



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
Jonathan Hullihan	Texas Congressional District 8

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

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1.	Please describe the qualifications and experience that make you the best candidate in your political race.
	Answer: First and foremost, I am an American First Patriot. As well, I have served active duty in the Navy, which has afforded me executive leadership experience that I still practice daily as an attorney and in my role serving in The Navy Select Reserves. I have drafted legislation, am a certified ethics counselor, certified with a legal subspecialty certification in international law, military law, and command advice. The Navy designated me as a national security expert in law and policy for intelligence and cyber security. I have served as in house counsel for the II Marine Expeditionary Force, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, Navy Special Warfare Group TWO, Naval Air Command (Blue Angels), Special Operations Command and the National Security Law Unit in Washington D.C. where I was responsible for range of integrated national security law and policy analysis for military activities worldwide. I now practice business litigation, regulatory compliance, cyber security, data protection and privacy protection client services. I am a staunch constitutionalist and an unapologetic Republican.

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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: The most pressing issues in the race deal with the American citizen losing their civil liberties and border security. I am a constitutional republican and many actions being taken today by the federal government are side stepping the Constitution and not derived from the enumerated powers. I am consistent in my views and have a track record of defending the constitution in my military and private law practices, which will allow me to be affective in office from day 1 of my swearing in. The only people I am beholden to are the constituents of Congressional District 8.

3. What will be your top 2 or 3 priorities during this upcoming term?
- Answer:** I will introduce legislation that is in alignment with the constitution. To work with like-minded members of congress to take back liberty; to defend the personal liberties of all Americans. I would like to introduce meaningful and impactful legislation on border security, USC Title 8 reform, and requiring remittance for the transfer of wealth from illegal aliens to foreign countries. I would like to investigate the relationship between the democrat party and social media platforms that stifle the free speech of Americans at the behest of the government. I would like to review the statutes that created various federal agencies, remove unconstitutional authorities, and defund and descale the federal government agencies. This will result in liberty to the various states, or the people, as intended by the 10th Amendment. I would also like to introduce legislation that reforms the civil-service system to make the bureaucracy more transparent, more flexible, and more accountable.
4. Please describe what you believe is the proper role for the federal government in job creation and intervention in the economy.
- Answer:** The Free Market should be allowed to operate freely with little government influence or intervention that warps the market conditions. The economy is over regulated and overtaxed, and the market should be let loose to the benefit of all American citizens. The government's role is to provide a safe, secure, and stable environment for the free market to thrive without being over regulated and overtaxed. I vehemently disagree with special economic zones, special tax breaks, and funding professional sports team stadiums. Anything that distorts the free market.
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:** As indicated in my signing of the “Americans for Tax Reform” pledge:
I will
- Oppose all efforts to increase the marginal income tax rates for individuals and/or businesses
 - Oppose any net reduction or elimination of reductions and credits unless matched dollar for dollar by further reducing tax rates.
- The Republican Party of late has enjoyed using the words “fiscal responsibility” as a tagline but are far from following through on this once economic premise of the Republican platform as most recently indicated by the passage of past and current Biden infrastructure bills with the help of Republicans. When I am in Washington, I will fight to decrease government spending and I welcome accountability by the CD8 constituency on this issue.
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:** Yes. This is an issue of national security. The influx of illegal aliens into the United States is causing mass influxes in crime, violence, and drug smuggling. Additionally, this puts the rights of the non-citizen above the rights of the citizen. The remaining materials utilized by the Trump administration to build the wall in Texas has been paid for by the American taxpayer, therefore should be allowed to continue to build the wall.

7. Do you support defunding “Sanctuary Cities or States”? Should immigration laws be reformed?
Answer: Yes. There needs to be a complete moratorium on illegal immigration and there are too many loopholes in current immigration laws. Legislation needs to be approved that would withhold federal funds from these so-called sanctuary cities; an example of this would be to withhold federal grants to cities that refuse to comply with federal immigration enforcement.
8. Do you support defunding Planned Parenthood of all federal funds?
Answer: Yes. I support the Hyde Amendment and agree that no taxpayer monies should go toward supporting the act of abortion.
9. Should state or federal gun laws and restrictions be tightened?
Answer: No. I am adamantly opposed to “Red Flag” laws. The 2nd amendment means allowing individuals to secure their liberty and right to self-defense of themselves and their families. I believe in the originalist and founders’ viewpoint, that governments will use standing armies and tyranny against their own people if allowed the opportunity. The right of the people to keep and bear arms should not be infringed, just like the right to free speech or practice the free exercise of religion. This is a right rooted in natural law, and the government should not be allowed to remove a right that is already granted by nature and nature's god.
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: No. BBB is democrats attempt to usher in Marxist programs to create further codependency of the American citizenry via entitlement programs that are geared toward the middle class. This measure would exponentially grow the federal government and balloon our national debt. We need to cut federal spending and deregulate into the private sector and the associated cost of compliance in the private sector that consumes valuable capital. Complying with regulations requires expenditures to make physical changes that are costly and unnecessary.
11. Should the Biden’s administration have the power without congressional approval to create and enforce vaccine mandates?
Answer: No. Shutdowns, mask and vaccine mandates have been one of the largest blunders of modern times. It is unconstitutional from a federal level, as it is not an enumerated power to the federal government, and when used by the states, it is anti-science and anti-liberty.
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: No. Article I, Section 4, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution clearly states that the “manner of holding elections for Senators and Representatives” shall rest solely with the states. The states are primarily responsible for procedures and location (time, place and manner).

