

**VOCAL QUESTIONNAIRE ANSWERS FROM CURTIS EDWARDS
CANDIDATE FOR GREGG COUNTY COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 1**

Question 1.

We need services for our unemployed, our elderly, our sick, our military, and our economy. Many already are in place and some need to be reformed. Services need to be well defined, have set limits and policed to prevent abuse.

Question 2.

I am for the "Right to Life". There are medically approved contraceptives available to prevent unwanted pregnancy. Our government should not interfere with ones private and personal decisions. Education in prevention and personal responsibilities should continue through parenting and our schools.

Question 3.

I support our Constitution. Therefore, I support States Rights. If our Federal Government side tracks the Constitution on issues that are not directly covered or guaranteed by our Constitution, our States have the right to opt out or challenge those issues or mandates. We have elected representatives in Congress who should be each States first line of defense. We should be able to expect them to make the first challenge.

Question 4.

First, each government body should handle their budgets with a "Pay as You Go", philosophy. Each budget should include an emergency fund. Each budget should cover projects and expenses with the taxpayers in mind regarding safety, health, and services. If the local government have large expensive projects to address and consider the use of bonds to finance it or them, it shall be decided by the taxpayers.

Question 5.

I am against any thought of immunity for illegal immigrants. I am in support of securing our borders completely. I am against giving illegal immigrants any form of welfare or financial assistance. I am against the giving citizenship status to babies born in this country to parents who are in this country illegally. I am for business being required to electronically check the citizenship status off all new employees. I am totally against sanctuary cities for illegal immigrants.

Question 6.

Currently our Federal Government is a total embracement to our country regarding our relationship with Israel. Israel is just as much an ally to this country as Canada, England and Australia and should be treated and respected as such.

Question 7.

It is my opinion that our Judiciary has too much influence in our political system. More to the point, they are over reaching in their interpretations on many issues. I believe tort reform is needed. For the sake of citizens, the courts have mainly supported the few and ruled against the many. Maybe the people should look at having our higher courts such as our Federal Judges be elected.

Question 8.

This country has a large number of very wealthy individuals. One way or another they pay taxes. But, because of being so wealthy they can make their own decisions to pay and how much to pay. This isn't fair to the lower income taxpayers. I am for re-vamping of our tax code and closing many loop holes that the wealthy make use of.

Question 9.

I am in total support of the second amendment of our Constitution. As American citizens we have the right to possess and bare arms. It doesn't say to be licensed or taxed on our arms.

Question 10.

It is my opinion that our County Government has lacked, overall, a true connect with the people of the County. Issues are not explained well enough. The most important issue facing my constituency is seeing that they have all the services they deserve and fund. The public should have more info, more involvement, and public input. The important issues are taxes, public safety, public health, major projects, and the economy. The thing these have in common is the taxpayer. There are safety and health issues to address. Again, ideas important to the citizens would be addressed by surveys and just asking the public what is important to them.