



Questions for Candidates for Texas Railroad 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
Sarah Stogner	Railroad 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: For the past 13 years I have represented various entities in the oil and gas sector in understanding, contracting, and mitigating risk. I understand the legal issues surrounding the energy sector as well as the operational realities.

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: Unlike the other candidates I have no desire to politician – I am running solely because our current commissioners have failed Texans. Wayne Christian is currently campaigning while we have an ongoing blowout in Crane County. We need the oil and gas industry, but we cannot sacrifice our groundwater. We have to fix the seismic issues and end flaring – we can do that by simply enforcing the rules we already have without the current crony capitalism getting in the way.

3.

What will be your top 3 priorities during your upcoming term?
Answer: 1. Fighting inflation by employing Texans to provide clean, reliable, affordable energy; 2. Preventing federal intervention in Texas energy regulation (we can govern ourselves); 3. Helping establish global ESG metrics and standards - Texas operators are doing some really great things to tackle hard environmental, social, and governance issues. Let's incentivize innovation - not mandate uneconomical rules.

4. What changes can be made to the Railroad Commissioner office to improve productivity, reduce waste and increase efficiency?
Answer: Transparency. Landowners are actively blocked from participating in closed-door meetings between the regulators and operators. I'm not accepting campaign donations because I want to prove we can elect someone qualified for this technical position – not just another politician.
5. What issues need to be addressed by the Railroad Commissioner with increased restrictions by the Federal Government (EPA, etc.) on the oil and gas industry in Texas?
Answer: We have to get our water management under control. We have to fully understand the seismic issues, including but not limited to saltwater disposal, and take a long term view of the issues. This starts by enforcing the current rules, and then incentivizing operators to tackle engineering challenges without government overreach.
6. With the oil price downturn last year, what sort of ideas or policy changes do you think are necessary to keep producers active in drilling and producing oil and gas to help the Texas economy and maintain state oil & gas tax revenues?
Answer: Eliminate orphaned wells – we can keep thousands of workers busy for the next 30 years by properly plugging wells. Plugging wells no longer in use has multiple benefits – it keeps workers employed and it reduces the risks associated with developing new wells.
7. What sort of actions and policy should be addressed by the Railroad Commission in the area of hydraulic fracture stimulation of oil and gas wells?
Answer: Fracking is not the problem. Bad cement jobs and legacy wellbores without mechanical integrity are the problem.

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