



Questions for Candidates for Texas Attorney General from the Conservative Coalition of Harris County

Our questionnaire is for candidates 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
Joan Huffman	Texas Attorney General

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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| Please describe the qualifications and experience that make you the best candidate in your political race. |
| Answer:
I am the best candidate because my entire career has been dedicated to fighting crime, upholding the law, and protecting Texans—experience no other candidate can match. I prosecuted felonies as a prosecutor, presided over criminal cases as a judge, and wrote tough-on-crime laws as a state senator. As AG, I will prioritize public safety: aggressively prosecuting career criminals, partnering statewide with DAs and law enforcement, securing our border from cartels, protecting election integrity, and aggressively rooting out fraud. |

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'm running for Texas Attorney General because our state deserves a proven leader with real courtroom and judicial experience who will always put Texas families first. With decades as a felony prosecutor, criminal district judge, and Texas State Senator, I've successfully locked up violent offenders, defended our borders, and championed conservative principles. Texas needs an Attorney General equipped with the hands-on expertise and track record to effectively lead the office and protect our communities.

The most significant issues in this race are public safety and crime, border security, and ensuring election integrity. I am a candidate that can aggressively prosecute violent offenders, gangs, traffickers, and fentanyl dealers while fully supporting local law enforcement. The border crisis remains critical, with strong emphasis on taking action against cartels, human trafficking, and cross-border crime that threatens Texas communities.

My advantage lies in my unmatched courtroom experience—trying over 100 jury trials as a prosecutor and presiding over thousands of cases as a judge—combined with my direct oversight of the AG's budget, border security funding, and state agency budgets as the Senate Finance Chair. I also have a track record of delivering safer streets, positioning me to protect Texas effectively from day one.

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

Answer:

Combating Violent Crime and Supporting Law Enforcement: Texas families deserve safe communities free from fear. As Attorney General, I will support law enforcement by partnering with local district attorneys to prosecute repeat violent offenders, gang members, and serious felons. I will also establish statewide task forces to target rising threats like aggravated assaults and homicides. With decades as a felony prosecutor and criminal district judge successfully locking up dangerous criminals, I will provide the resources and legal backing needed to restore law and order.

Strengthening Border Security and Targeting Foreign Influence: The southern border crisis brings fentanyl, human trafficking, and cartel violence into Texas communities. As Attorney General, I will prosecute traffickers and smugglers, collaborate with law enforcement to disrupt drug and smuggling networks, and pursue legal actions against cartels. My prior experience as a major crimes prosecutor positions me to lead this effort effectively and reduce the harm caused by cross-border crime.

To combat foreign influence, such as Sharia law, I authored House Bill 45 in 2017, which ensures Texas courts do not enforce foreign laws that violate our constitutional rights. As Attorney General, I will continue this fight, vigorously defending Texas sovereignty and preventing any foreign legal code from undermining our freedoms.

Ensuring Election Integrity: Free and fair elections are essential to public trust and our system of government. I realized this was critical nearly a decade ago when I passed Senate Bill 5 in 2017 which overhauled and strengthened Texas's voter ID requirements. As Attorney General, I will enforce laws against election fraud, ballot tampering, and other violations through investigations and prosecutions. Working with local officials, I will ensure every legal vote counts and that Texas elections remain secure.

4. What are your solutions to identifying, investigating, and prosecuting public benefit fraud in our state?

Answer:

I will aggressively combat fraud to protect taxpayers and ensure aid reaches those who truly need it. I will strengthen the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit with more resources, and proactive investigations into Medicaid, childcare subsidies, and welfare overpayments. I will pursue vigorous civil and criminal prosecutions to recover funds and hold offenders accountable, while partnering with local, state, and federal agencies for multi-jurisdictional enforcement. My experience as a felony prosecutor and Senate Finance Chair who fought waste in the Texas budget gives me the expertise to root out fraud effectively.

5. What strategies will you use to improve efficiencies for investigating and prosecuting crimes, including human trafficking, internet crimes against children, and election fraud?

Answer:

I will improve efficiencies in investigating and prosecuting crimes through a focused, results-oriented approach. Upon taking office, I will conduct a full audit to eliminate waste and streamline operations. I will prioritize high-impact cases with additional resources and training. Stronger partnerships with local district attorneys and law enforcement will enable faster multi-jurisdictional action and more effective prosecutions. My background as a felony prosecutor, a criminal district judge, and Senate Finance Chair overseeing budgets ensures I can run a lean, highly effective office that delivers swift justice and safer communities.

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