



## 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
Carmen Maria Montiel	TX US Congressional District 38

*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: Journalist, Office Manager for Health Care, RE Investor and Broker. I was also born in Venezuela. I have first-hand experience with Communism.**
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: Our economy is the most significant issue. We are at the verge of the greatest partnership with Venezuela that will bring an economic rebirth for us. The fact that I was born there makes me the perfect candidate for such a time like this.**
3. What will your top 2 or 3 priorities be during this upcoming term?

**Answer: Crystalizing into law President's Trump Agenda. End Obama care. Cut Regulations and Fraud.**
4. What are your solutions to identifying and cutting fraud and waste in the federal budget?

**Answer: We need to continue to brake issues like Minnesota. It is a fact that Fraud has been allocated in Welfare, Medicare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, we need to continue this investigation prosecute, recover the money and cut the 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: We need to integrate Latinos, who were a voting force in 2024, and we are set to lose then. We need to appeal to them with more Latinos within our party and electing Latinos.**

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## **CARMEN MARIA MONTIEL**

Carmen Maria was born in Venezuela into a traditional Spanish Colonial family, in which education, hard work and giving back were priorities, and began her charity work as a young girl in her church youth program. When Carmen was just 16 years old, just like in a Hollywood movie, the president of the Miss Venezuela pageant discovered her. Her beauty and elegance earned her the titles of Miss Venezuela, Miss South America, and Second Runner-Up in the Miss Universe Pageant in 1984. Carmen Maria immediately put her celebrity to use in the service of others, and created

- **Foundation “Las Misses” to help pediatric hospitals in Venezuela, Ecuador, and Peru.**

### **Education**

Carmen studied Arts at Universidad Central of Venezuela, and her television career was launched in 1984, when she joined “Buenos Dias Venezuela” on Venevisión. She later became anchorwoman for “Complicidades,” a show comparable to “The View.” As a broadcaster, she also found her voice as a disc jockey and producer, and her career expanded further to Mexico, Panama and Peru, earning her many awards in the television industry as well as for **community service**. Her television awards include:

- Woman of the Year
- Zulia 1984
- Lions Club Award 1985
- Uni-Prensa Award 1985
- Fundación “Las Granjas Infantiles” 1986
- Meridiano de Oro 1987 and 1988; and Aquila de Oro 1988.

In May 1988, Carmen Maria moved to the United States to continue her education.

- East Tennessee State University 1991 - Degrees in Broadcasting and Spanish, Magna Cum Laude exclusive!

### **Houston**

Carmen Maria moved to Houston in the summer of 1991, where she began working as a reporter for Telemundo-Houston, and quickly was advanced to the top news anchorwoman position where she led stories including:

- Major area floods
- International news
- 1992 GOP Convention
- Developed a health segment for the news

## **Houston Community Involvement**

Volunteerism and giving her voice and support back to community and Country always remained a priority for Carmen, and as a TV personality, she was recognized for her work in the Houston community by the Consulate General of Mexico and The Houston Area Women's Center. She also lent her voice to the United Way and the Rainforest Foundations.

In 1995, her career took a different path when she became pregnant with her first daughter. She now has three beautiful children: Alexandra Isabel, Carmen Maria and Juan Diego.

## ***Faith***

*Her Faith and children are the most important aspect of her life.*

The education of her children is her top priority.

## **Latino Community Involvement**

Carmen Maria has been a passionate force in Houston's Latin American community and is active in the Latin Women Initiative, chairing their luncheon in 2006. In 2008, she chaired the "Gala de las Americas" for the Institute of Hispanic Culture. She has also been active within the Museum of Fine Arts participating on various committees and boards. She personally organized the Latin Maecenas for the Museum's Latin American Art Department. She has sat on many boards including:

- Board of Directors of UNICEF
- Virtuosi of Houston
- Institute of Hispanic Culture
- Advisory Board of the Latin Women Initiative
- Success Scholarships

In each organization she served, she has been recognized for her strong work ethic, and her willingness to "dive into the details" and strives for "results and not excuses!"

## **Community Recognition**

- 25 most beautiful people of Houston by *H Texas* magazine – 2008
- Most elegant lady of the European and Latin communities by *Dinastia Latina* magazine - 2009
- Woman of Distinction in 2010 and in 2011
- Best Dress in Houston.

