



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
Jonathan “Pipeliner” Mitchell	U.S. Representative TX CD-36

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: I have over 15 years of private sector experience in energy infrastructure and industrial operations, working directly with federal regulations, compliance requirements, inspections, and oversight. I have no prior experience holding political office.

Rationale:
I have worked under federal regulations, not written excuses for them. I have dealt with real budgets, real deadlines, and real consequences. Washington is full of people who have never had a real job. I am not one of them.
- 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 are unchecked federal spending, government overreach, attacks on constitutional rights, and the erosion of accountability in Washington.

Rationale: I am running because too many elected officials avoid taking responsibility for the consequences of their votes and hide behind vague language instead of clear positions. What differentiates me is that I am direct, consistent, and unwilling to compromise core principles for political convenience. I believe the federal government has exceeded its constitutional limits and needs to be reduced, restrained, and held accountable, not expanded and managed.

3. What will your top 2 or 3 priorities be during this upcoming term?
- Answer:** Cut federal spending and rein in the size and power of the federal government. Defend constitutional rights without compromise. Protect children and families from federal overreach and abuse.
- Rationale:** The federal government is too large, spends too much, and operates beyond its constitutional authority. That must be reversed. Rights are not negotiable, and government has no excuse for failing to protect children and families.
4. What are your solutions to identifying and cutting fraud and waste in the federal budget?
- Answer:** End omnibus spending bills, audit every federal agency, and cut funding when agencies cannot justify their budgets.
- Rationale:** Fraud and waste exist because Congress allows them to exist. Massive spending bills hide abuse, and agencies are rarely held accountable. Congress must require zero based budgeting, enforce regular audits, and eliminate programs that are ineffective, duplicative, or outside constitutional authority. Taxpayer money belongs to the people, not the federal government, and agencies that waste it should be defunded.
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:** Reducing federal spending, restraining the size and power of the federal government, defending constitutional rights, and holding Washington accountable.
- Rationale:** Voters do not want excuses or messaging strategies. They want results. Republicans lose when they campaign as conservatives and govern as bureaucrats. Maintaining control requires doing what was promised: cut spending, stop federal overreach, defend individual liberty, and confront corruption and incompetence directly.

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Jonathan Mitchell is a working class constitutional conservative from Splendora, Texas running for Congress to restore accountability, integrity, and common sense in Washington. He didn't come from money, political connections, or privilege. Everything he has built came from showing up, working harder than required, and refusing to quit.

Jonathan began his career right out of high school as a laborer on pipelines, learning the trade from the ground up. Over more than 15 years in the oil and gas industry, he worked his way up through discipline, persistence, and accountability, ultimately becoming a pipeline welding inspector. His career has required long hours, constant travel, and real sacrifice to provide for his family, and help power the country.

Outside of work, Jonathan has been involved in charitable and service based organizations that prioritize personal responsibility, community support, and giving back, especially efforts that benefit children and families. He believes that service to others is a responsibility, not a talking point.

Jonathan's values are also shaped by his family history. His third great-grandfather, Alfred Richardson, was born into slavery and later became a Georgia state representative, one of the original 33 Black Republicans during Reconstruction. That legacy reinforces Jonathan's belief that America, while imperfect, remains a nation where character, work ethic, and perseverance can overcome circumstance.

Jonathan has never held public office, and Washington's failures prove why that matters. Career politicians talk about service while avoiding real work, real risk, and real accountability. Jonathan is running to return power to everyday Americans, defend the Constitution, and restore a culture that rewards work ethic, grit, and personal responsibility, not excuses.