

Questions for Candidates for State Legislative Office from the Conservative Coalition of Harris County

Our questionnaire is for candidates to indicate their reasons and opinions concerning issues surrounding their races. This questionnaire will be posted onto the Conservative Coalition of Harris County website for public voter viewing.

Candidate Name	Position for which Candidate is Running
John Perez	Texas House District 133

Please give your answer to each of the following questions and <u>please include your rationale</u> with each answer. Please be concise and clear.

- Please describe the qualifications and experience that make you the best candidate in your political race.
 Answer: With a professional engineering background, I excel in strategic problemsolving. My ability to apply these skills extends beyond my profession to address the specific needs of the community. My profound involvement in House District 133 has provided me with a comprehensive understanding of these needs. Currently serving on the Spring Branch ISD Board of Trustees, I have been at the forefront of safeguarding our children and preserving the integrity of their education. As the battle continues, I am committed to advocating for Texas families and conservative principles in Austin.
- 2. Please explain what you believe are the most significant issues in this race, why you are running for this position and what differentiates you from the other candidate(s). Answer: I am committed to fighting for the people of HD133, and I believe it is time to restore true red conservatism in Austin. The most significant issues in this race revolve around preserving our community's values and upholding conservative principles. I am running for this position to champion the core tenets that make our district strong limited government, fiscal responsibility, and our freedoms. What sets me apart from other candidates is my unwavering dedication to these values. I will not back down and give into the Austin establishment. I bring a proven track record of standing up for our community's conservative ideals, whether it's fighting for lower taxes, promoting parental rights in education, or defending our constitutional rights. I am the candidate who will fearlessly represent the true red conservatism that defines HD133 and ensure our voice is heard in the Capitol.
- What will be your top 3 priorities during your upcoming term?
 Answer: (1) Border security, (2) Election integrity, (3) Protecting the family and children from woke and gender fluidity ideologies.

What are your suggestions toward public education funding within Texas? What are the areas where wasteful spending can be reduced, areas of revenue enhancement, or ideas to increase efficiency in public education spending?
 Answer: In championing public education funding in Texas, my stance centers on promoting school choice as a catalyst for quality education. To address financial challenges, I advocate for rigorous audits to identify and eliminate wasteful spending.

Exploring public-private partnerships, implementing merit-based funding, and fostering community involvement are key components of my strategy to bring funding to Texas public schools. By empowering parents, streamlining operations, and incentivizing excellence, we can ensure our schools remain competitive and deliver a high-quality education to all Texas students. We also need to sunset Recapture and ensure tax dollars follow the student.

5. What are your positions in regard to school choice for Texas public schools? Do you support Governor Abbott's plan?

Answer: I am a staunch advocate for universal school choice for all Texas students. I firmly believe that empowering parents with the ability to choose the best educational environment for their children holds our schools to a higher standard. School choice promotes healthy competition among institutions, demanding excellence and accountability. Every student deserves access to a quality education, and universal school choice is a proven way to achieve that goal. I support Governor Abbott's plan, and I believe we should be exploring additional measures to expand and strengthen universal school choice initiatives for the benefit of Texas students and families.

- 6. What ideas do you have to tighten election integrity laws to better secure Texas elections? Answer: Ensuring the integrity of our elections is paramount to preserving the foundation of our democracy. I advocate for strengthening election integrity laws in Texas through several key measures. First, implementing robust voter ID requirements is essential to verify the identity of voters and prevent fraud. Additionally, enhancing signature verification processes and conducting regular audits can further safeguard the accuracy of the election results. I support measures to update voter rolls, removing outdated or ineligible entries, and promoting transparency in the election process. Furthermore, strict enforcement against any form of ballot harvesting or illegal practices is crucial. By prioritizing these measures, we can instill confidence in our electoral system and protect the sanctity of the democratic process in Texas.
- 7. What initiatives will you propose to help the voters in your district? Answer: In serving the voters of my district and home, my initiatives, rooted in conservative principles, will focus on empowering Texans and strengthening our community. I will advocate for policies that support economic growth, job creation, and lower taxes, fostering an environment where businesses can thrive and residents can prosper. Additionally, I will tirelessly champion educational reforms, including expanding school choice, to ensure that every student receives a quality education tailored to their needs. Addressing public safety concerns is a priority, advocating for law enforcement and implementing policies that keep our neighborhoods secure. By promoting our freedoms, economic prosperity, and the well-being our community, I aim to enhance the lives of the voters in my district and uphold the conservative principles that reflect the values of HD133.



To: Prospective Influencers, Endorsers, Volunteers, and Investors From: John Perez for Texas House of Representatives District 133 Date: January 19, 2024

About John Perez

Growing up, my dad loved "motivating" me by reminding me of the time when he, my aunts and uncles, and my grandparents shared a can of beans in an abandoned caboose in a field where they were working as migrants harvesting crops. He went on to become a US diplomat and here I am, a single generation later, filing to be the next State Representative for HD133. Having lived and served in the district for over 22 years, I am well-positioned as the candidate to champion conservative ideals in the Texas House of Representatives for HD133. With a strong foundation in business and entrepreneurship, I have the tenacity and courage necessary to bring growth, prosperity, and true leadership to District 133.



