



## 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
Jerry Ford	TX CD-38

*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:** I am the only candidate who has private business, and public service experience. I'm a first responder, Chief Fire Marshal and Assistant Fire Chief and a successful business owner of several businesses for the past 30 years. As the Assistant Fire Chief, I have experience in gathering supporters, and working with Mayors, Federal, State and County Government. I have been on the front line and know what it takes to work with Federal, State and Local agencies to mitigate floods, hurricanes, and providing emergency health care to Houstonians. Small business is the backbone of this country. As a business owner for over 25 years I have create countless jobs for hard working Texans, and I know the value of a strong economy, low taxes and low inflation.
  
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 biggest issue facing our nation is crime, border control, and inflation which will cause an economic downturn. Having signed the front of the paycheck and balanced budgets, I will be able to use my working knowledge to sponsor Bills to help fix the economy and put good fiscal discipline in place for the federal government. I will make America affordable again. Moreover, I am the only candidate who is a first responder and has dealt with the crime on our streets, moreover; I have a real plan to end illegal immigration that directly attacks our state.
  
3. What will be your top 2 or 3 priorities during this upcoming term?

**Answer:** Ending inflation, securing the borders, and supporting 1st responders that are under attack from progressives are my top issues. I am running to save our national for the next generation.

4. Please describe what you believe is the proper role for the federal government in job creation and intervention in the economy.
- Answer:** The Biden administration wants to run the economy and our lives. I strongly believe that the Federal government needs to get out of the way of the free marketplace. Congress should eliminate regulations that hurts job creation and reduce the tax burden. This allowed our economy to naturally grow.
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 support a balanced budget amendment. Our country doesn't have a revenue problem. We have a spending problem. As the next Congressman, I will put government spending on a diet.
- a. Instituting a balanced budget amendment.
  - b. Hiring freeze for all non-essential employees
  - c. No new entitlements
  - d. No more bailouts
  - e. Reducing number of federally owned vacant property
  - f. Ending quasi-government paid lobbying.
  - g. Cut foreign aid
  - h. Require more oversight on government grants
  - i. Limit the size and scope of bills being passed.
  - j. Require legislation to be in print 5 days before being passed
  - k. Oppose the green new deal
  - l. Oppose the build back better plan
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:** We need to build the wall. Biden is wrong in stopping the building and forcing Texas to control the borders. I support Texas being able to use the remaining material to continue construction.

7. Do you support defunding “Sanctuary Cities or States”? Should immigration laws be reformed?
- Answer:** I am proud to be the only candidate with a plan to stop illegal immigration. Yes, we should defund sanctuary cities. Here is my plan:
- a. Building the wall,
  - b. Sending federal troops to the border until the wall is built,
  - c. Ending the catch and release program that allows criminal illegal immigrants back on to our streets,
  - d. Prohibiting payouts for illegal families being separated at the border,
  - e. Ending chain migration for non-immediate family members,
  - f. Ending sanctuary states by holding back federal funding,
  - g. Prohibiting taxpayer dollars from paying for attorneys for illegal immigrants,
  - h. Ending the abuse of asylum claims,
  - i. Ending the visa lottery system,
  - j. Prohibiting illegal aliens from receiving taxpayer-funded benefits such as health care, welfare, and housing.
  - k. Increasing funding for ICE,
  - l. Increasing penalties on businesses that purposely hire illegal aliens
  - m. Requiring mandatory employer verification,
  - n. Re-evaluating criteria for refugee status,
  - o. Improving background checks on visas,
  - p. Withholding certain federal funds for states that allow illegal immigrants to get drivers’ licenses,
  - q. Ending visa overstays,
  - r. Increasing penalties for human trafficking,
  - s. Increasing funds for courts dealing with deportation disputes, and
  - t. Enacting merit-based immigration reform to expedite naturalization process.
8. Do you support defunding Planned Parenthood of all federal funds?
- Answer:** As a pro-life candidate, I support defunding abortion providers.
9. Should state or federal gun laws and restrictions be tightened?
- Answer:** I am supporter of the 2nd Amendment. We have enough laws on the books regulating guns. The problem is not with law abiding gun owners. The problem is criminals who Democrats no longer want to prosecute.
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 Bill. More than 6 million illegal immigrants in the United States would be granted amnesty and allowed to obtain government benefits by House Democrats’ Build Back Better Act. The federal government doesn’t have a revenue problem. It has a spending problem. We can fix infrastructure by cutting the waste out of the federal budget and cutting aid to other countries.
11. Should the Biden’s administration have the power without congressional approval to create and enforce vaccine mandates?
- Answer:** No, vaccine mandates are a violation of U.S. Constitution.

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:** I am proud to be the only candidate who has promised to serve on the Election Integrity Caucus. I am adamantly opposed to HR 1 and the attempt by Schumer and Pelosi to take control away from the states. I support show ID to vote. I am pleased that Texas passed legislation despite all the leftist pressure to protect against voter fraud. Other states need to follow the path of Texas. One step the federal government could take is holding back funds to states that allow licenses for illegals. For example, when an illegal gets a license in New York they are automatically registered to vote.

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