



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
Tony Buzbee	Houston City Council District G

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?
<p>Answer: I am running for City Council because I am deeply committed to bringing effective leadership to District G. My priorities, if elected, reflect the urgent needs and concerns of our community:</p> <p>Strong Public Safety: I am dedicated to implementing policies that effectively deal with repeat criminals, making our neighborhoods safer for everyone. I back the blue and the blue know that as a Marine that is the case.</p> <p>Infrastructure Investment: We must invest in infrastructure projects that proactively address flooding issues, ensuring the protection of our homes and businesses. We have to do more with less. Better roads and inspection, maintenance, and repair of water mains is not rocket science.</p> <p>Quality Roads: I will advocate for better road maintenance to prevent damage to our vehicles and enhance overall transportation efficiency.</p> <p>Responsible Budgeting: My focus will be on creating city budgets that are fiscally responsible, preventing the accumulation of unnecessary debt that burdens our residents. Zero based budgeting is where we should start.</p> <p>Real Property Tax Relief: I am committed to providing tax relief measures that allow families to keep more of their hard-earned money. We are being taxed out of existence. We have to do our part at the city level to push back on this trend.</p> <p>Transparency and Accountability: I am all about people knowing what their government is doing. Shedding light on issues has always been my style, and that is the key to good governance. I will initiate a comprehensive citywide audit of all departments to root out waste, inefficiencies, and any misuse of resources. Transparency and accountability are paramount in ensuring the efficient use of taxpayer dollars.</p> <p>My goal is to be a smart, strong, fighting voice for District G residents, addressing their immediate concerns and working tirelessly to improve our community's quality of life.</p>

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 experience and skills uniquely qualify me to serve as a City Council member and set me apart from other candidates and council members. As a combat veteran and Captain of the U.S. Marine Corps, I have a strong history of serving not only our country but also advocating for the voiceless. This experience has instilled in me the values of discipline, integrity, and dedication, which I intend to bring to District G.

I served on the Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System for six years. We managed eleven universities and 8 state agencies. I was the most active, prepared and influential member of the board during my tenure.

I have been involved in some of the largest and most important legal cases in recent history. What sets me apart is my skill set and unwavering commitment to continue the fight for our community within District G. I am deeply honored and humbled to have earned the endorsement of every living former council member in our district. Their support reflects their confidence in my ability to effectively represent our community's needs and aspirations.

My unique blend of military discipline, advocacy, and the overwhelming support of those who know our district best positions me to make a meaningful impact as a City Council member. I am dedicated to being a tireless advocate for our community, working tirelessly to address our challenges and drive positive change in District G.

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: The current system for City of Houston residents to report issues and file complaints is totally ineffective, and there is a clear need for improvement. The busted water mains all over the city is a prime example. People call, call and call again, with no response. To better serve residents, several key improvements should be considered:

Streamlining Reporting Process: The process for reporting issues and complaints should be simplified and made more user-friendly. Residents should have easy access to a centralized platform where they can submit their concerns without unnecessary hurdles or complications. They should then be able to track the progress of the complaint.

Digital Accessibility: Create a user-friendly, digital platform or mobile app that allows residents to report issues quickly and conveniently. This platform should be accessible through smartphones and computers, making it easy for residents to document and submit their concerns.

Efficient Response Mechanism: Implement an efficient response mechanism that acknowledges receipt of complaints and provides residents with a clear timeline for resolution. Transparency in the process is crucial to build trust. As councilman, I will personally track every 311 call that originates from District G.

Categorization of Issues: Develop a categorization system that sorts reported issues into relevant departments or areas of responsibility. This ensures that each complaint reaches the appropriate authority for faster resolution.

Follow-Up and Feedback: Establish a follow-up system to keep residents informed about the progress and status of their complaints. Additionally, gather feedback from residents to continuously improve the reporting process.

By implementing these improvements, the City of Houston can create a more effective and resident-centric system for reporting issues and filing complaints, ultimately leading to a better quality of life for its residents.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
___ Parks and Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
___ Municipal Courts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
___ Libraries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Answer: After a thorough examination of the budgets and the specific needs of District G, my assessment has led me to prioritize the allocation of funds to the Police Department and Fire Department. While it's important to acknowledge that various city departments have been underfunded, the critical nature of public safety and emergency response services cannot be understated. These departments play a vital role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our community members. Therefore, my ranking places them as top priorities for funding to address immediate safety concerns and enhance our residents' quality of life. For those that I have listed as "adequate," that doesn't mean they are doing the job—it means they need to do it much better with the current resources.

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

Answer: Houston, like many major cities, is grappling with crime-related challenges, and I firmly believe that one effective way to address this issue is by increasing the number of police officers and patrol units. There is no reason Dallas should be doing better at reducing crime than Houston, period. We can do better, and part of that is a police presence which results in deterrence. The best way to “fight” crime is to prevent it from happening in the first place. This is not about simply expanding law enforcement for the sake of it, but rather ensuring that we have adequate resources to maintain public safety and engaging those resources in a smart way. Beyond responding to incidents, law enforcement can actively engage in crime prevention strategies, such as community outreach and partnerships with local organizations.

Houston should not and under my leadership WILL NOT be a sanctuary city. The safety and security of our residents must always be our top priority. Sanctuary city policies may create obstacles in cooperation between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities, potentially hindering efforts to address criminal activities and protect our communities. We must ensure that our policies protect the well-being of all Houston residents, minimizing unnecessary risks and challenges that may arise from adopting sanctuary city status. We also need to be aware of Colony Ridge a mere forty miles northeast of Houston. I have spoken at length to our state leaders about this problem. For now it is there, next week it may be here!

6. Do you support amending the City Charter to allow council members to add items to the meeting agendas?

Answer: Yes, I support amending the City Charter to allow council members to add items to the meeting agendas. This change is essential as it empowers council members to address district-specific issues effectively and ensures that important matters are given the attention they deserve during city council meetings. Without this amendment, the ability to bring forward crucial issues for discussion and resolution would be limited, potentially hindering our ability to serve our communities effectively. It's crucial that we have the flexibility to address the unique concerns of our districts and ensure that all voices are heard in city council deliberations.

7. Do you support the proposed Hospital Bond issue for \$2.5 billion dollars?

Answer: No, I do not support the proposed Hospital Bond issue for \$2.5 billion dollars. It's important to consider the financial burden on our local homeowners and residents. We cannot afford to impose additional taxes that may further strain the finances of our community members.

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