

## Conservative Coalition of Harris County – 2012 Contested Republican Civil Judicial Races

CONTESTED JUDICIAL PRIMARY RACES	JUDGE 11TH DISTRICT (CIVIL)		JUDGE 61ST DISTRICT (CIVIL)			JUDGE 127TH DISTRICT (CIVIL)	
QUESTIONS	B. BAIN	M. WEST	G. MAY	J. HASTINGS	G.W. GORE	R. LLOYD	S. ASTON
<b>BEST CANDIDATE BY PANEL VOTE</b>	✔ 75%	25%	8%	✔ 92%	0%	✔ 92%	8%
Which Supreme Court Justice most closely represents your judicial philosophy? Roberts / Scalia / Kennedy / Thomas / Kagan / Ginsburg / Breyer / Alito / Sotomayor	SCALIA	SCALIA	THOMAS	ROBERTS	No Response Received	SCALIA	THOMAS
Should Texas judges be allowed to display the Ten Commandments in their courtrooms?	FAVOR	STRONGLY FAVOR	STRONGLY FAVOR	STRONGLY FAVOR		FAVOR	FAVOR
Does the current Texas Civil Legal Code that limits the size of jury awards (in certain civil cases) protect the general public from lawsuit abuse?	UNDECIDED	NO	STRONGLY FAVOR	NO RESPONSE		FAVOR	FAVOR
Is the Texas Civil Court System fairly efficient to defendants given the number of cases handled each year by the civil courts?	NO	YES	NO RESPONSE	OPPOSE		FAVOR	FAVOR
Does Texas Civil Code provide homeowners with enough protection from eminent domain cases?	UNDECIDED	NO	OPPOSE	NO RESPONSE		STRONGLY OPPOSE	FAVOR
CONTESTED JUDICIAL PRIMARY RACES	JUDGE 129 <sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT (CIVIL)				JUDGE 133RD DISTRICT (CIVIL)		<b>Answer Key</b>
QUESTIONS	M. LANDRUM	C. GILLETT	E. CASANOVA	F. PIERCE	L. MCCORKLE	S.J. HEMPHILL	
<b>BEST CANDIDATE BY PANEL VOTE</b>	✔ 83%	17%	0%	0%	✔ 83%	17%	
Which Supreme Court Justice most closely represents your judicial philosophy? Roberts / Scalia / Kennedy / Thomas / Kagan / Ginsburg / Breyer / Alito / Sotomayor	THOMAS	ROBERTS	No Response Received	No Response Received	THOMAS	ROBERTS	
Should Texas judges be allowed to display the Ten Commandments in their courtrooms?	STRONGLY FAVOR	FAVOR			FAVOR	YES	
Does the current Texas Civil Legal Code that limits the size of jury awards (in certain civil cases) protect the general public from lawsuit abuse?	UNDECIDED	FAVOR			FAVOR	NO	
Is the Texas Civil Court System fairly efficient to defendants given the number of cases handled each year by the civil courts?	FAVOR	OPPOSE			FAVOR	SCQ	
Does Texas Civil Code provide homeowners with enough protection from eminent domain cases?	UNDECIDED	OPPOSE			OPPOSE	SCQ	
CONTESTED JUDICIAL PRIMARY RACES	JUDGE 151ST DISTRICT (CIVIL)		JUDGE 152ND DISTRICT (CIVIL)			JUDGE 164TH DISTRICT (CIVIL)	
QUESTIONS	J.WITTENMYER	L. OLSON	D. SELF	A. WILKINSON	J. TOWNSLEY	B. WIESEDEPPE	S. MAFRIGE
<b>BEST CANDIDATE BY PANEL VOTE</b>	0%	✔ 100%	0%	✔ 75%	25%	0%	✔ 100%
Which Supreme Court Justice most closely represents your judicial philosophy? Roberts / Scalia / Kennedy / Thomas / Kagan / Ginsburg / Breyer / Alito / Sotomayor	No Response Received	THOMAS	No Response Received	ROBERTS	THOMAS	No Response Received	ROBERTS
Should Texas judges be allowed to display the Ten Commandments in their courtrooms?		STRONGLY FAVOR		NO RESPONSE	STRONGLY FAVOR		NO RESPONSE
Does the current Texas Civil Legal Code that limits the size of jury awards (in certain civil cases) protect the general public from lawsuit abuse?		UNDECIDED		NO RESPONSE	OPPOSE		NO RESPONSE
Is the Texas Civil Court System fairly efficient to defendants given the number of cases handled each year by the civil courts?		STRONGLY FAVOR		UNDECIDED	FAVOR		UNDECIDED
Does Texas Civil Code provide homeowners with enough protection from eminent domain cases?		NO RESPONSE		NO RESPONSE	OPPOSE		NO RESPONSE

