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	State Senator, District 3		State Senator, District 4		State Representative, District 3			State Representative, District 15	
Candidate	Tammy Blair	Robert Nichols	Tommy Williams	Michael Galloway	Troy Bonin	Cecil Bell, Jr.	Bob Bagley	Rob Eissler	Steve Toth
BEST?	92%	8%	6%	94%	0%	0%	100%	13%	87%
Conservative Score	72	39	23	94	88	33	95	29	93
<i>Please describe legislation you have or will propose to address illegal aliens.</i>	I will reintroduce legislation to make English the official language of Texas. I will also support legislation prohibiting Sanctuary Cities, refusing drivers licenses to illegal aliens and ending unfunded mandates for social services for illegal aliens at taxpayer expense.	Did Not Respond	Did Not Respond	The first step is to secure to border. I will propose legislation creating a well-regulated, state-sanctioned, volunteer Border Guard. In addition to securing the border, we must enforce immigration laws within the interior of the state. I will propose legislation requiring enforcement of immigration laws and	I believe illegal aliens should be deported and DEFINITELY should not be able to vote. They should also receive NO WELFARE benefits if they are in the country illegally. *End sanctuary cities. *Stronger border security. *Penalties for employers that knowingly hire illegals.	I will not sponsor or support any legislation which grants the rights and or benefits of citizenship to individuals here illegally.	There are a number of bills that I would either sponsor or co-sponsor dealing with illegal aliens. During the last session I lobbied for a number of those bills, some of which are: 1. A bill that would allow police officers to inquire as to the immigration status of anyone they have "reasonable" suspicion about	I'm sure that someone will beat me to file, but I will support legislation that helps to tighten our borders, identify those here illegally and punish/deport them, and not provide safety net services (unless emergency medical care prior to deportation).	In addition to ending Sanctuary City Status Legislation the bigger question is when will they propose the legislation? If lawmakers are serious about this issue, then they will propose legislation in January and not a June special session like they did last time. The reason it didn't go through was because they gave it "lin
<i>Please discuss your approach to restructuring educational funding, specifically addressing the Gross Margins Tax and public employee benefits. Where does this fall in your legislative priorities?</i>	Public education is one of the constitutional requirements of Texas. As such, it should receive high priority by all legislators. Historically, property tax has been a major source of funding for public education. Still, I believe that property tax should be abolished in favor of a reformed sales tax. The Texas Public Policy Foundation has shown four possibilities in that direction. Removing the tax burden			Reforming taxation is one of my top priorities. Taxes derived from income or capital (i.e., Gross Margins Tax and property tax) are inherently evil because they violate the principles of the free market and hinder ownership of private property. Our tax system should be reformed with a focus on end-user consumption. Public employee benefits should not exceed those received in the private sector.	Priorities: Very High!!! Educational funding has been a disaster. The apparent answer seemingly for the past decade or two has been "...Just throw more money at it". That model simply is not working. But there is a model that does work. The educational system needs to be one "mirrored" after the ideas of our founding fathers. And that is a creative and competitive market (in this case)	Public education funding needs a total overhaul based on a simplified formula. (\$ 38B/4.8M) weighted for equitable access to teachers, curriculum, etc. The GMT needs to be repealed and local control returned to PSDs. I consider this a top priority for the 83rd Lege.	When the GMT was presented to us at the Republican State Convention in San Antonio a few years back, I was very outspoken against such a tax. This increased business taxes for some by up to 300%. I would support a bill to eliminate this tax, as it has had a negative effect on business growth. However, knowing it would get little support (see last session) I would submit a bill that	I believe that performance funding should be in place, with increases as above. We should reward high productivity with less regulation on those that perform. Competition and Choice will go a long way towards reducing costs.	Education funding isn't the issue. Prioritizing education spending and spending reform is the main issue. Spending reform that includes elimination of waste that includes the 20 Education Service Centers around the state, gross expansion of administrators (Now one admin for every teacher), State spending on scoreboards and stadiums should end etc. As a small business owner, I
<i>Please describe your plan to eliminate lobbying by governmental entities using taxpayer money and discuss where this falls in your legislative priorities.</i>	At this point, millions of taxpayer dollars are being used in legislative advocacy. We elect people to serve us, to represent us. I can tell you from my experience as a citizen lobbyist that they do not serve or represent us. Those currently in office (most of them) are serving the lobbies. As a result, taxpayer dollars are being used to pay			This issue ranks high in my legislative priorities. In 1997, against fierce opposition, I authored SB 1171, which would have prohibited governmental entities from expending taxpayer funds on lobbying efforts. I will again fight for passage of this legislation.	This is a big problem. We must first acknowledge the right of Americans to express their freedom to donate, volunteer, and vote for the candidates they feel best will serve their district. But this is not where the problem lies. "I would support banning taxpayer-funded lobbying. In fact, I signed Americans for Prosperity's Defending the	Transparency in local government funding is the answer here given the thin line between keeping us informed as a population and governmental entities pursuing political agendas using taxpayer dollars.	This is a problem. Let's just look at schools. Our tax dollars are paying the salaries for school superintendents, who form together to lobby the legislature. Additionally the school districts have lawyers that lobby the legislature and the school teachers lobby the legislature individually and collectively. The county governments including the	This is a high priority as we are being sued for more money in schools using our taxpayer money to get more of our taxpayer money.	Any and all PACs that take county or municipal tax money and use it to pay officeholders should be banned. I will introduce legislation to make this illegal.
