



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
Mark Ramsey	US Congress, Texas' Congressional District 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 a long-time activist who has a track record of getting things done in moving the Republican Party of Texas toward the Constitutional right and towards transparency in all operations. The answer to your question is really akin to interviewing for a very senior management position. There are four parts to the question, in my opinion.

1. What **relevant experience** do I have vs the other candidates. Please see the attached political resume document for most of the details that would fit on one page. In addition to the political experience—directly applicable—I think it worth noting that I have had a long and successful career in the oil and gas industry as an engineer. Engineers solve problems. That problem solving ability has been very important in my SREC service and serving on many, and chairing two, RPT State Convention Committees...the Platform and Resolutions Committee and the Legislative Priorities Committee.
2. **References** are also important. Endorsements in the political realm. On the second page of the attached are a multitude of endorsements, most of which came in within 48 hours of my filing. These include several members of the Texas Freedom Caucus, two Statewide Elected officials up for election this cycle (Sid Miller and RRC Chairman Wayne Christian), and multiple other current and former SBOE members, representatives, precinct chairs, and SREC's.
3. **Issues** should be considered. I helped WRITE and shepherded conservative planks of the RPT Platform and issues on the RPT Legislative Priorities.
4. **Integrity.** The endorsements by elected officials now on the ballot with me is an important data point. So are the sheer number of other supporters. I was a Member of the Electoral College, a position of trust that dates to the Founders. Last, I've been a successful small businessman, running a consulting engineering business, for 30 years. Consulting engineers generally do not survive in the oil industry if they cannot be trusted.

Most of the other nine candidates in this race have essentially no record of even being a Republican, or have any significant activism to compare to the above or the attached.

Notably, some do not even have much, if any, of a Republican Primary Voting Record, and a couple have even voted in Democrat primaries.

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: There are many. The federal government has intruded into so many parts of our lives, almost entirely in unconstitutional manners by using agencies. Most of the candidates will say we are about the same on most issues. Republican candidates always are. However, there are significant differences.

1. Pro-Life: I have been pro-life and have worked to protect the unborn all of my adult life. Texas Right to Life has endorsed me. They are the largest and oldest pro-life organization in the state. In their endorsement, they said:
“After considering candidates for the new Texas Congressional District 38, we at Texas Right to Life quickly and unanimously determined that Mark Ramsey has unmatched and proven Pro-Life values and credentials. He has shepherded Pro-Life Platform Planks in the Texas Platform and the Legislative Priorities of the Republican Party of Texas for many years. His hard work, taking advantage of every opportunity, has strengthened the Texas Platform and pushed Texas policies toward protecting Life.”
2. Economy: Given the horrendous effects of the governments shutting down a huge portion of commerce, restarting the economy must be a priority. Raising taxes and deficits to do so is not a solution. You cannot tax yourself to prosperity.
3. Immigration: Borders must be sealed FIRST, before anything else can even be meaningfully discussed.
4. Mandates: They are unconstitutional and must be eliminated. Period.
5. Taxes: They are far too high must be reduced accordingly.
6. Size of Government: The size of the government and its regulations and costs must be reduced!
7. Education: School Choice (not a federal responsibility of course), but just today as I type I received the endorsement of the Texas Home School Coalition.
8. 1st Amendment: Censorship should not be allowed by de facto monopoly big tech companies.
9. Foreign Policy: Stop giving taxpayer money to countries that hate us. Always support Israel.
10. Families and Churches should be free to exercise their rights to voice their opinions and beliefs without restriction by any federal agency.
11. Oil and Gas: Abundant low-cost energy sources are God’s gift to mankind in so many ways and I have supported their responsible use on six continents.
12. Global Climate Change War on Carbon: Hunt supports a global carbon war. This is fundamentally incompatible with reality and would destroy the Texas and US economies.
13. Election Integrity: Voting system integrity is important but so are counting systems. We need multiple independent counting systems to provide automatic audit of the counting portion of the election.
14. Term Limits: I have signed the US Term Limits pledge.
15. 2nd Amendment: Gun rights “shall not be infringed.”

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

Answer:

Economy.

Pro-Life.

Meaningful School Choice where parents decide, along with the government must stop using the schools for indoctrination purposes. No CRT.

No Mandates.

