all about. As Schiller said, "Political freedom is the highest expression of art." And the reason people don't fight to remove Obama, the reason they compromise with his fascist austerity policies, is because their self-conception, their individual notion of human culture and scientific knowledge, is inherently pessimistic.

They don't usually realize this, because "politics" has been artificially separated as a concept from "science" and "culture," but they think one cannot change anything, fundamentally, in politics, because their conception of the physical universe is based on wrong ideas, like the notion of entropy as a universal law, or the environmentalist's notion that man is a virus that can only loot the planet. So by showing people that mankind is capable of profound expressions of beauty, and that the universe is actually creative, we challenge people's conception of what is possible politically, in a way that never would happen by just talking about "politics" per se.

That's why the conference focused primarily on presentations of Classical music and poetry, and an in-depth work-through of our science-driver economic policies, like NAWAPA, and Mars colonization.

EIR: You have been driving home Mr. LaRouche's warnings that we are on the brink of the greatest global financial and economic catastrophe in known history. Can you give us an idea of how your constituents have, one, been affected by the current economic crisis; and two, how they have responded to your proposals for recovery?

Rogers: Obama seems to be making it especially easy for me to win, by campaigning for his impeachment, because most of his bad policies are directly targeting my constituents. In the district, are NASA'S Johnson Space Center, the oil-and-gas industry, and one of the greatest densities of engineers in the country. So I don't know why he's trying to do it; maybe it's part of the self-destructive tendency of his failed personality, but it's making it really easy to communicate to people the severity of the economic collapse as a *physi-*

cal breakdown, because they already have the background to realize that survival depends more on logistics than on money, per se.

Everyone in NASA knows, astronauts don't take money up to the International Space Station, in order to survive. But people are scared, and they are angry, because they know what shutting down our scientific and industrial sectors means for them, but also for the nation. The biggest turnout during the primary in March, was from this layer of the population.

The Gift of a Better World

EIR: With a little less than three weeks until the Nov. 2 election, what are your plans for the short time ahead?

Rogers: We are taking this army we've recruited over the past 10 months, and orienting them toward the bigger fight that starts Nov. 3. It's funny, how I will call up people I've met going door to door, or at an traffic intersection, and they'll ask me, "Why are you calling me? You already have my vote!" And I have to tell them, I'm not running this campaign just to win an election, I'm running to save the country, and that's something that requires more than one person in office. It requires an educated and vigilant population. So I call people to organize them around the ideas needed to give our country a future, because we have to change the culture. And that's not something that is determined by election cycles.

The other aspect to that, is mass organizing. We are going out every day, holding rallies at major intersections, having events, putting out statements to shape the discussion, and we're having a debate/forum with our opponents, that will air on PBS, on Oct. 22 and 24, on the "Red, White, and Blue" show.

EIR: Is there anything else you would like to add before we close?

Rogers: The future right now is ours for the making. If the people of the United States take up the challenge, we can give untold future generations all over the planet the gift of a better world. Look at the ideal world you want to see, not the world that is, and dedicate your life to realizing that vision. The only thing holding us back, is that little voice inside our heads, telling us we can't change anything. "Little Me" is the biggest dictator in the world. Break free, and we can realize our rightful place as co-Creators in this universe. We can enjoy our immortality.