



**Questions for Candidates for County Republican Chair
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 that Candidate is Running For
Don Hooper	Harris County Republican Party Chairman

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

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| Please describe the qualifications and experience that make you the best candidate for the office you are seeking. |
| Answer: Throughout my extensive career in conservative politics, I have actively participated in various capacities, including campaign management, association leadership, and legislative advocacy. Notably, I served as the President of the Braeswood Place Homeowners Association and as a precinct chair. I served on the ballot security committee under both Bill Borden and Stan Stanart. Additionally, I held the position of state convention delegate and was a member of the legislative priorities committee at the state convention. My career has been dedicated to working at all levels of government to advance my business interests within the real estate and energy sectors. As the most suitable candidate for the position of Chairman of the Harris County Republican Party, I am committed to upholding conservative values and implementing President Trump's America First agenda within the county. I firmly believe that this approach will enhance our electoral prospects (including filling the ballot) and ensure a substantial voter turnout, which have been lacking in recent years. As a native Houstonian, I am dedicated to making Harris County Great Again! |

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: Six democrats have already won the November 2026 general election because the Harris County Republican Party failed to recruit candidates for those positions:

246th District Court	Angela Graves-Harrington	Family Court
247th District Court	Janice Berg	Family Court
257th District Court	Sandra Peake	Family Court
308th District Court	Gloria Lopez	Family Court
210th District Court	Sonya Heath	Family Court
314th District Court	Michelle Moore	Juvenile Court

These are family court and juvenile court positions that require Republican leadership for the people of Harris County.

This is unacceptable. We must win. We must fill the ballot. We must stop the radical democrat judges at the courthouse. We cannot do that when we fail to fill the ballot. Remember November 2024 – the Harris County Republican Party failed to field candidates in 12 judicial races including against some of the most radical, Marxist judges in Harris County. For example, felony district court judges like Kelli Johnson, 178th District Court, and Nata Cornelio, 351st District Court, had NO REPUBLICAN OPPONENT. In October 2025, Cornelio was publicly reprimanded by the Judicial Conduct Commission for bringing convicted capital murderer Ronald Lee Haskell back to Harris County for an MRI to assist his defense without notifying the prosecutors or the victims.

These types of results lead to poor fundraising. According to the December 2025 federal report, there is \$173.30 cash on hand in the HCRP federal account. The January 15, 2026 state reports showed \$16,464.65 cash on hand in the HCRP state accounts.

On the campaign trail, the incumbent claims that she took over as chair when the party was “broke and broken.” Well, she served as treasurer throughout the Simpson administration until she resigned to run against Wesley Hunt for Congress. Keith Nielsen served just a few months in office before the precinct chairs elected the current chair.

Additionally, on the campaign trail, the current chair attacks me for the election results in my precinct without revealing the truth – she did not win her own precinct for Donald Trump in 2024, Dan Simons in 2024, or Greg Abbott in 2022. I live in downtown Houston, which is a democrat precinct. Under the leadership of a robust county party, I am confident that we possess the capability to achieve victory countywide.

3. What are the most important issues that county republicans need to focus on to win local elections in Harris County in the November 2026 election?
- Answer:** To win the 2026 general election, Harris County Republicans must be focused on bringing President Trump’s America First agenda to Harris County and the crime plague that has been brought on Harris County by Rodney Ellis, Lina Hidalgo, and the *ODonnell* Consent Decree. With a focus on law and order and a broad coalition built on this fundamental principle, we will win in November 2026. My family has been on the front lines fighting against the Marxist agenda brought to Harris County by Ellis and Hidalgo. My wife, Rachel, and I are a team and we will work together to restore Harris County and rebuild the Harris County Republican Party.
4. What are your strategies to increase dissemination of Republican Party solutions to county issues and the Republican brand to the voting public?
- Answer:** The straightforward solution lies in shifting the perception of the Harris County Republican Party from that of a country club to one of a coalition-building organization. Presently, the organization faces financial difficulties and lacks the necessary excitement to secure electoral victories. It is imperative that we empower our precinct chairs by providing them with practical tools to enhance local voter turnout. The role of the precinct chair has been neglected in favor of a top-down organization that relies on advisory board leadership. We must make Harris County Republican Party CONSERVATIVE, STRONG, FUN, and GREAT AGAIN. To begin, the precinct chairs need critical information and data to be successful in their precinct. We also need to have regular unifying events and meetings. Quarterly meetings without actionable information will not get the job done.
5. Houston is scheduled to host the 2026 Texas State GOP Convention this year. What are your thoughts on increasing Harris County GOP party ideas and influence on the state GOP party and the grassroots to help turn out in the general election in November?
- Answer:** Indeed, hosting the state convention should be regarded as a distinguished honor and a coveted privilege. The county party should utilize the legislative priorities and agenda endorsed by the state convention delegates to advocate locally for these significant principles. The state convention should serve as a unifying event to foster a sense of community within Harris County, with a primary focus on restoring law and order in the county. As the largest county party in the state, the Harris County Republican Party should be working directly with the state party to achieve success. Instead, the opposite has occurred. I will change that immediately. I will work directly with Chairman George, Governor Abbott, and Speaker Burrows to build a strong coalition of Republicans in Harris County and generate excitement for a full and complete victory in 2026.

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Harris County GOP Chair

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