I am a two-time engineering entrepreneur (both companies created jobs in HD133). I am a current Spring Branch ISD Trustee, former Scoutmaster of Troop 598 at St. John Vianney Catholic Church (where I attend 8am Mass), former HLS&R Livestock Committee Captain, former President of Rice Engineering Alumni, two-time Rice graduate ('96 chemical engineer and 2012 MBA). I have also served my communities as Precinct Alternate Judge and SBMSA coach. Along with everything else, I currently serve pro-bono as a Rice Adjunct Lecturer for Process Safety. But most importantly I am a Christian, Texan patriot blessed with an amazing wife and four teenagers grounded by faith and family and hard work. I have entered the arena to fight to

restore True Texas Red conservative resolve to the House for HD133.

The pursuit of free and honest and clean living is still everyone's to realize; however, sometimes we need to be reminded of what it takes to keep Texas forever strong and forever ours. It takes character, competence, conviction, and courage. People need to see these virtues and values in their elected officials - because these servant-leaders have the influence to instill the Texas hope, Texas pride, and Texas grit necessary to turn the tide against woke ideology and moral relativism that are corroding and corrupting the fabric of society across our State and Country.

Endorsements

- Attorney General Ken Paxton
- Texas Agricultural Commissioner Sid Miller
- True Texas Project PAC
- Grassroots America We the People PAC
- Texas Gun Rights PAC
- Texans for Vaccine Choice PAC
- Parents for Improved Public Education (PIPEline): local conservative grassroots activist group responsible for supporting the successful election of conservative school board trustees to the Spring Branch ISD
- Spring Branch Families PAC: PAC arm of PIPEline
- Terry Schilling President of the American Principles Project
- Several HD133 precinct chairs
- Several SREC members

Overview and Path to Victory

If you live or run a business between Chimney Rock and Highway 6 and I-10 and Westheimer, this message is for you. If you voted for my opponent and have been disappointed with his performance, this message is for you. If you are a conservative that has succumbed to election apathy because you've lost faith in the system, this message is for you. Why? Because it is time to re-engage. It is time to rally. It is time to fight. There is no cavalry. The Establishment is entrenched. They have been running things for far too long with no upward trajectory of optimism



as I wake up day after day. There is only us. But We the People know how to do grassroots when a compelling candidate comes along. I assure you, I am that compelling candidate.

My story is proof positive that the American Dream and promise of Texas are both available and attainable even though mainstream media and leftist propaganda try so hard to convince you otherwise. They want you scared and afraid and disconnected from God. They want the minds and souls and bodies of our most vulnerable and innocent. They want our guns and money and land. They want our freedom. They want to change our way of life. And we have political chameleons, fake conservatives, helping them realize their agenda.

Mano DeAyala and his Austin associates have underestimated the passion of the conservative movement. It is abundantly clear that HD133 deserves a representative who will put constituents first, not the interests of Austin insiders. I am ready to serve and be the change our district needs. While my message and grassroots support are strong, securing substantial support, both financial and influential, is the campaign's primary challenge. House of Representative elections demand significant resources and endorsement to effectively communicate and amplify a vision to constituents. Your support will be vital in ensuring my message resonates across District 133.

The Case Against Freshman Incumbent Mano DeAyala:

Out of the gate, Mano DeAyala settled for mediocre compromises instead of fighting for conservative values. I am a strong conservative who believes in the principles that define our community and I have a proven track record of leadership, currently serving on the Spring Branch ISD Board of Trustees and having run engineering companies for 20 years (providing jobs in HD133).

- As a freshman **candidate**, Mano DeAyala received approximately **\$100K** in contributions from House Speaker Dade Phelan.
- During his candidacy, Mano publicly stated he would not vote for Democrat committee chair positions in the House.
- Shortly after winning, Mano pledged fealty to a House Speaker for whom he had not yet voted.
- Mano DeAyala voted for House Speaker Dade Phelan who then appointed Democrats for committee chair positions.
- Mano is ranked as **"slightly conservative"** by Rice's Mark Jones who issues ideological scores for each legislator after each legislative session (<u>https://grassrootspriorities.com/rice.php</u>).
- Mano was complicit in bloating the size and spending of government and scored an **F** by Texans for Fiscal Responsibility (<u>https://index.texastaxpayers.com/legislators/mano-deayala/2023-index</u>).
- Mano scored a C- by Texans for Vaccine Choice (<u>https://texansforvaccinechoice.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Mano-DeAyala.png</u>).
- Mano scored a B- by Texas Values Action (<u>https://txvaluesaction.org/scorecard/</u>).
- Mano voted to chip away at gun rights by voting for SB728.
- Voted against prohibiting taxpayer dollars from going towards gender-transitioning for minors.
- Mano voted to raise his own pension while starving his own district of school choice and school funding.
- Critical legislation to secure our elections died in his committee.
- Mano repeatedly showed up to the House floor unprepared changing his votes 90 times (once on a bill he co-authored!).

