



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
Martina Lemond Dixon	Houston City Council District E

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: My candidacy is motivated by the deep love I have for my community. Houstonians deserve an experienced, conservative leader that is driven by passion for serving. As a representative, I will serve as a sound yet bold voice, advocating tirelessly for the needs of our city. My top priority is ensuring fiscal responsibility in every initiative and action, eliminating wasteful spending to secure our city's future. Furthermore, I recognize the urgency of bolstering our flood infrastructure, particularly in District E. After the devastating impact of Hurricane Harvey, it is crucial to take proactive measures to prevent such destruction from happening again. Finally, a fully funding our first responders is essential to the success and prosperity of Houston, including both the police department and the fire department.
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: My variety of experiences in both the private and public sectors have prepared me to represent my constituents in District E. As the President of the Humble ISD Board of Trustees and Governor Abbott-appointed Commissioner of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE), I have honed my ability to take the concerns of others and translate them into tangible solutions. Houston, and in turn, the Houston City Council, is a place of diverse ideologies and thoughts which can be difficult to navigate in order to do what is best for Houstonians. In my previous roles, I have had to work with individuals of different belief systems and parties, so I know that in City Hall, I can find common ground with other members while fighting for the best outcomes for Houstonians.

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: Considering the fact that there are currently over 14,000 open and overdue service requests, as reported by the City of Houston, the current system is not doing its job. The Houston 311 reporting website is fine but could likely use an update on the back end to better prioritize and categorize the needs of Houstonians. With so many cases being overdue, the efficiency of the services and follow up process is clearly lacking. I would like to examine this process to ensure that efficient routes and personnel allocation are being utilized to best serve everyone in the city.

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
___ Houston Police Department	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
___ Houston Fire Department	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
___ Houston Health Department	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
___ Municipal Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
___ Libraries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
___ Public Works	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
___ Technology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
___ Conventions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Answer: All are areas of importance, but my number one priority on this list are first responders, which include both the Houston Police Department and the Houston Fire Department.

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

Answer: Safety should be a top priority for our city leadership, and to increase safety, the police force should be increased. Our brave men and women in blue deserve essential funding and support so that they can do their jobs protecting our families and still make it home to theirs. I am proud to be endorsed by the Houston Police Officers' Union (HPOU), the Harris County Deputies' Organization (HCDO), and the Afro-American Police Officers League (AAPOL), and I am dedicated to ensuring police departments are fully funded. Being a sanctuary city would overwhelm our already limited financial resources and Houston is not in a position to take funds away from other departments that need attention, like the police department, fire department, municipal courts, permitting, and so much more.

6. Do you support amending the City Charter to allow council members to add items to the meeting agendas?
Answer: It would be good for three council members to be able to add items to meeting agendas, however, their points should not supersede the needs and concerns of other Houstonians.
7. Do you support the proposed Hospital Bond issue for \$2.5 billion dollars?
Answer: Fiscal responsibility is one of my top priorities.

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