<i>Please explain why you do or do not support requiring a 2/3 approval by voters for every tax increase to pass.</i>	I do support the 2/3 majority vote requirement over a simple majority for most votes. I don't like one group of people being able to force another similarly sized group of people to pay more taxes. The issue of raising taxes, as			I strongly support proposals such as this to prevent increases in taxes. As I stated before, the only way the control the growth of government is by controlling the purse Strings.	I support a 2/3 Super Vote approval for ANY TAX INCREASE. This would definitely keep a stronger check and balance in place instead of the 50+1 majority. The current political environment allows for a few bleeding liberal with some	We elect representation charged with establishing tax rates and fees. I favor and support a 2/3 vote by the legislature.	We pass bonds(taxes) with less than 5% of the voters turning out to vote. This has to stop. We need to educate taxpayers prior to an election with the positives and negatives of an issue, before the vote. If we don't get 2/3 rds of the voters to approve	I do support it.	I do support a 2/3 approval to raise taxes. It needs to be hard work for lawmakers to take our money.
<i>Please discuss your approach to the exercise of states' rights in response to overreach by the Federal Government.</i>	The Texas Constitution, Article 1, Section 1, reads "Texas is a free and independent State, subject only to the United States Constitution..." The overreach we have witnessed in recent years has occurred because the states have allowed it to occur. Other states have nullified ObamaCare, passed laws on	In 1995, as member of the Special Committee on Auto Emissions, my line of questioning of administrators in the EPA led the Legislature to reject the federal mandate on auto emissions testing. As a result of our efforts, numerous states followed our lead. The most effective way to prevent overreach and protect states' rights is to	My opinions on the United States Constitution are strong. I believe firmly in Republic, more than I do the idea of a Democracy. There is a vast difference between the two. I believe through the years, (Adams, Hamilton) will be proven wrong and that a strong centralized government will continue to push the envelope	The 10th Amendment (already) specifically limits the authority of the Fed Gov. and we need (as a state) to handle all other affairs as state rights. The Texas AG needs to aggressively enforce our sovereign rights as a state.	Just because we are a part of the United States does not mean we gave up our sovereignty as a state. We have the right to refuse Federal Government rules/laws that conflict with the Constitution. That may mean lack of government funding, but what our sovereignty worth. We were once known for drawing a	I am a big proponent of the 10th amendment which limits the powers of the Federal Government to those enumerated in the Constitution. Obamacare is one of these most egregious overreaches by the Federal Government	I am a firm believer in the 10th amendment. The reason that the 10th Amendment is trashed so often by the federal government is because states allow it. Texas should fight more often in the courts and when necessary, defy rulings that we know to be in defiance of our state's rights.		

Candidate	District Judge, 9th District		District Judge, 418th District		Candidate	County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3			
	Kelly W. Case	Fred Edwards	Jessica Siegel	Tracy A. Gilbert		Paul Cote	James Noack	Kenny Speight	Brian Dawson
BEST?	88%	6%	0%	100%	BEST?	7%	33%	0%	60%
None of the Above	6%			0%	None of the Above	0%			
Conservative Score	56	16		72	Conservative Score	48	65	18	72
<i>Please explain why you do or do not believe plaintiffs or defendants who do not speak English are entitled to an interpreter at taxpayer expense.</i>	I believe that interpreter fees should be reimbursed by the accused as part of punishment.	I do not provide interpreters for litigants in civil cases. The legislature has mandated that interpreters be provided for non-english speakers in criminal cases, this includes the hearing impaired. I require that the costs of these interpreters be borne by the defendant if convicted as court costs and are reimbursable to the	Did Not Respond	The law is clear on this issue. Simply put, in criminal cases (especially if the defendant is indigent) an interpreter must be provided at the county's expense. However, this is not so in civil cases. Unless the hearing involves the possibility of incarceration (such as an enforcement matter), a litigant in the 418th must	<i>Please explain why you will or will not vote to limit budget increases to a factor based on population growth and inflation.</i>	The result of growth is an increasing demand on the many services provided by the County. The growth of the budget should remain proportional to the need for the increased demand on services provided. In addition Commissioner Court should always attempt to reduce the property tax rate when possible. I will do my best	Every budget cycle should commence with adjustments for inflation and change in the population before other factors are considered. If this had been given greater consideration during the 2000-2010 timeframe, we would not have had a 20% increase in per capita spending after adjustments for inflation and	As I have done with my own private business for 25 years, I will manage the County's budget based on those public services highest on the priority list. Our citizens have consistently indicated that their number one concern is the safety and security of their families, so that will be my number one budget priority as well.	I would vote to limit budget increases to a factor on population growth and inflation. Limiting budget increases in such a way will help to ensure that the growth in both government spending and the overall budget does not become disproportionate to the population growth of the county.
