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[00:00:00] Kathleen Jordan

Okay. I'm just going to establish the rules here. I have a fishbowl in the middle of that table. I'm going to ask each of the candidates to give a two minute introduction. And after that, we will go into the rounds. You guys will pick your question. Read it out loud. I'll ask you to stand so everyone can see who's answering. And we'll just go down the list until we're done asking questions. All of them came from our KW board or our members. So, you will see a common theme of what Kingwood and the Lake Houston area are concerned with. So, I hope you pick up on that theme. After the rounds of questioning, we'll allow you each two minutes for a closing statement. And for each answer, we're giving you a minute and 30 seconds. My dear friend Monica is going to be our timekeeper to keep you guys on track. So, Miss Aliza, would you like to start off and introduce yourself?

[00:01:12] Aliza Dutt

Yes. Thank you kingwood area Republican women for this great opportunity to address a great area in our county. I'd like to say that Texas is the firewall for conservative values in our country. And Kingwood is the firewall in terms of conservative values in our county and in our state. So thank you, ladies, for making sure our conservative values stay intact. I'm Aliza Dutt. I'm a wife of 25 years, a proud mother of three beautiful children, a mayor of Piney Point. I'm a proud American. And most importantly, I'm a Christian. I'd like to say Harris County has a choice: safety or crime and a failed government; a Democrat-run commissioners court or safety and results; Affordability; fixing our roads and drainage. And that is why I am here. That's what I will address. I'm the mayor of Piney Point. I've done this. I've allocated budgets in terms of making sure public safety is first and foremost for our constituents, as well as making sure one of our greatest investments, our homes, are protected. My parents were born in a godless, oppressive China. They fled to Hong Kong, where my brother and I were born. And I would like to say I came to this country without speaking a word of English. I was among the first in my family to graduate college, and now I'm so honored that I'm on the cusp of running this outstanding, wonderful county and making sure that our conservative values are intact. So thank you very much for having us here.

[00:03:37] Oscar Gonzales

Howdy, everybody. My name is Oscar Gonzalez, and I'm running for Lina Hidalgo's position. I'm a retired deputy sheriff of Harris County for 30 years. Let me tell you where I come from. I was born in 62, raised up in fifth Ward, Tuffly Park area of Houston, Texas. You know where that is? The ghetto. We clawed our way out of there, went over to the Heights whenever they had serial killers. I made it through that, too. Graduated from Reagan High School in 1980. Got my dream career in 1988. Worked under people like Tommy Thomas, Johnny Clevenhagen, Johnny Holmes, Chuck Rosenthal, Steve Radick, Brett Ligon and I worked together. So I got a rich history. And I'm trained by the old school men who were men. I went to the Sheriff's Department academy, Trained by Marines. But in life, I was forged by the hand of God to stand up here and be a leader to fight for. Got married. My wife's right there. She's running for HB 145. We love our county, our country and our state so much, and all the people in it that we are both running for office at the same time. We also rescue animals. We help the elderly. We do all kinds of events for kids and families and foster care. So we walk the walk, folks. We don't just talk the talk. I'm going on 38 years of serving the public continuously since 1988. I've got friendships, relationships, professional with judges who are working down there right now. And I can go on and on about law enforcement, the O'Donnell decree bond. And I'll tell you what, I'm going to share this with you right now. You put me in there as county judge. And day one, right after we finish the swearing in, we do the little festivities. I'm going to go ride in the cars with them police officers, because that's where I come from. I'm going to go walk the jails. I'm going to walk the halls of the county judge, the judicial buildings where all the courts are, and I'm going to make sure that everybody is doing their job. We're going to follow the law. We're going to get everybody back to work. We're going to open them courtroom doors, and we are going to serve the public. Those judges that are in there right now, we need to change out all those judges. Almost 70 judicial positions need to be changed out right now in order to maintain law and to save our county. Thank you very much. My name is Oscar Gonzalez.

[00:06:25] Warren Howell

Hi, I'm Warren Howell. I'm a candidate for county judge. And you can read my bio and all my history. I'm a lifelong resident of Harris County. I've been self-employed since I was 21 years old. I've actually never had a job. But go to my website, HowellForHarrisCounty.com and you'll see all about my bio, why I wear the hat, everything that we plan to do. And we have a plan. We have a plan for everything. Now, since 2022, I've been telling everybody that our government is broke, that we have to change the system that we're using in our government. Well, what the heck does that mean? It means this. As an example, the commissioners, they choose who they hire and fire, and that's fine. But they also have at their discretion how much to pay these people and how much in the amount of raises they are able to give. So Rodney Ellis, chief of staff, gets \$405,000 a year for a \$75,000 a year job, if that. We have people getting raises anywhere from 120 to 186,000 for nine of them in one year. 186,000. That's a pretty good raise, isn't it? I don't know what we have to do to demonstrate that either they're incompetent or they're doing this on purpose so that they can get their budget next year. So when I tell you I'm bringing a new government and a new system and all this is going to go away. This is what I'm talking about. These people make decisions for the programs and the funds that you're in. And this is the reason we had a \$200 million deficit in September and finally caught them. It finally caught them. I'll stop it. I'm Warren Howell and I look forward to being your next county judge.

[00:08:41] Marty Lancton

Good morning or good afternoon. Thank you all so much for taking the time to come out here. My name is Marty Lancton, and I am running to be your next Harris County Judge. I have grown up in Houston, Harris County, and this is my home. I believe in what Harris County has to offer. I'm one of five, and I always tell people that my family, I'm one of five. Grew up in West University, went to Saint Vincent DePaul and went to Strake Jesuit. We had one sister. She was the oldest, and she taught us how to take a punch because she could take care of herself. She beat us up. And she is a tech executive around San Antonio area. My oldest brother went to the seminary, University of Dallas. He then met his now wife. He has seven kids, lives in Wisconsin. Figured out that was a different approach in his life he was going to take, uh, my one year older brother is an attorney down in Houston, and my younger brother is a priest.

[00:09:43] Marty Lancton

And they said, what happened to you? And I said, I always got to be one in every family. The reality is, from a very young age, I have been taught to live a life of service. Servant leadership is something that you show. You don't talk about and you live at Strake Jesuit. Being a mentor for others is something that I took to heart. And as the proud president of the Houston Professional Firefighters Association, currently representing 4,000 of the nation's bravest men and women. We understand what it means to take on a corrupt administration. We understand what it means to be grassroots. We understand what it means to get 60,000 signatures in just over seven days, setting the state of Texas record. We understand what it means to stand at the polls. We understand what it means when you have corrupt Democrats running the city who are wasting your money, wasting millions of your tax dollars, and not taking care of your police and firefighters. I'm Marty Lancton, I'm running for Harris County judge. I look forward to talking with you. Thank you.

