



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
Polly Looper	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.

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1.	Please describe the qualifications and experience that make you the best candidate in your political race.
	<p>Answer: I bring a combination of frontline public safety experience (including a Master's in Criminal Justice), professional leadership (including a Bachelor's in Organizational Leadership), and deep community roots that uniquely prepare me to serve effectively from day one.</p> <p>I have spent nearly three decades working in law enforcement, investigations, and security operations, building a career grounded in accountability, problem-solving, and results. My background includes complex criminal investigations, evidence handling, regulatory compliance, and operational management. These experiences translate directly to understanding how laws are written, enforced, and where they succeed or fail in the real world. I also own and operate a small business, giving me firsthand knowledge of regulatory burdens, budgeting, and the challenges working families and entrepreneurs face every day.</p> <p>Beyond professional qualifications, I am a long-time resident and parent who is personally invested in the safety, schools, infrastructure, and economic stability of our community. I understand that effective representation requires listening first, working across differences, and staying focused on practical solutions rather than political theater. My approach is disciplined, data-driven, and centered on public service. I bring integrity and a commitment to measurable outcomes to the office.</p>

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 (housing, health, and goods), and accountability in government at all levels, but it starts here.

Public safety is foundational. Communities cannot thrive when residents do not feel secure in their homes, schools, and businesses. This includes supporting effective law enforcement, strengthening crime prevention, and addressing repeat offenders without a revolving door at the courts and jails. By ensuring laws passed by the Legislature are practical and enforceable in the real world. Affordability is equally urgent. Rising housing costs, property taxes, insurance premiums, and everyday expenses are pricing families and seniors out of the communities they built. Accountability matters. Voters are frustrated by policies made far away from their neighborhoods by people who do not live with the consequences of those decisions. This includes pressures from lobbyists.

I am running because our district deserves representation grounded in real-world experience, not political ambition. After nearly three decades working in public safety, investigations, and small business operations, I have seen firsthand how state policy impacts families, victims, businesses, and local governments. I am stepping forward because complaining from the sidelines does not fix the problem, but I know from experience that engaged, informed leadership does produce results.

What differentiates me from the other candidates is my practical, frontline experience and my independence. I have enforced the laws, managed budgets, run a business, and raised a family here. I am not a career politician, and I am not beholden to party leadership or special interests. I bring a solutions-focused mindset, a willingness to work across differences, and a commitment to putting community needs ahead of political talking points. My focus is on results, not rhetoric, and on serving the district.

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

Answer: **1. Public Safety and Community Protection**

Public safety is the foundation of strong communities. I will prioritize policies that support effective law enforcement, strengthen crime prevention and victim services, and address repeat offenders while protecting constitutional rights. This includes ensuring state laws are clear, enforceable, and aligned with the realities faced by local agencies and communities. If no new legislation is needed because it already exists, I will work to educate the public on those points.

2. Affordability and Economic Stability for Families

Rising property taxes, housing costs, insurance, and everyday expenses are straining families, seniors, and small businesses. I will focus on practical solutions to improve housing attainability, rein in unnecessary regulatory burdens, and promote responsible fiscal policy that keeps Texas competitive while allowing families to stay in the communities they call home. My metrics include 1.) Is it good for my District? 2.) Is it good for the State? 3.) Is the policy working as intended? If I cannot answer “Yes” to all three, it’s a “No” for me.

3. Accountability, Infrastructure, and Local Voice

State government must be accountable to the people it serves. I will advocate for transparency, efficient use of taxpayer dollars, and infrastructure investments that keep pace with growth. Just as importantly, I will ensure our district has a strong voice at the Capitol, pushing back against one-size-fits-all mandates, and prioritizing solutions shaped by local needs. I am an advocate for less government by utilizing existing services and entities. There is no need to create new entities because one is failing to do their job, force the issue of getting the jobs done.

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: **Fraud, Waste, and Abuse in State Programs.** Theft is theft. Republicans should lead aggressive audits and modernize the verification of eligibility in state social programs such as healthcare, food stamps, and housing to reduce fraud while protecting truly vulnerable populations. Technology should be used to improve cross-agency data matching, detect abuse, and ensure benefits go to those who qualify without expanding bureaucracy or reducing personal accountability. The millions that could be saved could pay for the work being done and go to those who really need the help. Government assistance is that, assistance, not to sustain indefinitely.

Medical Freedom and Parental Rights

Medical decision-making should remain between patients, parents, and doctors. Government should NEVER play a role in those decisions. We should continue to defend informed consent, parental rights, and transparency in medical and educational settings, while decrying mandates. Clear guardrails are needed to protect minors, respect conscience rights, and ensure medical policies are driven by science and ethics, not leftist ideology.

