

CD 18 Potential Nominee Questionnaire

Candidate Name: Eboni Price

If you currently hold or have previously held public office, please list and describe those positions here.

Are you currently a resident of the 18th Congressional District?

Yes

If you live in CD18, how long have you resided there?

33 years

If you are not currently a resident of CD18, which Congressional District do you reside, and how long have you lived there?

Background, Education, and Qualifications

High School attended and date of graduation

Booker T. Washington High School 2009

College attended, degree obtained, major, and year of graduation

Langston University Agriculture

Graduate or other degrees obtained and year of graduation

Tuskegee University Masters in Animal Sciences (Reproduction)

Any Board Certifications. If you are an attorney, please list the states in which you are admitted to the bar and years admitted.

What uniquely qualifies you to represent the constituents of CD18 as their Representative in Congress?

My deep roots in the Acres Home community, professional experience in veterinary health sciences and medical advocacy, and active involvement in grassroots Democratic activities uniquely qualify me to represent CD18. I am committed to inclusivity and equity, ensuring all voices are heard. My leadership skills, strong community connections, and dedication to public service position me to effectively address the needs and aspirations of our constituents.

What is your best quality or attribute? What is your least favorable trait or working habit?

Best Quality: My best quality is my dedication to community service. I am deeply committed to improving the lives of those around me and advocating for the needs of our community.

Least Favorable Trait: My least favorable trait is being a perfectionist. While this often leads to excellent results, it can sometimes slow down my progress. I am working on balancing attention to detail with efficiency.

What prior elective office have you run for and what was the result?

I have not previously run for elective office. However, my professional background and commitment to community service have equipped me with the skills and dedication needed to effectively serve as a representative for CD18. I believe it is crucial for regular people from our community to have a seat at the table. My diverse experiences and deep connection to our community uniquely position me to advocate for the needs and aspirations of our constituents.

Describe any community service you have been involved with over the past ten years.

Over the past ten years, I have been actively involved in various community service initiatives. I have volunteered at Baker Veterinary Clinic, providing veterinary care and support, and participated in community health clinics to educate the public on animal health. Additionally, I have served with the Prairie View Volunteer Fire Department, assisted with health exams and vaccinations in West Africa, and supported participants at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. These experiences reflect my dedication to serving and improving our community.

Affiliations, Tributes, and Awards

Are you a member of or affiliated with any professional organizations? Please list here.

I am not currently affiliated with any professional organizations. However, my dedication to health advocacy and community service has provided me with a solid foundation to effectively advocate for the needs and aspirations of the constituents in CD18.

Have you held any leadership positions with those groups, and if so, what was your position?

Have you received any honors or recognitions that may be relevant to the positions of United States Representative? If so, please describe here.

While I have not received specific honors or recognitions, my dedication to community service and health advocacy has been acknowledged through my impactful work in various capacities. I serve the constituents of CD18 as their United States Representative.

Philosophy and Issues

Should you become the Representative for CD18, what do you hope to accomplish during your first term in office? Before the completion of your service as a member of Congress?

During my first term, I hope to improve economic growth by supporting small businesses and job training programs, expand healthcare access through Medicaid and community health clinics, and increase funding for affordable housing and education. Before the completion of my service, I aim to achieve long-term economic stability, sustainable development, and comprehensive healthcare reforms, ensuring CD18 becomes a thriving, inclusive community with equal opportunities for all residents.

If you are elected to this position, on which committee(s) of Congress would you most like to serve and why?

If elected, I would like to serve on the Energy and Commerce Committee, Agriculture Committee, Education and Labor Committee, and Homeland Security Committee. These committees align with my priorities of promoting healthcare access, supporting sustainable agriculture, improving education, and ensuring community safety. Serving on these committees would allow me to effectively advocate for the needs and aspirations of CD18 residents.

In what way do you believe your individual philosophy may impact your service as a member of Congress?

My philosophy of community service, empathy, and equitable progress will shape my service in Congress. I prioritize listening to constituents and addressing their needs through practical, evidence-based policies. My deep empathy drives my advocacy for vulnerable populations, while my commitment to equity focuses on creating opportunities for all and addressing systemic inequalities. I support sustainable, long-term growth in healthcare, education, and agriculture. Transparency and accountability are central to my approach, ensuring open communication and trust with CD18 residents. These principles will guide me in providing effective and compassionate representation.

Why do you want to be a member of Congress?