**SF** – Strongly Favor/Agree  
**F** – Favor /Agree  
**U** – Undecided  
**O** – Oppose/ Disagree  
**SO** – Strongly Oppose/Disagree  
**NR** – No Response  
**SCQ** – See Candidate's Questionnaire

## Conservative Coalition of Harris County – 2012 Contested Republican Criminal Judicial Races

CONTESTED JUDICIAL PRIMARY RACES	JUDGE 174TH DISTRICT (CRIMINAL)		JUDGE 177TH DISTRICT (CRIMINAL)		JUDGE 179TH DISTRICT (CRIMINAL)		JUDGE 337TH DISTRICT (CRIMINAL)	
QUESTIONS	R. SUMMERLIN	J. VINAS	R. PATRICK	A. BENAVIDES	K. M. GUINEY	L. SHADWICK	R. MAGEE	J. BARR
<b>BEST CANDIDATE BY PANEL VOTE</b>	0%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100%	0%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100%	0%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100%	0%
Which Supreme Court Justice most closely represents your judicial philosophy? Roberts / Scalia / Kennedy / Thomas / Kagan / Ginsburg / Breyer / Alito / Sotomayor	<b>No Response Received</b>	SCALIA	ROBERTS	<b>No Response Received</b>	SCALIA	ROBERTS	SCALIA	SCALIA
Is the death penalty option in Texas criminal cases fair and reasonable?		STRONGLY FAVOR	YES		YES	STRONGLY FAVOR	FAVOR	YES
Has the War on Drugs been effective in Harris County?		FAVOR	PARTIALLY		YES	NO	FAVOR	NO
Is criminal activity from illegal aliens a serious problem in Harris County?		FAVOR	YES		YES	STRONGLY FAVOR	STRONGLY FAVOR	YES

Note: Only ten panel members participated in 179<sup>th</sup> District Race (Criminal) – two members had conflict of interest and did not participate in interviews or voting of candidates. In all other races, all 12 panel members participated in interviews and voting for best candidate.

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CONTESTED RACE	CTY CIVIL COURT AT LAW #2		CONTESTED RACE	PARTY CHAIR	
QUESTIONS	DONNA DETAMORE	THERESA CHANG	QUESTIONS	JARED WOODFILL (I)	PAUL SIMPSON
<b>Best Candidate by Panel Vote</b>	10%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 90%	<b>Best Candidate by Panel Vote</b>	50%	50%
Which Supreme Court Justice most closely represents your judicial philosophy? Roberts / Scalia / Kennedy / Thomas / Kagan / Ginsburg / Breyer / Alito / Sotomayor	SCALIA	SCALIA	Should the Harris County Republican Party (HCRP) be actively fighting against voter fraud in Harris County?	STRONGLY FAVOR	STRONGLY FAVOR
Should Texas judges be allowed to display the Ten Commandments in their courtrooms?	STRONGLY FAVOR	YES	Should the Harris County Republican Party solicit more input from local activist groups, such as tea parties, charities and non-profit groups?	STRONGLY FAVOR	STRONGLY FAVOR
Does the current Texas Civil Legal code that limits the size of jury awards (in certain civil cases) protect the general public from lawsuit abuse?	OPPOSE	YES	Should Harris County Republican Party open satellite offices around the county so more people can be actively involved in the day-to-day operations of the party?	STRONGLY FAVOR	STRONGLY FAVOR
Is the County Civil court system is fairly efficient given the number of cases handled each year by the civil courts?	UNDECIDED	YES	<b>EARLY VOTING STARTS MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH MAY 25<sup>TH</sup></b>		

