



Questions for Candidates for Harris County Dept. of Education Trustee Conservative Coalition of Harris County

This questionnaire will be posted onto the conservative coalition of Harris County website for public viewing.

Candidate Name	Position for which Candidate is Running
Kay Smith	HCDE at Large Position 7

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 the office you are running.

Answer: I have served on the HCDE Board before. I was key in making some significant changes and improvements in the operation including replacing a Superintendent that only worked for his own best interest.

2. Please describe what you believe are the most significant issues in this race and why.

Answer: The incumbent candidate has only acted as an obstructionist and therefore has not been able to accomplish anything.

3. If you are elected, what do you hope to accomplish while serving as a Harris Dept. Education Trustee?

Answer: Making sure that taxes remain low or are reduced. Insuring that all programs for children are of the highest standards and not compromised. Monitoring Medicaid payments to prevent Medicaid fraud. Overseeing staffing of the Headstart facilities to protect children in our care. Staying on top of all new programs introduced to prevent

4. What good things are happening in the district and should be enhanced or continued?

Answer: The alternative school programs are needed by all surrounding school districts. The procurement programs provide much needed buying power to small districts as well as enhancing large ones like CFISD.

5. What ideas do you have for Harris County Dept. of Education to reduce expenditures?

Answer: A review to eliminate overlap and redundancy. Eliminate out of date programs.

6. As a Harris County Dept. of Education Trustee would you approve the operation of revenue producing businesses that compete with privately owned companies?
Answer: This question is compromised. HCDE does business with privately owned companies to enhance their business while saving money for the ISD's. If the ISD's had to work with these companies independently, it would cost them more money because of limited buying power, which HCDE provides.
7. As a Harris County Dept. of Education Trustee would you approve providing services outside Harris County?
Answer: Small School districts outside of Harris County do not have buying power of large corporations. HCDE provides that to them so they can keep their tax base low.
8. As a Harris County Dept. of Education Trustee, if you find that current county services can be provided to local school districts by non-profits, would you be willing to vote to abolish your position and stop the collection of the added countywide education property tax?
Answer: The answer to this question is very long to have a clear understanding of the Departments structure. I have spoken with MANY Superintendents to ask them this same question. Non-profits are not able to cover ALL of the services provided by HCDE. The ISD's would have to create new departments in their districts to work with all of the different Non-profits who have specialized services. So HCDE would still have to cover the uncovered areas. This would ultimately cause a tax increase for the additional departments and staff and training.
9. Do you think the state legislature should pass legislation to consolidate the Harris County Department of Education system into the existing local ISDs within Harris County? If not, why is the Harris County Department of Education system needed anymore?
Answer: My previous answer covers this question. Even if the ISD's were in favor of Not working with HCDE (which they are not) they would have to raise taxes to cover all of the new departments that would specialize in all of the different areas they needed covered.
10. Please list any other information or comments that you deem are important to this race.
Answer: If the State Legislature were successful in Sunsetting the HCDE, it would only cover the 20% of local tax base that HCDE receives. 80% of the tax income comes from Federal and other grants. In the past two years this board had a 5 Republican 2 Democrat Majority. They were unable to accomplish anything, much less the goals they ran on, because of obstructionist Republicans on the Board. And through the incompetence of the Republican Board, it was flipped to a 5 to 2 Democrat majority in twenty minutes. This board has been held in a Republican majority for decades. People make promises they cannot or will not keep.

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Once this questionnaire has been completed, please email it to:

alex@cchc-pac.org

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Harris County Republican Party

Precinct Chair Applicant Detail

Submitted on Mar 24, 2018

SURVEY QUESTIONS

Current or past memberships in civic or political organizations, regardless of political affiliation or status, including positions of leadership or responsibility held.

Elected to Harris County School Board
Past Pct. Chair
Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Life member
Rotary Club Member
Past President, V.President, Membership, Treasurer of Texas Tea Party Republican Women
Chaplain Ronald Reagan Republican Women
Foster Parent
Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar
Founded Cypress Coalition
Founded Non-Profit Hero and Friend
Member Chamber of Commerce
Member National Assoc. of Self Employed
Jewelers Board of Trade
Houston Wedding Association

Political campaigns you have volunteered for or contributed to, including applicable dates.

Orlando Sanchez for Mayor
Campaign Manager for Debbie Riddle
Campaign for Kay Smith for State Representative

What do you believe are the three most important issues facing our state and nation?

Federal Government overreach
Education
Homeland Security

Why do you want to be a Republican precinct chair?

Previous Pct. Chair was inactive and did not work or communicate with District.

VOTER INFORMATION

Name	Kay M Smith
Voter ID	1103223674
Election Precinct	50
Senate District	7
House District	135

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Age	1966
Date of Birth	02/18/51
Marital Status	Divorced
Occupation	Sales

Recent Low voter turnout
Lack of recruitment

**I will help organize and win elections for
Republicans in my precinct.**

Yes

**I will attend quarterly meetings
 of the Harris
County Republican Party's Executive Committee.**

Yes

**I will conduct, or help find a Republican to conduct,
elections in my precinct.**

Yes

**I have read the current Republican Party of Texas
platform.**

Yes

Kay Smith Endorsements:

Texas Right to Life.

Former Bellaire Mayor and CD7 Candidate Cindy Siegel

James "Doc" Greene

Judge James Lombardino

Pastor Dave Welch