



CONROE ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES - CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Candidate Name: Kristin Guardino
2. Highest Level of Education: Juris Doctorate
3. Current Job Title: Retired and Co-Owner/Co-Founder and CEO Champagne Cat Worldwide, LLC
4. Age: 60
5. Party Affiliation: Republican
6. Religion: Catholic
7. Marital Status: Married
8. Number Of Children: 1
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12. Campaign Social Media URL/Handles:
13. Have You Been Finally Convicted of a Felony? No.
14. Number Of Years Living in Montgomery County: Since 1976 with moves for college and work before returning in 2015.

POLITICAL QUESTIONS:

1. Clubs / Community Organizations You Are a Member Of:

Response: I am a member of the Montgomery County Republican Women; Houston Bar Foundation; Catholic Daughters; past member of Friends of Conroe. My husband and I have been involved in philanthropic organizations over many years.

2. Endorsements You Have Received: Response: I have received endorsements from close friends. Other than one blog post in preparation for planning an open meet and greet, I have not spent significant time seeking political endorsements.

3. Political Action Committees You Have Contributed To: Response: I have contributed to various Republican Party fund-raisers over the years.

4. Candidates/Elected Officials You Have Supported for Office and/or Generally Align With: Response: I have been involved in Republican Party efforts since college in the early 1980s. I worked on President Ronald Reagan's campaign while attending University of Texas; President George H.W. Bush's campaign (while also a precinct chair and election judge); and others.

5. Have You Ever Voted in a Democrat Primary or for a Democrat Candidate? If yes, please explain your answer. Response: I do not recall ever voting in a Democrat Primary. I recall voting for one Democrat in my lifetime on the national level: Senator Lloyd Bentsen, I believe in 1982. He had been the only legislator that responded to my correspondence; he was a conservative; but as time passed he became more liberal and I did not vote for him again. I was very unimpressed by his childish and unprofessional level debate with Dan Quayle. I may have voted for a democrat on rare occasions, including in judicial races where I felt the candidate was the better candidate in terms of following the law instead of creating ways for wrongdoers to avoid liability and increase injustice and chaos for citizens, but normally I vote Republican or I leave the spot blank. As time has passed, politics has become so much more dichotomized and unethical that voting for any Democrat is out of the question. I think that people have gotten to this point in politics is reflective of unintelligent and immature political actors; it is a very sad situation for our country, and frankly appalling. Young adults are not taught and have not read literature about international history and communism. I hope they do not create a situation in the future where they painfully regret their own inaptitude in the field of world history.

6. Have You Ever Donated Money to Democrat Candidates or Organizations? If yes, please explain your answer. Response: No.

OFFICE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:

1. Why are you seeking to serve on this Board? Response: I am seeking to serve on the CISD Board to serve children, families, and the CISD. I have years of experience in management of complex problem-solving that will benefit and help CISD and help prepare children to create a good future for themselves and others.

2. What qualifications do you bring to this Board? Response: I earned a BBA in Economics with honors and a Juris Doctorate. I have managed highly complex litigation in involving fraud and serious injuries to children victimized by crime. I have also represented families and the elderly in an ad litem appointed position. I care deeply about the well-being of all children and I have an experienced, calm, thoughtful demeanor daily and in crisis.

3. What leadership positions have you held, including elected office and appointments, that you believe would benefit the Board? Response: Before law school, I was a Director of the State Bar of Texas Legal Assistants Division and Board Certified Legal Assistant; I was elected as Election Judge and Precinct Chair and worked on George H.W. Bush's campaign and he won in my precinct, I also attended the State Convention, so I understand politics; I served on the Board of the Catholic Daughters in my church in Houston; as an attorney I worked for Richard "Racehorse" Haynes who gave me my first case when I left his firm after which I obtained an \$8,910,000.00 jury verdict - and after 15 years of work unpaid a Democrat who performed no work in the case at all asked the then democrat judge to turn over my fees to him, including portions that belonged to my client. No democrat or republican assisted in righting this serious wrong. I'll leave my further descriptors out. I then stood up to multiple fraud claims made by people aiding in the theft of my clients. All of those matters were dismissed. I have been standing up as a leader for a long time.

4. Do your children (or **did** your children if they are now adults) attend Conroe ISD? If not, can you explain what led you to decide to educate them in an alternative school setting?

Response: No. My step-daughter attended school in Manhattan for intellectually advanced children. I attended CISD.

5. CISD has a budget deficit. If the State does not make adjustments in the 2025 Legislative Session to handle this, what is your plan to combat the budget shortfalls?

Response: This is a serious problem that will require intelligent and creative solutions along with financial management decisions that align with the needs of schools and children as well as the school administrations and the budget. This may require refining needs and renegotiating planned spending and adjusting to increasing parental involvement substantially to responsibly manage the fiscal realities.

6. What is your stance on Governor Abbott's proposed school voucher program, also known as education freedom? Do you plan to campaign for, or against, the program at the Capitol, or do you wish to remain neutral? Response: My position is that school systems must strengthen academics and cease social experimentation on children - or anyone. Public schools are vital to a well-ordered society where citizens are free. I also agree that if adults do not improve behavior in schools and support the educational purpose, duties, and goals of academic excellence and intellectual development of our young then the free market should have a role in providing parents with other options. This is not insurmountable for public schools. Hunters Creek Elementary is a great example. It is a free public school in an exclusive area and everyone wants their child to go to that school. There is a reason: it is because everyone works hard to provide an excellent education for every child in attendance and parents are very involved. Public schools can be so attractive that the market points in their direction in terms of cost and benefit no matter the competition. But like everything worthwhile, it takes hard work.

7. The Texas legislature banned biological males from participating in female sports. Do you agree with this decision? Please explain your answer. Response: Yes I do agree with this decision. Girls and boys should never be abused for any reason. I see the intrusion into the special and unique needs and benefits of girls' engagement in sports activities by biological males seriously abusive and inexcusable.

8. Montgomery County has a library book policy in place that designates specific areas in the library for adult content, which includes topics on lifestyles that are alternative to the traditional family / heterosexual / two gender unit. Do you agree with this decision? Please explain your answer. Response: I have very conservative views on this matter. I do not think the material should be banned but I do not think it should be available in a tax-payer funded library. This information is not beneficial to civic society, it is abusive, and if necessary the material can be purchased through various outlets. It does not serve the public good or lead to other activities that benefit society. Public spaces should be used for the public good and not to provide safe space for the perverse.

9. Any final thoughts you would like to share with the Montgomery County Republican Club's audience? Response: No thank you.