[00:10:47] Orlando Sanchez

Good morning everybody. I'm Orlando Sanchez, and for almost 20 years you have elected me to represent you both at the city and at the county. We all know we've endured eight years of the most horrific management of our tax dollars and county government. We are facing some severe challenges in Houston and Harris County. Not the least of which is the misuse of public funds. The criminal justice system. The lack of attention to flood control. And of course, there's only one person that's actually served in the criminal justice system. That's me. I served as a Harris County probation officer for two felony courts and two misdemeanor courts. I know the system. I served on the bail bond board of Harris County. Now, there are a lot of hypothetical fixes that will be heard here today, but only one person has actually helped fix those problems. For example, when taxes were out of control in the city of Houston, I was the one that cut property taxes along with my conservative colleagues on the city council. I won the Political Courage Award by the Republican Party for cutting property taxes. Kingwood has been penalized with respect to flood control. They have used a socialist system and an economic income test to divert public funds that were approved by you for flood control. We've got to end that socialist approach to flood control and use what engineers and hydrologists believe is the most important resolutions, and that focuses on this area, the San Jacinto River, dredging our lake and making sure that Kingwood is well protected. You'll hear a lot about integrity. I am the person that has integrity. I'm the only person that can beat Anise Parker in November.

[00:13:03] George Zoes

Hello everyone! My name is George Zoes. I'm also from Harris County Judge. I am a native Houstonian born in Spring Branch. Live about three miles circle from where I was born and raised. My parents had businesses and I now have three businesses. I've operated three small businesses. One started in the garage 30 years ago, which sold souvenirs and gifts and home accessories nationwide to big box stores, from Bucky's down to mom and pop stores. I also have a booth at the Houston Rodeo, which sells hats, and I run my favorite business I took over a wig shop for cancer patients, where we supply wigs for women going through cancer and hair loss. I developed that to the largest wig salon in Houston right now, and acquiring more 1 or 2 every year as they close. I'm running because for years I've heard politicians talk about their family, their pets, their kids, everything else they've done except for one important thing: their resume. This is a job. I'm not here to serve you for free. Whoever gets this is getting a very nice, handsome salary. And you need to make sure that you get your dollar's worth out of it. This is a public job application for me. You need to make sure we have the acumen in business that know budgets. We hire the good people. You have someone that can come in the build and create ideas. Think outside the box. You've heard that before. That's all I've done. Every one of my businesses is successful because of that. We keep hearing about flooding for the past ten, 15, 20 years. It's not fixed. We're still waiting. County, City, everyone still broke...out of the budget. (Undecipherable) Wait till next November. We'll be 200 million ahead by December. So if you want a businessman, vote for me. If you want someone that looks pretty, vote for someone else. On George's County judge.

[00:15:10] Kathleen Jordan

One more thing I forgot to say. Once a candidate selects a question to answer. If you want to remark on the question that was answered, you have one time to say, I'd like to answer that question.

[00:15:49] Aliza Dutt

How will you work with law enforcement, the DA's office and Commissioners Court to address case backlogs and jail overcrowding. The soft on crime policy..putting criminals rights first while victims are put in the back burner has to stop. There is nothing more important in our community than making sure our children are raised in safe neighborhoods, and our homes are protected in times of flooding. In regards to the DA's office, we all know that the Soros funded candidate at the DA's office does not have criminals rights and constituents rights in mind, and leadership starts from the top. Commissioners court, the Harris County judge. Number one, we need to make sure leadership has a no holds barred, no zero tolerance in terms of letting out these violent criminals who are killing and drugging our children. And how do we do that? Number one, you hold the power in terms of going in the voting booths and voting against these liberal, progressive Democrat judges. That's number one. Number two, making sure that our law enforcement are well funded, not only in terms of their salaries and benefits, but also they have the resources and equipment they need. What does that look like? One I was, I am and will be 100% supportive of pay parity for our for our constables and our sheriff's deputies. These are the people who put on their uniforms every day and risk their lives, they must be well compensated. I would like to say there are some that would argue, but we don't have money in the budget for this. Absolutely we do. One of my greatest sayings is we don't have a revenue problem in commissioners court. We have a spending problem. So let's get rid of these DEI policies. Let's get rid of these socialist policies like free child care and guaranteed income programs, where, you know, you just get free money from the government. Make sure you keep kids safe. Thank you.

[00:18:11] Oscar Gonzales

Okay. The question just to repeat it, "How will you work with law enforcement, the DA's office commissioners court to address case backlogs and jail overcrowding?" This is right in my wheelhouse, folks. First of all, we got to back up law enforcement. They need a lot of stuff. And I know exactly what they need. Because I've been there, done that. I've been boots on the ground. I would love to see two man units. I would love to see bulletproof windshields and doors. They need a lot of propping up. Okay. And it takes money. And they're getting some of it right now. But we definitely need to back them up with the equipment that they need. The DA's office has district attorneys in there that will not accept charges. When you have an officer out there doing a righteous arrest, they won't accept charges. And so they have to let them go. So we need to ferret out those district attorneys. The assistant DA's that are, along with the D.A. that are not filing charges, and the DA's dismissing cases wantonly. We need to bring him before commissioners court and have him and the assistant district attorneys answer to why they're not doing their job, and they're letting criminals go. The backlogs, they occurred because the judges are not showing up to court. We have one bailiff in each court working right now, and that's felony courts. That is unacceptable. Those are dangerous. So I know exactly how to fix all this. Thank you.

[00:19:57] Oscar Gonzales

Here we go again. I get the spotlight. Okay, I gotta read this out to everybody. Right? Homelessness is not just an inner city problem. We have more and more cases showing up in Kingwood and surrounding areas. What can be done to help these folks? Sleeping in front of storefronts, sleeping in tents on our miles and miles of greenbelts that children use on their way to and from school. All right. Folks, homelessness is a massive problem everywhere and it's getting worse. And most of it is based on drugs and alcohol and psychiatric issues. And psychiatric issues sometimes are induced by the drugs that they're ingesting. So it is a very complex problem. I believe that New Mexico has a model where they actually offer those people psychiatric care, but they have to sign and go into the program. Thank you.