<i>Please describe what you believe are the most significant issues in this race and why.</i>	Fiscal responsibility is the most important issue in this campaign. I will cut that court's budget down to a more reasonable level. Paying a court coordinator \$80,000.00 per year and her assistant another \$55,000.00 per year is outrageous! I also believe	Qualifications I enforce the death penalty when necessary. I have sentenced several men to execution. I believe in the death penalty, my opponent does not and wrote a blog supporting Judge Fine in Harris county, a democrat		Without a doubt, this race is about qualifications and credibility! I believe that the extreme difference in qualifications is summarized in my answer to Question No. 2. My opponent is running a negative campaign based upon bogus allegations	<i>Please explain your criteria for granting tax abatements.</i>	The decision for granting property tax abatements shall be a new concept for this candidate. A common sense approach in these kinds of decisions is critical. There are three simple rules to follow. How will it benefit the community, a review of	Tax abatements are a tool we can use to attract and grow business in Montgomery County. Each situation would be judged on the merits, but there would need to be proof that granting the abatement would be in the best interest of the	Tax abatements should only be considered when the net effect for the County will be a positive gain.	In order for me to vote in favor of a Tax Abatement, I feel it is necessary that a company show their long-term investment into the county will be at a minimum equal to any abatement granted. In addition, I believe we should move away from
<i>Please describe your judicial philosophy.</i>	I am extremely conservative, I believe in family values and limited government; people should be responsible for themselves and not depend on the government to raise their children or take care of them.	Justice delayed is justice denied. The courts are still operating on outdated concepts which were fine 50 years ago but are cumbersome and slow today. E-filing is one method, but non-jury trials on smaller cases should be mandatory. I do not believe in Judicial activism. I took an oath to uphold the		1. Know the law. 2. Apply the law as written to the admissible evidence presented in court. 3. Treat each litigant respectfully. 4. Rule according to the law and the greater weight of the credible, admissible evidence.	<i>Please list the top 3 programs/ projects that will be your focus in the upcoming term. Describe why they are important and the funding issues associated with each.</i>	1. Lead in developing a true mobility plan for Precinct 3 which focuses on long term results with the input from all those interested. When an area becomes overburden with traffic the result is an undesirable effect on safety and property values. For the local economy to thrive we must be able to move	I will control our spending, taxation, and debt. I will focus on increasing transparency to county government. Citizens have a right to know exactly how their tax dollars are spent. We need a complete review of the budget to identify and eliminate wasteful spending. I would support making it easier for	#1 Public Safety is priority number one. At least one candidate for this position has touted a reduced budget, however, I will not reduce the levels of law enforcement for our communities. I believe families need to feel secure in their homes, and companies should be able to operate with confidence	I believe and it is my goal to move the county budget process to a zero-based budget process. Doing so would allow us to better identify and eliminate wasteful spending as well as better hold county departments accountable for every tax dollar spent. It is important that we utilize every tool available
<i>Please describe the changes you will make to improve the efficiency of your court. Please specifically address your plans to transfer cases to/from other courts and how many days a year your court will be "in session."</i>	I will work a full day – minimum 10 hours per day. I will also hold a docket every day of the week, in order to quickly move cases so there are no more two year (or more) delays in getting to trial. The court is a court of general jurisdiction and in order to keep the size of the docket	1. My court is already efficient but if I were to make a change it would be to stop taking criminal cases. Although they are relatively small in number they do dominate half of our time. Without criminal cases we would be able to move civil cases even faster. This would require		Simply put, the 418th District Court is the most efficient court in Montgomery County. The 418th District Court handles between 2,500 and 3,000 cases per year; more than any other court in the county. This is primarily accomplished by getting to work by 8:00 a.m., and	<i>Please explain why you will or will not vote to increase debt to fund road construction/ maintenance.</i>	My hope is to not to increase debt to fund road construction. The reality is it will be difficult to accomplish. I will encourage or promote new methods of funding road projects. My hope is to get as many interested citizens and local leaders involved in providing solutions for	We operate on a \$250 million budget. I will eliminate waste, recognize efficiencies, and be a more responsible steward of taxpayers' dollars. I don't believe as the budget sits today we can support major projects. I believe there will come a time when voters will need to	I will follow the will of the taxpayers as to the money they wish to dedicate to building and maintaining roads and other infrastructure. As stated above, Transportation & Mobility are vital to our citizens' everyday lives. If voters support a future bond issue, then we will	Before any additional debt is incurred to fund road construction and maintenance we need an implemented plan to meet our current debt obligations as well as strategy to address our county's infrastructure needs responsibly.
