

CD 18 Potential Nominee Questionnaire

Candidate Name: Kathy Lee Tatum

If you currently hold or have previously held public office, please list and describe those positions here.

Are you currently a resident of the 18th Congressional District?

Yes

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

1998

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

Background, Education, and Qualifications

High School attended and date of graduation

McCaskey High School Lancaster Prnnsylvania 1995

College attended, degree obtained, major, and year of graduation

West Virginia State College (HBCU) currently Cornell University (Business)

Graduate or other degrees obtained and year of graduation

Doctoral in Divinity

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

Board Certified Christian Counselor, Accredited Property Management, Certified Life Coach, Pending Board Certified Mental Health Coach

What uniquely qualifies you to represent the constituents of CD18 as their Representative in Congress?

I live here, work here, Raise 5 girls, I have been community advocating, Activists and Bring Tangible Resources to Wraparound Services to Schools, Community Gardens, Rehab Centers, Unhoused, Veterans, Aged Out Youth, Domestic Violence Survivors, Human Trafficking. I have funded many projects and City Initiatives and working with hospitals, farmers and parents and Nonprofits and Businesses

What is your best quality or attribute? What is your least favorable trait or working habit?

Work aholc but also one of the best things is right is right and wrong is wrong and any sign of meetings I'm going to be an advocate. I'm not going to secretly, leave the meeting and then talk in the hallway. If it's time to speak up, it's time to speak up. I've been through too much and I know how people failed me with abuse. So the best quality of me is being real no matter who is in charge. Because advocacy making better laws and better funding tells the testimony of the community

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

City of Houston Mayor 2023

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

I am a resource and the pages would look like a book to write down all that I have and continue to complete

I was supervisor of Property management multi family when Hurricane Katrina and been on front line of Disaster Relief not just in Houston but other state, Caribbean, Africa, Houston Freeze, Blackouts. I founded nonprofit that is boots on the ground for over 65 other nonprofits that help distribute over 500 pallets a month over 3 counties. We been on front line Congresswomen Shelia Jackson Lee, the Mayor, City and County Initiatives, Galleria Furniture, Trae the Truth, other Churches, I have formed over 323 nonprofits 120 LLC and currently building a Resource Hub 80,000 sqft

Affiliations, Tributes, and Awards

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

Moms Demand Action
CJAC
Alliance of safety
Order of Eastern Star
Everytown
Cities Unite
Forbes

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

Wm

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

Many from Congressional recognized by Congresswomen Lee many local National City councils

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?

Hud vouchers need to be changed. It's not that we can find just housing but the description of the housing voucher as a real estate agent and a property management. Many of our veterans and unhoused we cannot move into apartments because the description of one bedrooms might be able to afford pay up to example \$1,500 but I cannot give them a one-bedroom one. Dan, I can't give them anything on property but in one bedroom and there's not that many one bedrooms in a multi-family apartment complex. Also, I would be meeting with a White House on the description of rfps. Many people cannot fill out those long forms of funding which is a huge problem in the minority

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

Agriculture finance

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

Why do you want to be a member of Congress?

I always feel like I am a member because I've worked closely with so many in the community as Outreach and always boot on the ground and have referred them to initiatives and organizations. Congresswoman passed away but I am still working and providing to her community every single day including food programs to her Active Living and disaster relief. Many of the organizations that she worked with I introduce so. I am still out here and many they're talking about finances but at the end of the day they're not out here in this community. They're trying to be in this community. They know some problems out here in this community but I'm out here solving problems and giving tangible resources

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

I come from child abuse. I need a lot of the services that are taken away. I do understand that even with my own health challenges in the past, health insurance is very important. I've had eight miscarriages meaning of the laws today. I would not be able to get a DNC planned. Parenthood was a huge part in advance in my health. I come from grandparents that are civil rights Advocates. Everything they fought for is to being trying to be taken away. The clock is going backwards, but you cannot be afraid to speak up and make sure the Republican party does not take away our rights

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

1. Police reform Decriminating marijuana
- 2.funding our school
3. Housing and more funding to non-profits with no long paperwork
4. Father's rights. Too many fathers are in jail and cannot see their kids. The law needs to be changed at visitation is first and then child support. Too many courts have allowed fathers not to be allowed part of their family due to the fact that it cannot afford court after court parenting equal rights needs to be across the board

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

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

I'm going to continue to tell our testimony Republicans need to see other Republicans women and their stories. You can only do this with trust of a local non-profit that they see everyday. A lot of Republican women have told me that they have not told their story and they feel like secretly. They've been getting abortions but no one cared because they had the money But they also are scared now that doctors are being charged and losing licensing

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

One of the voting rights that they try to take away is a 24-hour voting and that how many people can be in a vehicle. Many of our senior citizens disabled cannot stand in long lines and having a van pick them up. They try to deter this option. Also, there needs to be a line for disability in families that are foster care and families with autism. Many cannot be in lines with their voters registration because of the demanded of Health issues of the family and Foster families sometimes have five to seven kids and they cannot stand in those long lines

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

And speaking about this, we also need to understand that a lot of debt the students are paying for transportation in apartments. Lot of the foster kids even though education is free. Do you know any local community colleges that have free dorms? They do not. So many are losing out trying to pay for books. Even the ebooks you have to pay a monthly fee but we have to address the money that is going out of the pocket for our children, especially foster kids. We need to change the laws for not just affordable housing or Roundup community colleges but have the option for those foster kids to go to a 4-year college and not a 2-year college and then transfer

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?