[00:21:06] Warren Howell

I spent a day walking around homeless people just to figure out what was going on. And I have a plan for everything. So I plan to set up a grid system where we're going to drain each grid to a camp, and from there, we're going to transition these people to where they need to be, whether it be drug rehab, mental institutions, retirement homes, another state if they just don't want to be involved and don't want help. I'm not dumping on Texas. I'll send them to the next state of their choosing. Thank you.

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Now I have to read the question. Here we go. What investments or reforms do you believe would make the biggest difference in community safety? The first thing it has to happen. In addition to getting our government back where it needs to be, which is way off. We've got to organize the 70 some odd police agencies to operate as a team. We've got to reform 911 to wear when they get a phone call. A phone call. The closest person with a gun can react to the problem. So to answer this question, we have the jail space we need. We no longer need to send people to Louisiana for \$56 million a year. I will staff the jails as they need to be staffed. We'll reform the system at the jails, just like we will reform the system at commissioners court. Right now it's in disarray. They need to sign, for instance, the House rules. If someone visited your house, they would sign certain rules. If they're going to stay there for an extended period of time. And then there would be there would be a disciplinary schedule as well. You know, you do it one time. You get one week in solitary, two times you get a month, you know, and all this can can disrupt their own litigation that they're there for in the first place. So, and also we lost 20 people last year. They died in the jails. It's not good. Wow. That's 100% increase from the previous year. So we need to take a little blood test. We need to take their blood pressure. We need to see who we're dealing with and if they need help, we need to know what to do with that. And Harris health, of course, is there handling those services. So I'll straighten a lot of things out. Thank you very much.

[00:24:42] Marty Lancton

The question is how will you ensure transparency in how flood mitigation funds are allocated? Uh, let me be very clear. On day one, uh, we are going to take a top down approach and the Harris County flood Control District is at the top of my priority list, in which to – not only undo – but to focus on the areas that need flood mitigation the most. I have spent years, not just during this campaign, but I've spent years trying to help out the Kingwood area and get flood mitigation dollars. And when you have people like Commissioner Rodney Ellis who take the word equity, take it away from Kingwood and don't put projects in the ground – that's a problem. Commissioner Dawn Buckingham when she was elected, we all remember when George P Bush was here, he gave \$0 after Hurricane Harvey, and when Commissioner Buckingham came in, she appointed me to her transition team. And the number one priority, I said, is we have got to get resources to Kingwood and to Harris County within 90 days. Doctor Dawn Buckingham in the Government Land Office brought \$800 million to Harris County so that we could address these problems. And yet now we sit here today because of the Harris County Flood Control District, because of Commissioner Rodney Ellis and the leadership in the county courts, those funds are now at risk of not being utilized because they cannot get their proverbial things together. That is unacceptable. And it does not help the Kingwood residents, and it does not help the citizens of Harris County. That will change on day one under my administration. Thank you.

[00:26:27] Orlando Sanchez

Question is, Lina Hidalgo seemed to enjoy going on foreign boondoggles. Will you restrict commissioners travels overseas as well as my own? The answer is yes, unless I use personal funds, of course, on vacation. The Harris County District Attorney's Office has a division that you fund. It's called the Public Integrity Unit. And not once have they moved against either Lina Hidalgo, Rodney Ellis or any of the other commissioners that are misusing your money. Let me give you examples. Leslie Briones sends out several flyers on a weekly basis. Given the number of her constituencies and her precinct, those flyers cost the taxpayers nearly half a million dollars. She sends out two per week for the last 12 weeks I've been receiving. That is theft of public money. I will go to the legislature, to my dear friend Paul Bettencourt and Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, and ask for legislation to create a citizen review board so that the citizens can hear complaints by the public of misuse of their money. You know, for a long time, we've heard the liberals call for a citizen review board for the police department in case the police abuse a citizen. Well, I think we ought to turn that around. We ought to have a public integrity unit and a citizen Commission review to review the expenditures of our public money by corrupt commissioners.

[00:28:17] George Zoes

Which county functions do you believe should be streamlined, privatized or restructured to reduce or eliminate bureaucracy? Well, if the government runs it, probably from the top down. Um, probably the flooding, uh, by now, the way we can privatize it. Also street repairs. It seems like the county and the city will spend millions and millions of dollars on engineering diagrams that take years to complete, and by the time they complete it, things have changed. So you have to go back and do it again. Politicians take years to do things, if you haven't noticed that. And we as voters continue to sit there and support them with this and keep putting them back in office. It's time to fire these people and put someone in that runs a business. Business people like myself don't have years to do something. We have limited funds. We have investors. We have pretty much months, weeks and days to take care of business. If you want it done, get a business man. If you want to keep throwing your money away and kicking the can down the road, hire a politician.

[00:29:51] Aliza Dutt

Okay, my question is, if elected, what would you do to ensure areas like Humble and Kingwood, which had the deepest flooding in the county, received their fair share of flood mitigation funding? Thank you for this question. I would like to quote our foremost flooding expert, Mr. Bob Rehak., on this one. Worst Flooding First. In the 2018 \$2.5 billion bond, you were out there advocating after the devastation and destruction of Harvey that we need to do flood mitigation. And with that hope and promise, we the citizens, push for that \$2.5 billion bond. Many, many years later and zero projects, or very few, the San Jacinto Watershed Project, which was noted as one of the most dire projects that needed to be done, so far, has only received around 13% of that \$2.5 billion. And why is that? Because a Democrat run Commissioners Court decided to look you in the eye and say we tricked the taxpayers. We said, we're going to help you with flooding and equity. Using the word equity and risk. But their definition of risk isn't those who died in that nursing senior center right down the street. Mr. Rehak noted 15 seniors died. Lives were lost. While we're playing with those projects that were allocating to people because of economic disparity versus those who died and need it the most. Kingwood is one flood away from extinction and we have to put a stop to it. Thank you.

[00:31:47] Oscar Gonzales

Okay, folks, this next question here is what partnership with the City of Houston do you think is the most underutilized? Well, after driving around downtown trying to get to a forum last night, I realized that mass transit is a problem. Has anybody tried to drive these streets in rush hour anymore? Can you get anywhere? We're going to have to get creative to get home because Kingwood is down to one lane getting out of here. Okay, we got to work on mass transit big time. We've got to do something because, uh, I was stuck in gridlock for about 30, 45 minutes yesterday in downtown, just trying to get from one block to the other. It's turned into LA, so we're going to have to do a lot of work. We're going to have to fix some streets, and we might have to take out some of that concrete that, uh, Rodney Ellis laid down in some of them streets. Anybody from the heights? Can't get across anymore, can you? That's right. Anyway, so I believe mass transit is something we're going to have to work on with the city really closely in order to make the entire region more mobile. Originally, they said they were going to put them, them electric trains running from downtown to Katy and up here to Kingwood and all that. Did they do that? No, they didn't do that. Right now we live down the street from the Metro Rail and I call it the Homeless Express. They bring homeless people from all over the place to our neighborhood now, and probably yours too, if you live in that area. And enforcing it is very difficult. So mass transit! And thank you very much.