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Biography

Jonathan Hullihan is the conservative outsider running for Congress in Texas' 8th Congressional District. He's running because he believes our constitutional republic is at a tipping point. Hullihan will bring his extensive experience in law and policy, conservative adherence to our founding principles, and willingness to stand up and lead against the liberal mob and Marxist agenda to truly represent "We the People..." and take our nation back from the radicals and D.C. insiders.

Hullihan was raised in Montgomery County, Texas. With his foundation, Hullihan will bring real hometown values to D.C., leading the charge against establishment insiders and those that enable the erosion of Texas sovereignty and allow corrosive Marxism into American society.

Upon graduation from New Caney High School, Hullihan was awarded a football athletic scholarship to Texas State University, graduating cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, double majoring in Political Science and History.

Hullihan then attended Loyola University College of Law, graduating with a Juris Doctorate, and was commissioned as a naval officer in the Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps.

As an active duty Navy JAG for over 13 years, Hullihan navigated the nation's most complex matters of law and policy, serving as legal counsel and advisor to the Navy SEAL teams, United States Navy Blue Angels, and Special Operations units in the United States Central Command (USCENTCOM) theater of operations. Hullihan worked directly on matters of congressional significance, to include, drafting legislative proposals, analysis of congressional committee reports, and constitutional analysis of operations under national authority.

Hullihan's military decorations include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (Four Awards), Navy Achievement Medal (Two Awards), Army Achievement Medal, Iraq and Afghanistan campaign medals, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (Two Awards), the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, various unit awards, and numerous command recognitions.

With a desire to return with his family home to his roots in Montgomery County, Texas, Hullihan resigned his active duty commission in 2020. As a recognized expert in International Law, Cyber Law, and Intelligence law, Hullihan has been selected as a Commander in the Naval Reserves, assigned to a National Security Law unit.

Hullihan worries that our core constitutional principles of individual liberty, respect for state sovereignty, and freedom of speech are in critical danger. He will fight back with an America First agenda and make no apologies along the way. Hullihan has the experience, conservative values, and the drive to lead for our nation's survival.

Jonathan Hullihan has been happily married to his Texas State college sweetheart Jennifer for 14 years with three children; their son Joseph, and daughters Reagan and Charlotte. A licensed attorney in Texas and New Mexico, Hullihan practices law at The Woodlands firm Seiler Mitby.



The appearance of candidate Jonathan Hullihan in military uniform or information regarding his military service does not imply or constitute endorsement by the US Department of Defense or any of its particular military departments.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & CONTRIBUTIONS

Senior Attorney, Seiler Mitby | The Woodlands, TX | May 2021 – Present

- Responsible for his own case load on business litigation, regulatory compliance, and cyber security, data protection, and privacy protection client services.

Senior Attorney, Eggleston & Briscoe, LLP | Houston, TX | Jan 2021 – May 2021

- Performs full scope of legal client services for complex civil litigation on insurance coverage and related litigation, including property, casualty, subrogation, business interruption, fidelity, professional liability, and life and health insurance.

Lieutenant Commander, JAG Corps, United States Navy Reserves | Jan 2021 – Present

National Security Law Attorney, National Security Law Unit | Washington, DC | Jan 2021 – Present

- CDR (sel) Hullihan is responsible for the full range of integrated national security law and policy analysis for military activities worldwide, including, conventional and unconventional, kinetic and non-kinetic, and overt and clandestine activities. Unit portfolio includes, Cyber Law, International Law and programs, Intelligence Law, Space Law, Operational Law, and Law of the Sea.

