Questions for Candidates for November 2018 Election

1. What is your opinion/position on lowering the cap on Texas’ Rainy Day Fund?  
The cap on Texas’ Rainy Day Fund could safely be lowered to 7%. However, the Rainy Day Fund should be systematically utilized for rebuilding aging physical infrastructure and lagging social infrastructure. Texans are not overtaxed so much as underserved.

2. What is your opinion/position on tax rates for local governments and the rollback rate?  
The State Legislature should not engage in preemption of local decision-making.

3. Do you support creating a Texas Plan for Medicaid? Why or why not? I support expanding Medicare temporarily while we expand and improve Medicare to become universal.

4. What percentage of the M&O funding should the State provide to school districts? Please explain your opinion. The state should provide at least 51% of funds. Funding public education is one of the constitutionally mandated jobs of the Legislature and one which they are failing. The funding formulas and budget should be transparent and equitable, ensuring that Texas children in all zip codes are provided with a quality public education.

5. What is your opinion/position on using State funding for universal pre-K?  
I support state funded universal quality pre-K.

6. What do you think about economic development incentives/tools for cities to attract businesses/employees?  
Quality public education, educated workforce, and quality of life issues including affordable housing, are the most important incentives for business/employees.
Your answers will be published on the Chamber’s website and communicated directly to members.

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