

Ballotpedia Candidate Connection questions to help voters know your stance on certain issues and how you feel about things in our government.

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Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

As a Precinct Chair I began with my mission statement of: I am committed to empowering men and woman from our neighborhood to be champions, and RUN to vote, and voice their opinions to the elected and appointed local, county, district, and senate officials. I believe that the people have a voice and elected/appointed officials should listen. I am a Conservative, and believe in personal responsibility, rugged individualism, quality education, and strong families. I am running to contribute to the State of Texas, this District, and by being a voice for the people and representing them in Austin.

Please list 3 key messages of your campaign. What are the main points you want voters to remember about your goals for your time in office?

- We need to tighten border security, House District #74 is over 700 miles of border counties. There is an influx of migrants that come across mountains and cross through our properties. They come across the River, and are just waved in. We have to come up with a plan and tighter security protocols to eliminate this problem. This legislative session new laws will be implemented, but we need to make sure they are enforced.
- We need to protect our Children. The indoctrination must end now, or the future of this nation will be in shambles! To each their own, but when you begin indoctrinating beliefs into the minds of children is where the line must be drawn.
- I stand for limited government, personal responsibility, rugged individuality, and transparency of government. We need term limits, and to reduce the tax deficit, which in turn we need to look at budgets across the board, and and reforming our tax code.

Who do you look up to? Whose example would you like to follow, and why?

Outside of my family, I look up to Faith Johnson and Dr. Ben Carson. Both have succeeded and the list of the first in their respective fields. I was part of a round table discussion with Dr. Carson present in 2020, and he is very knowledgeable and has made a name for himself in the medical and political field. I met Faith Johnson while I was a Precinct chair and she is about the people. She changed the political arena in Dallas County and the judicial court system in Dallas County.

What areas of public policy are you personally passionate about?

I am passionate about better laws on immigration, education/school choice, and lowering the tax threshold.

The Border has a major influx of migrants coming over. We need to stop cutting barb wire fences that are up to keep them out and make them come through the checkpoints and apply for citizenship.

School choice is a must! They are the Leaders of Tomorrow. We have to place a face value on education, we must attend PTA, School Board meeting, get to know the teachers, etc. No matter whether public, private, or homeschool the same baseline foundation has to be understood, to an extent. Teach our children to be better than our generation. Teach our children to be true Texans.

I vow to fight against raising taxes. I will oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.

Is there a book, essay, film, or something else you would recommend to someone who wants to understand your political philosophy?

My political philosophy is an approach from the things I have learned while working in politics. I have worked on over 60 campaigns from local to US Congressional campaigns, from a block walker to a political director. In each campaign, you grasp a different concept or learn about elections and government from a different perspective.

What characteristics or principles are most important for an elected official?

An elected official need to be honest, transparent in duties/role, approachable, and a critical observer. I believe that elected officials need to partake in their area, throughout their term not just the 6-12 months leading up to reelection.

What qualities do you possess that you believe would make you a successful officeholder?

I am an astute observer, I listen to the people, and I approach situations with precision. I look over bills, laws, statutes, and codes in my free time to see the root and justification for the need.

What do you believe are the core responsibilities for someone elected to this office?

Some of the core responsibilities are to be a proper representation of your constituents, and/or those who live in your area. An elected official should present beneficial bills, resolutions, and amendments for their district.

What legacy would you like to leave?

I want to leave the legacy that I contributed to this State, and my district. I did the things that rattled the cage enough to get the job done. I want to be known for my commitment to the office, and individuals I serve. I want my children and constituents to know that I did what it took to make this a better society for them each and every day.

What is the first historical event that happened in your lifetime that you remember? How old were you at the time?

I graduated Valedictorian for my High School Senior class. I was 17 years old.

What is your favorite book? Why?

I am particularly fond of “Where the Red Fern Grows “, because it shows one’s determination, faith, and self reliance. We all need a combination of those three in order to maintain one’s sanity and it teaches a life lesson.

What was the last song that got stuck in your head?

Trampoline by Shaed

What do you believe is the ideal relationship between the governor and state legislature?

