



Questions for Candidates for US Congress 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
Wendell M. Champion	US Congressional Representative District 18

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: Personal life journey coupled with professional, academic, community and ministry involvement. West Point Graduate, former Army Officer, Licensed Attorney, Corporate and Small Business experience, Community Organizer, Youth Ministry, Licensed Peace Officer, experienced life from “Welfare to West Point”.

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: District 18 has been neglected by the incumbent and the Democratic Party for decades. I’ve lived in District 18 or on the boundary for over 25 years and have seen very little progress. Many families live in District 18 at or below the poverty level, to include children and seniors. We need to develop communities that provide access to the American Dream for all and develop citizens who contribute to America, while demanding accountability for the millions of taxpayers’ dollars that are allocated to address issues at the grassroots.

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

Answer: Refocus on the “War on Poverty” with a Conservative message, protect and promote Religious Freedom & Faith, advocate for Strong National & Domestic Security

4. Polls indicate that faith/trust in the US Congress is very low. What can be done to restore the public's faith/trust in the US Congress?
- Answer:** First, provide our voters with a message of Truth. Tell the truth instead of simply promoting political soundbites. Introduce legislation that impacts people's lives directly.
Return to the constitutional intent of the House of Representatives, which is to provide a voice of the people and address the needs of the community in Washington and to provide the citizens with solutions. Unfortunately, too many elected officials have lost focus of the needs of the constituents in their quest for power.
5. 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:** The best form of governance is to allow the free market economy to expand with as little federal interference as possible. The federal government should promote job growth by insuring that large corporations and small businesses have tax environment that facilitates revenue growth, helps increase earnings and increases job creation. Before the government increases or decreases taxes we need account for how the tax dollars currently being allocated and spent.
6. Should the federal government finance and build the border wall with Mexico?
- Answer:** The government should provide funding to secure the borders physically and legislatively as needed. Properly securing the border requires a more comprehensive plan than simply a physical barrier.
7. Do you support defunding "Sanctuary Cities"? Should immigration laws be reformed?
- Answer:** Immigration Laws need to be reviewed and then reform only to the extent that it is in the best interest of American citizens. No city should be able to categorically disregard the law of the land. America is a land of laws. If the laws need to be changed, then we should go through the legislative and legal process to change the laws. If city officials violate the federal laws by unilaterally establishing "Sanctuary Cities" then the city should be penalized.
8. 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:** Obamacare has not worked because the government should not attempt to engage in controlling the market place and creating a socialist healthcare model. The better approach is to allow individuals to decide on healthcare coverage on their own. Each person or family can decide the amount of healthcare risk they are willing to take and then choose premiums and plans accordingly. Free market systems are typically more efficient than government controlled/ socialized systems

9. Are any additional federal actions needed to change or enhance Federal gun laws?
- Answer:** We should leave the federal gun laws in place. We can enhance security by increasing the need to clear for mental health issues and screen for individuals with an increased probability of violence. However, the reality is that it will be very difficult to implement and enforce stricter gun laws that will have any significant positive effect or reduction in violent crimes. Stricter Gun Laws by in a large will restrict the law abiding citizen more than it will restrict the individual who is prone to commit and violent crime
10. What state and local issues in your district will you address at the Federal level if you are elected?
- Answer:** Need for flood mitigation, access to adequate healthcare, stimulating the local economy long-term through education, job training and business growth. We have to take a fiscally conservative approach to developing large urban congressional districts. Be assured, I am and have always been conservative on the traditional positions of Faith, Family, Freedom and Life. As well, given my military officer development at West Point during President Reagan's era, I do not waver on the requirement for a strong national defense.

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Texas Congressional District 18

My life can be thought of as a journey from **“Welfare to West Point.”** Raised by my mother in Brooklyn and Queens, then Upstate New York, I worked hard and was accepted into the United States Military Academy, West Point.

I graduated from West Point with the Class of 1986. I proudly served in the U.S. Army and Army Reserves for over five years and was honorably discharged after earning the rank of U.S. Army Captain.

My military assignments include:

- Air Defense Artillery (Fort Bliss, TX)
- 2nd Infantry Division, Western Corridor/Demilitarized Zone (South Korea)
- 11th Infantry Regiment (Fort Benning, GA)
- U.S. Military Academy (West Point, NY)
- 75th Army Reserve Command (Houston, TX)

I was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Ribbon, and badges in Jumpmaster Training, Airborne, and Air Assault.

After military service, I moved to Houston, earned a law degree, became a licensed attorney, and worked in vital industries for large corporations and small businesses, while helping my community. I am a tireless champion for veterans’ rights and am currently a licensed Texas Peace Officer serving as the Military Liaison for the Harris County Sheriff’s Office. My wife and I have been married for 29 years and have been blessed with two wonderful children.

Why I Am Running

I am running for Congress to serve you. One of the things I learned in my life as a Soldier is that when you’re on a battlefield, you don’t leave people behind. You go in and you pull them out!

Living in the 18th Congressional District for two decades, I have not seen people being lifted up enough. We can no longer accept *“That is just the way it is.”* **I want to see people being encouraged to prosper.** We all want the same things for those we love. We want to provide for our families in a safe and secure home.

For too long, too many of our elected officials have prospered themselves by convincing our neighbors that they cannot succeed because they were born poor. I know that’s simply not true. **The American Dream is alive and well.** I know it because I’ve lived it.

I’m running on a message of hope and truth. I know that if you want to lead, you have to serve. I know that real leaders put others’ needs before themselves. A real leader serves the food and eats last.

Support me as we endeavor to serve the families of **Texas Congressional District 18!** Together, we can improve the lives of the community. Together, we can alter the destiny of a great American city. Together, we all advance. Together, we can help more of our neighbors be the CHAMPIONS that they were meant to be! **Together We Win!**

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