

CD 18 Potential Nominee Questionnaire

Candidate Name: Valencia Williams

If you currently hold or have previously held public office, please list and describe those positions here.
Houston Harris County Precinct 490 Chair, Houston Harris County Precinct 772,443,490 Presiding
Election Judge

Are you currently a resident of the 18th Congressional District?
No

If you live in CD18, how long have you resided there?

If you are not currently a resident of CD18, which Congressional District do you reside, and how long have you lived there?
7th Congressional District

Background, Education, and Qualifications

High School attended and date of graduation

College attended, degree obtained, major, and year of graduation
Houston Community College, Certification, Medical Coding & Billing, Graduation 2002

Graduate or other degrees obtained and year of graduation

Any Board Certifications. If you are an attorney, please list the states in which you are admitted to the bar and years admitted.

What uniquely qualifies you to represent the constituents of CD18 as their Representative in Congress?
I have a natural desire for building and maintaining strong relationships, and as with any relationship expressing dissatisfaction is part of the relationship, I understand this is the other person expressing their concern (s) and is necessary in order to build a trusting relationship, open lines of communication is imperative in order for me to take swift action, to foster a culture of learning so that we as a community stay ahead of the curve. I also bring a Global perspective to my work due to my experience of living in many diverse cultural communities as well as working and living in different a different country. This multicultural exposure enhanced my ability to work in diverse environments and understand cultural nuances as well as work with individuals and colleagues from different backgrounds.

What is your best quality or attribute? What is your least favorable trait or working habit?
My best quality is my ability to adapt. My least favorable trait is being a perfectionist.

What prior elective office have you run for and what was the result?

Describe any community service you have been involved with over the past ten years.

Since September 20,2007, through my Charitable Organization Halloe & Associates Inc, I have provided hot meals for Houston's Homeless, made bill payments, provided temporary shelter in hotels, provided toys for low-income children, provided toiletries for Seniors, provided Back-to-school clothing from Dillards to low-income students, provided Summer jobs to 100 low-income youth through the Workforce's Summer Jobs Program, I have provided meals for low-income children during the Summer through the Summer Food Program, Electric Wheelchairs for disabled homeless people, Covid-19 Relief for single mothers using My funds from my for profit business L888 Corporation, provided \$50 Covid-19 Relief Gift Cards to low-income parents to purchase Back-to-School Supplies, all over the Houston Metropolitan area, using my own Personal monies and I have done so for the last 16 years.

Affiliations, Tributes, and Awards

Are you a member of or affiliated with any professional organizations? Please list here.

N/A

Have you held any leadership positions with those groups, and if so, what was your position?

N/A

Have you received any honors or recognitions that may be relevant to the positions of United States Representative? If so, please describe here.

In 2008 or 2009, I receive a Letter of Support from Former Council Member Peter Brown, Former Council Member Wanda Adams, Congress Member Sheila Jackson Lee and Congress Member Al Green

Philosophy and Issues

Should you become the Representative for CD18, what do you hope to accomplish during your first term in office? Before the completion of your service as a member of Congress?

Due to the EPA declaring CD18 "a Cancer Cluster" due to Toxic chemical being poured into the community, If elected I will evaluate the Comprehensive Plan I developed to Relocate CD18 Residents to a "safe haven" using the \$5 million dollars the City of Houston Approved January 2024, remove the toxic waste, Rebuild if necessary, and move residents back into their homes and if additional funding is required " i will request additional federal funding". I will also work together with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to eradicate crime in phases.

If you are elected to this position, on which committee(s) of Congress would you most like to serve and why?

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs, the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, the Committee on Slavery and Freedom, Armed Services Committee, House Committee on Oversight and Reform, Neuroscience Caucus, Committee on Economic Disparity and Fairness in Growth, Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, the Middle east Foreign Affairs Subcommittee and the Subcommittee on Africa

In what way do you believe your individual philosophy may impact your service as a member of Congress?

The pursuit of fundamental truths and the quest for understanding provides rational methods for problem solving in order to address the concerns of human existence.

Why do you want to be a member of Congress?

I desire to continue to make a lasting, sustaining prosperous contribution to every facet of America's Society.

In what ways do the principles of the Democratic Party inform or reflect your personal philosophy?

The Democratic Party, understandably preoccupies itself with developing changes in social and economical success and advancement.

What are the three most important issues Congress must deal with and what is your proposal for doing so?

1. Sustainable Economical Security

We must increase our export outputs and minimize our import input in order to go from a deficit to a surplus.