I want to be a member of Congress to serve and advocate for the people of CD18. My deep-rooted connection to this community and my commitment to addressing its needs drive my desire to represent it at the national level. By focusing on economic growth, healthcare access, education, community safety, and agricultural support, I aim to create opportunities and improve the quality of life for all residents.

Importantly, my candidacy has the potential to drive up the number of registered voters, especially among my age group. Engaging younger constituents and encouraging their participation in the democratic process is crucial for our community's future. My background in health advocacy and community service equips me with the skills and dedication needed to make a positive impact. I am passionate about ensuring that regular people have a seat at the table and that their voices are heard in Congress.

In what ways do the principles of the Democratic Party inform or reflect your personal philosophy?

The principles of the Democratic Party deeply inform and reflect my personal philosophy. The Democratic commitment to social justice, economic equality, and accessible healthcare aligns with my dedication to advocating for vulnerable populations and addressing systemic inequalities. The Party's emphasis on community support, education, and sustainable development resonates with my focus on creating opportunities for all, enhancing educational resources, and promoting sustainable growth. Additionally, the Democratic values of transparency, accountability, and grassroots engagement mirror my belief in open communication, trust-building, and the importance of regular people having a seat at the table. These shared principles guide my approach to serving CD18 and ensuring that our community's needs and aspirations are effectively represented.

What are the three most important issues Congress must deal with and what is your proposal for doing so?

The three most important issues Congress must address are healthcare access, economic inequality, and climate change.

1. Healthcare Access: Expand the Affordable Care Act, increase subsidies, and invest in preventive care.
2. Economic Inequality: Raise the minimum wage, invest in job training, support small businesses, and reform taxes.
3. Climate Change: Rejoin the Paris Agreement, invest in renewable energy, and promote sustainable practices.

How can Congress (with Presidential support) better and more humanely control illegal immigration across the Southern Border or elsewhere?

To better and more humanely control illegal immigration, Congress, with Presidential support, should focus on addressing the root causes of migration. This involves working collaboratively with countries in Central America and other regions to tackle the underlying issues that drive people to leave their homes, such as violence, poverty, and lack of economic opportunities. By increasing foreign aid and development assistance, the United States can help stabilize these countries' economies, improve governance, and reduce violence. Programs that promote economic development, job creation, education, and healthcare in these regions are crucial. Additionally, supporting initiatives that strengthen the rule of law and combat corruption can create safer and more stable environments, reducing the need for individuals to migrate out of desperation. This comprehensive approach not only helps manage immigration more humanely but also fosters stronger international relationships and contributes to global stability.

What, if anything, should Congress do to restore and protect abortion rights and rights of reproductive autonomy?

Congress should restore and protect abortion rights by codifying Roe v. Wade into federal law, ensuring consistent access to reproductive healthcare across the country. Additionally, Congress should repeal the Hyde Amendment to allow federal funding for abortion services, expand access to contraception and prenatal care, and protect patient privacy and autonomy in medical decisions.

What do you plan to do to protect and expand voting rights and protect the basic tenets of democracy?

To protect and expand voting rights and safeguard democracy, I plan to support and advocate for comprehensive voting rights legislation, such as the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and the For the People Act, which aim to restore protections against voter discrimination and ensure fair access to the ballot. I will promote policies that expand voting access, including nationwide early voting, no-excuse absentee voting, and same-day voter registration, while ensuring accessible polling places for all, including those with disabilities. Enhancing election security and integrity by investing in secure voting technology, conducting regular audits, and ensuring transparency is essential. I will oppose voter suppression tactics like strict voter ID laws and reduction of polling places, working to overturn such practices. Additionally, I support civic education initiatives to promote understanding of voting rights and the importance of participating in democracy. By implementing these measures, I aim to create a robust, inclusive, and representative democracy.

What policies and initiatives will you advocate to reduce student debt? What would be your approach to making higher education more affordable and accessible?

To reduce student debt and make higher education more affordable and accessible, I will advocate for incorporating mandatory financial literacy classes for high school students. These classes will ensure that students understand debt, interest rates, and the long-term impact of student loans before applying for college, empowering them to make informed decisions about their education and finances. Additionally, I will promote initiatives that make community college tuition-free, enabling students to earn associate degrees or complete the first two years of a bachelor's degree without accumulating debt. Furthermore, I will support the expansion of trade and vocational programs for high school students as viable alternatives to traditional four-year colleges, providing pathways to well-paying jobs without the need for significant student loans. These measures will help create a more financially literate and economically secure future for our youth.