<i>Please explain your view of recidivism and how it affects the sentences you give.</i>	The more they come back, the higher the sentence goes. Drug court, mental health court and similar are extremely important but if they cannot learn their lesson and keep coming back, it's up to the judge to put them away so they don't harm the rest of us.	Extremely important to me and to jurors. Plea bargain agreements occur when both sides have negotiated a deal. I have ultimate approval but rarely kick back a deal. I have to trust that the ADA has evaluated this case and has taken in account the circumstances		The 418th District Court is a family law court, and does not hear criminal cases. As such, I do not believe that this question applies to me.	<i>Please explain why you do or do not support requiring a 2/3 approval by voters for every bond issue to pass.</i>	I believe the voters should have an opportunity to decide this item by a vote. I would then abide by the decision of the voters.	In the last bond election, about 40% of the voters elected to participate when compared to a typical primary election. I believe greater participation in bond elections can be achieved through an open dialogue with the voters. To encourage greater participation, a complete	The one-man/one-vote process instituted by our forefathers is indicative that the majority should make the rules. The current law is that the majority of the citizens decide on bond issues, and I believe that rule works fine.	As stated previously, part of my focus will be increased transparency, more accountability and greater efficiency. These actions will help ensure that a proposed bond is needed, and furthermore will help ensure that need is realized by the voting population. As such, a 2/3

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District Attorney, 9th Judicial District				County Attorney			
Candidate	Gilbert G. Garcia	Tracy Pullan	Brett W. Ligon	Candidate	Phyllis Rainey	JD Lambright	Gary Beauchamp
BEST?	0%	0%	100%	BEST?	13%	50%	38%
Conservative Score	24		80	Conservative Score	37	64	48
<i>Please describe what you believe are the two most significant issues in this race and why. What are your solutions to these issues?</i>	The DA creates criminal justice policy for our County, selects what crimes are filed and impacts the sanctions for those crimes. Therefore, the two most significant issues are: 1-Good Judgment by identifying the difference between those offenders that are violent/dangerous criminals that threaten our community, those that need help to become self-correcting, and those that are self-correcting. Solution: Each	Did Not Respond	The two most important issues in this race are Public Safety and Public Corruption. The District Attorney's office is a law enforcement position and the District Attorney is a law enforcement official. Because of that, Public Safety is always going to be job number one. The primary consideration would be to reduce those crimes that involve fatalities. For example, murder, capital murder, intoxicated manslaughter and criminally negligent homicide.	<i>Please list the top 3 programs/ projects that will be your focus in the upcoming term. Describe why they are important and the funding issues associated with each.</i>	#2 Recognizing that our priorities of projects change with different circumstances, three projects that I intend to pursue include: (1) Working with the Juvenile Prosecutors, law enforcement and Juvenile Probation to develop a proactive program for juvenile gang intervention. We are not asking for additional budget money to handle this project, but may look for available grant money. (2) Working with law enforcement and the District Attorney to develop a	See Item 7 below.	I WILL REDUCE OR STOP THE AMOUNT OF MONEY BEING SPENT ON OUTSIDE LAW FIRMS HIRED TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY. WE WILL ALSO STOP THE CURRENT PRACTICE OF WRITING A CHECK TO SETTLE LAWSUITS WITHOUT A TRIAL. I WILL IMPROVE THE HOT CHECK PROSECUTION. CURRENTLY ONCE A LETTER IS WRITTEN TO THE BAD CHECK WRITER AND IT IS RETURNED DUE TO
<i>Please describe what measures you will take to better protect the county from crimes committed by illegal aliens.</i>	Establish a good working relationship with ICE and help them do their job effectively.		Immediately upon taking office I implemented written policies that dealt with this issue. Though they have been unpopular to many defense attorneys, judges, and commissioners, I believe that the law should not allow prosecutors to offer probation to an illegal alien. The reason is very straightforward. To receive probation you must promise to follow the laws Texas, the United States and any other state. The mere fact that an alien is in the US illegally is a violation of US laws	<i>Please describe what you believe are the most significant issues in this race and why.</i>	The most important issue in this race is experience, which I have, and my opponents' lack of the experience essential for an effective County Attorney.	#7 There are a number of significant issues in this race. A key one is promoting a sense of fiscal responsibility to the operation of the County Attorney's office as a whole. We must ensure that we have the best people in the right jobs, and we must ensure that they have the tools necessary to do their jobs correctly, effectively, efficiently and in line with the strong conservative principles that are at the very core of our citizenry.	THE TWO SIGNIFICANT ISSUES AT THE MOMENT ARE THE AMOUNT OF OUTSIDE ATTORNEY FEES BEING SPENT AND THE NUMBER OF LAWSUITS BEING SETTLED WITHOUT A TRIAL. IN THE LAST TWO YEARS ALONE WE HAVE SPENT NEARLY \$200,000.00 ON OUTSIDE ATTORNEY FEES. WE ALSO FOUND THAT THE COUNTY HAS SPENT \$250,000.00 TO SETTLE FIVE LAWSUITS WITHOUT EVER TAKING
