



Questions for Candidates for Texas Railroad Commissioner 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
Christi Craddick	Reelection to Railroad Commission of Texas

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

1.	Please describe the qualifications and experience that make you the best candidate in your political race.
	Answer: I was first elected to the Commission in 2012 and have continued to be reelected since. I am the current Chairman of the Commission. I understand the importance of the energy industry for our state and our nation for both economic and security reasons. As a native of Midland, I grew up surrounded by the industry. My parents were both conservative, civically engaged people and I was raised to appreciate values such as fiscal responsibility and limited government. I understand the need for responsible, consistent regulation that protects the health and safety of people while still allowing the industry to thrive. Understanding the state budgeting process is also very important.

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: The contribution that the industry makes to our state's budget and for our state and national security. The Biden administration has continuously attempted to shut down the oil and gas industry in the United States. The Green New Deal has created ill-advised policies that harm the economy and weaken national security by making us reliant on foreign oil. I am running for reelection to continue to fight to protect Texas' economy and to continue educating the public about the positive impact this industry has across the state. From 2021 to 2022, just in one year alone, statewide collection of oil and gas severance taxes...which are the taxes that oil and gas pays for production...more than doubled to \$10.85 billion. Not only was that an increase of \$5.63 billion in one year, it's the largest increase and largest amount we've ever collected in this state. This is what oil

and gas is doing for the state. That is \$10.85 billion that goes to the state budget that helps Texas pay for thousands of school teachers, pays for roads and bridges all across the state, water infrastructure projects, and border security efforts. The Biden administration has abandoned us and we are having to do our own security and pay for it.

3. What will be your top 3 priorities during your upcoming term?
Answer: 1. Defending Texas against Washington DC's policies that harm the oil and gas industry, and, ultimately the state's economy.
2. Continuing to provide transparent and readily-accessible data to the public through advancements in the Railroad Commission's IT system.
3. Providing consistent regulation that allows Industry to innovate and develop new technologies while protecting the health and safety of all Texans and the environment.

4. What changes can be made to the Railroad Commissioner office to improve productivity, reduce waste and increase efficiency?
Answer: One of my main priorities has been overhauling the RRC's IT system. To date, upgrades to the system have allowed for reduced permitting time, increased inspections and safety measures, and improved transparency with the public by opening up a significant amount of data for public access. While we have made significant strides since its inception, there is still more work to be done. I look forward to continuing the IT upgrades and completing the mission when reelected.

5. What issues need to be addressed by the Railroad Commissioner with increased restrictions by the Federal Government (EPA, etc.) on the oil and gas industry in Texas?
Answer: While the Railroad Commission plays an important role in proactively regulating the oil and gas industry in Texas, we also play a critical part in defending the state against the federal government's overreaching policies. We actively seek primacy where possible to eliminate the need for federal permits in certain aspects of the industry. We push back against dangerous policies by providing expert comments and even pushing litigation when necessary. And, with open lines of communications between the industry and the agency, we serve as a notification center when changes arise. The efficacy and efficiency that the Railroad Commission is known for is unmatched, especially by our federal counterparts, so the agency plays a crucial role in allowing the industry and the economy to thrive in the face of an unfriendly federal administration.

6. With the oil price downturn last year, what sort of ideas or policy changes do you think are necessary to keep producers active in drilling and producing oil and gas to help the Texas economy and maintain state oil & gas tax revenues?
Answer: Providing consistent regulation to operators is key to ensuring that operations are maintained in any economic condition. When an operator knows what to expect and has open and clear lines of communication with the Railroad Commission, the whole state benefits. During downturns, the oil and gas industry needs to be able to rely on the agency to provide reasonable, responsible, and

consistent regulation and I am proud of the Railroad Commission's track record of doing just that.

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CHRISTI CRADDICK

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SKILLS

Strategic Thinking
Consensus Building
Problem Solving
Public Speaking

EDUCATION

The University of Texas Law
School

1995

Doctor of Jurisprudence

The University of Texas

1991

BA – Plan II Liberal Arts Honors
Program

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ACTIVITIES

Member, *University of Texas
at Austin President's Council*

Executive Committee
Member, *University of Texas
Chancellor's Council*

Executive Committee
Member, *Kay Bailey
Hutchison Energy Center*

Life Member, *Texas Ex-
Students' Association*

Member, *Commission of 125
at the University of Texas at
Austin*

Member, *University of Texas
Liberal Arts Alumni Advisory
Council*

EXPERIENCE

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS – Austin, TX
2012-Present – Chairman and Commissioner

