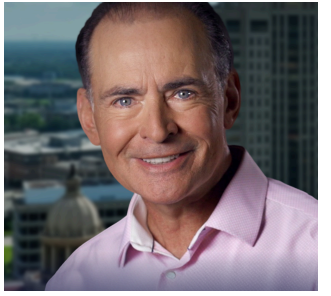


Congress – District 9

Question

Letitia Plummer

Orlando Sanchez

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	Letitia Plummer is a dentist, small-business owner, and former Houston City Council member who served in At-Large Position 4 from 2020 to 2025.	Orlando Sanchez is a former Harris County Treasurer and Houston City Council member and served in the U.S. Air Force and Texas Air National Guard.
1. Denver Harbor recently went without a neighborhood early-voting location. Would you support using the Denver Harbor Multi-Service Center as an early-voting site?	Yes. Whether you are in Denver Harbor, River Oaks, or anywhere else in Harris County, every voter deserves to know that their vote matters and that the rules will be applied fairly. When early voting locations are not made accessible to every community, voters can become apathetic, candidates can be disadvantaged, and communities can lose their ability to choose the leaders who represent them. As the Democratic nominee for Harris County Judge, I will always stand for a Harris County where every neighborhood is heard, every vote is respected, and the government remains accountable to the people it serves.	Campaign did not respond
2. Do you support tactics where armed and masked federal agents are involved in conducting street stops, vehicle stops, and neighborhood sweeps?	No. As County Judge, I will treat mass enforcement operations as the public safety emergencies they are. The County Judge directs emergency management for nearly five million people. Three men were taken from Canal Street on July 7, and their families spent days searching for them. Families deserve accurate information and help finding detained loved ones.	

3. Regarding local cooperation with federal immigration enforcement: a. Should local police, constables, or other county and city resources assist ICE in arresting people who have no violent criminal record?	No. One of the proudest moments of my time on City Council was utilizing Proposition A to empower members to bypass traditional gatekeeping and bring critical issues directly to the table. I used this tool to propose changing police policy regarding ICE warrants. I pushed to transition the language in police orders from a requirement to contact federal authorities for every administrative hit to a discretionary model. This simple but powerful shift ensures that an officer's priority remains the immediate safety of the scene rather than processing paperwork for federal agencies.	
b. Should local cooperation with ICE require a judicial warrant?	Yes. We can enforce the law, local, state or federal, without shredding our Constitution. The Fourteenth Amendment says no person shall be deprived of life or liberty without due process of law. Local law enforcement shouldn't be used to circumvent the Constitution. ICE administrative warrants are not the same as warrants issued by an independent judge.	
4. Should undocumented immigrants without serious criminal records be entitled to a prompt bond hearing before an immigration judge? Why or why not?	Yes. Immigration status shouldn't block a person's right to due process. People who are detained deserve prompt, individualized bond hearings where a judge considers their circumstances, public-safety, and likelihood of appearing for future proceedings. We can protect public safety while still respecting individual and constitutional rights.	
5. Would you support requiring immigration agents to display visible identification, wear body cameras, avoid masks except in documented dangerous situations, and provide written justification for stops and arrests?	Yes. The tragic murder of Lorenzo Salgado Araujo underscores the urgent need for greater transparency, accountability, and public trust in immigration enforcement. No family should be left searching for answers after a fatal encounter with law enforcement. That's why I support body-worn cameras, the removal of masks, and clear identification of federal immigration officers to help ensure accountability, protect the public, and provide a clear record of these interactions.	
6. Do you support or oppose the following: a. Racial Profiling in Immigration Enforcement	Oppose. Public safety is strengthened when every person is treated with dignity and respect, not when fear and suspicion become the default. What we cannot do is turn a blind eye to the criminalization of Black and Brown individuals simply seeking the American dream. The pathway to citizenship is long, costly, and, for some, unattainable due to the many barriers that stand in the way.	