<i>Please describe the key changes you plan to make to the District Attorney's office.</i>	Eliminate the "Intake" Dept., "Publicity" Dept. and the "Public Integrity" Dept. Justice is not unabashed aggression, based upon a belief that human nature is evil, oppressive, publicity seeking, demeaning, nor partisan.		There are many changes that I would like to see made to the DA's office in the next four years. To name just a few, I will require District Court Chiefs to have attained Board Certification in Criminal Law to maintain that position or to be promoted into it. Secondly, particular attention will be paid to "major crimes". Those	<i>Please describe your position on the proper balance of parental rights and the welfare of the child. Please include a couple of examples.</i>	I support the right of parents to determine the proper methods for educating their children and instilling a moral beacon for childhood development. I also support the rights of parents to reasonably discipline their children. I strongly favor family values and encourage parent participation in education and in	Parents are in the best position to raise and provide for their children, and government intervention should be very closely regulated, monitored, and minimized. Parents should be allowed to decide on their children's education and their religious teaching and upbringing, along with all other aspects of their children's lives. We don't need	HAVING DEFENDED NUMEROUS PARENTS IN CPS COURT, I HAVE SEEN FIRST HAND HOW CPS CAN GO FAR AFIELD FROM THEIR MAIN PURPOSE OF PROTECTING CHILDREN. PARENTS NEED TO BE ABLE TO BE PARENTS AND CHILDREN NEED TO BE ABLE TO BE CHILDREN AND
<i>Please explain how you propose to prevent release of suspected criminals on personal recognizance or reduced bail due to delays in indictment.</i>	Action should be taken to have violent/ dangerous criminals removed from society ASAP, the highest bonds possible should be set. Delays in Indictment that lead to PR bonds are easily remedied. A simple calendar with deadlines should suffice. Addressing the issue through management of staff to insure timely Indictment can be		At this point I believe that I am the lone vocal dissenter that has publicly fought against the commissioners' and the courts' proposal to release suspected criminals on PR bond. Currently there is no system in place that would track the release of those defendants. To create such an agency would increase the size of	<i>Please describe your plan for use of outside attorneys to handle county business, including what is the appropriate level of funding and compensation for these services.</i>	Outside attorneys do not, and should not, be used to handle County business unless absolutely necessary. Currently, the vast majority of cases are handled in-house, and outside counsel is used only in limited situations, such as where the County is required to hire counsel to represent an employee to avoid conflict of	The use of outside attorneys, like experts in any area, may be warranted on occasion. However, our County Attorney's Office has a large staff of lawyers, and it relies too heavily on the use of outside counsel. Frequently, these attorneys are being paid many hundreds of dollars per hour, far more than what we pay inside	IF WE ARE GOING TO USE OUTSIDE ATTORNEYS TO REPRESENT THE COUNTY WE SHOULD FIRST LOOK IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY. IF THAT IS NOT AN OPTION THEN WE NEED TO FIND THE BEST QUALIFIED ATTORNEY AT A REASONABLE RATE. SOME CASES WILL REQUIRE
<i>Please list the top 3 programs/ projects that will be your focus in the upcoming term. Describe why they are important and the funding issues associated with each.</i>	1-Stop DWI cases before they occur, work within the community to curb the incidence of driving after drinking or taking drugs. 2- Insure that those receiving indigent defense funds ultimately pay for their legal defense. 2-Drug and DWI courts should be vastly expanded, by using savings from reduced incarceration. All Drug, Alcohol, Theft and Anti-Violence treatment programs must		1)Crimes against Children Division 2) Public Integrity Division 3)White Collar/Civil I have described those programs previously.	<i>Please describe the key changes you plan to make to the County Attorney's office.</i>	I believe my answer to Question #2 is also responsive to this Question. In addition, I plan to work closely with each area of the Office and ensure that personnel and resources are assigned in the most effective and efficient manner.	See Item 7 above.	I WILL STRUCTURE THE WORKLOAD SO EVERYONE'S FULL POTENTIAL CAN BE REALIZED AND UTILIZED RATHER THAN JUST ARBITRARILY ASSIGNING WORK TO THE STAFF. WE WILL HAVE TO ENSURE WE HAVE THE RIGHT FOLKS DOING THE RIGHT JOB. WE WILL ALSO INSTIGATE EXTENSIVE CROSS TRAINING

	Constable, Precinct No. 1		Constable, Precinct No. 2		
Candidate	Jim Napolitano	Don Chumley	David Womack	David Moore	Gene DeForest
BEST?	60%	40%	0%	57%	43%
Conservative Score	55	49		55	50
<i>Please describe the two main issues facing the precinct for which you are running and your planned solutions.</i>	<p>First, the citizens of Montgomery County Precinct 1 have had a 24 year incumbent whom feels entitled to the elected position because of his tenure. Therefore, feel complacency may have affected the department as a whole. I plan on invigorating the department to serve the citizens better by engaging the community with outreach programs and providing professional development.</p> <p>Additionally, the Precinct 1 Constable's Department does not make itself accessible to all citizens of the Precinct at all times of day. I intend, if elected, to</p>	<p>Keeping up with the growth, deterring the criminal element. Effective management and deployment of resources. Continuous training.</p>		<p>The two main issues in my opinion are crime and the lack of focus on crime in the unincorporated areas of the precinct. I will create zones within the precinct that each deputy will be assigned to on regular basis. These deputies will learn the crime trends within their zones and combat these types of crimes by identifying the criminal element. This will be accomplished by fostering a working relationship with residents and business owners.</p>	<p>Since I took office in January 2001, I have not received any new full time deputy positions. I have received two part time slots in which a deputy works 20 hours per week and receives no county benefits. The population of precinct two has grown considerably in the past decade. I feel to some degree that my department has not kept up with the growth of the community. I have asked for additional personnel at each budget hearing since taking office but have yet to be granted any new full time positions. The addition of new courts in Montgomery County coupled with population growth has greatly impacted our</p>