[00:33:33] Warren Howell

Okay. The question is the role of county judge requires overseeing the county's multi-billion dollar budget funding, including infrastructure, public safety and health. So what qualifications do you possess? Meaning me, I'm sure, for this requirement. Well, I've been in construction for decades. I still build things to this day. For over 30 years, I was a professional risk manager. I did the manuals and helped companies 2500 companies on how to operate their human resources and safety. So I think I have that nailed down. I'm still to this day a consultant for a lot of companies. I also am a producer in commercial insurance. So my background to run, to run Harris County is as good, I think, as you can get. In fact, I think I've been training for this job my entire life. I just didn't know it because I never planned on being in politics until 2021. But I'm here. We have 61 departments in Harris County that need to be forensically audited. We have to tear out in and get rid of the Department of Administration, your county administrator, which for 185 years we did not need. We've got to redo engineering. It shouldn't take two years to get a permit. It should take about two months. We have to get engineering to understand that they cannot buy land without an MRI appraisal. That's against the law, but they're doing it. We got the purchasing department giving out contracts to the highest bidder. We have so much to rebuild. It's incredible. But I promise you, I'll do it. And I'll stay with the job until it's done. Thank you.

[00:35:35] Marty Lancton

The question is, what is your stance on floodplain developments and what do you see as the developer's responsibility in local flood prevention? Well, first part of that is you don't build in a floodplain, you don't build in an area that is going to flood. That's exactly why we got into this mess in the first place. Where the responsibility that developers are is, number one, you have to have people working together – both counties. Last I checked, water flows downhill. Montgomery County, the water goes downhill. And I can tell you through a series of meetings, not just recently running for county judge, but over the years, I have heard over and over again that we have one county that has got a different set of plans than the Harris County. And I'll tell you, as a very practical matter, being in the state legislature every two years advocating not only for Harris County and for firefighters, I have heard this so many times, nobody wants to work with the leadership at Harris County, probably rightfully so, because they think that the money and the things are going to go to where they shouldn't go. This job as county judge takes relationships that have been formed for a very long time. You have to be able to get people into the room that have not sat in a room. Harris County and the city of Houston are on two different pages because Harris County judge gets in fights with the City of Houston mayor on national television during a disaster. Everybody sits there and talks about the challenges that we know we've had, yet nobody is in a room actually being honest and addressing this. That will change under my administration. Thank you.

[00:37:23] Orlando Sanchez

Question is, how will your proposed budget change changes impact the average person's property taxes? Well, you'll receive a huge property tax reduction. Obviously, if we cut out all the corruption and all the waste that you've seen over the last six years. A 26% property rate increase by the Democrats. You know, I was talking to Commissioner Radack the other day, and for 24 years, the Republicans never raised the tax rate. And so now we've got some great things coming out of the legislature. As you all know, the lieutenant governor has proposed his double nickel program, which is going to take the exemptions that 65 year olds enjoy. Lower it down to 55 age. And so this will be a substantial property tax reduction. Let me also tell you. Then I have a history of returning money to the budget. Every time, every year as a city council member, I returned money to the general fund because I did not use it. I reduced the number of employees when I was county treasurer and for 12 years returned money to Harris County. Never did I ask for a budget increase. And so I think you've got to set the tone about how you're going to spend money. Integrity is important. Financial experience is important. I've served on the board of a bank for 18 years. Return on investment is very important to our bank. Return on investment for your tax dollar is important to you. So I make sure you're going to get a great return on investment for my Republican commissioners court.

[00:39:12] George Zoes

How do you define the main role of Harris County Judge and what would you prioritize in your first year? Well, the county judge sets, of course, main court over four other commissioners. The main point, I would say you better be a good negotiator because a if we do not win two seats, county judge and Steve Radack, we're still going to be under the hands of the Democrat Party. So if you cannot go in there and negotiate and negotiation is not get 100% of what you want. You have to wear them down by starting to get 5% here, 5% there, 10% the next time, 20% the following time. Before you know it, over four years you'll be up to that 50%. And then you'll have Democrats that have technically supported us Republicans. And we can have that for the next campaign to win again. So negotiation is not just 50/50 or I'm not going to negotiate with a Democrat to get what I want. It will be hard. And you need someone that knows how to get in there and negotiate. Rodney Ellis is going to be hard. My father was, back in 1960 with Louie Welch, he ran around with him in the restaurant business. He supported him. And I learned from my father how to negotiate with your worst enemy. If you know how to take care of your worst enemy and get them to the table and get them to say yes, even 5%, it's a win. If you won't negotiate, we're back to square zero. So that's the first step. Thank you.

[00:40:55] Aliza Dutt

What is your plan to remove Harris County, Houston as the leader in human trafficking in the country? When my husband and I moved to Harris County 25, 26 years ago, crime, we were told, don't worry about locking your doors to your house or to your car where such a safe city. Unfortunately, that is not the case anymore. We don't have the distinction of being safe and secure like we did so many years ago. So what is the best plan to remove this terrible oppression and exploitation of primarily women, oppressed women from other countries? Enforce illegal immigration? We must support ICE. I don't even know why there is a discussion about, oh, should we provide legal, free legal services for illegal immigrants? I mean, I would ask any of you in the room, Charles, would you open up your door and and say, come on in, help yourself to my refrigerator and the food and my wife's jewelry box. Of course not. Why is there even a question whether we should deport and help and enforce ICE and follow state and federal laws? That's number one. Number two, crime and safety, supporting our law enforcement. More boots on the ground. We are struggling just to make sure that criminals who are out on bond, low bond and no bail don't kill our children or drug our children. How can we even start to protect these exploited young women from Vietnam? Asia? These massage parlors that we see in every corner of our streets as well as in Mexico, these people trying to get across the border for hope of a better life. We need to make sure we have boots on the ground that our law enforcement has the funds that they need. Number one, salaries and benefits. Number two, having the equipment and services that we need to protect our most vulnerable in society because we as Christians and as just good, kind people, that is contingent on us to take care of our citizens. And if you're not a citizen, I'm very sorry. There is a right path to citizenship in the United States. That's what my parents and I. That's what my parents and I took. We came here the legal way. Took us 12 years and a lot of legal fees to become a legal citizen. And praise the Lord. Thank you to the United States for giving us that opportunity. Now let's go ahead and and provide that opportunity to legal citizens, not illegals. Thank you.

