



## Questions for Candidates for County Sheriff from the **Conservative Coalition of Harris County**

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Candidate Name	Position for which the Candidate is Running
Randy Rush	Harris County Sheriff

*Please give your answer to each of the following questions and please include your rationale with each answer. Please be concise & clear.*

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1.	Please describe the qualifications and experience that make you the best candidate for the office for which you are running.
	<b>Answer:</b> I am a 40-year veteran of Harris County, retiring from the Sheriff's Office on 11/01/2019. I am an Academy Instructor, Major Crime Scene investigator, former deputy, sergeant, lieutenant and Watch Commander having worked the jails, Patrol and Investigations.
  
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2.	Please explain why you are running for this position and what differentiates you from the other candidates.
	<b>Answer:</b> I am the only candidate with the above experience, in front line work as a deputy, have supervisory experience and administrative experience. No other candidate can match Ed Gonzales, a polished politician.
  
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3.	Please describe two or three main issues facing the Harris County Sheriff Department and Harris County Jail, and your proposed solutions regarding them.
	<b>Answer:</b> Patrol needs to be enhanced to deliver the service the public expects and needs. The jail is far understaffed, overworked and is failing in its duty to control the jail environs and the inmates. There are 5 chiefs supposedly working but are just taking up space. That money being paid to friends and family will be better utilized for deputies. We are losing our life's blood by hemorrhaging the experienced staff due to lack of compassion for the lives of our staff. Allow the staff to have lives outside the Sheriff's Office and morale will immediately improve.

4. Please describe your opinion of what Harris County Sheriff Department's role is in local law enforcement. Should constable office personnel be consolidated within Harris County Sheriff office?
- Answer:** The Sheriff is the Chief Law ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN THE County. As such, he is expected to lead by example. Presently, the position does not fulfill his duties by assisting ICE in the 287g program. The staff working the jail are being forced to work 3, 4 and even 5 double shifts a week to meet the requirements for running a jail. Morale has never in my experience been lower because of the lack of compassion
5. Please describe your ideas toward boosting department morale and increasing confidence in your office with the general public.
- Answer:** Allow the deputies from all areas of the Sheriffs Office to work the OT now being worked solely by the D.O.'s to relieve them. Recruit more deputies showing the(Chiefs) who do not contribute Office cares enough about them to draw more in. Remove extra weight
6. There has been a lot of criticism lately from the National Press about law enforcement officers. What sort of things can to public and local press do to enhance the department's image and effectiveness, in order to make the deputies' job easier?
- Answer:** Deputies are being killed on-duty more than at any point. Give them the equipment and training and most especially the back-up needed. Interagency cooperation will increase the publics confidence in their officers.
7. Please describe any changes to the department's day-to-day operation that your office might make in this coming term to improve efficiencies.
- Answer:** Again, remove the dead weight of all of the executive Bureaus excess Chiefs and utilize those monies for deputies' salaries and for helping deputies to live with their families rather than spend their lives in the jail. Boosting the morale will result in more efficient operations, more safety for the staff and inmates and increase the public's confidence and trust.
8. Harris County has seen a large influx in population over the last couple of years. What steps have been done or are needed to handle the increasing county population?
- Answer:** Overall, there is 1 officer for every 8,000 citizens, at least according to the census. The numbers of officers available for calls must be increased in order to decrease the response times.
9. Please describe ways in which law enforcement agencies can better collaborate between each other. What steps will you take to foster better communication between agencies?
- Answer:** Again, interagency cooperation increases the effectiveness overall. It hasn't been used because the officeholder doesn't know how to be a cop. He wasn't a cop when he took the reins in 2016. I am a cop. I know what to do.

10. Is Harris County prepared for a large emergency event, such as a major hurricane? If not, what additional steps would you recommend be taken by county officials to better prepare residents for such an event?

**Answer:** No, we are not. This is because the Sheriff is inexperienced. This is because the Commissioners Court judge is inexperienced. These 2 positions need experienced in place. I will reintroduce leadership in the Sheriff's Office.

11. Please list any other information or comments that you deem are important to this race.

**Answer:** My 2 opponents in the race are: Paul Day, a police officer at HPD and a deputy at the Sheriffs Office. Joe Danna, a deputy Constable fired in 2012 for lying and he too has no experience at a level other than as a deputy. Neither has supervisory, administrative or Command experience. I do have the experience.

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## WHO IS JOE DANNA...REALLY?

From 1994 thru 2012, Joe Danna was a deputy employed by the Harris County Constables Office in Precinct One. His assignment was as a Civil Process server. His extra job was as a motorcycle escort for funerals, oversize trucks and to escort dignitaries from one point to another.