DEI Bureaucracies and Government Overreach

DEI needs to go away, forever. It has proven so detrimental to the advancement of western society.

Public Safety and Border Security

Public safety remains a core responsibility of the state. This includes continued border security efforts, support for law enforcement, and policies that address repeat offenders and organized crime.

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 treat the Texas House–Senate relationship as a working partnership, not a battleground, and to focus on execution rather than headlines. Advancing GOP priorities requires discipline, early coordination, and credibility with the Senate. I am not focused on the number of bills I author, or co-author, but rather the quality of the legislation. We already have enough poorly written legislation that is often not enforceable.

First, I would engage early and often with Senate leadership and relevant committee chairs well before bills reach the floor. That means aligning House legislation with Senate priorities at the drafting stage, identifying potential points of resistance in advance, and resolving them before a bill becomes politically entrenched. Too many bills fail not on principle, but on process or personality.

Second, I would prioritize clean, narrowly tailored legislation. The Senate is far more likely to move bills that are tightly written, constitutionally sound, and clearly enforceable. Drawing on my background in public safety and regulatory compliance, I would focus on bills that are practical, defensible, and resistant to legal or procedural challenges, reducing the temptation for the Senate to stall or substantially rewrite House measures.

Third, I would work to build issue-based coalitions, not just partisan ones. Many Senate votes hinge on regional impact (rural versus urban, border versus non-border, fast-growth versus stable districts.) By engaging senators around shared impacts rather than ideological labels, House bills are more likely to gain traction and avoid being sidelined.

Fourth, I would maintain constant communication during conference committee negotiations. This is where many priorities quietly die. Nearly all disagreements in life stem from communication breakdowns. Using clear, concise communication is key to navigating negotiations and getting things done.

Finally, I would bring a results-driven mindset rather than a performative one. The goal is not press releases or social media clips; it is laws that take effect and withstand scrutiny. By being reliable, prepared, and focused on outcomes, I would establish credibility with the Senate and increase the likelihood that House-passed GOP priorities make it to the Governor’s desk!

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Polly Looper is a highly experienced law enforcement and private investigation professional with a strong background in criminal investigations and security operations. With over 29 years of service in the field, she has garnered extensive knowledge and expertise in various areas of law enforcement and private investigation. Polly completed her Associate in Applied Science in Police Science, Associate in Applied Science in Security Loss Prevention/Terrorism, Certificate in Private Investigation, and Evidence Technician School at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, WI. Polly completed her Bachelor's in Organizational Leadership from Texas A&M University- Commerce ('23) and her Master of Science in Criminal Justice at Texas A&M International University, Laredo ('24), graduating both Summa Cum Laude.

During her tenure as a Police Officer in Wisconsin and as a Fraud Investigator for the Oneida Nation Tribe of Indians, Polly led numerous high-profile investigations, specializing in complex cases such as fraud, white-collar, and organized crime. Her keen investigative skills, attention to detail, and commitment to justice have successfully resolved countless cases. Following her distinguished career in law enforcement, Polly transitioned into the private sector as a licensed Private Investigator and Civil Process Server. As the owner of Trace Investigations, she has provided comprehensive investigative services to corporate clients, law firms, the Harris County Public Defenders' Office, and individuals throughout Texas.

Polly is a sought-after speaker and consultant in law enforcement, private investigation, and security. She has delivered engaging presentations and training sessions at multi-jurisdictional law enforcement conferences, sharing her insights on investigative techniques, risk management, and effective security practices. Her ability to combine practical knowledge with real-world examples makes her sessions highly informative and valuable for attendees.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Polly holds certifications in various investigative methodologies. She is active in her community, including as a board member for her Public Utility District and as the developer for Cypress Station Management District, working to develop a management district for the crime-challenged area. As part of a research team with Texas A&M International, Polly conducted interviews with violent youth offenders in Harris County, researching pathways impacting criminal justice system reform policy.

Whether combating crime, protecting assets, or uncovering the truth, Polly Looper brings unparalleled expertise and experience to her community. Polly's passion for justice and dedication to ethical practices make her a respected authority in the industry, and the candidate HD 126 deserves.

Endorsements

- Tony Tinderholt, State Rep
- Wes Virdell, State Rep
- Matt Rinaldi, Former Texas GOP Chair
- Joe Danna, Sheriff
- Young Republicans of Houston
- Texas High School Republicans
- Melissa Rowell, Pct Chair, North Harris County Regional Water Authority
- Mary Ann Jackson, Pct Chair
- Lauren Heese, Pct Chair
- Cory Dzbinski, Professional Athlete
- Miriah Sachs, Activist

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