



Questions for Candidates for US Senate Offices from the **Conservative Coalition of Harris County**

Our questionnaire is designed to give the candidate space to indicate their reasons and opinions concerning issues surrounding their races. This questionnaire will be posted onto the Conservative Coalition of Harris County website for public voter viewing.

Candidate Name	Position for which Candidate is Running
Jon Menefee	US Representative Congressional District 9 Texas

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 am a small business owner and a US Marine Veteran. Managing a small company takes not only management skills but the ability to work with customers to find solutions and not just dictate solutions.

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: Safe neighborhoods. If people do not feel safe in their neighborhoods, then nothing else done will make any true difference. Once we address how the federal government can help with enabling safer neighborhoods then we can address economic growth, better schools and criminal justice reform. I have been visiting and listening to the people who live in the 9th District. I am the only candidate who lives in the district and has been here for 18 years. I know what its like to live in an area that is decaying due to lack of true leadership at the district level.

3. What will be your top 2 or 3 priorities during this upcoming term?

Answer: Safe neighborhoods by proposing legislation that would authorize federal marshals to assist local police when murder or other serious crimes rise above a certain level. Once people start feeling safer I will work on bringing higher paying jobs and the training that is needed to keep those jobs. Then work with local politicians to bring the same levels of Criminal Justice reform to the State, City and local areas. President Trump's First Step Act of 2019 works great at the Federal level and needs to be brought to the local level.

4. Please describe what you believe is the proper role for the federal government in job creation and intervention in the economy. What budget items need to be cut (i.e. social programs) and what taxes and fees need to be increased?
- Answer:** 1st. No taxes and fees need to be raised. Taxes and fees do not encourage economic growth, they just discourage entry into the marketplace. The federal government's role in job creation and intervention in the economy should only be as a referee. The federal government should only encourage business growth by not picking sides. When you subsidize one company or type of company over others then you are picking winners and interfering with the economy.
Cut programs that encourage able bodied citizens to rely on the government and limit aid to residents in the country illegally.
5. Polls indicate that illegal immigration is a top campaign issue. What ideas do you have to address the public's concern on this issue, such as funding the border wall, amnesty, defunding "Sanctuary Cities", etc.?
- Answer:** Secure the border first by any and all technologies. If an area can use a wall, put a wall. If it is better served by natural barriers coupled with sensors then use that. Then we enforce the immigration laws we have in place coupled with real immigration reform that includes how people are admitted into this country from the embassy's and ports of entry.
6. What changes should be made to the Affordable Health Care Act (Obamacare), and in general, to the US healthcare system by the Federal government?
- Answer:** Get rid of most of it but only keep the pre-existing conditions clause. For those people we create an insurance pool just for those people. We encourage doctors to be Primary Care Physicians by tax breaks, student loan assistance for those who start businesses as PCP's. In Texas for example there are over 30 counties with no PCP and around 50 with only 1.
7. Polls indicate that faith/trust in the US Congress is very low. What can be done in the US Senate to restore the public's faith/trust in the US Congress?
- Answer:** Show the public that we can work together and stop only trying to build our own little fiefdom. We are servants of the people and they need to know that and feel it truly is. For too long Congressman stay in DC and only go back to their districts when its election time. I will have at least 2 townhalls a month in District 9 when I win the election in March and then again in November against the incumbent Al Green.
8. Do you support defunding Planned Parenthood of all federal funds?
- Answer:** Yes. Planned Parenthood is a business and should sink or swim on its own.

9. What further federal actions are needed on the “War on terror”? Should Federal Gun laws and restrictions be tightened?

Answer: We already have enough laws on the books. Their just needs better communication between departments to avoid guns being sold to people who have been deemed incompetent, danger to themselves or others and felons on parole.

10. What state and local issues for Texas will you address at the federal level if you are elected?

Answer: Flooding and how the communities in the gulf coast regions are affected by the lack of flow of money back into the communities to help rebuild them. When FEMA comes in and provides emergency fixes, they learn who are the good players and bad actors are. They are then in the unique position to approve funds for actual rebuilding and prevention of further flooding. We cant stop the rain but we can help redirect it by physical barriers and water flows.

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