



Questions for Candidates for City Council from the Conservative Coalition of Harris County

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Candidate Name	Position that Candidate is Running For
Perata PB Bradley	Houston City Council District C

Candidates please give your answer to each of the following questions and include your rationale with each answer. Please be concise and clear.

1. Why are you running for City Council? If elected, what will be your priorities?
Answer: I am thrilled to run for Houston City Council, motivated and driven by a deep understanding of the pressing needs of our vibrant and diverse communities. Being a certified nonprofit professional that is dedicated to bringing resources and expertise to underserved agencies and communities, I witnessed firsthand the lack of representatives especially in City Hall who truly comprehend the challenges faced by my community and the majority communities of color across Houston and in every other major city. The abuse of authority and power in City Hall these past 4 years was troubling. If elected I hope to address critical issues like affordability, inflation, outdated infrastructure to include drainage and lastly crime.
I am committed to bringing accountability, transparency and being fiscally responsible on the budget items. There will be no cherry-picking if elected to city hall. My campaign motto is being a beacon of hope and encouraging others to be a better neighbor! In that way, we will move the city forward.

2. What experience or skills have prepared you to serve as a city council member? What differentiates you from the other candidates and/or council members?

Answer: I want to emphasize that my qualifications for City Hall go beyond mere words — they are rooted in a deep connection to our community and always being a servant of the community since childhood. From real life experiences, I've engaged with every corner of district C, from my childhood experiences to my work and recreational activities. This firsthand knowledge of Houston and its people uniquely positions me to understand and address the needs of our community and the current chances we are facing with an insight into the future.

But it's not just about relatability; my track record speaks for itself. As a nonprofit professional, social justice artist, advocate, and entrepreneur with multiple community-focused businesses, I've been dedicated to serving the people of our district in diverse and meaningful ways. Community engagement and service have been integral to my life, and this passion has driven me to seek this role in order to have an even greater impact. I don't just stop at community engagements I also am a pro bono grant writer for nonprofits I serve helping them find funding for their causes and mission.

Moreover, I've been fortunate to learn from incredible mentors, like Lenwood Johnson, who is responsible for the redevelopment of Allen Parkway Village apartments and empowering low-income residents. He showed me the power of advocacy and community involvement, which ignited my passion for politics and community-driven change.

I'm not just confident, but also certain that I can be a winner among my fellow council members. My comprehensive understanding of district C, combined with my diverse experiences and unwavering dedication, make me the ideal candidate to bring about positive change and get things done for our community.

3. What is the effectiveness of the current system for City of Houston residents to report issues/file complaints? How can this system be improved to better serve residents?

Answer: It's not very effective with 311 being the only way to report issues and file a complaint. Improving the effectiveness of reporting issues and filing complaints through the non-emergency number 311 in the city of Houston involves several strategies:

Enhanced Accessibility:

- Multi-Channel: Allow citizens to report issues via phone, website, mobile app, email, and social media to cater to different communication preferences.
- Create a Response Time: Set reasonable response times for different types of issues and adhere to them.
- Collaboration: Collaborate between the 311 center and relevant city departments to expedite issue resolution.

4. How would you characterize the funding of the following items; Please rank selections, check funding boxes below and provide a short explanation of your reasoning in answer section box:

	Over-Funded / Adequate / Under-Funded		
____ Solid Waste Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
____ Parks and Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
____ Houston Police Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
____ Houston Fire Department	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
____ Houston Health Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
____ Municipal Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
____ Libraries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
____ Public Works	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
____ Technology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
____ Conventions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Answer:

5. Crime problem in Houston--can the police force be increased? Immigration impact--should Houston be a sanctuary city?

Answer: Expanding the police force isn't the solution to crime. Instead, we should prioritize investments in security technology to enhance urban safety. Flock cameras represent a valuable tool in crime prevention and faster crime resolution. However, we face challenges in terms of technical support for computer systems and software associated with these surveillance cameras.

Additionally, I firmly believe that raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour for those residing within the inner loop of 610 could be a pivotal step in reducing crime rates. By ensuring individuals earn a livable wage, we empower them to provide better for themselves and their families. This economic empowerment can act as a deterrent to criminal activities, fostering an environment of opportunity instead of desperation.

