



## Questions for Candidates for US Congress Offices from the Conservative Coalition of Harris County

*Our questionnaire is designed to give the candidate space 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
DEDDRICK T. WLMER	U.S. CONGRESS 8 <sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

*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 am running for Congress because I believe our country needs leaders who have actually managed budgets, enforced accountability, and delivered results—not career politicians who talk in slogans. My background uniquely prepares me to serve as a conservative, results-driven representative.**

I spent decades in the private sector in real estate finance and mortgage banking, holding senior leadership and underwriting roles at major national financial institutions. In those roles, I was responsible for managing risk, ensuring compliance, balancing large portfolios, and protecting taxpayers, investors, and families from financial mismanagement. That experience shaped my belief in fiscal discipline, free-market solutions, and limited but effective government.

I currently serve as an elected Director of a municipal utility district, where I oversee critical infrastructure, water and wastewater systems, long-term capital planning, and public finances. This role has given me firsthand experience fighting excessive property-tax growth, unfunded mandates, and bureaucratic overreach. I understand how federal policies and regulations directly impact local governments, homeowners, and working families—and why Washington must stop pushing costs down to the local level.

As a conservative Republican, I believe government should be accountable, transparent, and focused on its core responsibilities: national security, economic freedom, and protecting the American taxpayer. I support securing the border, enforcing the rule of law, defending life, protecting the Second Amendment, and restoring constitutional limits on federal power. I believe veterans deserve timely, high-quality healthcare, including expanded access to private care options, and that homeowners deserve relief from runaway insurance costs driven by federal inaction and regulatory failure.

I am not a career politician. I am a parent, a coach, a broadcaster, and a community leader who understands that strong families, safe neighborhoods, and economic opportunity—not Washington bureaucracy—are the foundation of a strong nation. My experience in both the private sector and public service allows me to approach problems with common sense, conservative values, and a focus on outcomes. This race requires more than rhetoric. It requires proven leadership, financial expertise, and the courage to stand up to a broken system. I offer Republicans a candidate who will fight for taxpayers, defend conservative principles, and deliver real results for our district.

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: Unifying our nation which is very divided at this time. Bringing our Tax Dollars back to our District. Flooding mitigation Infrastructure, Community Policing funding, Homeowners/Flood Insurance Reform & VA Health Modernization**

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

**Answer: Flooding Mitigation Funding, VA Health Modernization & Community Policing Funding for Smaller Communities (MUD's & PID's)**

4. What are your solutions to identifying and cutting fraud and waste in the federal budget?

**Answer: Fraud, waste, and abuse persist in Washington because Congress funds programs it does not rigorously oversee and agencies are rarely held accountable for results. My approach focuses on measurement, transparency, enforcement, and consequences.**

**First, restore real oversight and audits.**

**Congress must require full, recurring audits of federal agencies and programs, not symbolic reviews. Agencies that fail audits or repeatedly ignore corrective actions should face automatic funding reductions and leadership consequences. Reports from the Government Accountability Office repeatedly identify billions in improper payments, yet Congress often ignores them. I will not.**

**Second, tie funding to performance, not politics.**

**Every federal program should justify its existence annually based on measurable outcomes. Programs that duplicate services, fail performance benchmarks, or operate beyond their original mission must be consolidated or eliminated. Sunset provisions should be standard, forcing Congress to reauthorize programs based on results—not inertia.**

**Third, modernize fraud detection using data matching and real-time verification.**

**Much federal fraud occurs because agencies operate in silos. We must expand secure cross-agency data matching to flag duplicate payments, false eligibility claims, and identity fraud—especially in large entitlement and grant programs administered through agencies like Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and Department of Housing and Urban Development. Technology already exists; the failure is leadership and enforcement.**

**Fourth, strengthen Inspector General independence and whistleblower protections.**

**Inspectors General must have full independence, subpoena power, and guaranteed funding. Whistleblowers who expose fraud should be protected and rewarded—not retaliated against. Fraud only thrives when insiders are afraid to speak up.**

**Fifth, enforce procurement and defense accountability.**

**No area of government should be immune from scrutiny, including defense spending. The Department of Defense must finally complete and pass a clean audit, and contracts should be competitively bid, performance-based, and terminated for cost overruns and nonperformance.**

**Finally, impose consequences—for agencies and Congress.**

**If an agency cannot account for taxpayer dollars, its budget should be frozen or reduced. If Congress continues funding known waste, members should be forced to vote publicly on those failures. Accountability must be real, visible, and unavoidable.**

**Conservatives don't just talk about cutting waste—we prove stewardship. My background in financial oversight and public accountability has trained me to follow the money, demand results, and protect taxpayers. That is exactly how I will approach the federal budget.**

5. What are the most important issues that Republicans need to focus on in order to maintain control of the US House in the November 2026 election?

**Answer: Focus on Kitchen Table Issues!**

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