



## 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
Nick Tran	U.S. House of Representatives, Texas District 8 <sup>th</sup> CD8 / TX8

*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:** My experience was built on the battlefield and in boardrooms. I fought in three separate wars for America and built a global program to empower veterans, women, and children at two Fortune 500 international companies. I have served on several boards, including the World Affairs Council, Rice University Business Partners, and NextOp Veterans. I possess real life geopolitical experience and know how to run a profit and loss statement while managing multimillion dollar global projects. I am a proven patriot who has put my life on the line for our country more than once.

**Rationale:** These qualifications demonstrate my unique blend of military valor, business acumen, and community leadership, setting me apart as a candidate with proven ability to lead under pressure, manage resources effectively, and prioritize American interests over political gamesmanship.

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 most significant issues in this race include securing our borders, protecting constitutional freedoms, and safeguarding America's cultural and Judeo-Christian heritage from foreign and domestic threats. The southern border crisis strains resources and permits dangerous infiltration. Erosion of Second Amendment rights and the influence of incompatible ideologies like radical Islamism threaten our way of life. Prioritizing energy independence and veterans support is vital for Texas 8th District due to its oil and gas industry and military connections.

I am running because America rescued me as a Vietnam War refugee, and I have repaid that through service in three wars and the private sector. As a combat veteran, oil and gas professional, and father, I am driven to secure our Republic's future. I will defend the Constitution and Bill of Rights, especially the Second Amendment as a bulwark against government overreach; codify President Trump's border security executive actions into law to prevent future reversals; and combat the Islamification of America by halting or suspending immigration from countries with cultures and values clashing with our Judeo Christian principles, particularly those seeking not to assimilate but to dominate and impose systems like Sharia law.

I differ from other candidates as a genuine political outsider free from establishment ties, big donor sway, or career politician burdens. My endorsements stem from grassroots patriots, warriors, and America First leaders, not Washington insiders. I offer real world experience from combat and boardrooms, including managing multimillion dollar projects and creating veteran empowerment programs. Unlike those favoring party loyalty or special interests, I answer solely to Texas 8th District residents and will represent everyday Americans with steadfast integrity.

**Rationale:** These issues reflect core conservative values under threat, motivating my candidacy as a debt of gratitude to America. My outsider status ensures independence from special interests, allowing authentic representation focused on results for constituents rather than elite agendas.

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

**Answer:** My top three priorities will be defending the Constitution and Bill of Rights with a focus on the Second Amendment as a bulwark against government overreach, codifying President Trump's border security executive actions into law to prevent future reversals, and combating the Islamification of America by halting or suspending immigration from countries with cultures and values incompatible with our Judeo Christian principles, especially those seeking domination rather than assimilation.

**Rationale:** These priorities address immediate threats to national security, individual liberties, and cultural integrity, aligning with conservative principles and my personal experiences as a combat veteran and refugee to deliver tangible protections for Americans.

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

**Answer:** My solutions focus on transparency, accountability, and cuts. First, implement zero-based budgeting across agencies, requiring justification of every dollar annually to eliminate autopilot spending and duplicative programs, saving hundreds of billions. Second, audit major agencies like Defense, Health and Human Services, and IRS, empowering inspectors to root out fraud. I support reviving a Trump style Department of Government Efficiency led by outsiders like Elon Musk to target unused buildings and overpaid contractors.

Rationale: These measures promote fiscal responsibility by starting from a clean slate and leveraging independent oversight, ensuring taxpayer dollars fund essential services rather than bureaucratic excess, consistent with America First efficiency.

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:** To maintain US House control in the November 2026 midterms, focus on voter priorities to energize the base, attract independents, and rebut Democratic economic critiques. Key issues, based on polls and analyses:

1. Economic Affordability and Cost of Living: Top concern for one third of voters, including inflation and housing. Republicans should push tax cuts for the middle class, affordability measures, and spending curbs to claim credit for gains under Trump.
2. Health Care Costs and Access: Affects 40% of voters, worsened by expired Obamacare subsidies. Focus on premium/drug price reductions and reforms to counter views of favoring the wealthy.
3. Immigration and Border Security: Emphasize enforcement, deportations, and codifying Trump policies, balanced with humane language for swing districts. Boost Trump's approval through progress on these, foster party unity, and drive turnout among working class voters while countering Democratic suburban gains. This could secure toss up races.

Rationale: These issues dominate current polls and historical midterm trends, enabling Republicans to leverage strengths like immigration while addressing vulnerabilities in economy and health care to mitigate predicted losses and retain control.

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## Nick Tran Bio

### US Congressman TX-08 District

#### **Combat Veteran. Refugee. America First Fighter.**

I was born in South Vietnam. When Saigon fell in 1975, my father and I escaped on a leaking boat with nothing but the clothes on our backs. We were rescued at sea by the United States Navy after the communists took everything from us. America did not just save our lives. She gave us a future. I will never forget that debt.

I paid America back the only way I knew how. I put on the uniform.

For over thirteen years, I served on the front lines of three wars: Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. I learned what real leadership looks like when bullets are flying and good men are counting on you to bring them home. Leadership is not a speech. It is a sacrifice. It is a duty. It is not about me.

When I came home, I kept serving. I used my GI Bill, earned my Bachelor of Science (graduated Magna Cum Laude), and graduated from Harvard Business School. Then I spent twelve years in oil and gas, keeping America energy independent and building veteran hiring programs that put thousands of my brothers and sisters back to work, got veterans off the streets, found healing for PTS, empowered veteran entrepreneurs, and always gave them a hand up, never a handout.

I have seen what big government and the political elite do up close. Endless regulations, open borders, woke bureaucrats, and career politicians who care more about their next fundraiser than your family. I am sick of it, and I know you are too.

I came here with nothing. America gave me everything. Now Washington is trying to take it away from all of us.

I swore an oath to defend this country from all enemies, foreign and domestic. I kept that oath in the mountains of Afghanistan and the deserts of Iraq. Now I am keeping it again in TX08, against the Washington insiders and radical left who are selling out the country we love.

This warfighter is stepping up one more time. Not for D.C., but for We the People.



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TX-8

### Stop D.C. From Crushing Your Wallet

Politicians in Washington spend your money like it's nothing, jacking up prices and taxes. As a veteran, I'll say NO to big spending bills that hurt Texas families and jobs.

### Put Power Back into the Hands of We The People

Our rights come from God, not bureaucrats. I'll fight to stop federal overreach in our schools and healthcare and give control back to Texans and our local communities.

### Protect Families From the Fallout of Bad Policy

Previous open borders and runaway spending hit families the hardest. As a refugee who loves America enough to fight for it, I'll work to codify into law Trump's border policies, cut spending, and defend parental rights.



Desert Storm

OEF - Afghanistan

OIF - Iraq

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## Meet Nick Tran

### From Refugee to American Fighter

I came to this country legally as a Vietnam War refugee during the Fall of Saigon. We lost family members, everything we had worked hard for, our home, and our way of life as my country succumbed to a tyrannical communist regime. To repay America for saving us, I enlisted in the Army and fought for her abroad in three separate wars against tyranny and those who would do us harm. I will do everything in my power to ensure that America doesn't succumb to the same fate.

We cannot fix this country by electing the same ambitious people who have spent years grooming themselves for office, padding their resumes, chasing endorsements, and parroting the same old talking points. We fix it by hiring political outsiders who have served, sacrificed and understand what's at stake.

That is why I am running for Congress.

To serve **the people**, not Washington.

To fight for accountability, liberty, and the country that gave me a second chance at life.



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