



Questions for Candidates for County Commissioner from the **Conservative Coalition of Harris County**

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Candidate Name	Position for which Candidate is Running
Susan Sample	Harris County Commissioner Pct.3

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 for position for which you are running.
Answer: I am a former Mayor and City Council Member of West University Place, s CPA and lawyer. I believe these my qualifications set me apart from the other 2 candidates in this race.

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 issue in this race is flood mitigation for our area. As mayor of West University Place I saw the damage done by Harvey and managed our city's response. As the flooding situation in our Precinct has cause much damage and heartbreak, I want to bring my experience with flood mitigation to help the residents of our area. My background on this issue as well as my experience as a CPA and lawyer allows be to bring much more to this office than any other candidate in this race.

3. What will be your top 2 or 3 priorities during this upcoming term?
Answer: (1) flood mitigation projects (2) improvement of street infrastructure (3) work to bring transparency to County government

4. Harris County Commissioner's Court handles an enormous budget every year. What skills and experience do you have that makes you the best person to elect for the County Commissioner in your Precinct?
Answer: As Certified Public Accountant and former mayor or West University I bring both private sector and governmental financial experience to this office. I am the only CPA in the race.

5. What are the primary functions that can be improved within the Commissioner's Precinct office? What sort of things can be done to improve relations, communication and services with the public?
Answer: I believe in transparency in government. As mayor of West University, I made it a priority to have real time contact with residents to make sure their problems were addressed quickly. I will bring the same to County government. I will make sure that I communicate and see that necessary services are brought to all parts of the precinct.
6. Are the local Law Enforcement agencies and the Harris County Jail adequately staffed and funded to handle the increasing population growth within Harris County?
Answer: No
7. Should any changes be made to Harris County Departments (Infrastructure, Services, Law Enforcement, Justice, etc.) to improve productivity, reduce waste and increase efficiencies? Are there are departments or services that can be combined or eliminated?
Answer: Yes, we should bring the rigor of zero-based budgeting to make sure there is no waste and increase efficiency in County government.
8. Harris County property values have substantially jumped in value over the last five years. What recommendations do you have that will roll back county taxes for the average citizen in your Precinct?
Answer: I will work toward bring new economic development to the Precinct to increase the tax base allowing lower taxes on current business and homeowners.
9. Are there any areas between state and county government that need improvements or cuts to reduce waste, or the duplication of efforts?
Answer: I will look hard at unfunded mandates from the state and advocate aggressively that the State provide funding for those items
10. What sort of future programs or services will you create or offer within your Precinct in the upcoming term?
Answer: I will advocate for a flood early warning system for our residents. We need more real time communications so that the County is more accessible to the residents.
11. Is the bond money approved by the voters for hurricane Harvey flood control being spent wisely? Do you have any recommendations or ideas to improve how the funds are being spent?
Answer: The County needs to be absolutely transparent as to how Harvey Flood control monies are being spent. For example, money promised for the Poor Farm Ditch project in the bond was not spent of the project. The City was recently informed by the Count that the money was being pulled back from the project.

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