

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
Dr. Johnny Teague	U.S. House of Representatives, Congressional District 7

Please give your answer to each of the following questions and please include your rationale with each answer. Please be concise and clear.

- Please describe the qualifications and experience that make you the best candidate in your political race.

Answer: I have been a senior pastor for over 22 years, a rancher from childhood, a patented inventor with a small business, and an award-winning published author.

I have five college degrees – Bachelor in Mathematics, Bachelor in Accounting, a Master of Business Administration, a Master in Divinity with Biblical Languages, and a Doctorate in Exposition.

I have worked as an accountant for Shell Pipe Line Corporation, as a pharmaceutical representative for Pfizer, and as a manager for SCI Corporation. Growing up, I had the added benefit to mow grass from age 10 until I worked as a lifeguard at Tarrant Baptist Camp for a year, a stocker at Level’s Food Center for three years, and a summer hand at the Texas Highway Department for four summers. As a college student, I taught College Algebra labs while playing quarterback for the Tarleton State Texans football team.

I share all this information to distinguish myself from my opponents as a man who has a vast array of experiences which give me a better ability to relate to the people that I seek to represent.

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 believe the significant issues of this race are:

*Election integrity which can decrease government interference, and gain back rights that have been eroded by the federal government.

*Balance the federal budget.

*Control the borders.

*Build up our national defenses in light of the aggressive nature of China and Russia.

*Put our educational system back on track by giving parents chief say in what their children learn as well as implement a system where tax dollars follow their children to whatever school in which they enroll. This will build competition and bring about better outcomes.

*Defend oil and gas.

*Push for term limits.

*Reduce crime by enforcing the law and carrying out the punishments prescribed.

I am running for this office because, in this district, Lizzie Fletcher is antithetical to what is right and good for America. I am running because our nation is in a dire circumstance and we must be bold, take a stand, and sacrifice for the principles for which this nation was founded and to ensure that those blessings are available for future generations.

What differentiates me from other candidates, beyond these convictions, is that I believe that every government official is to be a servant of the people, not one who lords over others, or one who seeks to gain some authority or perk above their fellow citizens. People should serve their neighbors for a limited time and then return to live under the laws they have helped pass.

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

Answer: My top 3 priorities are:

1/ Balance the Budget – quit spending money we do not have.

2/ Build up our National Defense – the only thing that holds our enemies at bay is our strength. Controlling the Border is part of this priority. It is a matter of national defense.

3/ Defend Oil and Gas – in this push for net-zero emissions, we are surrendering the inherent strength of this nation. We have a bountiful supply of oil and gas which our enemies lack. It is illogical to forfeit our competitive advantage. Oil and gas are efficient, economical, powerful, and can be obtained, produced, and used in environmentally responsible ways.

4. Please describe what you believe is the proper role for the federal government in job creation and intervention in the economy.

Answer: The federal government should let the free-market system and capitalism function with little to no intervention. When government steps in - efficiencies fall, production suffers, jobs are lost, and costs rise for the consumer. The government should follow more of a referee position to ensure that monopolies do not gather to gouge customers and dissolve competition. When government takes over an industry like healthcare, every aspect of business is harmed from the provider to the end user.

5. Please describe your plan for balancing the federal budget. What budget items need to be cut (i.e. social programs) and what taxes and fees need to be increased?

Answer: I have a very practical plan to balance the federal budget. With my accounting background, our Congress must forecast tax revenues; and from that, budget the new year's expenditures. A percentage needs to be taken to pay down our debt each year, with the remainder going for the necessities of our nation. Costs, extravagances, and duplications must be eliminated. The government is too big. The size of personnel working for the government should be reduced in addition through attrition. This will ensure government employees are treated fairly, but their redundant jobs not replaced. In all things the government should function like a corporation, always looking at the bottom line.

6. Should the federal government finance and build the border wall with Mexico? Should they allow the remaining materials from the Trump administration to be used by the state of Texas?

Answer: In an ideal international friendly situation, border nations should cooperate with each other to guard the border as a benefit to both sides. Sadly, Mexico struggles with corruption and drug cartels, unable to provide industry to support their own citizens. It benefits Mexico then to have its citizens, especially its lawbreakers, to cross over to this country both for income and mayhem. Our federal government's number one job is to keep our citizens safe. So, the federal government should build the wall between the U.S. and Mexico. If the United States will not, based on the actions of the executive branch and a legislative branch that does its bidding, the State of Texas has the right, and should exercise its right, to use the remaining materials to complete the wall.

