

PANEL RECOMM ENDS	TEXAS 2009 AMENDMENT ELECTION	FOR AND AGAINST COMMENTS
100% No	Proposition 1 - authorizing the financing, including through tax increment financing, of the acquisition by municipalities and counties of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to a military installation for the prevention of encroachment or for the construction of roadways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation."	<input type="checkbox"/> Military installations have survived thus far without buffer zones. <input type="checkbox"/> May open the doors for eminent domain. <input type="checkbox"/> It would expand the scope of government and increase government debt. <input type="checkbox"/> Cities and counties should not take on additional debt at this time. <input type="checkbox"/> Passing this amendment would likely lead to higher property taxes. <input type="checkbox"/> The State of Texas and local governments are not responsible for the protection of US Government property. If this protection is necessary, it should be paid for by the Federal Government.
100% YES	Proposition 2 - authorizing the legislature to provide for the ad valorem taxation of a residence homestead solely on the basis of the property's value as a residence homestead."	<input type="checkbox"/> Would provide property tax protection for homeowners who are in the middle of a predominantly commercial area. <input type="checkbox"/> Protects property owners from county appraisers that will use the "best value" to make it unaffordable for residents to stay in their homes. <input type="checkbox"/> Allows property owners to "sit" on a property for many years at a low tax rate, let the value rise, even turn the house into a rent house and sell it at a higher value in the future.
100% No	Proposition 3 - providing for uniform standards and procedures for the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes."	<input type="checkbox"/> Takes control of property taxes out of the hands of local authorities. <input type="checkbox"/> PANEL believes in local control, not the centralization of power to the state level. <input type="checkbox"/> There is an underlying principle of equity that is violated if all properties are not appraised on a uniform basis. Protection of this principle trumps any increase in government size that may occur to implement the uniform standards and procedures.
100% No	Proposition 4 - establishing the national research university fund to enable emerging research universities in this state to achieve national prominence as major research universities and transferring the balance of the higher education fund to the national research university fund."	<input type="checkbox"/> This would expand the size and scope of government. <input type="checkbox"/> This would open the door to raise taxes & the Government would become more involved in education - have more control. <input type="checkbox"/> If there is a need for more capable research facilities, they should be funded through private enterprise, not by further taxing the voters. <input type="checkbox"/> Tier one research institutions are often not the best environments for undergraduate study.
100% No	Proposition 5 - authorizing the legislature to authorize a single board of equalization for two or more adjoining appraisal entities that elect to provide for consolidated equalizations."	<input type="checkbox"/> Proposition undermines CCMC's core principle of local control, and shifts the balance of taxing power to more populous counties. <input type="checkbox"/> The burden of proving the necessity of the amendment is on the legislature and should be convincing. The legislature has not done so. <input type="checkbox"/> Increased centralization makes it harder to hold elected and appointed officials accountable.
100% No	Proposition 6 - authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to issue general obligation bonds in amounts equal to or less than amounts previously authorized."	<input type="checkbox"/> It needs to be shown that the Texas Land Board and all the money they provide is self-funding. <input type="checkbox"/> Will likely increase bonds and taxes. <input type="checkbox"/> It is unwise to add a constitutional amendment about general obligation bonds that extends into the future for an unlimited time. <input type="checkbox"/> All levels of government should be reducing and not adding debt, particularly, at this time.
100% YES	Proposition 7 - to allow an officer or enlisted member of the Texas State Guard or other state militia or military force to hold other civil offices."	<input type="checkbox"/> Currently, civil officials are prohibited from holding more than one compensated civil office, unless specifically exempted in the Constitution. Those now exempted include county commissioners and justices of the peace, notaries public and postmasters, and current and retired officers and enlisted members of the National Guard and U.S. Armed Forces. <input type="checkbox"/> State employees have a duty to do the job for which they were hired, even in times of disaster. Apparent conflict of interest.
100% No	Proposition 8 - authorizing the state to contribute money, property, and other resources for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of veterans hospitals in this state."	<input type="checkbox"/> The federal government would establish the hospital, but the state would be able to contribute money, property, or other resources to the hospital's establishment, maintenance, or operation. <input type="checkbox"/> The Federal Government is responsible for the establishment, maintenance and operation of veterans' hospitals. Therefore, this is not an appropriate expenditure by the State of Texas. <input type="checkbox"/> In these hard economic times government does not need to expand, which is what this would do.
100% No	Proposition 9 - to protect the right of the public, individually and collectively, to access and use the public beaches bordering the seaward shore of the Gulf of Mexico."	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary applicability is erosion of beaches due to storms (hurricanes). <input type="checkbox"/> Places state/public property rights above private property rights. Boils down to - if the beach erodes, whose property is lost? The public or the property owner? Parallels "eminent domain." <input type="checkbox"/> The state should not profit from natural disasters at private property owner's expense. <input type="checkbox"/> The state should not be given the right to seize property that suddenly borders the seaward shore due to beach erosion.
100% No	Proposition 10 - to provide that elected members of the governing boards of emergency services districts may serve terms not to exceed four years."	<input type="checkbox"/> The current term limits are acceptable. <input type="checkbox"/> There is no clear benefit to the people in extending the term. <input type="checkbox"/> Lengthening the term could reduce accountability to taxpayers / voters. <input type="checkbox"/> Term limits ensure a constant flow of new perspectives.
100% YES	Proposition 11 - to prohibit the taking, damaging, or destroying of private property for public use unless the action is for the ownership, use, and enjoyment of the property by the State,...to limit the legislature's authority to grant the power of eminent domain to an entity."	<input type="checkbox"/> Helps protect the rights of individual landowners. <input type="checkbox"/> Ensures the rights of private property. <input type="checkbox"/> Refines & incorporates into the Texas Constitution the laws the Texas Legislature passed in 2005 to ensure private property is not seized for commercial / taxation benefit.