What policies will you advocate to reduce poverty in our district? What are your strategies for economic development to lift individuals and families out of poverty?

Poverty in our district is a significant issue that disproportionately affects low-income families, single parents, people of color, and the elderly. Many of these individuals struggle to meet basic needs such as housing, food, healthcare, and education. To address this problem, I will advocate for policies that

increase access to affordable housing, strengthen social safety nets, and raise the minimum wage to a livable level. Additionally, I will focus on economic development strategies that bring life back to our communities by providing access to essential resources and services. This includes investing in job training and vocational education programs, supporting small businesses with grants and low-interest loans, and expanding access to affordable childcare. Enhancing transportation infrastructure and promoting economic inclusion will also be key components of my plan. By implementing these measures, we can create vibrant, thriving communities where all residents have the opportunity to succeed and lift themselves out of poverty.

What can be done to lower the price of basic necessities such as food, shelter, healthcare, and other costs of living?

To lower the price of basic necessities, we should support local agriculture to reduce food costs, increase funding for affordable housing projects, expand preventive healthcare and community clinics, and invest in renewable energy to lower utility bills. Promoting financial literacy and providing resources for sustainable living can also help reduce overall living costs.

What is your view about the necessity (or lack thereof) for gun safety legislation and what proposals would you support (and which, if any, of them would you oppose)?

I support the idea of establishing community-based safety authorities that work alongside local law enforcement. These authorities, composed of trained and vetted community members, would focus on promoting gun safety, providing education and resources, and assisting in conflict resolution. By having authorities that are part of the community, we can foster trust and cooperation while ensuring that safety measures are implemented effectively.

The U.S. has used foreign policy to fight inhumane practices abroad and also to further our security and economic interests. What goals should the U.S. be furthering through foreign policy, if any? What tools should the U.S. use in accomplishing those goals (i.e., economic sanctions, military intervention, etc.)?

The U.S. should use foreign policy to promote human rights, enhance global security, and support economic stability. Goals include advocating for democratic governance, combating terrorism, and fostering international trade. Tools to accomplish these goals include diplomatic engagement, economic sanctions, targeted foreign aid, and multilateral cooperation. Military intervention should be a last resort, used only when necessary to protect national security or prevent atrocities.

How, specifically, do you plan to help the people of CD18?

To help the people of CD18, I will focus on seven key initiatives: promoting economic growth and job creation by supporting small businesses and investing in job training programs; enhancing healthcare access and affordability through Medicaid expansion and increased funding for community health clinics; improving housing and community development with affordable housing projects and infrastructure investments; supporting education and youth programs by increasing school funding and creating after-school initiatives; advancing public safety and criminal justice reform through community policing and sentencing reforms; fostering environmental sustainability with green initiatives and clean energy job training; and encouraging civic engagement and advocacy by promoting voter education and ensuring community involvement through regular town halls and advisory councils. These comprehensive measures will create a thriving, inclusive, and resilient community in CD18.

What do you plan to make your signature issue as a member of Congress and how do you plan to address it?

My signature issue as a member of Congress will be economic empowerment and job creation, ensuring that every resident of CD18 has a seat at the table. I will also focus on animal welfare and medical advocacy as integral components of community well-being.

Campaign Plans

How will you convince voters of CD18 to support you before November 5, 2024?

To convince the voters of CD18 to support me before November 5, 2024, I will leverage my deep community connections, commitment to public service, and active involvement in equestrian and community groups. My strong faith and active participation in religious and local activities will resonate with voters who value moral integrity and shared values. By emphasizing my lack of political affiliation and background, I present myself as a fresh, familiar face dedicated to serving the community. I will engage with residents through town halls, listening sessions, and local events, addressing their concerns directly and presenting clear policies on economic empowerment, job creation, healthcare access, and community development. Mobilizing a grassroots campaign and highlighting my unique qualifications in veterinary health sciences and community advocacy will further demonstrate my dedication and ability to represent CD18 effectively.

How will you support down-ballot Democratic candidates?

