



Questions for Candidates for State Legislative Office from the 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
Shelley Torian Barineau	TX-HD133

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: As a constitutional conservative, a small business owner, an attorney and mother of four, who has been married 30 years and extensively volunteered in the community for over 30 years, I have the most versatile background of any candidate in the race and that wide ranging experience will make me most effective and attuned to the constituents of District 133.

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: I am a proud patriot and native Texan, who will defend our conservative Texas values and fight back against the radical progressive agenda. The most significant issues in this race were caused by terrible decisions by the radicals that have taken over our nation, county and city governments, including crime, illegal immigration, election integrity, critical race theory, lack of parental choice in education and an assault on our constitutional freedoms – to name a few!

3.

What will be your top 3 priorities during your upcoming term?
Answer: Crime, including bond reform, protecting our border and human trafficking. School choice and banning divisive theories like Critical Race Theory CRT. Election integrity and preserving our sacred constitutional right to free and fair elections.

4. What are your suggestions toward public education funding within Texas? What are the areas where wasteful spending can be reduced, areas of revenue enhancement, or ideas to increase efficiency in public education spending?
Answer: Rural and to a large degree, suburban public education seems to be functioning at a reasonable standard. In urban areas, however, spending is out of control, unions usurp the will of the people, and the money never gets to the class rooms. The state must gain better oversight of the school boards to ensure fiscal conservatism with the children being the primary beneficiary of the taxpayer's money.
5. Please describe your plan for balancing the Texas budget. What budget items need to be cut and what taxes and fees need to be increased?
Answer: I believe there is room to cut waste in every state agency. We don't have a revenue problem, we have a spending problem. I support zero based budgeting.
6. What initiatives will you propose to help the voters in your district?
Answer: Crime is rampant and continues to rise. I will be a fierce proponent for our law enforcement as well as work to ensure bond reform so these liberal magistrates and judges can't release violent, repeat offenders back onto our streets. I will work to find a comprehensive solution to human trafficking being worsened by our unprotected southern border.
7. Should Houston continue to enjoy extra-territorial jurisdiction, including levying taxes on persons and transactions not in the actual city limits?
Answer: Absolutely not. That is taxation without representation.
8. Assuming you have read the 2020 Texas GOP Platform, what recent issues were not covered by the 2020-21 state legislative session and should be addressed in the future?
Answer: We must enact meaningful property tax reform. Ending tax payer funded lobbying would have a significant impact on our ability to effectuate meaningful reforms.
9. What changes or improvements in state agencies are needed to handle the wave of illegal immigration coming across the Texas border from Mexico?
Answer: Whatever it takes. Law enforcement, walls, fences, electronic monitoring systems are all meaningful measures and well within our rights to use. This is the federal government's ultimate responsibility, and they should reimburse Texas for the cost of defending the border on the federal government's behalf.
10. Please describe your plan for balancing the Texas budget. What budget items need to be cut and what taxes and fees need to be increased?
Answer: Zero based budgeting would help, and honestly evaluating expenses state wide.
11. What changes, improvements or alterations need to be made to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, or its associated programs with the advent of mask and vaccine mandates sweeping the nation?
Answer: A state law, or Constitutional Amendment if necessary, abolishing the state's authority to enact mandates on the citizens of Texas.

12. Should the state of Texas finance and build the border wall with Mexico? Should the Federal government allow the remaining materials from the Trump administration to be used by the state of Texas?
- Answer:** Texas should defend our border, even when the federal government has abdicated its duty. Texas should be allowed to use the remaining materials to continue the task of constructing a border protection wall. Wasting by needed supplies is a horrible waste, and an example of how this federal government puts politics over the protection of Texans.
13. In your opinion, does the Federal government have the authority to issue mask and vaccine mandates in Texas? If not, should the state or local government have this authority? Should Texas implement such restrictions?
- Answer:** We are citizens of the United States and Texas – not subjects. We can be trusted to protect ourselves, and government should honestly deliver facts so that the public can decide how to conduct their lives as free citizens of a democracy.

BY RETURNING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE, THE CANDIDATE ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL ANSWERS TO THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. THE ANSWERS ON THE FOREGOING REFLECT THE CANDIDATE'S BEST EFFORTS TO ANSWER THIS QUESTIONNAIRE HONESTLY AND DIRECTLY.

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:

alex@cchc-pac.org

* **Please note:** You **must** return your questionnaire from the email address to which it was sent. Questionnaires returned from any other email address will be considered fraudulent and will **not** be recorded and no answers will be published in the voter's guide. CCHC-PAC deems a return from the proper email address as authentication of the correct respondent.