[00:43:55] Oscar Gonzales

Okay. The question is what investments will you prioritize for community safety? Would you consider allowing constables patrol alongside HPD? Okay, folks, we got unused jail space. Why? Because we don't have enough staff to cover the jails. We've got a district attorney who likes to file charges against officers who are just doing their job. We have judges who are letting people out for free. Free bonds. I've got the documents right here in one month's time from last year, 3880 free bonds were given out to people accused of crimes and that's misdemeanors and felonies, not just misdemeanors. So we have a crime problem, folks. We need to bring the bondsmen back into the whole mix. Because I could go on and on about that, but I'm not going to take up all your time. But if you want to know more about that, talk to me after a while. Uh, the constables are out there patrolling alongside HPD. The sheriff's department is poorly understaffed. Need probably about, uh, 800 to 1000, maybe 1200 uniform certified sheriff's department, deputy sheriffs out there in order to get the rank numbers back up because they're retiring left and right. And if they're not retiring, the district attorney's trying to get them thrown under the bus and offering them, uh, will make this case go away if you if you go ahead and resign. That's how they're defunding your police. They're not defunding them. They're threatening them. And, uh, you guys love your constables, don't you? Everybody does. And they're turning into the premium prime law enforcement agents eight, in the county. Thank you.

[00:45:48] Warren Howell

What's an example of transparency measures you've supported or implemented in past roles? I didn't get into politics until 2022, but I was on KSEV radio and I spent most of my time telling everybody what's going on wrong. And let me say one thing when I get elected every Friday, I hope I'm with my friend Michael Berry, but every Friday I'm going to have a program is going to call The Good, Bad and the Ugly. We're going to start it off with a Clint Eastwood song, and I'm going to tell you what happened good that week, what happened bad and what happened ugly. Because there is a lot of it. But I've not been in politics, so I've not had (undecipherable). I had 100 employees. I had to always watch what they did and how they bought things and look over their shoulders. And I had estimators and of course the estimators would make a mistake. I lost \$1 million on one job thanks to one particular estimator. Thank you, God. You know, but I will call in the Attorney General. First day in office, and we're going to investigate how you spend 405,000 for a chief of staff. Why you have 25 paid advisers. How your wife got \$6 million off the affordable housing program. And we're going to start figuring out where all this money is gone. Thank you.

[00:47:43] Marty Lancton

The question here is, "Dogs are continuing to be dumped in Kingwood in surrounding areas. What can your office do?" The answer is a lot. The reality is that a firefighter and paramedic for over 26 years, having stray dogs on the street is not a good look, not only for the community, but it is a life-safety issue. I have worked with, pet rescue organizations that are volunteer. There are so many people within those organizations that tell me the same thing over and over. We have solutions to the problem. We have private sector that's willing to come in. People are willing to donate. In fact, I'm having an event at one of my good friends house next week. She runs Pet Set along with her sister. We have so many other animal organizations that do a remarkable job of picking up where the county and the city failed. But the key thing that continues to come up over and over again is they've never been invited to the table to solve the problems because it has always been about bureaucracy, politics and people not wanting to address issues. It is a real issue. And as somebody that has responded to citizens over and over again and seen this, public safety is my highest priority and this is something we are going to attack head on. Thank you.

[00:49:26] Orlando Sanchez

The question is, what county level actions do you believe are appropriate to support public safety and resource management related to immigration. Well, first of all, when we're all sworn in, as I have been several times in the United States Air Force and as a member of the Texas National Guard and eight times as an elected official, we all take an oath to uphold the laws of the United States, of Texas and of this city and of this county. And so I don't believe any county official, including our sheriff, should not enforce 287G. 287G is a provision of the immigration laws that allow local governments to work with Immigrations and Customs Enforcement. When someone is arrested on the street and they have an ICE detainer after they're adjudicated through the criminal courts of Harris County, they are then to be detained for ICE agents for removal. We will make sure to do that.

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There It was a great question on human trafficking and sex trafficking. We all know where the capital of both us. As It sits now, a man can board a bus in Brownsville, Texas with a 14 year old child and no one asked for ID or any questions, and they come to Houston. This is how they move human beings is through buses. We need to build a bus terminal with safety precautions that checks the ID of every man traveling with a child, and there's federal money to do that through a program called Tiffany.

[00:51:17] George Zoes

I think I got a repeat of a similar question. What do you think is the single most important responsibility of the county judge? Well, county judge, call a manager. Call a CEO, Call a conductor of a symphony. When I sold cars back in 91, we had a saying "misery loves company." Right now, that's what we have. We've got Lina Hidalgo. Misery loves company. Nothing's getting done. If you do not set the proper tone in the county, no one's going to follow you. Same thing goes with your family. If you have parents that are not agreeing with how a child should be disciplined, the kids go wild. They run to the mother. Mother says yes. Father says no. Nothing's going to happen. We have a commissioners court that is running wild. They do what they want, so we need a county judge that has the experience to set the tone with the Democrats, with the Republicans, and put everyone in the room. If we have to lock the room, throw away the key until everyone sits down and talks. I don't care if you need boxing gloves on, but there is a way to do it. I've done that my whole life with all, with all aspects of our businesses. I met people from dealing with women that are in the hair business, the most different type of business than it is from running a business. It took me two years to figure out how to properly make everyone work together with different thoughts. I'm in a wholesale business. You deal with ten different personalities of buyers of big companies. I've been able to successfully navigate that. So be the leader and keep it quiet and nice.

[00:53:07] Aliza Dutt

How would you handle a situation where your principles conflict with political pressure from commissioners, court or party leaders? This is an easy, easy question. They say that the way a person runs their campaign is the way they're going to govern. I have. I'm so proud to say that my endorsements and my support have come from you, the grassroots, the precinct chairs, the mayors and city council member. You are the ones that are block walking, knocking on doors in the scorching heat, texting your friends, grabbing a friend to go with you in the the voting booth. And the person that I answer to the most is God. My faith. I will always 110% rely on my faith in terms of the answer. To do and what not to do – if there is a conflict between me on a moral basis, on integrity and money or a decision, or if I, you know, offend a donor – well, I can tell you who's going to win. And that is the problem; it has been far too long where we have focused on establishment politicians, those who have been around for decades. You scratch my back, I scratch yours. Well, where were the politicians when Kingwood was one step away from extinction? And that \$2.5 billion in flood bond never made it to your neighborhood? Those in the communities in the east and Huffman in, you know, all these different areas. You haven't even seen a penny. It is time for us to take back that voice. Thank you.

