

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT - CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Candidate Name: Brent W. Thor

2. Highest Level of Education: Associates in Fire Science

3. Current Job Title: CEO

4. Age: 54

5. Party Affiliation: Republican

6. Religion: Christian

Marital Status: Divorced
 Number Of Children: 3

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11. Campaign Website URL:

12. Campaign Social Media URL/Handles: <u>Facebook</u>
13. Have You Been Finally Convicted of a Felony? No

14. Number Of Years Living in Montgomery County: 16 years

POLITICAL QUESTIONS:

- 1. Clubs / Community Organizations You Are a Member Of: TOPPS of Lake Conroe, Rotary International (Paul Harris Fellow)
- Endorsements You Have Received: working on Conroe Firefighters, County Judge, Commissioner Riley
- 3. Political Action Committees You Have Contributed To: none

- 4. Candidates/Elected Officials You Have Supported for Office and/or Generally Align With: Constable Phillip Cash, Wesley Doolittle, Commissioner Robert Walker
- 5. Have You Ever Voted in a Democrat Primary or for a Democrat Candidate? If yes, please explain your answer. No
- 6. Have You Ever Donated Money to Democrat Candidates or Organizations? If yes, please explain your answer. NO

OFFICE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS:

- 1. Why are you seeking to serve on this Board? As someone who has spent my entire adult life in the Fire / EMS industry I have gained valuable knowledge and experience that I bring back to the district. I have been able in several instances to assist the leadership in finding new contacts and resources that they did not know were available. I've been on the board for 5 years and currently serve as the Chairman and feel that though we have come a long way there is still so much to do.
- 2. What qualifications do you bring to this Board? I bring a very strong and extensive history in Fire / EMS. I currently operate a public safety consulting company and work in technology sales in the industry. My depth of knowledge and my relationships along with my 100% desire to enhance the safety of our county makes me the ideal candidate

to remain on this board.

- 3. What leadership positions have you held, including elected office and appointments, that you believe would benefit the Board? In a public world this is my first appointed / elected position I've held. I've been a Fire Chief, EMS Supervisor, VP of Sales and Marketing and a CEO in the corporate world.
- 4. The Montgomery County Hospital District is recognized as a premier EMS agency nationally and statewide. With the incredible growth the county is experiencing, how will you work to continue providing exemplary service if elected to this Board? This is where my background plays a strong part in ensuring that. Just a few weeks ago I was at a conference and brought back information on what is called the EMS Compact which allows us to recruit staff from 23 other states without having to re-certify them in Texas. I was able to put our admin in contact with a company in Tyler that does remounting of ambulances that they were unaware of. As a paramedic myself and with a strong history I can continue to be a thought leader with our administration on how to maintain and in some cases improve the exceptional care we provide.
- 5. Will you maintain the current service structure, or seek privatized contracts to provide EMS services in Montgomery County? Please explain your answer. I would never ever support privatizing EMS or creating what's called a Public Utility Model or PUM. In every instance I've seen this around the nation it has not worked well and the battle is between the for profit entity and the elected board. The last prime example was the demise of Cypress Creek EMS which was a private entity working for the ESD.
- 6. Describe HCAP and what you would do to improve the program. Our HCAP or Health

 Care Assistance Program is the backbone of MCHD and the reason for it's existence. I

 think we do a great job in getting the word out to the local residents about the program

 and the fact that it's leadership works with our community paramedic's to ensue that

the residents on that program are getting the best care we can provide them shows how important that program is. We have to keep finding ways to get the word out on this program so that we can help our underserved community with routine healthcare before their conditions become worse.

7. Any final thoughts you would like to share with the Montgomery County Republican Club's audience? I've dedicated my entire life to public safety both in the public and private world. I serve on this board with no ulterior motives and taking the decades of knowledge I've built to work with the other's on this board that have their own specialties and coming together we bring the ability to keep our tax rates the lowest in the county and still provide the service we do. We have a good board, we have a strong board and we have people who are running that have ulterior motives and that scares me. I appreciate your help in this election and look forward to hopefully an endorsement of your group.