



**Questions for Candidates for County Judge
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
Patrick “ Marty” Lancton	Harris County Judge

Please give your answer to each of the following questions and please include your rationale 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:
A native of Houston, Texas, I have spent over two decades serving my community on the front lines and in civic and charitable leadership. A decorated firefighter, association president, and proven advocate for working families, I have built a career defined by courage, integrity, and results.

I began my service in 2000 as a firefighter and paramedic in Cedar Park, Texas, later joined the West University Fire Department before ultimately joining the Houston Fire Department, where I continue to serve today. My firsthand experience in public safety and emergency management drives my unwavering commitment to those who protect and serve.

In 2016, I was elected President of the Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association, where I have fought tirelessly for the rights, safety, and dignity of Houston’s first responders. I have experience with working with our statewide elected officials, since taking on additional responsibilities when I was elected Vice President of the Texas State Association of Fire Fighters in 2017.

I have also been a dedicated civic leader serving as the Chairman of the Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association Charitable Foundation, a role I have held since 2015. Under my direction, the foundation has delivered critical support to firefighters and families facing medical hardship, natural disaster, and economic insecurity. Additionally, I have also founded the Red Hot Gala, raising nearly \$5 million to honor and support Houston firefighters and underserved children in the community.

At my core, I believe in servant leadership, a philosophy that guides both my public and personal life. Grounded in the motto “Men for Others,” I have earned a reputation for putting principle before politics and people before power.

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 biggest challenges facing Harris County are public safety, a justice system that is no longer functioning, chronic flooding, and a county government that has drifted away from its core responsibilities. My highest priorities address each of these directly. Harris County must get back to the basics. Drainage, mobility, flood control, and capital improvements that directly affect safety and quality of life. My administration will stop diverting taxpayer dollars to pet political projects and return focus to the essential systems that residents rely on every day.

3. What will your top 2 or 3 priorities be during this upcoming term?

Answer: I’m not a career politician. I’m a real world leader known for tough negotiations, coalition-building, solving complex problems, budget management, and real-time decision making in life-and-death environments. When others look for excuses, I look for solutions. And my track record shows that I deliver measurable change.

I also bring firsthand experience leading through disasters. I know exactly where Harris County is unprepared, from emergency response coordination to resource deployment to interagency communication.

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

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: Harris County deserves leadership that is focused on people, not politics.

I’ve spent years watching county government drift away from its most basic responsibilities: public safety, infrastructure, emergency readiness, and responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

Harris County needs a course correction. My administration will be built on restoring trust, rebuilding competence, and returning to common-sense leadership. That means accountability for how money is spent, stability in how the government operates, and a clear focus on keeping people safe and delivering services that actually work.

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