

Questionnaire for Harris County Democratic Party Chair Candidates

Please answer the following questions and return to info@harrisdemocrats.com by **Monday, 03/06 at 6 PM.**

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1. What do you see as the main function of the chair and of the party? How are they different?

The main function of the chair would be to enhance the communication in the community. They are responsible for hosting events and making connections in the community to learn each other to become better acquainted.

2. How much of your time do you plan on dedicating to the party each week?

I plan on dedicating the majority of my time each week to the party so we make the community better. I also plan on organizing fundraisers and get contributions for our organization to help facilitate and operate in the community on a continuous base.

3. Do you believe the party should be doing year round organizing? If so, what should that look like?

I do believe the party should be doing year round organizing so there will be funds if needed. By doing this it will be possible to access funds all year rounds versus trying to do fundraisers in the time of need.

4. Do you believe the party should have an office? If so, why and where?

I believe the party should have a office so if needed there will be a physical place to hold meetings. I think by the NRG would be a great location because it is neutral and easy accessible.

5. What are the different functions of the SC, SD Chairs and CIA?

The SC is responsible for providing oversight on all the US intelligence agencies.

The SD is responsible for gathering intelligence on the Nazi party enemies.

The CIA collects and evaluates vital information on military, political intelligence.

6. How familiar are you with Roberts Rules of Order?

I am familiar with the Robert Rules of Order. I am on the board of several organizations and we use the order of Robert Rules.

7. What is the difference between a precinct chair and an election judge?

A precinct chair is a very important person and role. They are the ground person who meets the people and have interaction with the voters.

A election judge is responsible for administering the voting procedures in that precinct. They are also responsible for making sure it is a fair voting campaign for all eligible voters.

8. How do you plan on recruiting precinct chairs? And election judges?

I plan on recruiting precinct chairs by observing who is participating in the elections and giving back to the community. The person that has a heart for the community will give their time and volunteer to help raise funds.

Election judges will be appointed by the county clerk. If they qualify by giving back to the community and helping in the neighborhoods they will be nominated then appointed.

9. What do you see as the role of the party during the primary?

During the primary I see my role as going into the community to getting into the neighborhood to meet voters and talk to them concerning the needs in the precinct that they are in. I would love trying to find solutions for the problems that have occurred.

10. What do you believe the annual budget of the party should be? What should be the main line items?

I believe the annual budget for the party should be about \$100,000. This should cover advertising, phone banks, rental spaces, brochures, cards, yard signs, workers, etc.

11. How do you plan on raising \$1 million a year?

My plan to raise one million dollars would be targeted on soliciting some of the celebrity friends I am associated with and philanthropists that give back to the communities. I would like to see changes in our neighborhoods so I would also do several fundraising events such as red carpet events, food and fundraisers.

12. What is the total number of Democrats that you think we can turnout to vote in 2024? How do you plan to achieve this goal?

Our goal would be averaging about 2.2 million in Houston. If we start early then we can target our early voting then do follow up with phone bank calls, door to door knocking and fundraisers.

13. What is your vision for realigning the county party's organizational structure?

My structure on realigning the County party's structure would be to focus on fixing the problems that have occurred for years that never gotten fixed. Also take a look into how we could organize structure by getting into the community to see what exactly is needed and try to rebuild

the broken city. I would focus on getting into the community more and also on doing fundraising and giving back to the community. There are many communities that are low income and need this reconstruction to happen.

14. What are your thoughts on a dedicated in-house data team for ongoing analysis regarding voter registration and outreach?

I think that would be great. By doing this we will have a analysis on how many voters have registered and how many we need to reach out to.

15. In the last election, some would say we lacked a coordinated message in the county. There is a perception that the different clubs and organizations, Clubs in Action and precinct chairs lacked message coordination. What is your plan to have a multi-level (i.e., neighborhoods/interest groups/precinct chairs) communication strategy?

What staffing resources do you see needed to proactively develop and rollout messaging? I feel a lot of the organizations have their own meetings and by doing this they do not coordinate with the others so we can be on one accord. If we can develop a program to get all interested parties on board and become one, we will be more powerful and stronger. Unity is what we need.

16. HCDP has a chronic high level of vacant precinct chairs. The historic model of relying on SD vacancy chairs to source new chairs works in some Senatorial districts, but not in others. What's your plan to attack this problem and do you believe recruitment should be centralized at HCDP for those Senatorial Districts with vacancy levels above a certain threshold?

I think there are lots of vacancy chairs because it is extremely hard to keep them on a panel. The majority come and volunteer when they have time and others come when they are available. I would try to make it convenient so every can participate and it not fall on the fee that have showed interest in being apart of the organization. I would target recruiting for those individuals who have time to participate.

17. HCDP approved about \$10,000 in printing in support of initiatives developed by the Precinct Chair Support Committee. The party has never provided this level of focused precinct chair level support. How do you intend to increase the level of support to chairs and will you make the PCSC a Standing Committee with a dedicated budget?

To increase the level of support chairs the budget must be expanded. The printing for cards, yard signs, business cards to use throughout harris county gets up in numbers. The advertisement has to be done to capture the voters and helping them to make a clear decision on who they are voting for during voting time. I think it is very important with materials to have for the community in helping them make the right choice.

18. The HCDP Chair is a very time intensive job, how will you balance the demands of your legal profession with the demands of the party chair position? Will you be able to devote yourself to it full time during election season?

I can devote myself full time for the party chair position because I am a entrepreneur. By doing this I am able to be out in the community and help raise monies for events and fundraising. I am able to manage my time and give the support the community needs.

19. Texas and Harris County have continued to lose a % of Hispanic voters the last 2 election cycles. What do you propose to stop this and increase our share of the Hispanic vote?

To stop a decrease in the Hispanic votes I would organize a Hispanic committee that is able to reach out to the Hispanic communities. It will be of great value to have bilingual people in the communities so we can reach English and no speaking English voters.

20. Harris County has in the neighborhood of 25 college and high school level Democratic clubs that are tapped into sufficiently. This seems to be a huge missed opportunity to grow the Party's younger support and solve many precinct chair vacancies. How will you devote resources to addressing our huge missed opportunity in engaging younger voters?

To grow the opportunities of the democratic clubs in the schools would be very important to go and start up colleges clubs. Several college students don't feel as if their votes would count so I would target the colleges and make them apart of the change.

21. Many groups complain of the Democratic Party only showing up at election time when they need their vote. What are your ideas to be present other than at election time?

I feel the Democratic Party should show up all year round. Not only when voting is in season. Their visibility should always be present and by doing this the community will feel more involved and become familiar with them not only as a political figure but as a person.

22. The Party has made efforts to train precinct chairs, but because of staffing, training has been inconsistent. How do you plan to onboard new precinct chairs and mentor those chairs who need further training?

I plan on reconstructing the training and staff for precinct chairs by getting them more involved with the community. I think if they don't look at it as a job it can become something they love because it will help the community and low income areas in Houston. I would find times that are convenient for them because I know life by itself is a job and we must make time for what we believe in.

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