



## Questions for Candidates for Texas Land Commissioner Conservative Coalition of Harris County

*Our questionnaire is for candidates 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
Don W. Minton	Texas Land Commissioner

*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 in your political race.

**Answer:** 1. I successfully negotiated with Oil Companies; 2. I am committed to the Coast; 3. I am an intelligent, motivated Veteran.
  
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:** 1. Texas needs to both prop up the Oil & Gas Industry, as well as hedge against the possibility that the federal government will curtail their activities (and decrease revenue to the State) 2. Texas needs to deliver on its promises to Veterans, including on home loans, veteran's homes, and veteran cemeteries. 3. Texas must address disaster recovery and mitigation; what we did for Harvey victims was pitiful, and we are better than that.
  
3. What will be your top 3 priorities during your upcoming term?

**Answer:** Expanding O&G leases in number, as well as scope to include critical minerals; to overhaul veteran home loan programs and revisit the \$4B in proposed spending on the Gulf Coast to ensure that it is integrated into a plan that will eliminate inland flooding in Harris County and other vulnerable regions.
  
4. What changes can be made to the Land Commissioner office to improve productivity, reduce waste and increase efficiency?

**Answer:** Measure output through the objective metrics across the three areas identified above, set new goals, and be prepared to transfer, reassign or terminate individuals who cannot or will not perform to standard.

5. What issues need to be addressed by the Land Commissioner with increased restrictions by the Federal Government (EPA, etc.) on the oil and gas industry in Texas?

**Answer:** The State must be prepared to argue in novel ways the ability of Texas to fall within exceptions to mandates and restrictions by the EPA in order to produce energy for use within Texas. As noted above, we must also be prepared to hedge those activities to ensure that if the federal government does restrict us, we are able to still receive revenue from other sources.

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PLEASE SAVE YOUR COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO YOUR LOCAL MACHINE IN THE EVENT THAT THERE ARE ANY TECHNICAL PROBLEMS WHEN YOU ATTEMPT TO EMAIL IT BACK.

Once this questionnaire has been completed, please email it to:

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