



## Questions for Candidates for County Commissioner 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
Richard Vega	Harris County Commissioner Precinct 2

*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 makes you the best candidate in your political race.

**Answer:** I am an Army veteran and businessman who also served 10 years with the United States Postal Service. While in the Army, I trained in emergency response, developing the skills to lead under pressure and serve my community effectively. For over 15 years, I have served as a pastor, helping others rebuild their lives, and I am the Co-Founder and CEO of At His Feet Ministries, where I manage budgets, oversee assets, and lead strategic initiatives to support vulnerable populations.

I am also a national faith leader with extensive experience in public policy and government relations, having worked closely with Congressional and Senate leaders as well as Texas state and local elected officials.

I serve on the Board of Directors for Project Hope and Saving Grace, overseeing a \$12M annual operating budget, and The Haven, with governance responsibilities for over \$7M in assets.

As a national faith leader, I have had the privilege of collaborating with fellow faith leaders, including my dear friend Charlie Kirk, on civic and policy initiatives that strengthen communities and encourage public engagement.

Serve as the Chaplain for Harris County Constable, Precinct 2.

Ministers Advisory Board to the Houston Mayor.

I have actively engaged in advocacy on youth protection and educational issues, testifying before the Texas Legislature and traveling statewide to ensure the removal of sexually explicit materials from schools.

Internationally, my ministry engaged in the construction of clean water wells to support local communities in Honduras, and have led missions to Haiti on 5 occasions and Mexico on numerous other occasions.

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:**

Precinct 2 is my home, and while I have been called to serve in other parts of the state and country on matters of government and community engagement, I feel called to dedicate my time and talents here. This is where I live and raise my family, and I want to focus my efforts on improving the quality of life, safety, and opportunities for the residents of Precinct 2.

What differentiates me from my opponents is that I lead with honesty, transparency, and integrity in everything I do. I do not hide from I am committed to being a good steward of taxpayer dollars and following through on every promise I make. In contrast, my primary opponent has faced multiple lawsuits from vendors, employees, and even Harris County within the past two years for issues including fraud and breach of contract.

Additionally, I currently have a lawsuit against the incumbent heading to the Supreme Court over his simultaneous service with two tax entities, which, under state law, should have automatically vacated his Commissioners Court seat upon accepting the position with the Gulf Coast Protection Agency.

I believe that the challenges and setbacks I have faced in my life have shaped me into someone deeply committed to serving my community. Through my work in building and managing nonprofits, helping disadvantaged populations, and running programs that provide real solutions for people in need, I have turned personal experience into purposeful action. I have also worked in the trenches of public policy, engaging with local, state, and national leaders to make a tangible difference. My goal is to be a good steward of the opportunities and blessings God has given me by using them to improve lives, strengthen families, and create safer, stronger communities.

3. What will your top 2 or 3 priorities be during this upcoming term?
- Answer: Fiscal Responsibility**  
 I will implement balanced budgets while reducing unnecessary spending to ensure taxpayer dollars are used wisely. Debt reduction will be a priority, and I will work to avoid unfunded liabilities that could burden future generations. Regular audits will be conducted to make sure government programs are cost-effective and accountable.
- Public Safety**  
 I am committed to strengthening law enforcement and emergency response capabilities to keep our communities safe. Investments in community policing and crime prevention programs will help build trust and proactively reduce crime. Additionally, I will ensure disaster preparedness and rapid response systems are in place to protect residents in times of crisis.
- Infrastructure Development**  
 Maintaining and upgrading roads, bridges, and utilities will be a top priority to support a safe and efficient community. I will encourage public-private partnerships to fund and complete key infrastructure projects. Long-term planning will guide these efforts, ensuring our infrastructure is sustainable, resilient, and able to meet future needs.
4. Should the Harris County Commissioners Court create an efficiency team (DOGE) that will use computer technology such as AI to expose fraud and waste within county agencies?
- Answer: Yes.**  
 Harris County should create an independent, transparent efficiency team using AI to expose fraud, waste, and abuse. With a multi-billion-dollar budget, even small efficiency gains could save taxpayers millions.
- AI can flag duplicate payments, questionable contracts, and payroll irregularities faster and cheaper than traditional audits. However the following safeguards must be included: human review of all findings, strong privacy protections, and public oversight to prevent abuse or politicization.
5. What are the primary functions that can be improved within the Commissioners Court? What sort of things can be done to improve relations, communication and services with the public?
- Answer:**
- Improving Commissioners Court: Tie budgets to results, strengthen audits, set clear project timelines, improve cross-department coordination, increase transparency in contracting, and enhance public safety planning.
- Relations & Services: Post agendas and summaries online, hold regular town halls, modernize IT and service standards, engage community groups, and train staff in customer service.
- Quick Wins: Weekly public updates, one online request form, and quarterly town halls.

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- Senator Mayes Middleton
- Congresswoman Mayra Flores
- Hispanic 100
- BIZPAC
- Laporte Police Department
- Baytown Police Department
- Houston HPD Spanish Speaking Officers
- Deer Park Police Department
- Houston Council Member Willie Davis
- Houston City Councilwoman Mary Nan Huffman
- Houston City Councilwoman Twila Carter
- Baytown Councilman James Franco
- Baytown Councilwoman Sara Graham
- Baytown City Councilman Ken Griffith
- LaPorte Council Member Brandon Lunsford
- State Board of Education Trustee Julie Pickren
- Dr. Robin Armstrong
- Dr. Richard Johnson
- Dr. Rick Scarborough
- Coach Joe Kennedy
- Pator Don Nordin



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