



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
Robert McKenzie	TX House Rep 137

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: Robert McKenzie of Houston is a longtime Texan who is obliged by his duty, commitment, and service to Houston to be a strong voice for State District 137 and all Texans in Austin.

Robert's significant, extensive, and relevant government and business experience includes:
 City of Houston Manager for the Public Works, Finance & Administration, and Aviation departments
 N.A.S.A. Program Director for Space Shuttle and Space Station programs
 PricewaterhouseCoopers Director of Global Energy for clients Texaco, Shell, Chevron, BP, and ConocoPhillips for strategy, process, and information technology projects worldwide
 Oppenheimer & Co. Financial Advisor and Registered Representative managing client investments
 NFLPA certified contract advisor ("NFL Agent") representing NFL players
 He is focused on being State Representative for District 137 (Houston, Harris County) addressing the important issues that impact all Texans including public safety, border security, improved infrastructure, better education, fiscal responsibility, lower taxes, energy independence, and economic opportunity and development for all.
 Robert received his B.A. undergraduate degree in Political Science in International Relations & Public Policy from the University of California, Los Angeles (U.C.L.A.), and his M.A. graduate degree from the University of Houston (U.H.) in Public Administration and Urban Planning.
 He authored a five-volume pentalogy, The Chair, a historical fictional saga of the past, present, and future of the Great State of Texas and the United States of America. Robert was Student Body President at Huffman High School located along the shores of Lake Houston in Texas.

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: Key Issues in Texas House District 137 (2026 Race)

- Public Safety/Crime: High crime in urban areas like Sharpstown; focus on enforcement vs. reform.
- Border Security/Immigration: Statewide priority affecting Houston's diverse communities; enforcement vs. protections.
- Education/Economy: School funding, jobs, housing affordability in working-class district.
- Infrastructure/Flooding: Houston-specific needs for flood control and disaster resilience.

Why Robert McKenzie Is Running

Running as a long time a Houstonian with UCLA and UH degrees, local Houston and Federal government and business experience out of duty and commitment to provide a conservative voice addressing neglected issues like safety and taxes. I stepped up as no GOP challenger ran in 2024, and I emphasize service, energy independence, and respect for all Texans.

Differentiators:

- Vs. Gene Wu (Dem Incumbent): My conservative stance on borders, crime, and fiscal policy contrasts Wu's progressive reforms in justice, education, and immigrant rights.

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

Answer: My three focuses for the 2027 legislative session:

1. Enhance Public Safety and Border Security: Push for tougher penalties on human trafficking and fentanyl networks, increased funding for border interdiction, and task forces coordinating with federal agencies. This addresses high crime in areas like Sharpstown and Gulfton, while advancing GOP goals to be positioned as a strong voice against urban spillover from immigration issues.
2. Promote Economic Opportunity and Lower Taxes: Advocate for deregulation by eliminating unnecessary occupational licensing, creating one-stop online permitting portals, and offering zero-interest loans for small businesses in Opportunity Zones. Tie this to property tax relief and job creation, appealing to working-class voters and aligning with fiscal conservatism to boost Houston's economy without tax hikes.
3. Improve Infrastructure and Flood Mitigation: Redirect surplus Rainy Day Fund revenues toward critical projects like bridge replacements, levee upgrades, and a statewide oversight dashboard for federal reimbursements. This tackles Houston-specific flooding risks post-Harvey, ensuring accountability and resilience—a practical, bipartisan win that demonstrates commitment to local service.

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: Key State Issues for Texas Republicans

In 90th Legislative Session starting January 2027, top issues Republicans need to address:

1. **Property Tax Relief and Abolition:** Push for assessing taxes at purchase price, phasing out over six years via spending cuts, requiring voter approval for local tax hikes, and abolishing business inventory taxes addressing voter frustration with rising costs, building on 2025 cuts that allocated \$51 billion.
2. **Border Security and Immigration Reform:** Strengthen enforcement by ending public services for illegal immigrants, deporting via a state homeland security department, and reducing taxpayer burdens continuing Operation Lone Star amid federal inaction, focusing on crime, trafficking, and resource strains in urban areas like Houston.
3. **Election Integrity and Voter Protections:** Ban non-citizen voting, require citizenship proof for registration, and secure processes from registration to counting. Also, end Democrat leadership roles in the Republican-controlled Legislature to ensure conservative priorities pass without compromise.
4. **Water Infrastructure and Resource Management:** Ban large-scale water exports, fund projects via the Texas Water Fund, up to \$1 billion annually from 2027, and address aging pipes, desalination, and flood mitigation critical for drought-prone regions and post-Harvey recovery.
5. **Government Reform and Accountability:** Reform eminent domain to protect landowners, and ban taxpayer-funded lobbying to reduce corruption, enhance transparency, and align with grassroots demands for smaller government.

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:

- **Build Strong Alliances with Key Senate Leaders**

Prioritize forging personal relationships with influential Republican senators to bridge any House-Senate gaps. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who sets the Senate agenda, is key to ensure my bills get hearings. Attend joint GOP caucus events, co-author legislation with Republican senators, and seeking endorsements from them early.

- **Priorities with Cross-Chamber Collaboration**

Focus on advancing Texas GOP planks like border enforcement, secure elections, and electrical grid security. Propose House bills that mirror Senate versions such as election reforms. Provide Houston perspective to highlight urban impacts, such as crime tied to immigration, to build bipartisan Senate support. Leverage committee assignments such as Border Security or Judiciary to shepherd priorities to the Senate floor.


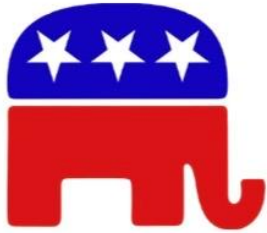
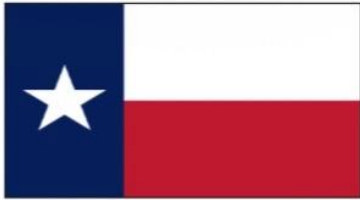

- **Leverage Freshman Status for Visibility and Advocacy**

As a newcomer, will emphasize "duty and service" to gain Senate allies' attention. Joining the Texas House Republican Caucus and pushing for no Democrat chairs to align the House more with the Senate's rightward tilt under Lt. Governor Patrick.

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