<i>Please describe what changes you will make to better protect the county from crimes committed by illegal aliens.</i>	<p>First and foremost, I would enforce all laws mandated by the US Constitution and the laws prescribed by the State of Texas. This includes ensuring that Montgomery County does not follow suit of "sanctuary cities" by overlooking the citizenship status of all criminals apprehended. All persons in the country illegally that are apprehended by the department under my watch for committing a crime will be treated fairly and directed to the appropriate federal agency</p>	<p>3/26/12, I agreed to enter into an agreement to allow ICE to share my office facilities. Which will facilitate their efforts in Montgomery county. My officers are trained to know what is normal activity for the areas they patrol and to make contact and interdict individuals to maintain the security and safety of Pct 1 residents.</p>		<p>I will work with U.S. Immigrations and Customs and follow current policies on the state and federal level.</p>	<p>Federal laws have long been in place to address illegal entry into our country. However, the federal government has failed to enforce existing laws which were designed to protect American citizens and jobs. We have become a victim nation at the hands of illegal aliens. Washington DC has rebuked our efforts to enforce citizenship laws and left us hobbled. When I took office, I instituted a policy whereby if a violator is stopped for a traffic violation and does not possess a valid driver license or proof of insurance they are cited</p>
<i>Please describe changes to the day-to-day operation of the Constable's office that you will make in this coming term.</i>	<p>I am committed to providing my fullest attention to the citizens of Montgomery County on a daily basis while closely examining the operations of the office on an on-going basis. This is an area where a fresh pair of eyes will be particularly beneficial.</p>	<p>We will continue to expand our training and readiness. We will increase cooperation with the district attorney's initiatives as well as our cooperation with the Sheriff's office and other Constables.</p>	Did Not Respond	<p>I will have all sworn and civilian personnel ready to work each morning. I plan to have an extended schedule for deputies to allow for evening and weekend coverage. This is important to me because citizens need assistance more often during these hours. I will make sure that all civil papers are dealt with in timely and professional manner. Each deputy will have an assigned shift and will work his or her's assigned shift without interruption. There will also be a deputy assigned as a bailiff to the Justice of the Peace Court.</p>	<p>I would love to have adequate manpower so as to schedule deputies to work 24/7. With no sign of new employees on the horizon, we will keep working as diligently as we have been to get the job done. The bulk of our work is serving civil process. The law mandates this be done in a timely manner according to each document we serve. I believe my day-to-day operations run as smoothly and proficiently as can be done. When an opportunity or good idea comes along to make something work better or more efficiently I</p>
<i>Please list the guidelines you will enforce regarding outside jobs by your deputies.</i>	<p>I will require that all deputies of the Constable's office fulfill their required hours with Montgomery County before engaging in any off-duty jobs. Off-duty jobs will not interfere with the work expected of a full-time deputy for the Montgomery County Constable Precinct 1 Department. I intend to review and approve off-duty job requests to ensure that all deputies: 1) understand that off-duty work performance reflects on the Constable's Department.</p>	<p>Professionalism, my officers are sworn to my office first and foremost. As my officers they are on duty and sworn to uphold the law 24/7. Outside jobs are a force multiplier for the citizens of Montgomery County the contract s we fulfill in the subdivisions expand our county paid role. Our philosophy is the criminals do not go where the cops are. So we raise our visibility at every opportunity.</p>		<p>I have worked outside jobs, commonly known as "Extra Jobs", for the past 28 years. An extra job is just what it means; extra. I have been bound for years under a strict policy regarding these jobs. Outside jobs should be performed when a deputy is off duty and the job is not in direct conflict with the deputies fulltime paid job. I will set forth guidelines to assure these types of jobs will not have an effect on a deputy's mental and physical ability to perform their daily duty assignments. I will regulate the amount of hours</p>	<p>All guidelines pertaining to extra jobs are addressed in my policy manual. No deputy is permitted to work an extra job without the prior approval of myself or the chief deputy. Albeit unwritten, no deputy has ever been allowed to work in an establishment or place where persons of ill repute are in charge of, or managing. Most other extra employment concerns are addressed in the general rules of conduct within the policy manual. All non-police related employment by members of the department is made known to me. No</p>