2. Border Security

A. Work with Mexican Officials(the newly elected President, Legislators, Law Enforcement agents etc.) to identify the Breach, swiftly take action in order to repair the breach and execute the Immigration laws that are in place

B. Hire more skilled, trained Border patrol Agents and provide more Border Patrol Vehicles

C.. Add more Immigration Judges.

3. Education

A. Increase Teachers Pay by diverting monies given to Foreign Nations for war and redirecting those monies to increased pay for teachers.

B. Revitalize and Rebuild (if necessary) dilapidated schools and replace text and text books with advance knowledge in Reading, Science, Mathematics and Social Studies from Pre-K to 12th Grade, in low-income neighborhoods, using monies given to Foreign Nations that do not use the Aide for the purpose (s) in which the Aide was given.

How can Congress (with Presidential support) better and more humanely control illegal immigration across the Southern Border or elsewhere?

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What, if anything, should Congress do to restore and protect abortion rights and rights of reproductive autonomy?

I would have to look at Abortion Rights in it's entirety in order to come up with a Comprehensive Plan on how to cohesively and adequately address Abortion Rights.

What do you plan to do to protect and expand voting rights and protect the basic tenets of democracy?

As an African American descendant of my Ancestors who shed blood so that I as well as others could vote, protecting Voting Rights is not second nature for me, therefore, I am compelled to ensure that "all people who can legally Vote, do Vote". I intend on "letting Americans, My people Vote".

What policies and initiatives will you advocate to reduce student debt? What would be your approach to making higher education more affordable and accessible?

I will have to look at every plan developed over the years to reduce student debt and choose from each plan what work in order to device a Comprehensive student debt plan and the same applies to making higher education affordable.

What policies will you advocate to reduce poverty in our district? What are your strategies for economic development to lift individuals and families out of poverty?

The median income for CD18 was \$58,805 in 2021, which signifies an increase in the "working class sector", I will attract more higher paying jobs from companies moving to Houston like Chevron, to CD18 and encourage companies like Chevron to offer incentives that motivate low-income families, single-parent homes to choose to work instead of receiving government benefits except in the case of emergencies.

What can be done to lower the price of basic necessities such as food, shelter, healthcare, and other costs of living?

I would to first identify what specifically caused the price of food, shelter, healthcare and costs of living to increase, this requires a dedicated team.

What is your view about the necessity (or lack thereof) for gun safety legislation and what proposals would you support (and which, if any, of them would you oppose)?

Gun safety is an increasingly complex subject matter. However, it is vital that we not only have forums on Gun laws, Gun safety, we must "act".

The U.S. has used foreign policy to fight inhumane practices abroad and also to further our security and economic interests. What goals should the U.S. be furthering through foreign policy, if any? What tools should the U.S. use in accomplishing those goals (i.e., economic sanctions, military intervention, etc.)?

Without being specific about what practices and where, I cannot give a comprehensive response.

How, specifically, do you plan to help the people of CD18?

My plan is to assist in providing Relief to all the residents in CD18 by making myself readily available to every single resident in CD18

What do you plan to make your signature issue as a member of Congress and how do you plan to address it?

Education is my signature issue. By emphasizing the vital role education has in society.

Campaign Plans

How will you convince voters of CD18 to support you before November 5, 2024?

By being transparent, truthful, attentive and dedicated to listening to the majority.

How will you support down-ballot Democratic candidates?

How much money do you expect to raise for your campaign?

How do you plan to raise the amount of money you have indicated in the previous question?

Democratic Credentials, Experience

When and why did you become a Democrat?

I became a Democrat in 2008. I was inspired by Congress Member Barbara Jordan and Congress Member Mickey Leland

Which Democrat in your lifetime has most impressed you and why?

Congress Member Barbara Jordan. She spoke up, stood up and never gave up.

What involvement have you had in grassroots Democratic activities?

Social Media

Have you ever been a Republican or voted in a Republican primary? If so, when and why did you become a Democrat?

N/A

Is there anything else about your background, experience, philosophy, leadership qualities, or skills as a campaigner which you would like to bring to the attention of the Democratic precinct chairs of the 18th Congressional District of Texas?

None at all.

Is there any other question which we have not asked you but which, in the interests of understanding why you would be the best person to succeed Sheila Jackson Lee, you would like to address?

for over 14 years, I have fought tirelessly to defend the cause of all the people residing in CD18, even when it was unpopular to do so.