If you pull Danna up on Google the news report made by investigative reporter, Randy Wallace on Channel 26, you will hear the investigation which brought a quick decline in Joe Danna's job prospects. It was reported the Harris County Attorney's Office conducted an investigation prompted by a judge in the Civil Courts Division of Deputy Danna's alleged failure to properly serve Civil Court papers to a woman in Houston. The investigation uncovered the woman Danna stated and signed (swore to) that he served the papers to, that the woman had not lived at the address or the apartment for 2 years. In fact, the apartment was unleaseable due to damage which had not been repaired. Further, the woman could not have been in the apartment or at that location because she was, in fact, incarcerated in the Harris County Sheriff's jail located at 1200 Baker Street for weeks before he alleged he served her, and after he swore he served her. On November 12, 2012, Joe Danna was fired for Falsifying a Civil Document and Untruthfulness. When approached for a comment, Danna replied "No comment.". He was fired under a General Discharge which meant he was ineligible for his retirement badge and identification and considered unfit for rehiring. **CONCLUSION: JOE DANNA LIED.**

The "Republic of Texas" is a far right wing, radical and extremist group that was created in 1995 and has had a small but growing group of members which espouses the belief that Texas and parts of Oklahoma and New Mexico are in fact one nation which still stands apart from the United States of America. The group has elected a Congress and Senate, a Court system with judges, have a system from the judges wherein criminal warrants of arrest are issued but are unenforceable. They create and issue license plates which make all other license plates illegal, whether issued by the Federal government or the State of Texas. They have even created their own monetary system using copper coins with the Republic of Texas branded on them. They consider themselves Texians, not Texans. This paragraph segues into one of the groups who are endorsing Joe Danna. Unsurprisingly, the group is the Republic of Texas. According to Danna, James "Doc" Green, the radio announcer and host of the radio show "The Raging Elephant" is a card carrying member of the Republic of Texas and often spouts their nonsense. All Federal, State, County and Municipal government law enforcement agencies consider the Republic of Texas groups and its members and affiliates to be part of a radical, extremist movement with quasi-terrorist motivations. There have been armed confrontations with police and even the reported attempted kidnapping of a judge. On January 28, 2019, Doc Green was in the Pride Source newspaper. The caption read "Armed Man Disrupts Houston Library During Drag Queen Storytime." That man was Doc Green. Danna writes in his Facebook, "Thank you, James Green, our absolute #1 supporter."

For verification of the above, please peruse Joe Danna's Facebook, Instagram, Linked In and website. There are photos galore of Danna in pics with Doc Green. There are photos of their coins which Doc Green has added onto Danna's Facebook includes the inducement that for every donation to Joe Danna's campaign a coin which makes every holder an honorary member of the Republic of Texas. A somewhat dubious honor, to say the least. **CONCLUSION: JOE DANNA IS UNFIT TO BE A PEACE OFFICER.**

Another aspect that has not been spread around is Joe Danna's "Linked In" page. In that page, he states his eligibility from an educational standpoint as his having received a BBA as was as a degree in Sports and Exercise from Sam Houston High School. Having first thought it was a simple misprint, that the intent was for the institution to be more accurately labelled as Sam Houston University. The university was contacted and asked if one of their graduates was a Joe Danna who received a Bachelor of Business Arts degree from the university. They stated there is no record of a Joe Danna having been a student.

Another clutch of apparent misprints or outright lies can be attributed to Joe Danna stating he was an associate instructor of the Houston Police Departments Special Weapons and Tactics team, (SWAT). Due to his expertise in Karate as a Black Belt, he says he took part in the training along with Darryl Craig. He doesn't mention Lieutenant Gunn, who was an instructor and who has now sadly passed on. Lieutenant Gunn's son is now a police officer with HPD and is carrying on the tradition and excellence his father set in place. The folks in law enforcement who knew Lieutenant Gunn all state they never heard of Joe Danna and were and are not aware of any ties or association he had with any instruction of SWAT team members.

Continuing with Linked In, Danna lists his present position as a "Lieutenant Constable – self employed". According to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, (TCOLE), Joe Danna is not now, and has not been for years a commissioned officer in Texas. There are pics of him on his Facebook account which do exhibit he is wearing the uniform of a (deputy, not a lieutenant) Constable out of Polk County. In another blog, he states he is working for the Polk County Sheriff's agency. Calls to that agency reveal he is not a full time nor a Reserve deputy. Captain Ray Myers with the Polk County Sheriff's Office stated that Danna was associated with the office in the past, but is no longer part of the agency. Captain Myers comment was "Danna is a great officer, but I don't believe he is capable of leading."

Danna has been seen by many law enforcement deputies from numerous agencies wearing a distinctive uniform readily identified as a uniform utilized by either of these agencies. There is a statute in place in the State of Texas called "Impersonating a Public Servant", which includes by definition impersonating a police officer. Kim Ogg, the democrat District Attorney in Harris County, has not seen fit to look into this apparent flouting of the law. It is not known why it is being ignored. Possibly the same reason the Chairman of the Republican party (Neilson) is personally endorsing this seemingly most imperfect candidate along with the Republic of Texas. Does anyone care who this candidate really is? So far all avenues of exposing this person as having

a liberal ability to distort the facts with outright lies and dubious ties to radical elements have proven to be unsuccessful.

NOTE: Every part and parcel of this information was put together by two citizens, ladies both who are concerned about who the next Sheriff of Harris County will be, neither of which have any personal relationship with any candidate or endorser. This packet was handed to Randy Rush by those ladies.