7. Do you support defunding "Sanctuary Cities or States"? Should immigration laws be reformed?

Answer: I firmly support defunding Sanctuary Cities or States. It is lawlessness and selective enforcement that has brought about the problem we face now. Our Border Patrol agents are no longer enforcing the border but are serving as processors for those who come across. Before Immigration reform is considered, Immigration laws should first and foremost be enforced. It is not the lack of laws, but the lack of carrying them out that is the problem.

8. Do you support defunding Planned Parenthood of all federal funds?

Answer: I support defunding Planned Parenthood fully. It exists under the guise of women's health, but its sole existence is to kill the unborn. This subject is very dear to me. My wife and I lost twin boys at birth, and almost lost our first daughter. My wife was born premature and the doctor gave her no chance. If you have time, you can read my post about that day she was born:

Word for the Week – PALLIATIVE CARE

It happened a few years ago in Galveston County. It didn't receive much news. A baby was born to a young couple who lived in that area. It should have been good news, but that baby was three months premature. It had been a difficult pregnancy after the young mother had lost a baby a few years before. Thankfully the couple had three beautiful kids to go home to which brought them comfort. But this baby's development was worse than the last.

The doctor delivered the premature baby. The parents knew in the pit of their stomachs, the news would not be good. It wasn't. The doctor sat beside the exhausted mom's bed, next to a chair beside the young dad. He began to explain the situation. This baby's heart had not developed, and it had a hole in it. The baby's nervous system had not been developed either. The sad news on top of this was the baby's brain had not fully developed either. The couple began to cry. After a few moments to contain themselves, they asked the doctor, "What do we do?"

The doctor explained that the baby would probably not live more than a few hours. If the baby does, the likelihood of a few weeks was unlikely. Even if the baby could survive longer, the baby would not be able to breathe on its own, feed itself, or ever walk. He said, "I suggest that you leave it with us. We will give it palliative care and when it passes, we will give you a call. You can then make arrangements for a little funeral if you would like". They were a little incensed that the doctor was calling their baby "it". But, they understood it was to try to give them an easier acceptance of what he felt they needed to do.

The parents didn't take but a minute to answer. They said, "God has a purpose for everything. If our baby lives an hour, we want to be here. If our baby lives a day, we want to be here. If our baby lives for a year or more, we will feed our little one, we will clothe our little one, and we will gladly do what we need to do to help our baby breathe. Whatever the Lord wants to show us in this or teach us through this, we will honor Him."

I am glad this couple decided to do that. You see, I married that baby. That baby is my wife, Lori Baklik Teague. God brought her through all of that. He healed the hole in her heart. He helped her learn to walk though she wore leg braces for a long time as a child. God helped her become the fully loving, impactful, and productive daughter, woman, wife, mom, teacher, and role model she is today. Never doubt what God can do. Never give in. Never give up. Know that whatever God has brought to us, He has brought to teach us, to help us, to change us, and to bless us. He works all things together for good for them who love Him.

