



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
Phil Covarrubias	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: Phil is a Marine, an oil & gas worker, a former business owner, father and husband. Phil threw his hat into the ring in 2014 to run in 2016 for Colorado State House District 56. In the 2016 primary, he faced a well-known local county commissioner. Phil was able to achieve name recognition to win the primary through grassroots efforts and his passionate public speeches. He went on to win the general election and served as the Colorado State Representative for House District 56 from 2016 to 2018.

As a State Representative, Mr. Covarrubias gained a reputation as a commonsense conservative who understands the issues working people face because he is one of them. He was known by his fellow legislators, legislative staff, and even the lobbyists, as a “true citizen legislator” because of his working-class roots and his drive to find solutions to his constituent’s everyday problems. While Phil was well-liked by his colleagues across the aisle, he also stood strong against pressure from activist smear campaigns while continuing to be a passionate voice against government overreach and regulation.

In the Colorado State legislature, Phil fought to save oil & gas jobs from government overregulation, championed apprentice programs and, career and technical education. He passed legislation to bring shop class back to high schools in Colorado. He also served on the Finance committee and Health & Environment committee.

With his mother and sister living in Texas for the past four decades, Phil has had the opportunity to travel the state and has learned its rich history. Phil moved his family from Colorado to Texas in 2020 to flee the tyranny of government overreach during the Covid-19 pandemic. He knew that Texas has a history of accepting freedom lovers from around the world and that many of its most exalted leaders were originally “out-of-staters”.

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:** Phil is tired of seeing America's freedoms being lost. Parents and education, our religious freedoms, the border crisis, helping small businesses, and fighting communism are all reasons for running. Having politicians with principles and integrity is a must in today's political landscape. Phil is the only candidate in the race with legislative experience and has a proven records of standing up to Democrats, RINOs, and lobbyists. I believe I can be the workingman's conservative candidate and have the background and expertise to fill that role. Independent voters have woken up to the Democrat's vision of America and I will be a candidate that reminds all people that we are Americans with God-given rights & liberties, who will not be divided by immutable characteristics.
3. What will be your top 2 or 3 priorities during this upcoming term?
- Answer:** When elected to Congress, Phil will focus:
- on American energy independence,
 - taxpayer money follows student/school Choice, and
 - strengthening individual Constitutional rights and freedoms.
4. Please describe what you believe is the proper role for the federal government in job creation and intervention in the economy.
- Answer:** The best way for the federal government to aid in job creation and economic growth is by removing regulations, keeping President Trump's tax cuts in place, and promotion of American made products and services. American energy independence is also a crucial role of the federal government in the economy, as instable and high energy prices impact all sectors of industry across the country. Reducing regulations, especially those implemented during COVID-19 will support small businesses and new business creation.
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:** With Federal employees working from home long term during the last two years, creating more government bottlenecks and delays in services across the board. Phil's first step to balance the federal budget would be to look at federal workforce reform and reduction. Second, he would reduce "corporate welfare" to globalist companies that do not support American values. Finally, he would reduce the breadth of grant-making at the agencies to focus federal dollars on crucial projects to America's future, rather than payouts to political friends.

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:** It is disgraceful that on the first day in office, Biden canceled the wall, costing taxpayers billions of dollars in broken contracts and untold numbers of lives taken by fentanyl, weapons, and criminals illegally entering America. It is an attack on America's national sovereignty and an attempt by Democrats to turn Texas blue by importing voters. Phil supports the federal government financing and finishing the border wall with Mexico and allowing Texas to use the remaining materials from the Trump administration.
7. Do you support defunding "Sanctuary Cities or States"? Should immigration laws be reformed?
- Answer:** Sanctuary Cities and States are the same as nullification laws early in our country's history. The federal immigration laws clearly override state or city laws, according to our Constitution. If states or cities choose to ignore the Constitution and federal immigration laws, they should be treated as a nullification state and should not receive any federal support. Immigration laws should be reformed, but only after the border is secure and it is clear who is entering and leaving our country.
8. Do you support defunding Planned Parenthood of all federal funds?
- Answer:** Yes
9. Should state or federal gun laws and restrictions be tightened?
- Answer:** Phil believes current federal gun laws and restrictions are sufficient, but are not being enforced, especially in cities overrun by violent crime. Federal investigations should be focused on gun law violations by gangs and criminal organizations in places like Chicago and Houston to stop the murder of innocent victims, not parents who speak up at school board meetings.
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:** Phil does not support Build Back Bankrupt because it will increase inflation and usher in a new era of socialism in America. Phil believes a balanced budget law should be reinstated and the national debt reduced to ensure all our children and grandchildren can prosper. See answer to question 5 for more details.
11. Should the Biden's administration have the power without congressional approval to create and enforce vaccine mandates?
- Answer:** No, federal vaccine mandates are unconstitutional without congressional approval. Federal vaccine mandates are likely unconstitutional with congressional approval, as public health is left to the states under our constitution. No government or employer has the right to force medical procedures on American citizens.

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: States should regulate their own elections using secure means. The federal government's role is to ensure fraud is not occurring at the local level and enforcing the Constitutional principle of "one citizen, one vote".

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