



Questions for Candidates for State Legislative Office from the Conservative Coalition of Harris County

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Candidate Name	Position for which Candidate is Running
Dennis Paul	State Representative, District 129

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 have been the State Representative for HD129 for six years; 8 years on SREC; 20 years as a Precinct Chair. I've also been a small business owner for over 18 years and have been a Professional Engineer for over 34 years.

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 pressing issues facing HD129 are flood control and coastal barrier protection, property tax reform, regulating government spending, as well as protecting the 2nd amendment and 10th amendment issues, and pro-life legislation.

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

Answer: My top priorities are passing a bill addressing the coastal barrier and flooding, protecting the 2nd amendment, and election reform to protect the vote from cheating.

4. The 2020-21 budget for state of Texas is approximately \$250 billion, up about 16% from the 2018-2019 budget. What budget items need to be addressed by state house representatives; what budget areas need to be cut and what taxes and fees need to be increased in the next legislative session?

Answer: No increases are necessary. We need to pass legislation to but a tighter cap on spending to but more limits on spending.

5. What are your ideas toward public education funding within Texas? Are there areas where waste can be reduced, areas of revenue enhancement, or ideas to increase efficiencies, since the recent school finance package was approved in the last legislative session?

Answer: I think education has enough money; we need to look to the local officials to cut wasteful spending. The school districts have plenty of money to cut property tax further.

6. Please describe what you believe is the proper role for the state government in job creation and intervention in the economy.
Answer: The state can help our economy grow and develop jobs by cutting regulations and permit approval process so that projects can go forward faster.
7. What changes can be made to state agencies to improve productivity, reduce waste and increase efficiencies? Are there are agencies that can be combined or eliminated?
Answer: we can always use a zero based budget system, as far as combined we passed a bill that combines all data work into one group so that items can be shared and be more secure. We will work to do more to eliminate waste and excesses.
8. What initiatives will you propose to help the voters in your district?
Answer: I want to work on protecting our elections and flooding protection.
9. In the last legislative session, Lt. Governor Patrick set a [30-bill priority system](#) for the Texas Senate for the 2019-20 session. Is such a list a good idea for setting priorities in the House? If so, what items would you add to such a list?
Answer: The Speaker, Gov., and LT Gov. always have a list of priorities so I like a list to work on. I want the RPT list and my list to be on the house agenda list.
10. If elected, what qualifications will you look for in choosing a new Speaker of the House? Should minority parties be allowed to hold committee chairmanships as done in the past?
Answer: my priorities will be to elect a conservative Speaker, one that will actually let members work and help us to work on the RPT list and our own agenda items.
11. Assuming you have read the [2018 Texas GOP Platform](#), what recent issues were not covered by the 2018-19 state legislative session and should be addressed in the future?
Answer: I always look at the platform and helped create it for 30 years. We will work on the second amendment issues, union dues taken out of paychecks, and tax payer funded lobbyist issues.
12. Should the city of Houston continue to enjoy extra-territorial jurisdiction, including levying taxes on persons and transactions not in the actual city limits?
Answer: No taxation without representation, that is insane.

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