<i>Please explain why you are running for this position and what differentiates you from the other candidates.</i>	<p>I am running for this position to serve the citizens of Montgomery County by bringing my expertise in law enforcement, professionalism and knowledge to the Precinct 1 Constables Department. I believe term limits should be applied to this position as well as all other elected positions whether local, state or federal. My unmatched experience, professionalism and proactive approach to law enforcement separate me from my</p>	<p>I have dedicated my life to one of service to my country and community. I have the wisdom that comes with years of service. I know the citizens of Pct one I share their values. They want security, but they value their privacy. Pct 1 Constables have quietly acquired the 2nd highest arrest rate of the Pct's of Montgomery County. Our citizens' rest assured that they are safe in this community.</p>		<p>I decided early in my law enforcement career that I would like someday to serve the citizens of this county as an elected official in law enforcement. That time has arrived. I chose to run as Constable in Precinct 2 because I have a vested interest in Conroe, Texas. I am a lifelong resident of Conroe and Montgomery County, Texas. I want Precinct 2 to be a safe place to live, raise families, and operate businesses. That is why public safety has always been my top priority and</p>	<p>I am the incumbent constable. I enjoy being Your Constable. I believe my record as Constable speaks for itself. I believe I have represented this office with dignity, professionalism and a heartfelt desire to serve the community. I have brought a high level of integrity to the office and I have quality people who work for me. Since becoming constable, I have brought no disgrace to the office, the county or the community. I want and need the job for another term, maybe two,</p>
<i>Please describe how you have you ever reduced the size, scope, power, or expense of government or promoted such. Please describe when & why you took that action.</i>	<p>As the Resident Agent in Charge of the United States Secret Service Office in Waco, Texas, I was responsible for the visits of President George W. Bush to his ranch in Crawford, TX. This required logistics, including lodging, for hundreds of agents and support personnel to successfully protect the President. In doing so, I was able to procure hotel accommodations, as an example, for all personnel at rates below the government rate. This ultimately reduced the tax</p>	<p>The budget for our office has not kept pace with the growth of Pct 1 the last 23 years. Yet through training and efficient management, we have kept current with the two JP court offices as well as patrol, mental health and the Lake Conroe patrol. Affecting a zero boating will intoxicated death rate the last 4 years.</p>		<p>As a Task Force Commander I prepare and manage a yearly budget made up of local and state funds. For the past nine years the State of Texas has been taking a percentage of these funds that were designated solely to the Task Forces. I have had to make numerous changes over the years to create a lean budget. These monetary changes have allowed me to keep my same personnel without losing positions and perform the same services.</p>	<p>I have always been an advocate for smaller government especially at the federal level. I believe that a streamlined, less bureaucratic government is an efficient government. In that my office has not received the additional deputies I have sought, we DO give the community a "lot of bang for less buck."</p>

Candidate	Constable, Precinct No. 3			Constable, Precinct No. 5		
	Ryan Gable	Dan Norris	David Angstadt, Jr.	Brian Clack	Johnny Carroll	David Hill
BEST?	20%	27%	53%	17%	25%	50%
None of the Above		0%			8%	
Conservative Score	45	55	63		38	
<i>Please describe the two main issues facing the precinct for which you are running and your planned solutions.</i>	I see rapid growth as a major issue facing Precinct 3. With new businesses opening in the area this will not only attract workers and their families, it will also attract those who look to commit crimes within our community. A watchful eye will need to be cast on that growth and the issues it presents.	There are many issues facing Precinct 3 in Montgomery County. Some are unique to the area and some are commonplace and law enforcement agencies must work within the community to minimize impact to its citizens. All goals and objectives should be directly responsive to community needs. Accountability, growth and mobility are issues facing the Precinct 3 Constable's Office.	Population growth and Encroachment of criminal activity from the south (Harris County)	Did Not Respond	Leadership, The leader needs to lead by example. When doing this the employees also follow lead and work in a respectable manner. Community Policing, the department needs to be out in our neighborhoods and community talking to the citizens and finding out the needs and the concerns of the people in Precinct 5.	Did Not Respond
<i>Please describe what changes you will make to better protect the county from crimes committed by illegal aliens.</i>	While the apprehension of illegal aliens is a duty charged to federal government, I will work in cooperation with other agencies to enforce infractions of the law no matter, the offender's citizen status. I will take the proper steps to make all notifications to the authorities responsible for deportation once an illegal alien is arrested.	The enforcement of immigration laws lies within the authority of the federal government, however, changes to better protect the county from crimes committed by illegal aliens fall within the answers to some of the previous questions about agency effectiveness. While local peace officers may not be able to enforce immigration laws, they can and should make arrests and enforce State laws in a fair and impartial manner.	I believe no other candidate in this race has more experience in dealing with crime committed by illegal aliens. This based on hands on experience dealing with human trafficking, to taking part in the arrests of smugglers and drug traffickers. I have hundreds of criminal arrests and many of those were committed by illegal aliens. Under State Law we are prohibited from moving a criminal from one place to another jurisdiction in order to remove them. However, there is no law prohibiting me from making a policy to ask		I will treat every person in this county equally regardless of race, age or religion. If a person breaks the laws of the state of Texas or Federal government, they will be held responsible for their crime. If an illegal alien commits a crime, they also will be held accountable, even if it means deportation.	
