

**UNITED REPUBLICANS OF HARRIS COUNTY PAC
NON-JUDICIAL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE**

OFFICE SOUGHT _____

NAME _____

OCCUPATION _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

OFFICE ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBERS home _____ office _____

e-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PRECINCT NUMBER _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

How long have you lived at your current address? _____

What other elected offices have you sought or held? _____

QUALIFICATIONS

Education: _____

Experience _____

COMMUNITY/CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Please list: _____

REPUBLICAN PARTY ACTIVITIES:

For what years have you:

voted in the GOP primary? _____

attended precinct conventions? _____

attended senatorial and / or state conventions? _____

In what Republican organizations are you a member?

ENDORSEMENTS

From what groups have you received endorsements? (professional assoc., civic assoc., etc.)

Who are your key individual supporters?

PREVIOUS CAMPAIGN WORK

For what Republican candidates have you worked?

For what candidates of another party have you worked?

In what non-partisan races or issue referenda have you worked?

CAMPAIGN ORGANIZATION

Please give the name of:

your campaign manager _____

your finance committee chairman _____

your campaign treasurer _____

your political consultant _____

How much do you expect to spend on your campaign? _____

CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

Have you signed the "Code of Fair Campaign Practices," a copy of which is attached to this questionnaire?

_____ (yes or no)

If not, why not?

From United Republicans of Harris County

A very important, but perhaps unnoticed, piece of state legislation was passed in the 1997 session. It was HB 35 (House - Goolsby, Senate - Cain) titled "Code of Fair Campaign Practices". Although, under the provisions of the Bill, the signing of this document is voluntary, its purpose is clear. With so many judicial candidates as well as others in the March Primary, we ask everyone who is seeking support whether he or she has signed one. Below is a sample:

CODE OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

There are basic principles of decency, honesty, and fair play that every candidate and political committee in this state has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional rights to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues.

THEREFORE:

- (1) I will conduct the campaign openly and publicly and limit attacks on my opponent to legitimate challenges to my opponent's record and stated positions on issues.
- (2) I will not use or permit the use of character defamation, whispering campaigns, libel, slander, or scurrilous attacks on any candidate or the candidate's personal or family life.
- (3) I will not use or permit any appeal to negative prejudice based on race, sex, religion, or national origin.
- (4) I will not use campaign material of any sort that misrepresents, distorts, or otherwise falsifies the facts; nor will I use malicious or unfounded accusations that aim at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to the personal integrity or patriotism of my opponent.
- (5) I will not undertake or condone any dishonest or unethical practice that tends to corrupt or undermine our system of free elections or that hampers or prevents full and free expression of the will of the voters, including any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.
- (6) I will defend and uphold the right of every qualified voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process, and will not engage in any activity aimed at intimidating voters or discouraging them from voting.
- (7) I will immediately and publicly repudiate methods and tactics that may come from others that I have pledged not to use or condone. I shall take firm action against any subordinate who violates any provision of this code or the laws governing elections.

I, the undersigned candidate for election to public office in the State of Texas or campaign treasurer of a political committee, hereby voluntarily endorse, subscribe to, and solemnly pledge myself to conduct the campaign in accordance with the above principles and practices.

Date

Signature

Note: The cover sheet states "Pursuant to chapter 258 of the Election Code, every candidate and political action committee is encouraged to subscribe to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. The Code may be filed with the proper filing authority upon submission of a campaign treasurer appointments form.