[00:55:03] Oscar Gonzales

Okay, the question is, fraud is a hot topic right now. What will you do to identify, reduce and eliminate tax dollar fraud and abuse? Well, like my friend Warren said, we need to do a forensic audit of everything and go down the list one by one, starting with probably Baker Ripley. Anybody familiar with that place? See, what what the Democrats have figured out is all these non-government organizations, NGOs. You heard that term?

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Well, they fund those things, and those things somehow fund them. All right. It's a big mess. It's across to the federal government. It's across the local government. It's ridiculous how people are doing, what they're doing, as far as I'm concerned, because I come from a law enforcement background. And back in the day when I started back there with Johnny Klevenhagen, we had one motto, and that is You're going to follow the law. And if you need to go to jail, you're going to go to jail. And that's the way I see it. Anybody that's committing fraud – organized crime is what I call it – they need to be held accountable. And that's the problem that's going on right now. Nobody's being held accountable. I was working down there at the sheriff's department when Adrian Garcia got elected as sheriff, and I witnessed him gut, destroy, and poison the sheriff's department. And now he's a county commissioner. And Rodney Ellis, he started at 27 years old to become a politician. That's the same age I started as a law enforcement officer. Thank you.

[00:56:55] Warren Howell

How should the county address homelessness, mental health needs, and infrastructure strain while maintaining fiscal responsibility? In 2024, they spent \$47 million on homelessness. Did you know that? So Last time I checked, we had more homelessness. So it didn't work, did it? I spent a whole day walking around downtown talking to homeless people. I found one that needed to go to tunnels to (undecipherable) because he was a veteran. I found one that was doing research in a park. He pulled out a Wall Street Journal and started telling me about the stock market and Delta Airlines. And then I looked at the paper and it was dated September 2015. So I said, well, how long have you been doing this research? He goes, well since 1997. So about what, 28 years? Bless his heart. These people need help. That's why we need to put them in an area where they can get a bath or a shower, where they have some support and we figure out where to go with them. And we can do it for a lot less than \$47 million. We have the money. As you've heard before, we don't have a revenue problem. We have a spending problem. So I'll fix it. Thank you.

[00:58:53] Marty Lancton

Question. The question is, "Kingwood does not have a designated emergency center for mass evacuations and central supply drop. Would you pledge to ensure a site is selected that would have backup generator power for the citizens out here? Absolutely, yes, 100% without question. And I'll tell you as somebody that understands the lack of resources that have been given to Kingwood over the years and everybody that says they're going to come in, we know we have elected officials that have fought and gotten money. And then what happens? Harris County then doesn't do what they need to do to get the projects going. But this is where relationships matter. This is where trust matters. I am proud to be endorsed by our governor, Greg Abbott. I'm proud to be endorsed by our Texas Land Commissioner, doctor Dawn Buckingham, by our Speaker of the House Dustin Burrows, and by so many Republican elected officials, including your representative. Everything about fixing these problems starts with having a relationship and understanding how we get the resources to the people that need it the most. Nobody will be able to convince me that in Kingwood, anybody got it worse when you lose 15 lives. The only thing that I focus on when I lead is being effective. Words are cheap. Actions are what matters. That is what we are going to do, and we are going to make sure Kingwood gets the resources it needs. And we're going to work with regional, state and federal partners to make sure this happens. Thank you.

[01:00:45] Aliza Dutt

I would like to use my thirty seconds. This is something that has been very important to me. When I was elected mayor, second day on the job, we were hit by the storm. And one month later, Hurricane Beryl. When you are lying, I had calls from senior citizens when you're lying in bed, sweating and worried and dehydrated. With all due respect, we love Governor Abbott. But what you really want is that voice on the phone. Can someone come to my house and give me some water? Is there a place that I can cool down? And that's what I did as mayor. I knocked door to door with these senior citizens who were in dire straits, handing out waters, inviting them to come to our churches and our centers to cool down and get the resources that they need. Thank you.

[01:01:35] Orlando Sanchez

The next question is, if elected, how do you plan on being transparent with the public when it comes to finances? Well, I've already done that, as you know, for 12 years as your county treasurer. I won a national award for transparency for putting all of the county financial aspects online, searchable by the taxpayers. And I got a five star rating by the State Comptroller of Public Accounts, the first county in Texas to receive that rating. But let me talk a little bit about transparency. I told you, I've been on the board of a bank for 18 years. I'm also that was the chairman of the investment committee of the University of Houston, and I'm on the board of a largest hospital corporation, of which we have one here, HCA hospital. So what I'm telling you is on an annual basis, I handle billions of dollars for the public sector and the private sector. When I was county treasurer, through my hands over the course of my career, \$36 billion of your taxes went through my office without ever a complaint about transparency and integrity. Now, you know, there's been a question raised here recently by some Houston firefighters. Houston firefighters pay \$100 to the union for membership. And for years they've been asking for transparency of the union. How is that money spent? How much has gone to settle lawsuits? What are our dollars being spent on? And ask the firefighters if anyone has presented to them transparency with respect to how their money is used.

[01:03:21] George Zoes

Do you support merit based systems versus other criteria like social equity for awarding contracts? Well, I think I've been over this before. Um, how many business owners do we have here? And how many people hire people based on their resume and their application versus race, color or whether they have a dog or not? Nobody does. The county seems to like to do that. They like to hire the worst people for the job. So let's get back to business. Hire people based on what they can do, what they have done. This is a business, people. This is not politics. Politics, to me, is a name that says I have no resume, but vote for me anyway. Business, business, business. And I'll just cut mine short.

[01:04:24] Kathleen Jordan

This is our last round, just so everybody knows.