b. Separating parents from children during enforcement actions	Oppose. Children should not be traumatized or separated from their families simply because of their immigration status. Enforcement should be conducted humanely and with consideration for the well-being of children.	
c. Large-scale detention of immigrants without criminal records	Oppose. Immigration enforcement should be individualized and focus on legitimate public-safety concerns, rather than treating immigration status itself as a reason for mass detention. We can uphold public safety while respecting human dignity.	
7. Do you support continuing DACA protections? Should DACA recipients have a path to permanent legal status?	Yes and yes. I strongly support continuing DACA protections. DACA recipients are members of our community. They've built their lives here. They've contributed to our economy. In many cases, they know no other home. They deserve stability and the opportunity to plan a future in Harris County. I also support creating a pathway to permanent legal status and ultimate citizenship for DACA recipients who meet requirements.	
8. Do you believe Denver Harbor currently receives adequate police and constable coverage? What specific steps would you take to increase coverage of the neighborhood?	Denver Harbor deserves equitable access to public safety. No resident should have to wonder whether help will arrive when they call 911. As County Judge, I'll work with the Constable's Office and HPD to identify gaps in patrol coverage and response times. Data and direct input from residents will be used to determine where additional resources are needed. Public safety also means using the right response for the right situation. That's exactly why I'd expand the mental-health crisis response program in communities like Denver Harbor. These programs allow law enforcement to focus on criminal activity while ensuring residents in crisis receive appropriate care.	
9. Investment companies are buying homes in Denver Harbor, pushing out current residents. What policies would you support to help long-term residents stay in the neighborhood and improve their homes?	I want to make sure the people who have called Denver Harbor home for generations have the opportunity to stay there. That means making it easier for longtime homeowners to afford their property taxes and make necessary repairs, while also helping families looking to buy their first home. It also includes helping existing and new small business owners have the support they need to stay in the neighborhood and grow. I would work with local organizations to preserve affordable housing and invest in small businesses so Denver Harbor can thrive without pricing out the people who built and invested in the community.	
10. Denver Harbor residents pay county, state, and federal taxes. What would you do to bring more public money to improve the neighborhood?	Denver Harbor residents deserve to see their tax dollars come back to their community. As County Judge, I will prioritize federal, state, and county funding for neighborhoods with the greatest needs. That means pursuing federal grants, fully funding infrastructure and resiliency projects, and using a worst-first approach so historically underserved communities aren't left behind. I will also work directly with community organizations and local leaders to identify projects and ensure residents have a voice in how public dollars are spent.	

11. Many Denver Harbor students have attended schools outside the neighborhood for decades. We recently lost McReynolds Middle School and face the possibility of additional school closures. What would you do to protect and improve the schools serving Denver Harbor, and how would you ensure that residents have a meaningful voice in future school decisions?	Public education is the foundation of opportunity and democracy. I am a product of Houston public schools and have been a strong opponent of the HISD takeover and its negative outcomes. Although the County Judge does not run school districts, Harris County can be a serious partner: connect students to libraries, broadband, healthcare, nutrition, safe transportation, internships, and union apprenticeship pathways; coordinate disaster planning with districts; and advocate for full, equitable public-school funding. Public dollars should strengthen public schools, and families in every neighborhood deserve a say in the needs of their children.	
12. Denver Harbor has one clinic, which is not equipped for emergencies, and lost its nearest hospital after Hurricane Harvey. Residents are now served by small emergency hospitals along I-10. a. Do you consider this level of emergency care adequate for a neighborhood of this size?	No. As a healthcare professional, I have seen what happens when people cannot access care. As County Judge, I will make sure Harris County is doing everything it can to protect and expand our public health system.	

b. What would you do to improve access to emergency and hospital care?	I will implement an Equitable Satellite Clinic Expansion Plan for the Harris Health System. We cannot expect residents in underserved areas to travel hours for basic care. We must strategically place and staff culturally competent clinics directly in the neighborhoods that need them most. To improve access during natural disasters, I will deploy rapid-response lily pad units. These units will be mobile stations carrying power generation, water, food, and emergency supplies, reaching nursing homes and hospitals and neighborhoods that need help in the first hours, before the federal cavalry arrives.	
13. What steps would you take to improve access to services and benefits for veterans?	Veterans should not have to navigate a maze of government agencies and services to receive the benefits they have earned. I would strengthen Harris County's coordination with the VA, workforce programs, housing providers, and community organizations. I would also expand outreach to veterans who may not know about the services they qualify for. Additionally, I'd focus on reaching veterans who are unhoused, disabled, or otherwise disconnected from services.	