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Questions for all Republican Party of Texas Vice Chair Candidates
From Livestreamed Portion of **Sunday, June 5** Candidate Forum

**Release of questions with videos
authorized by JoAnn Fleming, Executive Director**

1. The 88th Legislative Session (2023) Priorities for the Republican Party of Texas will be set at the upcoming Convention by the delegates. **Name the top three priorities you want to see from a results-oriented legislative session. 1 min.**
2. Have you ever testified at a Texas Legislative hearing? If so, on what issue(s)? **30 seconds**
3. Describe your ability to interact with your own State Representative and State Senator. Give examples that reflect the relationship and ability to discuss issues and policy. **1 min.**
4. If elected Vice Chair of the Republican Party of Texas, **define what a successful term of office would be for you. 1 minute**
5. What is the message of the Republican Party to the 40- something adult reaching a phase in life where they could manage more political and policy activism? **1 minute**
6. What skills and experience would you bring to this position? **1 minute**
7. Describe how you have already served the RPT or your county party. **Elaborate on tangible results of that service. 1 minute**

8. Describe your management style. **1 minute**
9. Think about a “fork in the road” experience in your life – one that was painful, with long-lasting impact. What shaped your decision-making and actions? **2 minutes**
10. What does the Republican Party of Texas do well? What are areas that require improvement and what are your specific solutions and processes to make improvements? **2 minutes**
11. Please define the role of government. **1 minute**
12. What motivates you? **1 minute**
13. Reflect on the state of our state and our nation. Cite what you believe are the two biggest challenges for the Republican Party of Texas. **1 minute**
14. How do you influence others to work with you? **1 minute**
15. What do you value in your work relationships? **1 minute**
16. What is the worst conflict you’ve managed and how did you manage it? **1 minute**
17. What are your thoughts on extending opportunities for booth space at the Republican State Convention to groups **whose stated mission violates the Republican Party of Texas Platform?** **1 minute**
18. Do you believe there is a conflict of interest when a member of the State Republican Executive Committee is employed by a PAC **whose sole purpose is to re-elect an incumbent in the Republican Primary** as well as the General Election? If so, do you believe there should be a rule to prohibit this conflict of interest? **1 minute**

Questions for all Republican Party of Texas Vice Chair Candidates Video-recorded Individual One-on-one Interviews

1. Where can the job description of the RPT Vice Chair be found? (SREC bylaws) **Note:** All we are looking for here is do they know where. **30 seconds**
 2. Define the Vice Chair role in relation to the Chairman and the grassroots. **1 minute**
 3. **Question 3 Part 1:** Name **2 specific projects** that would 1) expand the Party with those who hold true Republican values as defined in our Platform and 2) that you would work for to achieve measurable results. **2 minutes**
- Question 3 Part 2:** Do you have any experience working for these two issues already and if so, what has been the specific outcome thus far? **1 minute**

4. In the preamble and principles of the RPT platform, it lists several principles that the RPT promotes. **Please name as many as you can. 2 minutes**
5. Think about the word “unity” and any controlling parameters that should define **how** this concept would **most effectively** apply to the mission of the Republican Party of TX. How would you as Vice Chair promote unity among the different factions of the party while staying true to the principles and values of the Platform? **2 minutes**
6. **Mindful efficiency** and **purposeful effectiveness** are vital ingredients to success in any endeavor. Describe how you would apply these to the workings of the SREC. **2 minutes**
7. Define what you believe is the ultimate measure of the State Republican Executive Committee. In other words, if they had a report card, on what should they be graded? **1 minute**
8. **Part 1:** In June, the convention delegates will adopt 8 legislative priorities. The SREC Legislative Priorities Committee is charged with working to get those priorities passed. Describe how you would support accomplishment of the legislative priorities. **2 minutes**
- Part 2:** If the Republican Governor, Lt. Governor, and House Speaker do not agree with the Republican Party of Texas Legislative Priorities, how will that impact your efforts? **1 minute**
9. Have you ever endorsed or helped a Democrat running for office? If so, who, when, and for what office? **1 minute**
10. Sadly, the 9th Commandment “Thou Shalt NOT bear false witness against thy neighbor” from Exodus 20:16 is the FIRST casualty of politics. **It should NOT be so among professed Christians.** In your race for Vice Chair, have there been any misconceptions, rumors, or false witness tale-bearing spun to demean you that you wish to address? **2 minutes**
11. Recently the **Republican National Committee** has attempted to establish a Gay Pride Coalition with the Log Cabin Republicans. What are your thoughts about this? Would you support the Log Cabin Republicans having a booth at the state convention? Will you promote the LCR in Texas politics? **2 minutes**
12. What is your stance on abortion? **30 seconds**
13. Give us your thoughts on closed Primaries. **30 seconds**
14. From what sources will you look to increase donor dollars for the party? Are there any sources that are off limits? **1 minute**