My Texas First Vision

When I step into the arena, it's not for the lapel pin. It's not to give handshakes and head fakes. I step in with tested character, trusted competence, tireless conviction, and True Texas Red courage. I come into this race with a clear Texas First vision for the district:

- I do the work and research and outreach to understand issues and how to vote my constituents' will when the time comes.
- I will not walk in so compromised by having taken \$100K of Dade Phelan's money that all I can do is compromise with Democrats and allow them to run the House.



- I am done with weak border policy that allows continued human trafficking, drug smuggling, and illegal immigration.
- I oppose foreign entities owning Texas land and resources.
- I want to close loopholes that still afford gender-affirming care for minors.
- I support more property tax compression with the end goal being that every landowner actually owns their land.
- I want all vaccine mandates to be banned especially for young, healthy Texans with their brilliant futures ahead of them.
- We need bail bond reform with the elimination of the Odonnell consent decree.
- We have to stop growing the government and we have to stop increasing government spending smaller government translates into lower taxes and less overreach.
- We have to restore faith in our elections and ensure fair overwatch and enforcement against election fraud.
- I want to re-establish oil and gas as a major player in Texas's energy economy and end ESG scorecarding.
- I want to ensure all Texan students are afforded an adequate education and empowered with educational options that fit their respective needs.
- I look forward to sunsetting Recapture and re-engineering public education funding for sustainability.
- Until public education funding is changed, I'd like to see Superintendent and Administrative salary caps for non-Recapture districts.
- I want to see Civics back in our classrooms, English immersion for all English Learners, and the ban of harmful Balanced Literacy curriculums.
- And I want to give teachers control of their classrooms again we have to help them do their job by removing disciplinary disruptions and distractions.

As much as I like elephants with long memories, today's battle for the soul of Texas requires lions with long teeth. True Texas Red fighters are needed today more than ever to serve and champion the needs of constituents rather than the wants of the Establishment and special interests. We need these guardians of conservative principles on the wall and beyond the wall, pushing back, establishing, and holding a new Red line. The time for HD133 to follow the pack and serve House Speaker Phelan's Democrat-Republican purple coalition is over. It's time we get on the Right side of the fight. It's time for the followers to step aside so the fighters can step in.

So, this is me asking you to join Team Perez and get in the game. The battleground is before us. Let's get it done and win March 5th, 2024!

Ready To Serve,

John Perez, P.E. E-Mail: john@perez4texas.com Get Involved at <u>www.perez4texas.com</u> – request a yard sign, endorse, host a meet-and-greet, block-walk, and help us meet our FUNDRAISING goal!

CONSERVATIVE CHAMPION TRUE TEXAN, TRUE LEADER

"I am focused on energizing a grassroots conservative movement to ensure True Texas Red returns to the House and I look forward to the day when HD133 is represented by someone who is only beholden to his constituency."



John's Priorities to Return To TRUE TEXAS RED!



John's Proven Leadership ★ Current SBISD Board Trustee ★ HD133 Engineering Business Owner & Entrepreneur ★ Adjunct Lecturer @ Rice University (alma mater) ★ Scoutmaster Troop 598 @ St. John Vianney ★ Captain of HLS&R Livestock Committee ★ SBMSA Baseball and Soccer Coach

"As Board Trustee, I've removed porn from libraries and wokeness from classrooms. I've added armed campus officers and implemented safe locker room policy. I've driven literacy curriculum change and fiscal accountability. I show up, do the work, make the hard votes, and hold the line."



TX HD 133 RINO INCUMBENT MANO DEA YALA WORKS FOR HOUSE SPEAKER DADE PHELAN, NOT FOR YOU!

Last election, he received over \$300K from Texans for Lawsuit Reform and \$99K from House Speaker Dade Phelan (who is backed by Biden and Clinton Dems). How much and from whom will he take this election?

IMPEACHED PAXTON!

Voted to impeach AG Ken Paxton and WASTED MILLIONS of taxpayer \$ on flawed impeachment process driven by TLR and Speaker Phelan. Is this what \$300K bought?

EMPOWERS DEMOCRATS!

Enables House RINO and Democrat agendas by supporting Speaker Phelan, who appoints Democrats as committee chairs. Is this what \$99K bought?

HAS NO CONVICTION!

Changed his floor vote 90 TIMES - once on a bill HE coauthored. Where does he stand?

BLOATED GOVERNMENT!

Helped increase State budget by \$69 BILLION and scored an "F" by Texans for Fiscal Responsibility.

LET ELECTION INTEGRITY BILLS DIE!