4. Please describe what you believe is the proper role for the federal government in job creation and intervention in the economy.
Answer: Provide a level playing field to all entrants, and NOT pick winners and losers. America First. All government actions and spending must be transparent, with the exception of wartime clandestine operations.
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:
 1. Hiring and Budget FREEZE.
 2. Limit Agencies to actions specifically authorized by Congress.
 3. No executive orders.
 4. Reduce spending 8% per year and taxes by 4%.
 5. Incentives to Agencies to reduce workforces and budgets beyond the above.
 6. Sunset Agency rules and reduce regulation and wasteful agency efforts (such as the year 2000 commission (“Y2K”) that was still operating in 2017!)
 7. Any increase in federal budget spending by an agency must be offset by 2x that amount decrease in that agency’s or another agency’s budget.
 8. Zero based budgeting.
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 1. No taxes or fees should be increased.
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 and Yes! The border must be sealed.
7. Do you support defunding “Sanctuary Cities or States”? Should immigration laws be reformed?
Answer: Yes to defunding (and other potential disciplinary actions) for cities that ignore our laws. Immigration laws for legal immigration should remain limited and not expand. Changes might be for efficiency only. Illegal immigration must not be rewarded and those wanting to keep the borders open are also guilty of helping enable the seemingly unchecked drug and human trafficking operations by the cartels.
8. Do you support defunding Planned Parenthood of all federal funds?
Answer: Absolutely yes.
9. Should state or federal gun laws and restrictions be tightened?
Answer: Absolutely no.
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. It is not needed, is filled with pork and potential corruption, and even if it is believed by some to be a good investment, we cannot afford it. This is a terrible idea that will bring Federal strings attached to everything it touches. It inherently will grow government and will grow deficits and the debt.

11. Should the Biden’s administration have the power without congressional approval to create and enforce vaccine mandates?

Answer: Absolutely NOT. These unlawful mandates are nothing more than executive orders in disguise, which are not powers the Constitution grants to the Executive branch. Article II Section 3 clearly lays out that in matters of policy the President “may recommend to their [Congress] Consideration such Measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient...”. The operative word is “recommend”. Recommend Only. Nothing more.

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: Absolutely NOT. This is not a federal enumerated power and given the level of corruption and inefficiency in the federal government, the last thing we should want is federalizing of elections. Rather, we should improve election integrity in other means, such as multiple but fully independent counting systems, (not subject to systemic counting flaws).

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MARK RAMSEY *for* CD38

“I have served the people of the new Texas Congressional District 38 faithfully, including representing Senate District 7 on the State Republican Executive Committee for eight years. I would consider it a great honor to have your vote to represent Texas’s Congressional District 38. I am a Christian and a champion of conservative social and economic values, all viewed through a Constitutional lens. I trust you also know that I keep my word, value integrity, and promote full transparency.”—Mark Ramsey

As a registered professional engineer in oil and gas, Mark brings a “problem solving” mentality to the job, along with high ethical standards. Mark is a Houston native, a graduate of Klein High and Texas Tech. He’s a 4th generation Texan, living in CD38 for over 35 years. Politically, Mark has a long track record of working for conservative issues.

- 2020 **Presidential Electoral College Member** for President Trump! I wrote, defended, and passed a resolution—the **first in Electoral College history**—condemning the Supreme Court for refusing to take the Texas election integrity case that was joined by 17 other states.
- 2020 **Republican Party of Texas, State Convention Legislative Priorities Committee Chair**
- 2018-2020 **Republican Party of Texas, SREC Legislative Priorities Committee Chair** SD 7 added Legislative Priorities to our version of the platform in 2016. We were able to extend the idea to the state as an additional committee in 2018.
- 2018 **Republican Party of Texas, State Convention Platform & Resolutions Committee Chair** (Major rewrite, restructuring, rules, and streaming)
- 2017 **Chief of Staff** for a Texas Freedom Caucus Representative)
- 2012-2020 **State Republican Executive Committee**, Officials Committee (Elected), Rules Committee, Resolutions Committee (Chair, Secr), Candidate Resource Committee, Legislative Priorities Committee (Chair)
- 2010, 2012, 2014, 2018 **State Convention Platform Committee** Rep from SD7, (**Education, Strengthening our Economy**, and **Preserving American Freedom** subcommittee chairs, respective years)
- 2014-2016 **Republican Party of Texas SREC Resolutions Committee Chair** (included writing ballot propositions for GOP primary ballot)
- 2013-2014 **Harris County Republican Leadership Council**
- 2014-2016 Board of Directors, **Conservative Coalition of Harris County**
- 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020 **SD7 Resolutions Committee** Member, Vice Chair, Chair
- 2006, 2008 **State Convention Organizations Committee** Secretary, Member from SD7
- Writer for www.TexasGOPVote.com, www.RedState.com, **The Heartland Institute**—financial, political, environmental, oil & gas issues.



