



Questions for Candidates for Texas Comptroller 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
Christi Craddick	Comptroller

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: Having served as a Texas Railroad Commissioner since 2012, I understand how important it is that our major state agencies have managers who are proven principled conservative leaders with experience to lead a large agency. I am proud of what we accomplished at the Railroad Commission while I have served at that agency. While there, the Texas oil and gas industry made history in 2024, generating a record-breaking 27.3 billion in contributions to the state – funding public schools, infrastructure, law enforcement, and border security. I served as Chairman several times during the past 12 years and led efforts for numerous reforms, including updates that cut permitting delays from months to 48 hours.

I understand the importance of the Comptroller’s Office. The Railroad Commission brings in approximately 30% of the Texas State budget. The Comptroller plays a key role in how the tax dollars are spent through the budgeting process in the Texas Legislature. The Comptroller doesn’t pass laws but they play a key role in providing the information the Legislature uses to budget.

I want to take my knowledge, expertise and known ability to fight for Texas taxpayers to the Comptroller’s Office. I know that Texans’ economic future remains bright with elected officials who have a strong record of efficiency, transparency, and responsible budgeting.

I have a Bachelor of Arts in Plan II from UT Austin and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from UT Austin. I have run statewide and won three (3) times to the Railroad Commission. Prior to running for office I had a career specializing in oil, gas, electricity, water, taxation and environmental policy – all areas crucial to Texas’ future.

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:** We focus most of our discussions around finding and eliminating waste and fraud and cutting taxes. However, the Comptroller office is a very large state agency with many departments.
- The agency serves most citizens in the state in some way. It's a multi-billion-dollar business. 1) The office pays the bills and issues paychecks to state agencies and state employees; 2) Members of the Texas Legislature rely on the office to chart the course of the economy for the state, produce annual financial reports, and estimate future state revenues; 3) Taxpayers seek assistance and guidance regarding compliance with tax laws; 4) the office awards grants supporting immigration enforcement, rural law enforcement and ambulance services; 5) local businesses seek economic development guidance and data analysis; 6) the office manages the Texas Education Freedom Accounts and college savings plans, the Texas Bullion Depository, Broadband Development Office and other statewide initiatives; and 7) taxpayers in Texas depend on the office to safeguard their tax dollars and make sure they are handled wisely.
- I have 12+ years experience and expertise managing a large state agency. My record speaks for itself that I am conservative to the core.
- The candidate who wins the primary must also face a democrat challenger in November. I am the only candidate who has run 3 times in contested primaries, won, and then defeated well-funded democrats in November – and won.

3. What will be your top 3 priorities during your upcoming term?
- Answer:** Visit the campaign website at <https://christicraddickforcomptroller.com/> for how I would approach finding waste from the Comptroller's Office. This would include: (1) Launching a local government efficiency task force to review city budgets to special district budgets to help communities cut waste and stretch taxpayer dollars; (2) Audit everything making sure every dollar is tracked and every program reviewed; (3) Make sure current technology provides transparency for taxpayers and eliminates bureaucratic delays for quicker refunds

4. What changes can be made to the Texas Comptroller office to improve tax collections, reduce waste in agency appropriations, enhance state investments, and increase payment efficiencies to vendors and employees?

Answer: At the Railroad Commission, I spent years doing exactly what the Comptroller should do – protecting taxpayers through strong oversight and smart enforcement. We collect what is owed by cracking down on bad actors, not punishing compliant businesses. We demand accountability for how dollars are spent, measure the results, and fix problems instead of growing bureaucracy.

As Comptroller, I will apply that same discipline statewide, with conservative investments that protect Texas funds, real scrutiny of agency spending, and modern systems so vendors, teachers, and employees are paid on time. It’s the same approach: enforce the law, guard every dollar, and put taxpayers first.

At the Comptroller’s office, that means strong oversight of the Education Savings Account program so dollars follow students and fraud is stopped early. It means disciplined stewardship of the Economic Stabilization Fund—protecting it for downturns, not treating it like a checking account.

And it means using technology to clear audit backlogs faster, so agencies are held accountable and taxpayers aren’t left in the dark.

Technology should support accountability, not grow government. If it saves money, stops waste, and returns value to taxpayers, I’m for it.

5. Should our Texas state government create an efficiency team (DOGE) that will use computer technology such as AI to expose fraud and waste within government agencies?

Answer: We should always be looking for ways to find and eliminate fraud and waste. AI is one tool that can be used. It is important to make sure that there is appropriate oversight by qualified staff who can monitor the use of AI. We have already seen cases where AI can be wrong and it is only as good as the data it is fed. We always want to guarantee that taxpayer data is safe from being accessed and used inappropriately by either humans or AI.

At the Railroad Commission we have been using data-driven enforcement to target bad actors and protect taxpayers, without disrupting compliant businesses. That same model works statewide.

You can visit my website and see my Conservative Blueprint for the Comptroller's Office which includes 1) Audit Everything by launching a top-to-bottom audit to ensure every dollar is tracked, every program is reviewed, and no waste goes unchecked; 2) Launch a local government efficiency task force from city budgets to special districts that would review local budgets across Texas to help communities cut waste and stretch taxpayer dollars further; 3) Upgrade outdated technology to help eliminate bureaucratic delays; 4) Make faster refunds for Texas businesses a top priority, and 5) make sure the goal is always to protect conservative priorities, ensure accurate revenue forecasts, and keep Texas a low-tax, pro-growth state.

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**A Conservative
Republican Protecting
Texas Taxpayers**

Christi Craddick is a principled conservative leader dedicated to keeping Texas strong. As Chairman of the Railroad Commission of Texas, she has spent over a decade ensuring our state’s energy sector remains safe, responsible, and thriving—helping Texas cement its place as the economic engine of the United States.

A lifelong Texan, Christi holds both a Bachelor’s Degree as a Plan II graduate and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from The University of Texas at Austin.

Before joining the Railroad Commission, she built a career specializing in oil, gas, electricity, water, taxation, and environmental policy—all areas crucial to Texas’ future.

She lives in Austin with her daughter, Catherine, and is an active member of St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

Record of Results

Christi Craddick is the only Republican candidate with a proven record in bringing conservative values to government. She knows how to lead an agency, implement conservative policies, and stand strong for Texas values.

- ✓ Cut permitting times from 90+ days to less than 48 hours
- ✓ Led the agency through record-breaking revenue years, including \$27.3 billion in oil and gas revenue in FY 2024, funding Texas schools, roads, and first responders every single day.
- ✓ Supported innovation while maintaining high safety and environmental standards
- ✓ Plugged orphaned wells, protected landowners, and enforced compliance
- ✓ Championed conservative reforms without growing bureaucracy

A Conservative BLUEPRINT for the Comptroller’s Office



Audit Everything

Christi Craddick will **launch a top-to-bottom audit** to ensure every dollar is tracked, every program is reviewed, and **no waste goes unchecked.**



Faster Refunds for Texas Businesses

Christi Craddick will **make timely refunds a top priority**, because government should work as hard as the people who fund it.



Conservative Budget and Spending Limits

Christi Craddick will partner with legislators to **protect conservative priorities** and keep Texas a low-tax, pro-growth state.



Launch a Local Government Efficiency Task Force

Christi Craddick will **lead a review of local budgets across Texas**, helping communities cut waste and stretch taxpayer dollars further. **Property taxes are too high, and Texans deserve honesty** about where their money goes.