**To see each candidate’s complete responses to our questionnaire, please go to our website [www.conservativecoalitionhc.org](http://www.conservativecoalitionhc.org).** Panel members reviewed candidate questionnaires, conducted formal candidate interviews, and reviewed public information sources before making their decisions. Candidates were evaluated based on our 10 core values (listed at end of this guide), answers to our questionnaire, their background and experience, and their answers to our panel during the formal interview process. The panel’s secret ballot tally results are shown as percentages above.

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CONTESTED STATE REPRESENTATIVE RACES	STATE REP. DIST. 132		STATE REP. DIST. 138		STATE REP. DIST. 149			
QUESTIONS	BILL CALLEGARI (I)	RANDY BROWN	WHET SMITH	DWAYNE BOHAC (I)	JACK LEE	DIANNE WILLIAMS	DON MULLINS	
<b>Best Candidate by Panel Vote</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 90%	10%	0%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100%	0%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100%	0%	
Do you support the recent “Sanctuary Cities” bill that allows for police to freely ask about a person’s immigration status in Texas?	STRONGLY FAVOR	STRONGLY FAVOR	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	STRONGLY FAVOR	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	STRONGLY FAVOR	FAVOR	
Should illegal aliens be allowed to enroll in Texas universities as proposed in the Congressional Dream Act?	STRONGLY OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE		STRONGLY OPPOSE		STRONGLY OPPOSE	OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE
Do you think that federal government should be involved in mandating healthcare to the state and/or public, such as Obama care?	STRONGLY OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE		STRONGLY OPPOSE		STRONGLY OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE
Should a school voucher system be adopted within some ISDs within Texas?	STRONGLY FAVOR	FAVOR		YES		STRONGLY FAVOR	STRONGLY FAVOR	FAVOR
Do you favor prohibiting the use of embryonic stem cells for scientific research?	STRONGLY FAVOR	OPPOSE		STRONGLY FAVOR		STRONGLY FAVOR	STRONGLY FAVOR	STRONGLY FAVOR
Is the current Texas state funding allocation method of school ISD funds a fair and just system?	No	STRONGLY OPPOSE		No		No	OPPOSE	OPPOSE

Note: Only nine panel members participated in State Representative 149 Race – one member had a conflict of interest and did not participate in interviews or voting of candidates. In the other races, all 10 panel members participated in interviews and voting for best candidate

CONTESTED DISTRICT ATTORNEY RACE	DISTRICT ATTORNEY		CONTESTED COUNTY ATTORNEY RACE	COUNTY ATTORNEY	
QUESTIONS	MIKE ANDERSON	PAT LYKOS (I)	QUESTIONS	ROBERT TALTON	LESLIE JOHNSON
<b>Best Candidate by Panel Vote</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 90%	10%	<b>Best Candidate by Panel Vote</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 90%	10%
Drug gangs and drug cartel violence and crime are the next major threat to citizens in Harris County.	STRONGLY FAVOR	NO RESPONSE RECEIVED	With 94 attorneys and 101 support staff, is the County Attorney’s office overstaffed given the current economic environment in Harris County?	FAVOR	STRONGLY FAVOR
The District Attorney’s office should put more resources toward the prosecution of cyber crimes such as identity theft and internet fraud.	FAVOR		Should County Attorney’s office resources go to protecting rights of illegal aliens?	STRONGLY OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE
The District Attorney’s office should always make the prosecution of felony crimes in Harris County the top priority.	STRONGLY FAVOR		Should the top priority of the County Attorney’s office be collecting liens, fines, taxes, judgments, and monies owed to Harris County?	FAVOR	OPPOSE