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**Conservative
Voter Guide
for N & NW
Harris Co**

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NOTE: These are the views of the Panel based on public info & Conservative Principles.

- Core Conservative Principles
1. Reduce the size, expense and power of government entities.
 2. Support for the Constitution and Declaration of Independence.
 3. Shift charity in the county from government entities to private groups.
 4. No more government benefits to illegal aliens.
 5. Local control.
 6. Small government requires personal responsibility.
 7. Free Markets.

ISD / place	Name	Will you vote for or against a motion to reduce the school budget by 5% every year for the next 5 years after adjusting for population growth and inflation/deflation?	Will you vote for or against a motion to teach all subjects (except foreign languages) in English only?	Will you vote for or against a motion to set policy for vouchers in the form of a certain amount of money for each student that can be used at private or public school of the parent's selection?	Will you vote for or against a motion to have a bond election for a new sports stadium?	Will you vote for or against a motion that requires student registration forms to include the question "Are you a US citizen?" and "Do you have a green card?"?	Will you vote for or against a motion to fund a child care program for children of teen mothers directly or via grant?
CyFair / 3	Wallace Sofka	Did Not Respond					
CyFair / 3	Bill Morris	Did Not Respond					
CyFair / 3	I - Lou Bertoli	Unable to contact					
CyFair / 4	I - Lida Woodul	Did Not Respond					
CyFair / 4	Willie Wright	Did Not Respond					
CyFair / 4	Scott Adams	Depends	Against	For	Against	Against	For
Klein / 3	I - Jim Smith	Did Not Respond					
Klein / 3	Marc Margolis	For	For	For	Against	For	For
Klein / 4	Stephen Szymczak	Against	For	Against	Against	Comment	For
Klein / 5	Ronnie Anderson	Against	For	Against	Depends	For	For
Klein / 5	Jean Casagrande	Did not answer	Against	Against	Depends	Against	Did not answer
Spring / 6	Kristal Medina	Has not responded – Spring candidates had less time to respond due to our error					
Spring / 6	I - Ron Crier	Has not responded – Spring candidates had less time to respond due to our error					
Spring / 6	Debbie Jensen	Depends	Against	Against	Against	Against	For
Spring / 7	Gwen Robinson	Has not responded – Spring candidates had less time to respond due to our error					
Spring / 7	Karen Price-Jammer	Has not responded – Spring candidates had less time to respond due to our error					
Spring / 7	I - Jana Anders	Has not responded – Spring candidates had less time to respond due to our error					

Core Conservative Principles

1. Reduce the size, expense and power of government entities.
Government that governs best, governs least.

2. Support for the Constitution and Declaration of Independence.
These are wonderful expressions of justice and limited government.

3. Shift charity in County from government entities to private groups.
When government gets involved in charity, then everyone gets on the gravy train in some fashion. Charity is the responsibility and choice of the individual and private groups not public government.

4. No more government benefits to illegal aliens.

5. Local control.
When power is centralized it becomes more powerful and remember power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

6. Small government requires personal responsibility.
So let's quit voting for Government programs that favor our industry / lobby interests.

7. Free Markets.
We believe a free market economy is the best tool to protect liberty and promote prosperity.

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