Houston should not be a sanctuary city, especially considering the ongoing population growth driven by people relocating here for its affordability. However, this affordability doesn't necessarily extend to native Houstonians. The surge in population is straining resources, making it challenging for low-income individuals and families experiencing hard times to access essential services such as healthcare and emergency assistance that should be accessible to all native Texans. Texas still leads the U.S. with the highest rates of uninsured residents. County healthcare officials expect the uninsured population to increase to 1.5 million by 2025.

While I empathize with immigrants seeking refuge from dangerous situations in their home countries, it's important to note that Texas shouldn't shoulder the entire burden of providing sanctuary.

6. Do you support amending the City Charter to allow council members to add items to the meeting agendas?
- Answer:** Yes I support the City Charter to allow council members to add items to the meeting agendas. I think that would serve as a good thing because more items will get addressed on the ballot and it could possibly speed up improvements in the communities.
7. Do you support the proposed Hospital Bond issue for \$2.5 billion dollars?
- Answer:** Despite the fact that the Hospital Bond would impose a relatively modest cost of less than \$6 over the next ten years on homeowners with incomes exceeding \$300,000, I remain unsupportive of this bond proposal. Reports have suggested that the two primary facilities targeted for upgrades have not seen significant improvements since their original construction nearly 30 years ago. However, it's important to clarify that upgrades have indeed been made at LBJ and Ben Taub hospitals.
- Drawing from personal experience, I was a patient at both facilities for an extended period while facing a medical emergency and health scare. Regrettably, my encounters at these hospitals were far from satisfactory. I received a misdiagnosis and incorrect medication initially, and there was a concerning push for a surgical procedure that could have had adverse consequences, both mentally and physically. To compound matters, I encountered a physician who appeared unwilling to provide the necessary resources for improved care. I found myself in the distressing position of pleading for adequate care because of the physician's dissatisfaction with my decision to decline surgery. Ultimately, through diligent research and determination, I managed to heal myself, successfully achieving this on January 5, 2021.
- The issue, in my view, does not lie primarily with the need for infrastructure upgrades or additional facilities at hospitals. Instead, it is the need for a more conscientious and dedicated medical staff. We require doctors who prioritize the well-being of patients at public hospitals like Ben Taub and LBJ over job security and protection from malpractice claims. It is concerning that some of these doctors simultaneously operate private practices that often charge exorbitant fees for services and procedures that are otherwise limited by the county.
- In summary, the inadequacy of county hospitals appears to be more rooted in the performance of their medical staff rather than the physical infrastructure, and addressing this issue should be a priority.

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Once this questionnaire has been completed, please email it to: alex@cchc-pac.org.

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Perata Bradley's Bio – For Houston City Council District C

Perata Bradley is a fifth/sixth generation born legacy resident of Fourth Ward's Freedmen's Town, who embodies the spirit of resilience and determination that runs deep in her community. She is a Certified Nonprofit Professional, having graduated Cum Laude from the University of Houston with a Bachelor's degree in Art. Her political journey began as an activist and mentee of Lenwood Johnson, a visionary leader responsible for the redevelopment of Allen Parkway Village Apartments and the establishment of low-income housing in our city. As a multi-disciplinary artist, she has shed light on the adverse effects of gentrification in communities of color. Additionally, she supports underserved nonprofits as a freelance grant writer, making a lasting impact in their communities.

The core of her campaign- PB for District C– is centered on the belief that every person in district C deserves a high quality of life and plans to focus on the pressing issues of food disparities, the housing crisis, and stagnant wages. By addressing these challenges, she aims to provide affordable housing and promote economic growth. She envisions a future where district C thrives with economic opportunities, essential services, and affordable initiatives. City Council candidate Perata “PB” Bradley proudly identifies as an activist, advocate for mental and physical health, educator, and creative force.