- Oversee the safe and effective regulation of Texas' natural resources
- Prioritize personal and community safety, economic development, and environmental stewardship
- Provide consistency and fairness to the regulatory process through stakeholder engagement, legislative communication, and industry partnership
- Manage agency's operating budget

TOM CRADDICK CAMPAIGN FUND – Austin, TX
2002-2009 – Political Director and Attorney

- Campaign supervision of Speaker's re-election effort and selected House Member races
- Fundraising for Speaker's funds and selected House Members
- Supervise political staff
- Manage the campaign budget and payroll
- Act as Legal Counsel for the campaign on issues including ethics, election laws, and contracts
- Develop political strategy for policy and media programs

DIRECT CONTACTS, INC. – Austin, TX
1998-2009 – President

- Client development and recruitment
- Develop grassroots plans for clients and candidates
- Manage and supervise lobbyists, campaign managers and other professionals
- Educate legislators and other stakeholders on issues
- Implement plans through mail, fax, and phone calls
- Fundraising for a variety of clients

CHRISTI CRADDICK CONSULTING – Austin, TX
1995-2009 – Consultant and Lobbyist

- Client development
- Identify issues for legislative session
- Develop strategy for clients including public relations and media programs

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Member, *Helping Hands Society*

Member, *St. John-Neumann Catholic Church*

Member, *State Bar of Texas*

Member, *Travis County Bar Association*

Sustaining Member, *Junior League of Austin*

Alumni, *Texas Lyceum*

Delegate, *Republican State Convention (1992, 1994, 2000, 2004)*

Member, *Pi Beta Phi Sorority Alumni Club*

Chief Page, *Republican National Convention (1992)*

Former Board Member, *Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation*

- Research and draft legislation and rules

JACKSON WALKER LLP – Austin, TX
(Formerly SMALL, CRAIG & WERKENTHIN)

1994-1995 – Clerk, Lobbyist

- Conducted extensive research in agricultural, electric deregulation, environmental, and tax issues
- Organized and worked in groups to draft statutory language
- Attended and testified at committee hearings

JERRY R. “NUB” DONALDSON – Austin, TX

1994-1995 – Clerk, Lobbyist

- Researched, drafted, and lobbied for a variety of interests including probation, utilities, health care, and environmental issues
- Attended committee hearings and monitored legislative sessions



Commissioner Christi Craddick

★ Railroad Commission of Texas ★

Christi Craddick is in the forefront of the newest wave of conservatives in leadership roles in Texas. Raised in a strong conservative household, retained as legal counsel by prominent Texas firms, and shaped by more than a decade as a trusted political adviser, Craddick has set a clear standard of integrity, self-reliance and innovation in her position of commissioner at the Railroad Commission.

Since her tenure on the Commission began in November 2012, Craddick has pushed to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of an energy industry that is driving the state's unparalleled economic success. In the process, she has repeatedly proven that sensible regulations, careful listening and plain talk can foster innovation that has solidified Texas leadership in the energy sector.

Making it a top priority, Craddick has worked to educate the public about the oil and gas industry and its impact in Texas. She has fought against Washington's one-size-fits-all environmental policies that would kill jobs and stifle energy production growth. Craddick has advocated for recycling in the oilfields, helping to drive the percentage of reclaimed water upwards, an essential achievement in a state enduring a multi-year drought.

As part of her efforts to modernize the agency, Craddick has championed an Information Technology overhaul at the Commission, seeking improvements that would upgrade the Geographic Information System, increase public access to the agency's data, and speed up inspections and permitting times.

A native of Midland, the heart of the Permian Basin, Craddick earned both her Bachelor's Degree as a Plan II graduate and her Doctorate of Jurisprudence from The University of Texas at Austin. During her career as an attorney, she specialized in oil and gas, water, tax issues, electric deregulation and environmental policy.

Following the example of her father and mother, Craddick has been drawn to public service and politics. As president of a grassroots advocacy firm, she took the lead on work in coalition building in the public policy arena and development and implementation of issue strategies.

Craddick serves her community as an active member of organizations including the State Bar of Texas, University of Texas Liberal Arts Alumni Advisory Council, and Dell Children's Medical Center Foundation. Christi resides in Austin with her daughter, Catherine, and is an active member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

Christi Craddick

★ RAILROAD COMMISSIONER ★

The Right Leader For Texas



- *Pushing back against the Biden administration policies that threaten Texas' energy independence and economic prosperity.*
- *Fighting to close the border.*
- *Ensuring our state has strong law enforcement and criminals stay off our streets.*
- *Steadfast conservative leader committed to keeping our state a beacon of personal freedoms and economic success.*

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