*Today, Carmen Maria continues to serve the Houston community through many charitable organizations and her Country by running for U.S. Congress, District 18.*

## **Personal**

Carmen Maria has proved to be a warrior as a Domestic Violence Survivor and is dedicating her life to help other women to overcome this tragic situation by writing her story in a book. The goal is to teach young girls to recognize a predator at first sight. Her story is the inspiration for her Book "Stolen Identity" which was released in August 2020 in both English and Spanish.

## **2018 Campaign**

In 2018 she a successful Campaign for U.S. Congressional District 29 and made it to the runoff where on Election Day she got 66% of the votes and Early Voting by 61%, however lost by 83 votes.

## **2022 Campaign**

As a true Conservative she has kept fighting to protect our values and to Make America Great Again. **As a candidate she is for America First**, supports the Faith and Freedom coalition, and is a key person in the Latino Red Wave. None of the other Latino / Latina candidates have her strong background, presence in front of the cameras and she has been a supporter of President Trump from 2016. She has watched the same game plan implemented on Venezuela, her birth Country and now her on her new Country. Her platform is consistent with President Trump's and she is dedicated to saving our Country in these turbulent times by being a strong voice with determination and committment.



- Office Manager** 1995-2013  
Texas Institute of Chest & Sleep Disorders P.A.
- Producer, Provicon, Ritmo Latino** 1994-1996  
Freelance producer of syndicated video show of Latin artist
- News Anchor, Reporter, Writer, Telemundo-Houston** 1991- 1995  
Gathered, wrote and delivered the news on the 5 pm and 10 pm weekly newscasts. Responsible for hourly news break every hour on the hour. As a reporter, produced own daily pieces and developed a weekly segment called “Su Salud,” which informed the audience about illnesses and their treatments.
- News Host, GOP Convention** 1992  
Covered and hosted the news at the GOP Convention in Houston, Texas for Telemundo.
- Producer, WSJK-Channel 2, OMNI** 1990-1991  
Pre- and post-production of informative show created at East Tennessee State University, assembled with the help of students. The show also was aired on WKPT-TV ABC.
- TV Host, Venevision, Complicidades** 1986-1988  
Network morning magazine of three hours daily. With Maite Delgado and Eva Gutierrez, presented segments on news, special interest, beauty tips, general information and interviews. Celebrities interviewed included Emmanuel, Paloma San Basilio, Laura Branigan, Raul Velasco, Flans, Mecano, Maria Conchita Alonso, and Miguel Bose.
- Host, 1986 Miss Universe Special in Panama** July 1986  
Channel 4 Panama, Panama City, Panama.
- Siempre en Domingo, Televisa Mexico** June 1986  
Mexico City, Mexico. Guest on weekly Sunday afternoon celebrity showcase.
- Disk Jockey, Producer, RQ 910** 1986-1988  
Weekly youth show aired on Sundays in Caracas, Venezuela. Highlighted how young people could achieve their goals with hard work through the examples of other successful young people.
- Host, “Close Up,” Venevision** 1985  
Caracas, Venezuela (for Gilberto Correa). Hosted weekly celebrity news show, garnering high ratings. Show was Latin equivalent of E! Entertainment.

**TV Host, Venevision, Buenos Dias Venezuela** 1984-1986  
Co-hosted (with Manuel Correa) network morning talk show, a daily life show of two hours duration with interviews, games and videos.

**EDUCATION**

**B.A., Broadcasting and Spanish, Magna Cum Laude** May 1991  
East Tennessee State University; Johnson City, Tennessee, USA

**English as a Second Language** August 1988-July 1989  
Guilford College; Greensboro, North Carolina, USA

**Journalism** February 1986-May 1988  
Universidad Central de Venezuela; Caracas, Venezuela

**Spanish Diction and Rhetoric** October 1985-December 1986  
Ateneo de Caracas; Caracas, Venezuela

**School of Arts** September 1982-February 1984  
Universidad Central de Venezuela; Caracas, Venezuela

**PROFESSIONAL**

**Real Estate License** December 2017

**Announcer's License** March 1985  
Transport and Communications Ministry; Caracas, Venezuela

**Public Relations in Latin America Seminar:** May 1992  
Panelist exploring the topic "The Media in Latin America." Houston, Texas.