<i>Please describe changes to the day-to-day operation of the Constable's office that you will make in this coming term.</i>	I am proud of the department and how they handle their day to day operation. I will add a "Constable's Advisory Council" this council will consist of team members from through-out the agency. It will have representation from supervisory, clerical and deputy level personnel with each other having an equal voice in matters addressed by the council. The purpose of this council is to assist the Constable with addressing matters of concern within the agency for the betterment of the department as a whole and also	The day to day operation of the Constable's Office will have no immediate changes. Operational changes will be initiated only after a serious review of procedures to determine if change is necessary and then specifically use input from staff personnel to design and implement that change. Sometimes even minor changes can improve efficiency. There will be an immediate development and implementation of a mission statement to clarify the	The day to day operations will focus primarily on public safety issues. Although civil process is a major component of the constable's office you see fewer resources dedicated to civil process than the rhetoric preached by other candidates. I will implement a training policy ensuring all deputies receive adequate training and not just the minimum requirements placed upon all officers by the state. With the encroachment of criminal activity from Harris County, I feel officer safety needs to become a		When elected Constable, I will change the amount of time deputies spend in the office. They will be out in the community being proactive. Taking care of civil process and serving the JP Court will be handled in an efficient and prompt manner. My Employees will work in a more positive environment which will make for better productivity.	
<i>Please list the guidelines you will enforce regarding outside jobs by your deputies.</i>	Outside employment activities will be regulated through written departmental policies. Deputies will have a limit on the number of hours they may work per week and all outside employment will be approved through their chain of command.	Employees contemplating outside employment for compensation requiring the use of the employee's police commission to carry a firearm will be required to receive written approval from the Constable. This approval will be mandatory before the employee may engage in any outside employment of this kind. Employees who engage in outside employment for compensation which does not require the use of the	Extra jobs are available and sometimes necessary for law enforcement officers to supplement lower incomes. I work them so I can provide for and raise my children in our area. I will review the current department policy and adjust as necessary. I will allow an officer to work no more than 36 hours of extra employment per week unless they are using vacation time or compensatory time in order to work the job. Normally you see Deputies using personal		My guidelines will be no deputy will work more than 30 hrs. a week in extra jobs. My deputies will be required to be in full uniform working any extra jobs. I will approve or disapprove all extra jobs.	
<i>Please explain why you are running for this position and what differentiates you from the other candidates.</i>	First and foremost I am the only professional constable candidate in this race, period. I am the only candidate that is a state recognized expert in regards to the business of being a constable. I am the only candidate with senior command staff level experience in this race. I am the only candidate that has been preparing his entire career (19 years) to lead a constable's office. I did not spend my career learning the workings of a sheriff's office and then	My Montgomery County law enforcement experience and upper level management coupled with education and training differentiates me from the other candidates. I decided to run for this position for several reasons. I am qualified and have over 25 years of experience with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. I have seen the effects of complacent law enforcement	Like so many people, the 2008 election compelled so many to get involved beyond just voting for candidates. Tea Parties formed and those who were quiet before became active in ways never before seen by conservatives. One day while talking to friends and after attending a Tea Party event, a friend recommended I run for office. I prayed and pondered the idea and decided to run for an office where I could offer my leadership and have an impact in the		I have almost 17 years of experience as a deputy constable of PCT 5 and what differentiates me from them is that I am going to have an open door policy that is open for the citizens and employees of my precinct. I would also enforce more community involvement from my employees. I am going to be a public servant to my community and not a politician. I am not going to be here for the power or the money. I am going serve the community with honesty and	
<i>Please describe how you have you ever reduced the size, scope, power, or expense of government or promoted such. Please describe when & why you took that action.</i>	I have a unique perspective on this question. In general law enforcement services are not what many think of, when they wish to reduce the expense and size of government. The point being that most citizens do not wish to take away those individuals whom are charged with safeguarding their families and property. However due to budgetary constraints in the last fiscal year, I was one of the individuals charged with making personnel cuts while still maintaining an acceptable level of service to our	To reducing the size of public safety in Montgomery County while experiencing a 50% increase in population over the last ten years has not been feasible. The goal has been to manage staffing and budgetary efforts to maximize productivity and output with minimum impact on service delivery. Within all areas of accountability where I have been responsible for the management of activities I have consistently reviewed procedures to reduce waist and streamline agency efforts.	I think the largest issue in size and scope is that of duplication of effort. With that said the Sheriff's Office has a role as primary investigators for crime in the county. It is true the constable's office uses investigators in the contract areas. Investigators need to be limited to such areas and an expansion to county wide should never occur. It is wasteful spending and a duplication of effort. Having bold ambition is great, but promises by any candidate are empty and will never happen. I see such duplication		I do not believe that this is applicable. I have not worked in this capacity as a deputy constable.	