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COUNTY SCHOOL TRUSTEE RACES	Co SCHOOL TRUSTEE Pos 3 AT-LRG		Co SCHOOL TRUSTEE Pos 4, PCT 3	
QUESTIONS	RICHARD JOHNSON III	MIKE WOLFE	RAYMOND GARCIA	KAY SMITH
Best Candidate by Panel Vote	0%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100%	10%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 90%
The Harris County School Board of Trustees is a necessary entity to educate the students of Harris County.	YES/NO	STRONGLY OPPOSE	YES	No
It is perfectly acceptable for governmental entities to operate and tax under assumed names or aliases.	OPPOSE	STRONGLY OPPOSE	UNDECIDED	No
Each county property owner paying the salaries and overhead of two completely separate school district administrations - the county system and their local school district -actually saves money in the long run.	OPPOSE	NO	YES	No
Harris County School Trustees should have term limits.	STRONGLY FAVOR	YES	NO	YES
The <i>Harris County School Trustees</i> should be providing cost saving services to a variety of government and non-profit entities <b>outside</b> Harris County.	YES/NO	STRONGLY OPPOSE	YES	No

CONTESTED TAX ASSESSOR RACE	TAX ASSESSOR		<b><u>CCHC Panel Members</u></b> <b>(Of 2 voting panels)</b> Betty Boren Avery James Hardin John Haessly Norma Jeter Elvie Kingston Tom Kosh Michelle McKissick Cynthia Murray Dale Norman Sam Oliver Susan Patrick Pauline Ramsey Valoree Swanson Colleen Vera	<b><u>Core Principles of Conservative Coalition of Harris County (CCHC PAC)</u></b> 1. Support for the Constitution and Declaration of Independence. 2. Reduce the size, expense and power of government entities. 3. Shift charity in Harris County from government entities to private groups. 4. Local control for government powers. 5. No more government benefits to illegal aliens 6. Small government requires personal responsibility. 7. Marriage is 1 natural man & 1 natural woman. 8. Life begins at conception. 9. Parents have the ultimate authority regarding their children. 10. Free Markets.
QUESTIONS	MIKE SULLIVAN	DON SUMMERS (I)		
Best Candidate by Panel Vote	0%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100%		
Harris County Tax Assessor office is a leader in efficient Voter Registration within the State of Texas.	OPPOSE	YES		
Harris County Tax Assessor office is sufficiently staffed to handle tax collection, auto registration and voter registration.	OPPOSE	YES		
Harris County Tax Assessor office is well prepared to handle increasing population and improving technology trends in the future.	OPPOSE	YES		

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The Conservative Coalition of Harris County (CCHC) is a PAC dedicated to promoting conservative candidates within Harris County. Our PAC consists of conservative volunteers who send out questionnaires to the candidates, create panels that interview the candidates, and then vote for the best conservative candidate in each race. Our PAC has 10 core principles that define our beliefs/principles to our volunteers and to the voting public. We believe our core values define us by what we believe in and stand for. Candidates are selected on the basis of these core beliefs.

The Conservative Coalition of Harris County (CCHC) is internally funded and does not solicit or accept donations or contributions from candidates. We are a grassroots organization that is based in traditional conservative values. Although small, we are constantly expanding our pool of volunteer panel members that are willing to serve in screening candidates and serving on future candidate panels. Please visit our website to see prior guides and to contact us if you are interested in joining our group.

[www.conservativecoalitionhc.org](http://www.conservativecoalitionhc.org) to view candidate answers with comments & additional questions

Please visit the web site to be part of future conservative voter guide panels – be sure to vote each election and vote conservative.

Early voting starts May 14<sup>th</sup> and goes through May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012. You can also receive a ballot by mail, and the last day to apply is May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. Please see either [Harris County GOP website](#) or Harris County Clerk's office website ([HarrisVotes.com](http://HarrisVotes.com)). To find your voting place, please visit Harris County Clerk's office website ([HarrisVotes.com](http://HarrisVotes.com)).