An ideal relationship between the governor and the state legislature is one that everyone comes together and vote, not fleeing the state, or just not showing up. The people depend on the government to protect them against certain aspects. If an agreement can not be made then a lot of times the people suffer, at the cost of personal feelings of elected officials.

What do you perceive to be your state's greatest challenges over the next decade?

Border security/migrant influx, and education issues

Do you believe that it’s beneficial for state legislators to have previous experience in government or politics?

I believe that State legislators should have knowledge through schooling or employment experience in/about government or politics.

Do you believe it’s beneficial to build relationships with other legislators? Please explain your answer.

Yes, I do believe that it is beneficial to build relationships with other legislators. Not in the sense of a favor for a favor, but in the aspect of working together to accomplish a common goal. Both political sides, and both chambers need to build relationships in order to fulfill the duties that the constituents are expecting results from.

Is there a particular legislator, past or present, whom you want to model yourself after?

Rodney Anderson was a State Representative, his goal was a smaller, less intrusive government, lower taxes, reduced spending and a secure border. and I would like to model myself after his aspect and goals. He stood up for what was right, and worked to lower the tax burden, educational goals, growing the economy, and stopping the cartels.

Are you interested in running for a different political office (for example, the U.S. Congress or governor) in the future?

In the future, I would possibly run for a different political office on the Federal level. It's not a definite yes, it depends on what I accomplish as a State Representative.

Both sitting legislators and candidates for office hear many personal stories from the residents of their district. Is there a story that you've heard that you found particularly touching, memorable, or impactful?

The fact that many residents feel estranged from their representatives on a state or federal level. Congressional District 32 has 29 counties, Senate district 29 has 5 counties, and House district 74 has 11 counties. This area is wide spread and it is difficult to go visit your elected official whose office may be a 2-6 hour drive. Residents feel like they do not have a voice, or that they are not part of the decision making process. Residents are unable to voice their opinions at times due to the fact that we don't see or hear from our elected officials.

Tell us your favorite joke.

Man: Two years ago, my brother ran for Congress.

Friend: What does he do now?

Man: Nothing—he got elected!

Should the legislature oversee or grant the use of emergency powers?

The legislature by law may terminate a state of disaster at any time. On termination by the legislature, the governor shall issue an executive order ending the state of disaster. Tex. Gov't Code § 418.014. There are certain circumstances where emergency powers are needed in one area, but not the whole state. In counties along the border for example, the legislators can call for use of emergency powers in order to get control of the migrants coming over.

Do you believe that compromise is necessary or desirable for policymaking?

A compromise may be needed from both sides on certain issues. What may be good for one district, may not be sufficient or a good fit for a different district.

What is the first bill you would introduce if elected?

I would like to introduce a bill concerning rural health care. Money is allocated but many residents do not see or even understand where those funds are going.

In the last session for Women's health, two House priorities related to women's health passed both chambers. The first is Senate Bill 379, which eliminates sales tax on diapers, menstrual supplies and many pregnancy-related supplies.

The other priority was the successful extension of Medicaid coverage for moms, from two months to a year after childbirth. Community mental health programs and state hospitals also receive a boost. In the state budget, lawmakers have set aside about \$4 billion for state behavioral health services over the next two years as they attempt to tackle a lingering mental

health crisis. This is a substantial increase from the over \$3 billion previously allocated to mental health.

The budget for the next two years also includes \$7.4 million for telepsychiatry consultations for rural hospitals, and \$15 million to be made available to hospitals and groups that set up and operate mental health programs, particularly for children.

In rural areas, we do not have all the amenities when it comes to health care. For example, I have to travel 35 minutes to the nearest hospital, and then I may get transported to El Paso, the next biggest city over, which is a hour and half to two hour drive. Rural areas need more facilities, and programs that we have availability in our immediate area.

What organizations or individuals have endorsed your campaign?

List pending.

What committees interest you?

I am interested in the following committees: public education, juvenile justice and family matters, health care reform, public health, and state affairs.

Thank you for taking the survey and good luck on your campaign.