



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

This questionnaire will be posted onto the Conservative Coalition of Harris County website for public viewing (www.cchc-pac.org).

Candidate Name	Position that Candidate is Running For
DAVE MARTIN	HOUSTON CITY CONTROLLER

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 Controller? If elected, what will be your priorities?

Answer: I AM A PUBLIC SERVANT AT HEART AND KNOW MY EXPERTISE CAN HELP TO SECURE THE CITY OF HOUSTON'S FINANCIAL SECURITY NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. MY INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON'S BUDGET, INNER WORKINGS OF CITY PROCESSES, FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF LEGISLATION, AS WELL AS FINANCIAL PROWESS TO KNOW HOW TO TAKE THE CITY OF HOUSTON'S FINANCIAL HEALTH TO THE NEXT LEVEL SET ME APART. MY TOP THREE PRIORITIES ARE TRANSPARENCY/FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS, AND REDUCTION OF MUNICIPAL DEBTS/LIABILITIES.
2. What experience or skills have prepared you to serve as a city controller member? What differentiates you from the other candidates?

Answer: I AM THE ONLY ACCOUNTING PROFESSIONAL IN MY RACE. I AM THE ONLY FINANCIAL PROFESSIONAL IN MY RACE. I AM THE ONLY CANDIDATE IN MY RACE WITH OVER 40 PLUS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR IN MY RACE, WITH AN ADDITIONAL 11 YEARS EXPERIENCE WITH CITY OF HOUSTON FINANCIAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AS THE CHAIR OF THE BUDGET AND FISCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. I HAVE ALSO ATTENDED BOND NEGOTIATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY IN NEW YORK WITH TEAMS FROM THE CITY OF HOUSTON FINANCE TEAM AND THE CITY CONTROLLER'S TEAM IN MY ROLE AS CHAIR OF THE BUDGET AND FISCAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

3. What are the major issues currently facing the city controller's office? How do you handle issues surrounding increasing costs in city government versus revenue growth for the city?

Answer: THE CITY OF HOUSTON FACES A FINANCIAL CLIFF THAT IS FAST APPROACHING IN FY 26 IN ADDITION TO LIABILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
___ Houston Fire Department	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
___ Houston Health Department	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
___ Technology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
___ Conventions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Answer:

5. What steps will you take to maintain or increase the credit ratings for the city? What about various pension liabilities that the city must deal with?

Answer: CONTINUE TO REDUCE PENSION DEBT AND UTILIZE REVENUES TO PAY OFF OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB). THE CITY OF HOUSTON INTRODUCED AN OPEB TRUST TO ASSIST WITH THESE LIABILITIES AT MY RECOMMENDATION WHICH WILL SET PRECEDENT AS THE FIRST OPEB LIABILITY TRUST.

6. Do you support the proposed Hospital Bond issue for \$2.5 billion dollars? What will be the impact of the city's credit ratings?

Answer: NO DO NOT SUPPORT, NO IMPACT TO THE CITY'S RATING SINCE IT ISN'T A CITY BOND.

BY RETURNING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE, THE CANDIDATE ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL ANSWERS TO THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. THE ANSWERS ON THE FOREGOING REFLECT THE CANDIDATE'S BEST EFFORTS TO ANSWER THIS QUESTIONNAIRE HONESTLY AND DIRECTLY.

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

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A Proven Business & Government Leader

- City of Houston Mayor Pro-Tem
- Houston City Councilman since 2012
- Humble ISD Board of Trustees President
- Passed a Zero-Based Budget amendment
- Increased transparency of Houston's finances
- Reduced the city's long term debt
- Secured millions of dollars for post-Harvey improvements
- Improved public safety

ENDORSED BY:

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Dave Martin

Born in New Orleans, Louisiana and a graduate of Louisiana State University, Dave served as Managing Director of Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. and previously worked for two large “Big Four” Accounting Firms, PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP and Ernst & Young, LLP.

A proven leader in business and government, Dave has a strong desire to ensure conservative principles are applied in City government and as Controller would serve as an independently elected “financial watchdog” over City government’s fiscal affairs.

Fiscal responsibility, economic development, and public safety have been and will continue to be the cornerstone of Dave’s daily priorities.

Dave and his wife Julie have been married for 39 years. They live in Kingwood and have three children, Jennifer, Michael, and David, along with daughter-in-law Lucy and grandsons Oliver and Connor. They are active parishioners at St. Martha’s Catholic Church.

Early Voting: Oct. 23 – Nov. 3

Election Day: Nov. 7, 2023

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