9. Should state or federal gun laws and restrictions be tightened?
- Answer:** I believe state and federal gun laws and restrictions should not be tightened. I believe the 2nd Amendment was not established for hunting and sport solely, but to help defend individuals and families from oppressive and unlawful governmental abuse. Thomas Jefferson said the same in the Declaration of Independence. Government exists for the benefit of its citizens. Citizens do not exist for the benefit of their government. Of course, domestic abusers, the mentally insane, and those convicted on gang, drug, or violent offenses forfeit that right for the good of all. But, we have to be real careful, especially on those who are deemed “mentally incompetent”. That is a designation that can be used too broadly or discriminately.
10. Do you support or oppose the Build Back Better multitrillion-dollar spending bill before Congress? If not, do you have any ideas about what should be done?
- Answer:** I oppose the Build Back Better multitrillion-dollar spending bill before Congress. If we remember, infrastructure was a big spending initiative by President Obama, and yet very little went to the infrastructure of our nation. Rather, it was given to bale out (in the sense of removing water or debt from) the unions. There was no accountability. I believe any infrastructure money needed should follow the normal budgeting process and then the money be given to the states to spend where needed. The human infrastructure portion of the Biden initiative is a foolish, willful cloaked Trojan horse to move the liberal agenda that is destructive to our nation and our freedoms.
11. Should the Biden’s administration have the power without congressional approval to create and enforce vaccine mandates?
- Answer:** I honestly do not believe the Biden administration nor Congress has the right to mandate or enforce vaccine mandates. I understand the concerns for the virus. I deal with it daily in the community I pastor. I chose to not close our Church during the pandemic because I would not let the city, county, state, or federal government take away our 1st Amendment rights. As a result, we had Church and we had no outbreak of the virus. But, I have dealt with many families in our community who have suffered from the great severity of this virus. It is random, scary, and often lethal to some in our population. I earnestly believe, that had the government not mandated the vaccination, more would have willingly taken it. It should be up to the individual – to take the vaccination, to take chemotherapy, or to wear a motorcycle helmet.
12. Should the US Congress legislate that November elections are under Federal control rather than the states regulating their own elections? What is the Federal government’s role in setting voting rules and procedures for these elections, if any?
- Answer:** The U.S. Congress should not legislate that the November elections are under Federal control. Under the current administration, the desire is not for fair elections, but to place their fingers on the scale of the November elections to their favor. The Federal government should enable the states to run fair elections, where everyone who is legal to vote, can vote, at the prescribed time and at the prescribed place with identification to verify that the vote being cast is by someone who is present, residing, and able to vote and only vote once per election.

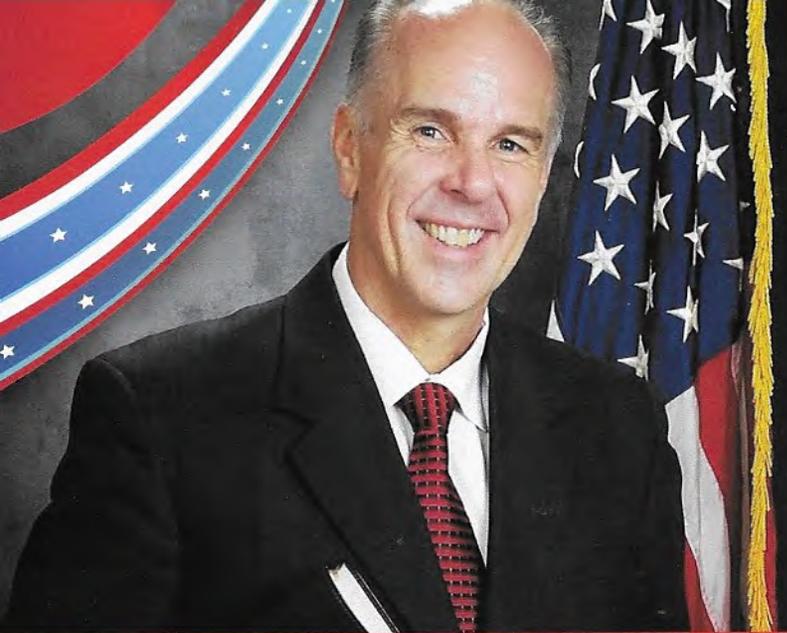
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The desire of my campaign:

- **Education** - Ensure that parents have primary say on what their children are taught.
- **Reduce Crime** – Crime rates are at record highs. We must properly fund the police, hold all accountable, and ensure that our court system is doing its job.
- **Close the Border** – Thousands illegally cross our border daily. Many are well meaning, but some bring crime, Covid, and worse. We must close the border and screen who comes in for our safety.
- **Set Term Limits for elected officials** – The longer a politician serves, the less attentive they are to the voters. Government officials must serve the people and not themselves.
- **Defend Oil and Gas** – Electric and Wind are great, but in the winter, they will not suffice alone. Nothing compares to the power, efficiency, and economy of oil and gas.
- **Balance the Federal Budget** – The Government's debt is unsustainable. Our nation grows weaker by the day. We must balance the budget and get out of debt.
- **Build Our National Defense** – Russia upgraded 80% of their nuclear weapons. China's naval power has surpassed ours. The only way we hold our enemies at bay is to remain strong militarily.

Dr. Johnny Teague, a Conservative running against Lizzie Fletcher

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