[01:04:27] Aliza Dutt

What does conservative leadership look like at a county level in a Democrat controlled city or county like you? We will not compromise our conservative values. Period. What are those conservative values? Making sure that our kids are safe. They're not killed on the streets. They're not drugged because of a soft-on-crime policy. Non-negotiable. Number two, making sure we keep our citizens safe in times of flooding of disasters. Because these decisions that politicians make. People don't care. You know, who donated to your campaign? Who endorsed you? They care that lives are lost when there's a flood and a disaster, and it is contingent on conservative leadership to never compromise the value of human life. But let that sink in. Doesn't matter what at what stage of human life and adults in terms of preserving and keeping safe our citizens at all times, we cannot risk reaching across the aisles and compromising our principles and our faith because we need to work with Democrats. No, the answer is no. You look at a bully right in the eye and say, no, we are not going to continue killing our kids. We are not going to continue to keep drugging our children and losing lives and losing and risking our homes in floods and disasters. Thank you so much.

[01:06:40] Oscar Gonzales

Okay. The question is which department or program would you audit first and what makes it a priority for you? I know Warren wanted this question, didn't he? All right. The Office of Administration would be the first to be audited and probably axed. The Office of Court Administration would also be audited, and we'd have a bunch of job cutting there, too. I'm still tied in down there at the county. I'm down there all the time. I see all the people. My lovely wife over there works there, and she is witness to it firsthand. Those two divisions right there. The court administrator is swollen up in top heavy. The two people at the top are making about 400, \$500,000 each. And then they didn't know what they were doing. So they hired a whole bunch of people below them for two, three, and 400,000 in order to fill the gap. They did the same thing at the county administrator office. So they're creative. They have already created top heavy government down there. We need to go in there and do the forensic audits and start slashing jobs and these contracts with these big paying people. And something else you don't know. We've got people working remotely that don't even live here, that are getting big salaries as well. Okay! I see all these things from the inside because I'm still down there. So, the rabbit hole is very, very deep. It's going to take a lot of work to get to the bottom of it and ferret everything out, and we'll save a lot of money when we do. Thank you.

[01:08:25] Warren Howell

What specific management experience prepares you to oversee a county of Harris County's size, budget, and complexity? Well, I've got decades of experience in construction. You realize you realize that when commissioners court, there's only one person that can read a set of blueprints. How much construction are we doing? I can look at a set of blueprints even today and tell you within 10% of what I think that project should run. They're letting out all these contracts and they don't know what they're doing. They literally do not know what they're doing. Budget. We're \$600 million out of whack at least. The first nine months, which is all that I have, because our fiscal year starts October 1st, so if I get inaugurated from January to September, that's all the budget I've got left, 25% is gone. But during that time, we'll still create the budget for 2027, and at least 2 to 300 million will go back into the general fund. We won't have a \$200 million deficit. But I've run projects all my life. We've always been able to make a profit. We've always been able to come in under budget. And I've operated every business you can imagine. Roofing companies. I had an oilfield tubular company. I've done it all. So I am prepared. And I really appreciate your support. Thank you.

[01:10:22] Marty Lancton

Question. The question is give an example of leadership scenario where the buck stops here. Uh, I will say that I really like that question. Because I absolutely believe in responsibility, and I believe in being responsible by always making sure you have facts and you tell the truth. Misleading things, trying to cut people down doesn't change the truth. When I was elected in 2016, I will tell you that our own organization was in turmoil. That's why I ran shut down the corruption within our own organization. First thing you have to do is look internal. Not only do you look squarely, head on, and realize why it is that we haven't done a good job in making sure the firefighters are taken care of, you first have to look inward. We address those challenges head on, and the responsibility then is to make sure that we take care of the men and women that are out there saving our lives. And so when the buck stops here, as I tell people, you can attack me all you want, you can't attack my staff. You can't attack my people, you can't attack my firefighters. But the one thing I have always done is tell people the right thing matters in the end. Always. And after eight years in a Texas Supreme Court ruling, passing unanimous legislation with the help of Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, Governor Abbott and the speaker, we took care of the 4000 men and women in the Houston firefighters and a \$1.5 billion settlement that the firefighters were owed, who hadn't been paid since 2009. I take full responsibility always to ensure that you are accountable to the people that you are elected to represent, and I will do that as your Harris County Judge. Thank you.

[01:12:17] Orlando Sanchez

The question is, if you're elected, what would you do to speed up flood mitigation so that people don't have to live in high flood risk any longer? Well, I actually was anticipating and hoping I'd get that question with respect to Kingwood. We've got to make sure that we get the Kingwood Diversion Channel and the Taylor Gully addressed. Maintenance on the channels, especially the Ben Branch, participate in dredging and maintenance district that overlooks all of the drainage and the dredging of the lake here in the Kingwood area. Work to maintain relationships with Montgomery County and San Jacinto County to make sure that our partners and road builders aren't creating more damage for the Kingwood area. Resurrect the San Jacinto River Watershed Master Plan that has been shelved, and then reinforce flood control district projects within the county. And as I started off earlier, I said that we've got to stop all these socialist programs and addressing flood control based on race, ethnicity and socioeconomic status and making sure that projects are addressed based on what hydrologists and engineers feel is the most important project. And this region has for too long been ignored by the flood control district. And when we issue bonds, you know the purchase power of a dollar isn't what it was ten years ago. We approved 2.5 billion with cost of construction and cost of materials. We can't buy what we did ten years ago. So those are the changes that need to be made.

[01:14:11] Marty Lancton

We're going to do a thirty second answer. I want to answer that question very, very simply. First of all, you have the Harris County flood Control district that doesn't do what it's supposed to do and doesn't get the money to Kingwood. That will change under my administration. But more importantly, we're not going to continue to have more studies, to have more studies to have more studies. We know that the Kingwood area residents need the flood control plan. They need shovels in the ground. And that's why having a relationship with the Texas Land Commissioner, with having a relationship with the governor, with the largest mayor in the county, to ensure that that money is getting where it needs to go. And that is Kingwood. Thank you.

[01:14:53] George Zoes

How would you balance development with protecting community character? Well, I guess I'll take that as a simple deal. Possibly. Let's just put the Astrodome in effect. How are we gonna balance development while protecting the Astrodome? A lot of people want to tear it down, and there excuses. It needs to be remediated from asbestos and mold. Yes. That's the first step you have to do with any project that has a mold or asbestos. Once that's gone, you have a beautiful steel structure that was produced with American steel from Beaumont, Texas, by the Schwab family, which are personal friends of mine. You will never build a building just like that again. So what could you do with that while protecting things? Let's look at one of our tenants, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, who I've been a member of 20 years, and on the committee. Find out what they need and see if we can co-develop the Astrodome once we remediate it into a new development. I have ideas of what they'd like to do. I'd like to see hotels built within it, a parking garage, a new convention center inside, and a complete brick paved park around. The whole exterior park will be on the, I believe, the east side of Fannin by that apartment complex that's there have that as an entrance and egress, along with an elevated entrance and egress coming from the south side of 610 that the rodeo owns to have parking as an entrance and exit also. I think this can be done beautifully, but we need to get everyone in the room, put the ideas down and see which ones are common, and then cross out the ones that are not, or try to negotiate them. Thank you.