Lieutenant Commander, JAG Corps, United States Navy | 2007 – Dec 2020

International Law/Cybersecurity, Data, & Privacy Attorney, Special Operations Command | Tampa, FL | Jul 2017 – Dec 2020

- Managed all aspects of cybersecurity, privacy, and data protection legal portfolio for Special Operation decisionmakers and intelligence professionals. Drafted and conducted due diligence analysis of internal policies, privacy and security regulation, technology acceptable use policies, communication policies, retention and destruction policies, crisis management response, breach notification compliance, and facilities management policies.
- Oversaw contract performance, proposals, and legal oversight of \$70M annual budget for acquisition and provision of services on sensitive strategic programs in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation, Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation, and Special Operations Federal Acquisition Regulations Supplement.
- Ensured due diligence for economic sanction law and sub-contract supply chain compliance on international cross-border transactions pursuant to International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), treaties, and other international agreements.
- Established legal processes in coordination with the Department of Treasury and Office of Foreign Assets Control for review of supply chain transactions, regulatory compliance, and third-party compliance.

In-House Counsel, Ethics Counselor, Naval Air Training Command/ Blue Angels | Corpus Christi, TX | Jun 2014-Jul 2017

- Performed legal review and compliance on over 100 highly publicized media events, including the Super bowl and over 90 airshows. Drafted over 200 legal memorandums on conflicts of interest, ethical compliance, and licensing for use of the Blue Angel image and likeness, to include Citizen and Breitling watch companies.
- Managed entire aviation law portfolio for United States student flight training operations for the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps & Coast Guard. Scope of practice: 350,000 annual flight hours and \$575M budget for all operations in TX, FL, AL, & MS.
- Investigated 15 aviation mishap investigations with multimillion-dollar client exposure for claims relating to personal injury and property damage. Managed all aspects of privileged litigation reports, including recommendations for third-party claims and settlement processing.

International Law Attorney/Naval Special Warfare Group TWO | Virginia Beach, VA | Dec 2011-Jun 2014

- Deployed to Afghanistan with SEAL Team as sole legal advisor to a Special Operations Task Force. Real-time legal counsel during dynamic combat engagements for compliance with international and domestic law and policy.
- Advised on contracting with foreign nationals on \$1M + on humanitarian and reconstruction with proper statutory fiscal authority, ensuring compliance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation in coordination with government agencies.
- Established legal processes environmental law compliance oversight program for East Coast SEAL Team live fire training events. To include preparation of National Environmental Policy Act

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memorandums for environmental compliance and categorical exclusions to mitigate third-party claims and criminal exposure.

In-House Counsel, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic | Norfolk, VA | Jul 2010-Dec 2011

- Deputy uniformed in-house counsel for commander of 14 military installations in the Mid-Atlantic region with an estimated \$100M annual budget.
- Managed 100+ internal employment investigations, including working with outside counsel on discovery and disposition of legal claims in accordance regulation and due process of law. Represented government on 25 administrative boards.

In-House Counsel, II Marine Expeditionary Force | Al Anbar, Iraq | May-Dec 2009

- Deployed to Iraq as deputy legal advisor for 6000+ member Marine Corps infantry regiment conducting major ground combat operations. Provided fiscal law counsel regarding proper expenditure of multiple colors of money in excess of over \$25M and adjudicated local claims for damages under the Foreign Claims Act.
- Provided legal advice and services on matters involving international law, including, negotiation and interpretation of treaties, international agreements and foreign law, overseas base rights, foreign criminal jurisdiction over U.S. personnel, immigration and nationality, diplomatic protests, and international organizations.

Litigator, Region Legal Service Office SE | Jacksonville, FL | Dec 2007-Apr 2009/Jan 2010-Jul 2010

- Responsible for own caseload prosecuting and disposition of 10 felony level and 20 misdemeanor cases.

LICENSING, CREDENTIALS, EDUCATION, & AWARDS

State Bar Admissions: New Mexico (2007); Texas (2020)

Education: J.D., Loyola College of Law, New Orleans LA, 2007
B.A. (political science/history), *cum laude*, Texas State University, San Marcos TX, 2004

Security Clearance: Active TOP SECRET/SCI clearance & CI Polygraph

JAGC Certification Credentials:

- Department of the Navy designation as a National Security expert in law and policy for Cyber law (2019)
- Department of the Navy designation as a National Security expert in law and policy for Intelligence law (2019)
- JAGC Professional Legal subspecialty certification in International Law (2014)
- Naval Special Warfare (NSW) Non-SEAL Officer additional qualification designation (2014)
- JAGC Professional Legal subspecialty certification in Advanced Military Law & Command Advice (2014)
- JAGC Certified Ethics Counselor (2014)

Awards:

- 2019 United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) Golden Keyboard Awardee for submission titled, "A Legal Practitioners Perspective: Legal Oversight and Support to Special Operation Forces under Geographic Combatant Command Authority". Award criteria based upon the furthering of legal perspectives, and insights on law, policy, and Special Operations.
- Military decorations include the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (with Three Gold Stars), Navy Achievement Medal (with One Gold Star), Army Achievement Medal, Iraq and Afghanistan campaign medals, Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and numerous unit awards, and command recognitions.