



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
Elizabeth Vences	House Rep District 18

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

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| <p>Please describe the qualifications and experience that make you the best candidate in your political race.</p> |
| <p>Answer: My experience comes from years of serving my community as a precinct chair and election judge, but more importantly, from decades of working directly with people. I run a multi-service office where I help families understand legal and mortgage documents, buy and sell homes, navigate healthcare, and manage everyday challenges. I've seen firsthand how many people feel overwhelmed and left behind as Harris County grows, and I have spent my life helping them navigate the system. I am not a career politician, but I will quickly become an effective one because I know the needs of the people I serve.</p> |

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:

I believe the biggest issues in this race are healthcare, community care, and fiscal responsibility because they all come down to whether the government is working for the people. I believe in working for people and getting things done.

1. Healthcare is too expensive and too confusing. I've seen this firsthand, helping people navigate the system.
2. Our community services are also failing. No one should call the news to force the city or county to provide safe housing or clean streets. We need proactive community care.
3. Government spending must be under control. The federal government is running massive deficits, and Harris County is over \$200 million in the red, and the City of Houston is over \$320 million in the red, relying on budget tricks instead of real solutions.

I'm running because I've seen these problems up close, not in theory but in real life. What sets me apart is life experience and a commitment to compassion, accountability, and results.

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

Answer: My priority is to serve all of Harris County, starting with District 18, by ensuring every community has access to essential services like clean streets, maintained lots with owners held accountable, healthcare, shelters, transportation, counseling, and financial assistance. I will stay in close communication with our communities to understand their needs and make sure no one is left behind, because the government should not only respond to concerns but work proactively to serve the people.

My second priority is demanding transparency and accountability for every taxpayer's dollar. I will closely review local government budgets and all federal grants received by our city and county, examine how those funds are used, and expose any waste, overspending, or misuse of public money.

My third priority is to work with the federal government to fix an immigration system that has been broken by years of inconsistent policies, shifting administrations, and lack of clear enforcement. We need firm, fair, and orderly rules, along with a legal pathway for undocumented immigrants who are part of our community, have been here a long time, follow our laws, work hard, and contribute to our communities.

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

Answer: To fight fraud and waste, the government must learn from past cases and use modern tools, including AI and programs like the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), to track misuse. Every department should have strong oversight, and top leaders must be held accountable with real consequences for any misuse of funds or fraud committed during their watch.

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: Inflation, healthcare, drug addiction, and immigration.

Inflation is a serious challenge, and while food prices are stabilizing, families will need to adjust to a higher cost of living alongside higher wages, and we must raise minimum wages so those left behind can catch up.

Healthcare must be affordable, accessible, and focused on patients, not profits.

As our President tackles the flow of drugs into the country, we also need more faith-based recovery programs to help those struggling to find hope and healing from addiction.

On immigration, we must enforce the law fairly and compassionately while providing a legal path for those who follow the rules.

Republicans must stay focused on real issues that affect constituents, not be distracted by media or partisan attacks.

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