[01:16:38] Kathleen Jordan

Ninety seconds each for concluding remarks.

[01:16:43] Aliza Dutt

2026 is a very important year. Not only is it the 250th birthday of our great country, it is also a time of one of the, if not the most important election this election. And I look to you to say, I believe Texas is one of the last states in our country that decisions truly come from the ground up, from you. We the people. It is time for us to stand up. Rise up. No more politicians who show up at your women's groups and at the polls a few a couple of weeks, few weeks before Election day, making you empty promises. What you have lived day to day: flood control. Flood mitigation that has not seen the light of day, both on the west side and on the east side. Number two, crime is only getting worse. Kingwood has been an enclave in our county for so long in terms of upstanding citizens, hard working citizens, making a living, buying beautiful homes and investing. And now we are seeing an influx of homelessness, of crime. And we need to make sure that we support our law enforcement. Raising our children in safe neighborhoods, keeping our greatest investments, our homes and our cars safe. And most importantly, believe in our country. We were born out of Christian values. What's happening today is incompatible with what our Founding Fathers envisioned for our country. Let's make a change. Thank you.

[01:18:38] Oscar Gonzales

All righty, folks, I'm not special. I'm just battle tested. Worked hard, fought hard. Came out of poverty, like many of you did, and just clawed my way up. I'm not doing this for me. I'm not doing this for notoriety. I didn't want to be a politician. But you know what? Police are protectors. And my job, I feel a calling to stand up and protect the citizens of this great county and make it like it used to be. Make it safe once again. That is why I'm here. You guys like to know what truth is, right? You prefer truth over lies? I hold something right here that can destroy an image. Our party. This is a federal civil rights sexual harassment lawsuit. And one of us up here on the board has got our name on it. I'm not going to sit here and claim that the person did that. But what I will tell you is that the Democratic contender will take this document, will shred the person, if that person gets through the primary, will shred them to pieces, and then they'll stand up there and they will say, look here, folks, I found this. The Republican Party was trying to hide it from you, and they agree with all this, and they were trying to cover it up. And that's why you don't need to vote for any Republicans because all they all agree with this. Do your homework on all of us. Thank you.

[01:20:25] Warren Howell

Does everybody understand that the key to everything you want, your flood control, everything. Everything. Public safety. It is dependent on creating a new government that operates in the correct manner and cost you the right amount of money. People that make the right decisions. We have to set up a schedule so that people are hired and paid correctly, so that no matter who is elected, they can't screw it up a whole lot. They screwed up a little and they will, but they won't be able to screw it up a lot. So, I've been endorsed by Doctor Hotze and many other people. I'll be in a couple of voter guides. But I don't sit up here and tout who I've been endorsed by. You have to understand who's going to give you this new government that's going to give you a whole new deal. Who's going to do it? Is it a labor union person? Is it a experienced politician who you have to make that decision? I don't think we've made good decisions in the past. But listen, folks, we have an opportunity. We have an opportunity to create a brand new government that does what it's supposed to. Gives you what you need. We need to double our flood control. And I know how to do it. But we have not just for four years, but for generations to come. So please get with me and understand this. Thank you.

[01:22:03] Marty Lancton

I first want to say thank you all again for having us. It has been amazing to always come out and to see the people that are trying to push this county forward. I told you at the beginning, my name is Marty Lancton, and I believe that to be a servant leader that you have to lead by example. We know that crime and public safety is the number one priority. The reason why endorsements matter, the reason why relationships matter is because you can't be effective in solving these if you don't have them. So I'm proud to have the endorsement of Governor Greg Abbott. I have the endorsement of the Harris County Deputies organization, the Houston Police Officers Union, the Metro Police, so that we can get everybody together and address these issues. But what else is public safety? Is infrastructure, flood mitigation, the relationships when it comes to making sure that we have shovels in the ground. Lastly, our governor has said that he is going to spend a lot of money in November. Republicans have to come together. Republicans need to not act like Democrats. And I'm not afraid of a Democrat. I took one on in the city of Houston and I took him down. Somebody wants to challenge the truth. Republicans will always win. It's going to take all of us. I look forward to working with all of you, talking with you more. Again, my name is Marty Lancton. I'm running for Harris County Judge, and I ask for your support. Thank you.

[01:23:40] Orlando Sanchez

There are some sharp choices to be made in this election. And they're going to center around integrity, honesty and transparency. If we can't deliver that to our Republicans, we're going to have problems in November. I've been fighting Democrats my entire life. 40 years. I've been to this club for over 20 years. Donated all my properties as auction items. There's sometimes there's some new people I see here occasionally. But I'm going to tell you this. Never in my 40 years as a Republican have I ever endorsed a Democrat. I've never written a personal check to a Democrat. I have never been on YouTube with Democrats endorsing our voters to vote for Democrats, including one that is running against us. I have never been named in a federal lawsuit. I think Oscar is correct. Come November, if we don't do our homework and nominate a Republican, they will shred us. Now, one candidate here is a member of the Texas AFL-CIO executive committee that hates Republicans. Just look up Texas AFL-CIO on YouTube. It's horrible. That person has had an opportunity to resign that board and to this day doesn't. Make sure you nominate a Republican. Thank you and God bless you all.

[01:25:22] George Zoes

Well, thank you again for having us out here to speak to you. Let's go back to 1992, a beautiful election. Who remembers who ran. Bush, Clinton and Ross Perot. Ross Perot, the businessman who had a plan to fix America that nobody listened to. It took 24 years to elect another businessman as president. And look what he has done in his second term. Everyone is better off. So let's look what happened to Bush's war after war after war. And finally, let's see what happened to slick Bill. We all remember Bill, the blue dress, the Oval Office. Does everyone remember that? Yes, that's a politician. Bush is a politician. Ross Perot is a businessman. \$4 billion net worth. Trump \$7 billion net worth. Businessman speaks from his heart in his head, doesn't prepare anything. I'm a businessman. Put a businessman in office. Kick out the politicians and let save Harris County. Thank you.

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