**LANGUAGES**

Spanish: native  
English: fluent  
French: proficient  
Italian: proficient

## **INTERESTS & ACTIVITIES**

**Latino Learning Center** Gala Chair 2015

**Latino Learning Center** Fashion Show Committee 2015

**Latino Learning Center** Gala Chair 2011

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**Latino Learning Center President of the John Globerg Patronato for Senior Housing** since April 2010.

**Latino Learning Center** Gala Chair 2010

**UNICEF** Board of Directors, February 2009-June 2014

**Institute of Hispanic Culture** Board of Directors, Dec 2008-Dec 2010.

**Institute of Hispanic Culture** Chair of the 43rd Gala de las Americas, October 10, 2008.

**Institute of Hispanic Culture** Represented the Royal Family along her husband Alex Lechin and Children for the 42nd Annual Gala de las Americas, October 2007

**Virtuosi of Houston** Board of Directors 2006-2008

**LWI** Chair the Bazaar Committee for the Luncheon-Fashion Show in 2007 & 2008.

**LWI** Election Committee 2007.

**LWI** (Former Mexican Women Initiative) Member of the Advisory Committee since 2006.

**LWI** Chair the annual Luncheon-Fashion Show in 2006.

**MWI** (Mexican Women Initiative) Chairman of the Fashion Committee for the Luncheon 2004, 2005 & 2006.

**MFAH-Inverted Utopias exhibition** International Committee

## **Carmen Maria Montiel**

**The Maecenas, MFAH** (Museum of Fine Arts Houston): President and Founder of support group for the Latin American Art Department. 2002-2003, 2003-2004

**Virtuosi of Houston:** Chairman of the Concert Committee since January 2001-April 2003.

**Success Scholarships Center:** Board Committee Member, January 2000, organization that raises money to give scholarships to low-income Hispanic students.

**Virtuosi of Houston:** Board Committee Member, since March 2000, organization that raises money for the education of young musicians.

**Smithsonian Institute:** since 1992.

**Rainforest Foundation:** hosted event in Houston, "Don't Bungle the Jungle," September 1994.

**United Way:** Master of Ceremonies at 1992 kick-off in Houston, Texas, September 1992.

**ANDI (Accion Nacional para el Desarrollo Integral):** active collaboration in self-improvement foundation, 1986-1988.

Third International Congress for the Family: Speaker at annual conference with attendance in excess of 1000. Caracas, Venezuela 1985.

**Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha:** Inducted into selective international society, with honorific mention for Speech Communication.

**Alpha Sigma Iota:** Broadcasting honorary society, 1989-1991

**Fundacion las Misses:** Created, organized and developed nonprofit organization that raised money to provide pediatric hospitals with much-needed equipment, 1984-1988. Venezuela, Ecuador y Peru.

### **AWARDS**

**Houston Best Dress 2011** March of Dimes and Neiman Marcus

**Woman of Distinction 2010** Crohn and Colitis Foundation

**H Magazine 25 Most Beautiful 2008** August 2008

**International Who's Who, 1995**

**Houston Area Women's Center:** for collaboration in spreading knowledge against Domestic Violence, 1993

**The General Consulate of Mexico:** recognition for collaboration and work done on behalf of the Mexican community in Houston, Texas, 1992

**Academic Excellence Convocation:** in recognition of outstanding achievement at East Tennessee State University, April 10, 1992

**ASI Outstanding Broadcasting Student:** Department of Communications, 1991

**Marshall Award for Outstanding Leadership:** Dept. of Communications, 1991

**Tommy Award:** Best Public Affairs Production, ETSU, 1990-1991

**Dean's List:** College of Arts & Sciences, ETSU, 1990-1991

**Aquila de Oro:** Host of the Year, Caracas, Venezuela, February 1988

**Meridiano de Oro:** Best Morning Talk Show, "Complicidades," 1988

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**Fundacion Las Granjas Infantiles:** for work done for children, Caracas, Venezuela, 1986

**Uni-Prensa Award:** recognition for journalism work, July 1985

**Lions Club:** in recognition for work done for children, 1985

**Woman of the Year:** Zulia State, Venezuela, 1985

**Godmother for Life:** of "Military Historical Museum of Venezuela," 1984

**Miss Universe Pageant:** Second Runner-Up, Miami, Florida, 1984

**Miss South America:** Lima, Peru, 1984

**Miss Venezuela:** Caracas, Venezuela, 1984

**Miss Zulia:** Maracaibo, Venezuela, 1984