PERATA "PB" BRADLEY PLATFORM

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Community Land Trust
- Shared responsibility of developers and communities
- Regulation of short- term leasing

CRIME

- Support for education and training can help un-employed or others looking for better opportunities

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WEALTH DISPARITY

- Rent relief reform to provide relief to low/ moderate-income households to curb evictions and to allow families time to become stable

REVENUE CAP

- Redistribution of responsibility to community agencies like TIRZ and Redevelopment Authority to provide essential services and needs of the community.
- Salary cut or wage freeze for Executive Staff in Government
- Dismantle corruption in City Hall- holding the criminally minded accountable

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MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

Increasing Minimum wage to give people a reason to want to work and commit less crime



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The Contender- Perata PB Bradley

I am Perata Bradley, a fifth/sixth generation born legacy resident of Fourth Ward's Freedmen's Town, who embodies the spirit of resilience and determination that runs deep in our community. I am a Certified Nonprofit Professional, having graduated Cum Laude from the University of Houston with a Bachelor's degree in Art. As a multi-disciplinary artist, I shed light on the adverse effects of gentrification in communities of color. Additionally, I support underserved nonprofits as a freelance grant writer, making a lasting impact on our community.

I envision a future where district C thrives with economic opportunities, essential services, and affordability.

Motivated to Run for office •

Being a certified nonprofit professional that is dedicated to bringing resources and expertise to underserved agencies and communities, I witnessed firsthand the lack of representatives especially in City Hall who truly comprehend the challenges faced by my community and the majority communities of color across Houston. And how could they understand communities when they are placing special interest entities under the guise of sponsored nonprofits in the communities for profit and exploitation gains. ***The abuse of authority and power in City Hall and the cowards who allow it-- must go!*** I experienced firsthand what it feels like being a whistleblower. You get denied and you take a beaten in secrecy.

If elected I hope to bring trustworthy leadership in city hall, defend democracy, provide favorable reforms, and preserve the people of District C. Not only will I address critical issues like infrastructure, the drainage system, and the lack of affordability that has left so many struggling to make ends meet in our city. I also want to be the bring accountability and transparency on the budget, agenda and no cherry-picking with me. ***Let's be a beacon of hope in District C by being better neighbors.*** We should strive to resonate to other districts in a way that brings us together and move the city forward.

THE PEOPLE'S PRESERVER

ISSUES & CONCERNS OF DISTRICT C

I must admit that I once believed our District and its residents had no concerns beyond the routine matters of trash pickup and street repairs. But I couldn't have been more mistaken. It's easy to think that in Freedmen's Town Fourth Ward, we were the sole voices raising concerns about gentrification and overdevelopment in our city, grappling with the challenges of inflation in a privileged area like District

C. However, I've come to learn that our fellow residents share different yet equally important issues and concerns, and it brings me a sense of relief to know that many aren't content with the status quo.

Regrettably, these concerns have often fallen on deaf ears at city hall, leaving many residents feeling unheard and ignored. This troubling trend could push our city to the brink of becoming divided between the haves and the have-nots. I'm deeply concerned about the consequences if we don't unite and work together to find tangible solutions.

The trend of Californians relocating to Texas due to soaring housing costs isn't unique; it's happening across the nation, from New York to Chicago to New Jersey, as reported by the Census Bureau. This raises a fundamental question for both native Houstonians and newcomers alike: Do we want to transform our beloved city into something resembling California or those other states that have become unaffordable for many?

It's high time we set aside our differences, realizing that this isn't about political affiliations like Republican or Democrat. It's about us, as people, coming together as a beacon of hope in a city that others can look to as a model for getting things right. Every city should be a place people want to live in, not escape from. It takes elected representatives like myself who grasp the urgent needs of our vibrant and diverse communities to ensure this vision becomes a reality. Together, let's work towards a future where Houston remains a city worth calling home for everyone.

If elected I hope to address critical issues like overdevelopment that's putting a strain on essential services related to waste management and the outdated infrastructure that's leading to flooding, and crime that's rampant in District C due to the lack of affordability in the city and the saturation of short-term leasing. It is my understanding and reasoning that these pressing issues are related and could be the root to the problems we see in Houston.