A lot of anger is especially in the minority at underserved communities because we don't get to see all the federal funding because it continues to go to the same nonprofits that been around 20 to 30 years. They use smaller non-profits to do all the work. I will bring advocacy and bring those funding to the lower and not so large non-profits. We need to focus on buildings and vehicles. So many non-profits are working out of their house in their garages. If they're local non-profits were getting funding and when a disaster relief happens or that somebody needs to pay their bills or utilities, they are actually in the community. We have to stop falling for so many reports of data on the unhoused on our youth programs where there is no direct contact. We put a lot of funding in City and County multi families and also multi-community centers, but they close at 3:00 p.m. And 5:00 p.m. which doesn't allow the resources to really get into the community

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

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)?

As a gun violence Survivor and a member of every town of gun safety and also a member of mom's demand action, I think that's all I need to say. We are out here everyday. I am a fellow for years. I am in the schools so we need to show that it's the guns. It's the guns. It's the guns. I don't know any underserved community that owns and manufactured gun and we also need to address pawn shops

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.)?

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

I'm here everyday. I live here. I work here. My kids go to school here but as a non-profit I'm boots on the ground. Congresswoman knew that she called me on so many issues because I had tangible resources actually having clinics that have the equipment to do a mammogram to do the blood work and you don't have to go down to the medical center to get things done. But here's my social media you will see that we work here everyday. Not what we're going to do what we are doing
<https://www.instagram.com/DrKathyLeeTatum4impact>

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

Finance in Farmers. New food banks with agriculture and housing. HUD ible housing and non-profits not feeling out long forms reentry programs and building more one-bedroom apartment complex with funding

Campaign Plans

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

I'm in business meetings but the best thing about my Outreach. I come out at night at 9:00 at night. I'm with families of murder children. I show up without the cameras I show up without the press conferences. So a lot of the people that I work with are in the parks that I see everyday and they see me in the schools in the grocery stores not surrounded by people or waiting for me because they said if we don't see somebody new that's actually out here before they get the position. They're not interested in voting so they towed me over and over. Miss Kathy, if you get in we'll go vote because we know you'll bring that money back to our community. Not what we heard on a press conference. Not on a big old check being held up, but nobody knows where that money went. If you're out here already, we know that you will get fans, buses transportation to the polls and we trust you because you're a credible messenger

How will you support down-ballot Democratic candidates?

As part of the Texas Democratic women we show up, I've been at the polls for years. Some of the people that are running for this office. I've helped him get into office. I've spoken on their behalf. We will travel all throughout Texas to make sure we are blue. I've traveled all around the world to let people know what's going on and you must be blue. If not, our rights are going to continue to be taken and the resources will never be here. Blue is always the best choice fundraisers for other and participate in funding

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

Being the fact that it's only one option if I'm the candidate, the whole world is going to be looking at this. All the organizations all the non-profits that I formed will be giving money the music business, the survivors. I expect to raise enough money to do the commercials on TV direct mailing the text messages but I've witnessed even in amir's race. You need close to \$500,000 to a million but you got to remember we got to raise money for all candidates and I'm not a selfish person

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

Concerts, commercials direct mailing my actor, friends, my singing friends, my community garden friends. All of these people are already said they're ready to go for free

Democratic Credentials, Experience

When and why did you become a Democrat?

Born

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

Congresswomen Lee because I've worked with her a lot. Worked with side her inside apartments inside hospitals inside schools. She allows so many people and had me also do the proclamations when she was not around. She called out my name when I entered the room when she was on the stage and let everybody know that is Dr. Tatum. Sometimes she beats me to the event. She's everywhere. She's like me. She doesn't hold her tongue. She going to say what she needs. She respected my Outreach. My friendship and she allowed me to learn from her and introduce me to so many other people

What involvement have you had in grassroots Democratic activities?

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

No

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?

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?

I'm worried about that. People are not understanding people in the community are not going to go vote.

It's not just about registering people to vote. It's them giving up on. If the same people get in office, they're going to hire the same friends and family the same contracts and they're not accessible. Congresswoman was accessible and I feel like we should have solve and shared social media to see who was really doing the work because a lot of people are talking about financing funding registration but there is a whole lot in the community she was doing with disaster relief housing and who does she use because I'm one of those people that she called