



## Questions for Candidates for Texas Governor 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 that Candidate is Running For
Stephen Samuelson	Texas Governor

1. Please describe the qualifications and experience that make you the best candidate in your political race.

**Answer:** I am a medically retired U.S. Army Staff Sergeant with a degree in psychology and over a decade of trauma advocacy and peer support work. That experience taught me how systems fail people and how to fix problems at their root. I also focus on civic education, breaking down state laws so Texans can understand and hold government accountable.

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:** Texas faces growing strain from population growth, infrastructure demands, affordability pressures, and declining public trust. I am running because too many policies look good on paper but fail in practice. What differentiates me is my focus on fixing systems before they break, explaining government actions in plain language, and building resilient solutions that strengthen families, workers, and communities.

3. What will be your top 3 priorities with the state legislature during your upcoming term?

**Answer:**

1. Strengthening workforce development, vocational training, and job creation.
2. Investing in infrastructure, water security, energy reliability, and disaster readiness.
3. Improving transparency and accountability so laws are implemented as intended and taxpayers see real results.

4. 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:** Yes, with clear guardrails. Texas should modernize oversight using data analysis and technology to identify fraud, waste, and inefficiency. Any efficiency team must protect privacy, remain accountable to elected leadership, and focus on improving outcomes rather than expanding bureaucracy.

5. What strategies do you have to increase deportation efforts in Texas in accordance with the current federal government ICE efforts?

**Answer:** Texas should increase deportation effectiveness by prioritizing cooperation with CE on criminal offenders, completing state prosecutions before removal, and improving coordination between local law enforcement and federal authorities. By ensuring convictions are secured first, Texas strengthens future deportation consequences, improves public safety, and reduces repeat illegal reentry through stronger federal penalties.

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## **Stephen Samuelson - Candidate Biography**

Stephen Samuelson is a medically retired U.S. Army Staff Sergeant who enlisted at age 17 and served until 2010. After his military service, he earned a degree in psychology and spent more than a decade working in trauma advocacy and peer support, helping individuals and families navigate crisis and recovery. Through this work, Samuelson gained firsthand insight into how government systems succeed or fail the people they are meant to serve. He later expanded his focus to civic education and public policy analysis, breaking down Texas laws in plain language so citizens can better understand government actions and hold leadership accountable. He is also currently involved in a federal First Amendment case focused on due process and free speech protections in modern public forums. Samuelson is running for Governor to strengthen Texas through workforce development, infrastructure investment, public safety, and transparent, effective governance.