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## Congressional Voter Guide Survey

The Houston Chronicle is creating a voter's guide for the March primary elections. Please fill out this form no later than Jan. 10 . If you have any questions, please contact Matt Dempsey at 713-362-7226 or [matt.dempsey@chron.com](mailto:matt.dempsey@chron.com)

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**Name: \***

**Office sought: \***

**Party \***

- Democrat  
 Republican

**Age: \***

**Hometown: \***

**Highest level of education: \***

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**Did you serve in the military? \***

- Yes  
 No

**If you served in the military, what branch? \***

- Army  
 Air Force  
 Navy  
 Coast Guard  
 Marines  
 National Guard (any branch)  
 Did not serve in the military

**Do you support the re-election of President Donald Trump? Please explain. \***

Yes, I support the re-election of President Donald Trump. Unlike many politicians, President Trump has made promises and he follows through with them, even if the choices aren't popular in the media (they are, after all, what got him elected). The economy is strong. Our military is strong. Our small towns and small businesses are growing. America is thriving under the leadership of President Trump.

**If elected, how would you reduce tensions between conservatives and liberals, and between supporters and critics of President Trump? \***

We have to be willing to cross the aisle and recognize that it is okay to have different beliefs and philosophies. I have friends of all political persuasions, many of whom support all sorts of ideals and beliefs that I don't. We need to be willing to get out of our own political trenches and open up discussion with one another. We can and must have conversation and find the middle ground. At the end of the day, we, as Americans, aren't that far apart. We believe in our country and want to do well by fellow citizens. United together we can make a positive difference.

**Do you support extending physical barriers on the U.S.-Mexico border? Please explain. \***

Yes, I support extending physical barriers. Our border needs to be secure. Non-physical, electronic, and other barriers have proven ineffective and insufficient to stall the rush of illegal immigrants, drug trade, and other illicit traffic.

**Do you support ending criminal penalties for people apprehended while crossing the border? P**

**explain. \***

Absolutely, no. Our country's very foundation is the rule of law. We either believe in our system of laws or we don't. Our laws can't be applied sometimes, in some circumstances, for some people. If people are apprehended for crossing the border illegally, they should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of applicable law.

**Do you support detaining asylum seeking families, or, except in unusual cases of heightened risk should they be released into the country while awaiting a decision from a court? Please explain**

True asylum seekers, seeking asylum from political persecution or the like, who are following the law and do not pose a heightened risk to the national security of the United States should be permitted into the country while awaiting a court decision. These individuals and/or families should be expected to follow our laws and enjoy our freedoms, but should also support our ideals and common beliefs.

**Do you support increased border security funding? How should that money be spent? \***

Yes, I support increased border security funding. Monies for border security should be utilized to construct physical barriers along the border, utilize electronic and other non-physical barriers, if practical and proven effective, and additional border patrol agents and resources should be placed strategically at the borders to stop the inflow of those choosing not to follow the rule of law.

**Under what circumstances would you support a path to citizenship for the estimated 11 million immigrants now living in the country without permission? \***

I support a long term path to citizenship for those that have proven a willingness to offer their skills and resources to support and defend the United States and its ideals. I would require a proven track record of compliance with our country's laws.

**Do you support Medicare-for-all? Please explain. \***

No, I don't support Medicare-for-all. I believe it presents only an opportunity to increase the size of government and permit further government overreach into our healthcare decisions. I believe such a program would also prove to be ineffective and create a nightmarish burden on our budget for generations.

**Do you support the Affordable Care Act? Please explain. \***

No, I do not support the Affordable Care Act because I don't believe that its overall purpose has been achieved. I do believe that in a country as great as ours, all citizens should have the right and ability to obtain

affordable healthcare. We need to lower prescription drug costs and make sure that healthcare is both affordable and available. We need to do this by working together to find a long-term solution instead of steam-rolling a politically charged program into existence.

**How would you ensure that people with pre-existing conditions can receive affordable health ca**

Limitations on coverage for pre-existing conditions should be eliminated from all health insurance coverages.

**Should government take action to reduce fossil fuel consumption to address climate change? F explain. \***

I think we need to be responsible with our energy consumption and our natural resources. I don't oppose efforts aimed at reducing fossil fuel consumption over the long term; however, I am not willing to do so at the expense of our economy or the many energy workers in our country. While a big player on the world stage, the United States is not alone in the world, and others around the world must also do their part to address pollution and climate change.

**Would you support new limits on fracking? Please explain. \***

Generally, no. I do think that fracking is an issue that needs to be addressed by state or federal governments, rather than through local governments or ordinances.

**Should government provide subsidies for the advancement of renewable energy? Please explai**

Possibly, if aimed at improving the energy needs of our society. I also believe that the government could entertain subsidies for all sorts of technological development aimed at moving the United States into the future.

**What additional restrictions on gun ownership do you support, if any? Please explain. \***

I strongly believe in the 2nd Amendment. However, I don't believe that people with a criminal history should be permitted to purchase and own guns.

**Would you accept campaign contributions from the NRA? Please explain. \***

Yes, I would accept campaign contributions from the NRA as long as they recognize that I support the 2nd Amendment but also support the notion that there are some in our society (i.e., those with a criminal history) who should not be allowed to purchase and own guns.

**Do you agree with banning the sale and purchase of assault-style rifles? Please explain. \***

No. I support the 2nd Amendment and I believe that law abiding citizens have the right to purchase guns of their choosing, including assault-style rifles.

**Do you support additional restrictions on abortion rights in Texas? Please explain. \***

I don't personally support abortion; however, I believe in the rule of law and support Texas law regarding current restrictions on abortion rights in Texas.

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