To address the overdevelopment and the lack of Essential services we need to first address the drainage system before we attempt new development. Outdated infrastructure should be prioritized and addressed first by not only considering flood prone areas but addressing the future population density and its impact on existing communities which may also need to be upgraded beforehand. Streets in Historic Heights like E. 4th and Harvard st and Colombia that leads to flooding. Areas along Kirby dr and still to date Braeswood that flood easily still not addressed.

Waste management issues are experience all over the district due to a lack of sanitation workers and equipment such as trucks constantly in maintenance mode.

Addressing crime is of paramount importance by exploring the root causes related to inflation and a lack of affordability across Houston. It's not about increasing police presence but increasing the minimum wage inside the loop which can be a pivotal step towards reducing crime rates. By providing individuals with a livable wage, we empower them to better support themselves and their families. This economic empowerment can serve as a deterrent against criminal activities, fostering an environment of opportunity rather than desperation.

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ISSUES & CONCERNS OF DISTRICT C CONTINUED

I am deeply committed to addressing the lack of affordability that plagues our neighborhoods. My background as a multidisciplinary artist has afforded me a unique platform to shed light on the devastating consequences of gentrification on communities of color, a cause I've championed for over a decade. To alleviate the burden, I firmly advocate for rent relief initiatives, especially for families living in homes over 60 years old or in subpar conditions. I believe in regulating and reducing rents to provide much-needed relief for struggling families. In addition, as our city undergoes potential new developments, it's imperative that major development companies actively contribute to the restoration of community housing.

If affordability isn't naturally integrated into new developments, these companies should volunteer their resources to enhance the living conditions of our community. We should also be determined to regulate short-term leasing and consider an ordinance restricting the number of AirBNB's owned and operated by one individual or entity.

Lastly, I won't ignore my constituents nor act as if I know it all, I will listen, accept recommendations and put the best solution or response forward in a timely manner. If elected, constituents will have more means of communication to reach and engage with me with the creation of a District C social media page and community engagement events like Movie Nights in each part of the district.

Let's move forward by electing PB
For District C.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- 5th- Believe in the Power of Pearls and Blue
- 9th- H-BAD endorsement
- 21st- Social Action Community Outreach candidate forum
- 28th- Best Friends Save Them All Candidate Meet and Greet
- 30th- Movie Night in tha 4- Registration Drive

October

- 3rd- The Greater Houston Pachyderm Club candidate forum

HOW TO SUPPORT

BlockWalk with PB- every weekend for 3-4 hours
Phone banking- Are you interested in calling 50 voters a day? We need that to win when we can't reach voters at their doors.

Contribute

<https://secure.actblue.com/donate/supporters-of-pb-for-district-c-1>

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MORE ABOUT PB

I proudly wear many hats in life - I'm an activist, a staunch advocate for both mental and physical health, an educator, and a creative force. But my impact extends far beyond my activism. As a multi-disciplinary artist, I strive to shed light on the detrimental effects of gentrification within communities of color.

I want to make it clear that I'm not pursuing a career in politics; rather, I'm pursuing a lifelong dream of serving people. My upbringing was far from ordinary; I grew up without either of my parents. My father, a true hero, lost his life before I was born, and my mother, unfortunately, battled addiction and spent a significant part of my life behind bars. Despite the challenges, I always held onto a dream of achieving greatness in a community that often lacked hope.

Throughout my journey, I've had to navigate life with the guidance of God and the support of individuals who came into my life and made it better. These were often total strangers who inspired me to strive for more than what I was told was possible at home. Lenwood Johnson who in the late 90's single handedly saved Allen Parkway Village apartments from demolition to benefit low-income residents today was my mentor. He gave me my first experience in politics. I saw firsthand what speaking up for your community and for the rights of people could do through Lenwood. Today, my work isn't just about making a difference in underserved communities; it's also fueled by a deep compassion for others and a belief that we can all become better Houstonians. I know Houston and the people in this district best! I also think that I can be a winner amongst the other members of council.

Together, let's work towards a brighter future where we uplift and support one another, making Houston a place where everyone can thrive.

