



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
Claver Kamau-Imani	Texas House of Representatives – District 138

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'm a 25-year conservative activist.

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 purpose of this primary, above all else, is to determine who is the best candidate to beat the Beto-backed Democrat nominee in November. I possess the unique skill set and resume to earn your confidence that I am that candidate. This district is now a 50-50 electorate – voters of color vs. Caucasian. I'm the candidate that literally has the experience of going on Democrat turf and challenging their voting patterns.

Additionally, my campaign platform and the issues that I am stumping on are the most conservative of any candidate in this race. I have aligned my campaign priorities with those of the TexasGOP Platform intentionally. I believe the platform is indeed the majority will of Texans. To be a true representative of the people, then my focus must be the platform and its orders.

I'm running for this office because after consulting with over 50 legitimate and respected grassroots leaders across our great state, they asked, insisted, and in some cases demanded that I run for office. Every single one of them servants of God. They asked to me to do it on their behalf. They asked me to run for every Texan that suffers under the injustice of anti-liberty "representation".

I'm running because Texas Right to Life asked me to run. They then gave me their uncontested endorsement before I even officially announced for the run. I'm the first candidate in their 45-year history to receive such an honor.

I'm running because when she offered her desire on the issue of me being a candidate, my wife said that, "If you don't do it, it will be a waste."

3. What will be your top 3 priorities during your upcoming term?
Answer: I have pledge that I will only vote for a conservative Speaker of the Texas House. I have pledged that the first bill I will file will be to end the 10-Rule and abolish “death panels” in Texas. Outlawing property taxes, as called for the TexasGOP Platform and the voters of HD138, means the creation of private property in Texas.
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: Budget items to be addresses: Education spending that consumes 24% of the budget needs to be slashed. Pensions make up 13% of the budget need to be reformed. TxDOT needs to be audited, which has never happened, and constitutes 9% of the budget. The conversation on increasing the fuel tax is premature until the 20% diversion from the fuel tax to Education is discontinued and appropriated toward infrastructure. There is NO need for any tax increases in the State of Texas.
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: How much money does Education need? On top of the 24% of the budget that it consumes, Big Ed is the biggest driver of local debt – now approaching \$400 billion in a \$2 trillion economy. All while giving us outcomes that are 34th to 39th in student educational outcomes.
6. Please describe what you believe is the proper role for the state government in job creation and intervention in the economy.
Answer: Get out of the way. That’s its role.
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: An in-depth proposal I’m not prepared to submit. However, I would ask you to consider that the repeal of the property tax would eliminate an entire bureaucracy – the appraisal districts.
8. What initiatives will you propose to help the voters in your district?
Answer: Outlawing property taxes. Shutting down toll roads. Securing the border. Protecting religious freedom. Passing Constitutional Carry. Creating a competitive health insurance market.
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: Depends on who’s setting the priorities. Depends on who’s the Speaker. I think the “priorities” should be the will of the people as decided in the TexasGOP State Convention. Who gives a rip about a “system”?

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| 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: I will only vote for a conservative Speaker based on the scores of the Fiscal Responsibility Index and the curve created by Prof. Mark Jones of Rice University. I personally challenged former Speaker Joe Straus, in public, of his appointing 1/3 of chairs to Democrats. The rules should be changed. |
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| 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: All of the legislative priorities. |
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| 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. |

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