



2020 SCREENING & ENDORSEMENT COMMITTEE
JUDICIAL CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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7. Who is your primary political consultant?

Dr. Jennifer Cantu
8. Have you retained any Hispanic firms to help with your campaign? If so, what role do they play?

No.
9. Please indicate how many minorities and women you currently have on your campaign staff. (Specify their respective positions.)

All my campaign staff are either women or of other minority groups, consisting of campaign director, community outreach personnel, canvassers, campaign treasurer, etc.
10. Have you been endorsed by another organization in this race? If so, please list.

UDems and Bexar County Tejano Democrats.

11. What are your plans for increasing Hispanic voter participation throughout the state?

Community outreach through churches and various community organizations by educating Hispanic voters that having a voice for their children is crucial to their children's existence as equal in the community.

HISTORY & ISSUES

12. Have you ever voted in or sought office with the Republican Party?

While I did participate as a Republican during college, I never sought for office as a Republican. After realizing that my values did not align with the Republican values, I refrained from politics for several years until I got involved with the Democratic party. Ever since, I have never felt more at home and proud than being a Democrat.

13. Have you held any other bench or public office? If so, identify the office, year elected, and political party through which the office was sought. Additionally, list major judicial accomplishments.

I served as adjudication officer for the City of Houston for the past six years, though this was a position by appointment as opposed to election. I also ran for office as a Democrat in 2010 for the 209th Criminal District Court in Harris County, ran as a Democrat in 2012 for the First Court of Appeals, Place 9, and ran as a Democrat in 2018 for Texas Supreme Court, Place 6.

14. What qualifications/assets do you feel you have which sets you apart from your opponent(s) and why should you be considered for endorsement by this organization?

I am not only the most qualified candidate but also the only electable candidate. In 2018, I came within four percent (4%) to flipping this same statewide judicial position after traveling across the 254 counties, educating citizens of the significance of the Texas Supreme Court and how that court impacts them. Moreover, it is common knowledge that voters would only vote one of three reasons: (1) they are fearful about something; (2) they are angry about something; or (3) they are passionate about something. In all the elections I ran, I have inspired voters to not just get out to vote, but continue to be actively involved, thus inspiring others to vote as well. Known to be the first statewide judicial candidate to travel across the State of Texas through inspiration and education, Cheng for Change! has become a statewide known phrase spoken and loved by many.

As a private practitioner over nineteen years, I have been the voice for my clients in areas of law, including but not limited to commercial litigation, family law, probate, estate planning, tax law, and real estate law. Some of those areas of practice consists of case types considered by the Texas Supreme Court. I have also served as adjudication officer for the City of Houston for the past six years. Serving in said capacity, I have to adjudicate cases by considering the evidence before me and the testimony of citizens and then render a ruling within the realm of law and time. To be a voice for the people, one must be relatable with the constituents to be electable. I am not just more qualified than my opponent, but I am also relatable to the voters, thus making me the only electable candidate for this position. As such, an endorsement of Kathy Cheng is not just an asset to the Tejano Democrats but also to all voters who desire to change the color of this state blue.

15. List at least three organizations that you belong to that reflect your personal and professional values. (Include positions or offices held with each).

Taiwanese Heritage Society of Houston-community outreach in cross cultural exchanges and civic engagements; League of Women Voters Houston-civic engagement and community outreach on educating citizens on the importance of having a voice; and Light & Salt Organization-general counsel and community outreach on the needs of special needs children and resources for parents of special needs children.

16. Are there any past or pending criminal charges or convictions against you that are relevant to or would have an effect on the position you are seeking?

No.

17. Are there any pending civil suits or judgements against you that are relevant to or would have an effect on the position you are seeking?

No.

18. What are five major issues that you believe are faced by the Latino community and what would you do to bring about positive changes?

Lack of accessibility to the judicial system; lack of representation in the community at large; societal stereotypes, i.e. undocumented immigrants; lack of respect due to low voter turnout from the Latino community; and lack of community involvement, all of which can be changed through continued Latino community outreach that encompasses all those aspects as opposed to just GOTV outreach.

19. Describe your law practice generally (years, areas, etc.)

I have practiced law for over nineteen years, consisting of areas of law, including but not limited to commercial litigation, family law, probate, estate planning, tax law, and real estate law.

20. Briefly describe your judicial experience.

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21. TRIALS AND APPEALS

Number of civil cases tried: Total	Jury: >10	Non-Jury: >10
Number of civil cases appealed to CCA:	<10	
Number of civil cases appealed to Supreme Court:	0	

22. Have you ever been the subject of any disciplinary proceedings by the State Bar of Texas, or any of its committees, or any Bar organizations in any other state? Explain.

No.

23. Please share additional comments concerning your candidacy.

I am the only candidate in this race who believes running for office is a privilege and that one should run for office because one has a vision for the greater good of the people as opposed to setting sight only on the position one is running for. I shared my vision in 2018 of an election where Democrats would win judicial races across the state and because of that vision, we gained majority in four of the court of appeals, increasing our majority from three to seven of the fourteen court of appeals. That does not even account for the number of district courts and county courts Democrats won throughout the State of Texas.