



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 |
| Lacey Hull | State Rep HD 138 |

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

- Please describe the qualifications and experience that make you the best candidate for position for which you are running.

Answer: I have been an activist for conservative values for the entirety of my adult life. In addition to being a Republican precinct chair, I have spent many years campaigning for conservative candidates by block walking, working outside the polls, phone banking, and recruiting many other volunteers for candidates such as Rep. Valoree Swanson, Rep. Briscoe Cain, Rep. Tom Oliverson, and others. In 2016 and 2018 combined, I personally knocked on over 4,000 doors as a volunteer for conservative candidates. In order to fight for conservative legislation, I spend many hours in the Capitol during session, building relationships with legislators, testifying in hearings, and combing through bills and current law.

As a small business owner, I am used to having to meet a budget, and am well aware of how over-regulation and taxes hurt small businesses and stifle the economy. I am the co-founder of a conservative parent coalition fighting for parental rights through legislation and advocating for families who have been wronged by the government system.

I am active in my community, doing many things such as being president of my HOA and parent volunteer in the local homeschool co-op. I have always been involved in my church from the time I was a child. Over the years, I have participated in the human trafficking ministry, taught Sunday school, helped in children's church, helped in Vacation Bible School, helped with youth ministry, and participated in several mission trips.

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: Property Taxes, sanctity of life, election integrity, education, border security, 2nd amendment, and flood mitigation are the most significant issues in this race. I'm running to protect liberty in our state.

I am set apart from my opponents by having the largest volunteer base of grassroots supporters, being born and raised in my district. I am the only female candidate, and research reveals this gives up to a 3% advantage in the general election to pull in independent voters—critical in helping Republicans keep this 50/50 Rep/Dem district seat. I have put the hard work into this campaign and have learned from experience in volunteering for other conservative candidates. I am the only candidate who has proven I am ready and willing to put in the tremendous work it will require to save this seat.

My history of working hard to elect strong conservatives plus my advocacy work in the Capitol fighting for conservative legislation has enabled me to build strong relationships with legislators and understand how the system works, enabling me to be an effective conservative legislator from day one. This is why I am honored to have so many great conservative endorsements including:

Rep. Valoree Swanson, Rep. Tom Oliverson, Rep. Steve Toth, Rep. Cole Hefner, Rep. Matt Schaefer, Texas Values Action, Kingwood Tea Party, C Club, Texas Homeschool Coalition, Texans for Lawsuit Reform, Spring Branch Republicans, Katy Christian Magazine, HRBC, BizPac, Judge John Schmude, Dr. Jack Christie, Cathie Adams, Kristy Thackerson Bridges, Charles Blain, Carolyn Hodges, Meredith Iler, H Scott Apley, over 30 precinct chairs, and over 100 outstanding conservative leaders.

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

Answer: Property taxes, protecting parental rights from government overreach, and pro-life (protecting human life from conception to natural death).

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: The state should stick to the Conservative Texas Budget cap. We should look at cutting Chapter 313 Corporate Welfare subsidies as well as the Racing Commission and similar overbearing, wasteful state ventures. Taxes and fees as a whole should not be increased.

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: We need to ensure we are directing the dollars to the classroom. Communication with teachers will be key to identifying and weeding out wasteful programs, and parents should be engaged in forums to hear their feedback as well. The state should spend less on test prep across the board and bring early childhood back to science-proven, play-based curricula. Engagement with Texas-based companies to push for STEM education could be a funding source to explore.

6. Please describe what you believe is the proper role for the state government in job creation and intervention in the economy.

Answer: It is not the state's job to intervene with the economy other than to free up regulations and barriers to commerce.

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: This is why we have a sunset review process. Agencies should be forced to use zero-based budgeting. The new chair of Appropriations in the House is more conservative than any chair in recent history and has promised to give legislators far more control instead of continuing to let the agencies dictate the budget.

Child Protective Services is one example. Like many government agencies, CPS has become abysmally corrupt, causing the destruction of families with its invasive, inhumane tactics. Its actions are often driven by motive completely apart from the original intent and purpose of the agency. We already have laws in place to protect the innocent as well as law enforcement and a justice system to deal with the accused appropriately. CPS should be stripped and redrawn as a much more streamlined, family- and liberty-centered agency. Texans should not fear a knock at the door and removal of their children over nosy neighbors sounding false alarms.

8. What initiatives will you propose to help the voters in your district?

Answer: Legislation for well thought out flood mitigation, property tax reform, ending taxpayer funded lobbying, and continuing to find ways to send education funding to the classroom. Since my district is so closely divided, ballot integrity is extremely important so the will of the voters is respected.

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:** If we have a conservative Speaker, I would love to see something like this. On the other hand, The Speaker only represents a small district vs the Lt. Governor, who is elected state-wide. We do not want someone that was not elected state-wide setting the priorities for the state. Property tax reform, protect the sanctity of life, improving education, ballot security, end taxpayer funded lobbying, and protecting 2nd amendment rights.
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 vote for the most conservative candidate who will let the House members work. The system needs to be reexamined because many of our conservative priorities were not able to get to the floor due to the high number of Dem Chairmen.
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?
- 87. Answer:** CPS reform is desperately needed and was not addressed last session. Election Integrity--though some bills passed, there is more work that needs to be done. Abolishing the Department of Education--we must get the federal government out of our Texas schools.
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. The people being taxed do not get a say in the government that is taxing them. This is taxation without representation.

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