



## Questions for Candidates for State Legislative Office 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
Kelly Peterson	State Representative for House District 126

*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.

I have lived in the district for over 20 years, raised my family here, and worked in both the public and private sectors. I served as District Director for a Texas House member, where I handled constituent services and worked with state agencies and local governments to solve problems. I am also a small business owner with experience in real estate development and business operations.

This combination of legislative experience and private-sector work gives me a practical understanding of how government decisions affect families, employers, and taxpayers. I know how state government functions, how to navigate agencies, and how to deliver results, while also understanding the importance of fiscal discipline, regulatory clarity, and economic growth from the perspective of someone who has operated businesses and managed budgets.

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:** The most significant issues in this race are public safety, affordability, and responsible growth. Rising crime and repeat offenders threaten community safety, while increasing property taxes and cost-of-living pressures strain families and small businesses. Rapid growth also requires better planning for roads, drainage, and water infrastructure. I am running because I believe the district needs practical, accountable representation focused on results, not rhetoric. What differentiates me is my experience working inside state government as a District Director, combined with private-sector and small-business experience, which allows me to both understand policy and deliver solutions.

Public safety and affordability are core responsibilities of government, and taxpayers deserve leaders who will prioritize enforcement, fiscal discipline, and efficient infrastructure spending. My background in constituent services means I know how to navigate agencies and resolve problems, while my business experience keeps me focused on real-world impacts, not theoretical policy. This combination allows me to be effective immediately and accountable to the people I serve.

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

**Answer:** My top three priorities will be public safety, fiscal responsibility and affordability, and infrastructure to support responsible growth. I will support policies that back law enforcement and hold violent and repeat offenders accountable. I will work to limit property tax burdens and restrain government spending. I will also prioritize roads, drainage, and water infrastructure to protect homes, businesses, and property values as the district continues to grow.

Public safety is the foundation of liberty and economic stability. Fiscal discipline protects families and small businesses from rising taxes and inflation driven by government growth. Infrastructure is a core function of government and must keep pace with development to prevent flooding, congestion, and higher long-term costs. Focusing on these priorities ensures taxpayer dollars are spent on essential services with measurable results.

4. What key public state issues do you think need to be addressed by Republicans in 2026-2027, such as AI data centers impact on electricity rates, fraud in state government social programs, DEI, medical rights, infrastructure, etc.?

**Answer:** Republicans must focus on protecting grid reliability and keeping electricity affordable as AI data centers and population growth increase demand. We must strengthen oversight to prevent fraud and waste in state programs and ensure taxpayer dollars are used as intended. The state should continue eliminating DEI mandates and refocus on merit-based systems. We must also protect medical decision-making from excessive government intrusion and invest in infrastructure, including roads, drainage, and water systems, to support growth and prevent flooding.

Affordable energy and infrastructure are essential to economic competitiveness and quality of life. Preventing fraud and eliminating ideological programs protects taxpayers and restores trust in government. Safeguarding medical freedom respects individual liberty, while responsible infrastructure investment ensures growth does not overwhelm public services or increase long-term costs for families and businesses.

5. What is your strategy in working with the Texas Senate to get more of the Texas GOP legislative priorities passed in the next legislative session?

**Answer:** My strategy is to build on existing relationships with members of the Texas Senate, Senate leadership, and committee staff, while continuing to develop new partnerships focused on shared conservative priorities. I will coordinate early on priority legislation, work to ensure bills are clearly written and fiscally responsible, and engage stakeholders and local officials to build broad support so legislation can move efficiently through both chambers.

Productive working relationships and early coordination are key to moving legislation successfully. Because many of these relationships are already in place, I can focus immediately on advancing policy rather than starting from scratch, increasing the likelihood that Republican priorities are passed and implemented.

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## Kelly Peterson Bio

Kelly Peterson is a lifelong conservative, community leader, and business professional with deep roots in Northwest Harris County. She is running for the Texas House to bring strong, principled leadership that puts families, businesses, and communities first.



Kelly currently serves as Executive Assistant to the President of J. Alan Kent Development, where she supports contracts, acquisitions, and key operations. She is also the owner of KPDC, LLC, a program that provides creative opportunities for adults with special needs. Previously, Kelly served as District Director for State Representative Sam Harless, where she helped countless constituents navigate state agencies and resolve issues — often with a single call or email that could change the course of someone’s day or even their life.

In that role, Kelly did the hands-on work that truly defines the office. She spent years in the community — at kitchen tables, neighborhood meetings, and local businesses — listening to families share what they needed most. She helped seniors cut through red tape, supported small businesses through local challenges, worked with community organizations to deliver real solutions, managed budgets, and coordinated with local and state agencies to ensure the district’s priorities were always heard. When a problem arose — whether a policy issue, a delayed project, or a constituent in crisis — Kelly was the person people called, and she took that responsibility seriously. The title may change, but the mission, the work, and the commitment have always remained the same.

Grounded in faith, family, and service, Kelly has raised two sons in District 126 and cared for her late mother while balancing career and community leadership. With her children now in college and her family responsibilities complete, Kelly is ready to fully devote herself to public service. Financially stable and deeply invested in her community, she is stepping forward at the right season of life to serve her neighbors.

Kelly’s priorities include delivering meaningful property tax relief while protecting schools, hospitals, and public safety; keeping the border secure; expanding workforce development and job opportunities through local ISDs and industry partnerships; and investing in flood mitigation and infrastructure to keep communities safe.

Kelly Peterson is committed to bringing conservative values, common-sense solutions, and a servant’s heart to the Texas House. She will be a representative who listens, shows up, and always puts the people of District 126 first.

Kelly Peterson is proud to be endorsed by State Representative Sam Harless

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**REPUBLICAN FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE**

**DISTRICT 126**

*"I'm honored to build on the legacy of State Representative Sam Harless. My goal is to protect what we've created, preserve the quality of life we cherish, expand opportunities for our future, and deliver conservative results for the hardworking taxpayers of this district."*



## Proven leadership. Conservative results.

*Kelly Peterson is a lifelong Texan and resident of Spring who has dedicated her life to raising her two sons, building small businesses and following her passion for public service.*

*Kelly has built her life around faith, family, and service. As a small business owner and District Director for State Representative Sam Harless, she brings both private sector experience and public service to her work.*

*As your next State Representative, Kelly will make these issues her top priority:*

- Border Security
- Flood Mitigation
- Meaningful Property Tax Reform
- Protecting Life and the 2nd Amendment
- Improving public education and workforce readiness,

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