- I was one of only two practicing engineers to be selected by the **Texas Education Agency** to **write** the TEKS (standards) for the high school course on engineering principles.
- The **Texas Sunset Commission** invited me to author a review of the **Texas Education Agency’s** textbook selection process. Several of Mark’s recommendations led to language in proposed legislation.

I am a member of several area Republican Clubs and a longtime member of the **NRA**, **GOA** and the **Tomball Gun Club**, along with the **TSRA**.

My wife Pauline and I have been married for 40 years and have three grown children, a daughter-in-law, a son-in-law, and four grandchildren. We worship at WoodsEdge Community Church.

More about Mark S. Ramsey, P.E.

Mark authored a peer-reviewed technical book, *Practical Wellbore Hydraulics and Hole Cleaning*, published in 2019. Mark was named a Texas Tech College of Engineering “**Distinguished Engineer**” in 2016. He is a registered professional engineer with over 40 years of multi-disciplined research and drilling operations engineering experience, primarily in the oil and gas drilling industry. He was named a Charter Member of the Texas Tech Academy of Mechanical Engineers "for outstanding contributions to the profession" and earned the "**Distinguished Instructor Award**" from Exxon while employed there. He has traveled the world extensively, teaching and working on six continents. He is known as an innovator and holds several US and international patents. Mr. Ramsey holds a BSME from Texas Tech University (with High Honors) and was elected by Texas Tech to serve on their Industrial Advisory Council. You can contact Mark directly at 281-787-5006 mobile.

"One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors."—Plato, circa 400 B.C.

I am honored, humbled, and grateful for a multitude of supporters already—from conservative activists, volunteers and office holders I HAVE WORKED WITH OVER THE YEARS. More are still coming in. Add yours!

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Briscoe Cain, Representative Texas House Dist 128 Texas Freedom Caucus

Kyle Biederman, Representative Texas House Dist 73 Texas Freedom Caucus

Dr. Tom Oliverson, Representative Texas House Dist 130 *“Mark has been of great service to those of the new CD38 and a consistent proven effective champion of conservative issues and solutions.”*

Rick Miller, Fmr Representative Texas House Dist 26, Navy Aviator

Dr. Robin Armstrong, Republican Party of Texas, National Committeeman

Sid Miller, Texas Agricultural Commissioner – *“Mark is a great American. A great Texan and my friend. Mark is a true patriot. Mark is the kind of guy that if he told me he needed me to go with him and charge hell with water pistols, I would do it!”*

Wayne Christian, Texas Railroad Commission Chairman – *“Mark Ramsey is an accomplished oil and gas engineer, who has even authored a peer-reviewed technical book on drilling. I can think of no better advocate for the oil and gas industry that is centered in Texas Congressional District 38!”*

Dave Wilson – Fmr Director, Cypress Tea Party and Galveston County SD11 Chair

Rick Green, “America’s Constitution Coach”, Patriot Academy, & “Host of David Barton’s Wallbuilders Live! Radio”

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Jack DuBose, Chairman, Real County Republican Party & Terri DuBose, Fmr SREC, SD19 – *“We have known Mark Ramsey for several years and have seen him exhibit strong leadership qualities. While Mark served on the SREC, our many conversations with him on the issues proved he was open and forthcoming and showed a unique ability to explain his positions with honest assessments using a common-sense rationale. As chairman of the 2018 Republican State Platform Committee he demonstrated those qualities and showed the courage in standing up for the results of his hard work and he did it all on a volunteer basis. Mark has proven his competence as a leader in serving his constituents of Senate District 7. We enthusiastically support and endorse Mark Ramsey for Texas Congressional District 38 to represent us as a solid and reliable conservative voice.”*

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