I will support down-ballot Democratic candidates by actively endorsing and campaigning for them, highlighting the importance of a unified Democratic ticket. I will collaborate with local party organizations to coordinate joint campaign events, rallies, and voter outreach efforts. Additionally, I will use my platform to raise awareness about these candidates through social media, newsletters, and community meetings, ensuring voters are informed about their choices. By fostering a sense of unity and shared purpose, I will help build a strong, cohesive Democratic presence that can effectively address the needs and aspirations of our community.

How much money do you expect to raise for your campaign?

\$500,000

How do you plan to raise the amount of money you have indicated in the previous question?

To raise \$500,000 for my campaign, I will combine grassroots fundraising with online efforts and major donor engagement. I will mobilize community support through small-dollar donations via local fundraisers, events, and door-to-door canvassing. Additionally, I will leverage digital tools, including a campaign website, email campaigns, and social media, to reach a broader audience and attract donations. I will also reach out to potential major donors and secure endorsements from local business leaders and community influencers. This comprehensive approach will help build a robust fundraising campaign.

Democratic Credentials, Experience

When and why did you become a Democrat?

I became a Democrat in 2010, driven by my belief in the party's commitment to social justice, economic equality, and inclusive policies that support all individuals, regardless of their background. The Democratic Party's focus on healthcare access, education, and workers' rights resonated with my values and experiences. As someone deeply connected to my community and dedicated to public service, I align with the Democratic principles of advocating for the underrepresented and working towards a more equitable

society. This alignment has inspired me to actively engage in the party and contribute to its mission of creating positive change.

Which Democrat in your lifetime has most impressed you and why?

Several Democrats have greatly impressed me throughout my lifetime. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee stands out for her dedicated and impactful tenure, tirelessly advocating for her constituents and championing civil rights. Former Mayor Sylvester Turner also impressed me, particularly for his efforts in helping my parents secure their house buying process with a nationally known bank, addressing inequalities in housing. Additionally, Dwight Boykins has earned my admiration due to his longstanding friendship and kinship with my family, exemplifying the importance of personal connections and community support. These individuals have significantly influenced my commitment to public service and advocacy.

What involvement have you had in grassroots Democratic activities?

I have been actively involved in grassroots Democratic activities, contributing to various campaigns and community initiatives. I have participated in door-to-door canvassing, phone banking, and organizing local events to engage and inform voters about Democratic candidates and policies. Additionally, I have volunteered at voter registration drives and community outreach programs, ensuring that underrepresented groups have a voice in the electoral process. My involvement in these activities has strengthened my commitment to Democratic principles and has allowed me to connect with constituents on a personal level, advocating for issues that matter most to our community.

Have you ever been a Republican or voted in a Republican primary? If so, when and why did you become a Democrat?

I have never been a Republican or voted in a Republican primary. I have always aligned with the Democratic Party because its commitment to social justice, economic equality, and inclusive policies closely match my values and experiences. The party's focus on healthcare access, education, and workers' rights has consistently resonated with me, inspiring my active involvement in grassroots Democratic activities and my dedication to advocating for positive change within my community.

Is there anything else about your background, experience, philosophy, leadership qualities, or skills as a campaigner which you would like to bring to the attention of the Democratic precinct chairs of the 18th Congressional District of Texas?

In addition to my background and experience, I bring several key qualities that make me uniquely qualified to represent the 18th Congressional District of Texas. My deep roots in the Acres Home community and involvement in local initiatives have given me a strong understanding of our challenges and opportunities. My professional experience in veterinary health sciences and medical advocacy enables me to address issues with a multifaceted perspective. I am committed to inclusivity and equity, ensuring all voices are heard and represented. Through my grassroots Democratic activities, I have demonstrated effective leadership and the ability to build consensus. I am dedicated to serving with honesty, transparency, and accountability. Importantly, I am passionate about ensuring my generation has a voice at the table, advocating for policies that reflect our values and priorities. These qualities, combined with my focus on economic empowerment and community advocacy, position me to bring meaningful change to our district.

Is there any other question which we have not asked you but which, in the interests of understanding why you would be the best person to succeed Sheila Jackson Lee, you would like to address?

One additional aspect I would like to address is my commitment to building strong community partnerships. I believe that effective representation requires collaboration with local organizations,

businesses, and residents to develop and implement solutions that address our community's unique needs. My track record in fostering these partnerships demonstrates my ability to bring diverse groups together to achieve common goals. This collaborative approach, coupled with my deep understanding of our district's challenges and my dedication to inclusivity and equity, positions me to effectively continue the legacy of Sheila Jackson Lee and ensure that our community thrives.