

1. Do you believe the City of Austin should have a comprehensive growth management plan?
2. Will you, as a City Council member, in partnership with the ANC and a broad range of other community stakeholders, embark upon development of a viable growth management policy?
3. How would you ensure that the growth management policy is grounded in sound research and analysis, that it is applied consistently, collaboratively and comprehensively, that it is adhered to and that it is a living document?
4. Will you commit to a thorough review of our economic development strategies to ensure that future growth will pay for itself and not result in taxpayer subsidies?
5. Do you believe there is an alternative view to Austin's current growth forecast assumptions that predict a doubling of the population by 2050? If so, will your view incorporate the carrying capacities of our natural resources to produce a sustainable community and how so?

#### Neighborhood Planning

6. What do you consider to be the top three objectives of neighborhood planning, and do you think these objectives are being met under the current framework? If not, how do you propose to ensure that these objectives will be met?
7. Has neighborhood planning alleviated any of the contention surrounding certain zoning and development issues since its inception?
8. Will you make the specific community-identified needs included in neighborhood plans a priority starting point for future bond packages?
9. Do you think the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) should be the only enforceable component of neighborhood planning?
10. Will you require the city manager to process any proposed land use or zoning changes for any reason, such as the TOD ordinance, in accordance with the adopted neighborhood planning amendment process that includes full participation of all stakeholders for any property within a neighborhood planning area?
11. Will you direct staff to provide every neighborhood planning area an analysis of the existing zoning capacity before approving any zoning changes in the area?

12. Under what circumstances would you not support a valid petition of the community or a recommendation of a neighborhood plan team in a zoning case?
13. Will you commit to support the existing zoning compatibility standards in general? Under what circumstances, if any, do you think compatibility standards should be waived?
14. Will you uphold the current compromise restrictions and standards set forth in the VMU ordinance including no increased height over base zoning, compliance with compatibility standards, no VMU/commercial creep, affordability as set forth by neighborhood associations' recommendations, and availability of expedited residential permit parking?
15. Will you make available to neighborhoods and to decision-making bodies relevant information regarding transportation, infrastructure, housing and other critical matters prior to making land use decisions?
16. In areas where a neighborhood opposes up-zoning to convert residential use to some other commercial use, and where adequate commercially zoned property is already available, will you commit to vote against such up-zoning?

#### Community Values

17. Will you commit to uphold the community's desire to protect the Lady Bird Lake Corridor and vote against any proposed zoning change that would encroach on the current base zoning and Waterfront Overlay restrictions? Will you sponsor and vote for a re-drafting of the 1999 waterfront overlay to re-establish the spirit of the 1986 community consensus?
18. Are you committed to making affordable housing on city-owned property a priority use?
19. How do you propose to ensure city-wide affordable housing, including in the downtown central business district. What levels of affordability do you think should be supported?
20. Do you think that historic preservation is important to Austin and will you support Local Historic Districts that meet the prescribed high standards for approval/support?
21. Do you think that protection of the integrity and character of Austin's existing established neighborhoods is important and will you support maintaining existing standards established by the Residential Design and Compatibility Standards?
22. Do you believe outdoor music venues and the noise associated with them are problematic for neighborhoods within their audible range? If so, how do you propose to protect quality of life in our neighborhoods while supporting Austin's unique position as "Live Music Capital"?

## Code Enforcement/Permitting

23. What improvements should be made in the current code enforcement process to sufficiently deter improper and non-compliant construction?
24. How will you ensure that permitted project plans are designed and implemented to fully comply with all applicable codes and ordinances?
25. Do you believe that maintaining as much as possible of our urban forest/urban tree canopy is an important goal for Austin and if so what would you do to prevent the removal of protected trees by builders and developers who see it as a worthwhile trade-off to pay the small fine assessed as penalty?
26. Do you believe that tearing down a structure to its foundation should be classified as a remodel allowing for a completely new (often much larger) structure to be built which would not need to come into compliance with current code?

## City Government Structure and Representational Effectiveness

27. Do you favor continuing with our at-large form of city government, moving to single-member districts or moving to a combination of both and why?
28. Do you believe that the current City Council election process (at-large) fosters adequate community representation?
29. Please answer a. below if you are a current Council Member and b. if you are not.
  - a. Do you have time to make regular efforts to stay in touch with the community including neighborhoods throughout the city? Do you have time and how do you manage soliciting input from affected neighborhoods regarding issues before Council?
  - b. Will you make regular efforts to stay in touch with the community including neighborhoods throughout the city and how? Will you solicit input from affected neighborhoods regarding issues before Council? If so, describe the process you would use to involve impacted citizens.

## Open Governance

30. How will you work to ensure that all materials citizens need to participate in city processes will be made available on-line with plenty of time for citizens to review, research, and respond prior to the meetings where the information will be considered. How will you empower city staff to place such info on-line? How may citizens participate more in city meetings without being physically present?

## Working with AISD

31. How do you propose for the City Council to work with AISD to protect our aquifer, build better buildings, and preserve/enhance existing neighborhood schools?

32. Will you work to reduce subsidies to large employers? Will you do a total cost-benefit analysis process before providing any subsidies or loans to any businesses? How will you help and support small businesses get started, thrive, and grow?

#### Environment

33. Within the city limits of Austin are a number of urban creeks and watersheds associated with those creeks. The creeks of Austin are jewels in Austin's crown, but they have been neglected by the amount of impervious cover that is allowed to be put on the ground and the lack of good water quality controls both in neighborhoods and in the commercial areas. Would you be willing to direct the City Manager to investigate how runoff in those watersheds can be cleaned up and the possibility of lowering impervious cover limits on development and redevelopment in the central city areas?
34. What is your thinking/position on amending the SOS ordinance as Austin develops into the contributing and recharge zones of the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer? What elements would you see as necessary in order to consider amending the ordinance? Have you any background in the areas of pollutant loadings, impervious cover, state of the art water quality controls? Would you be willing to seek the advice and guidance of the scientists in the Watershed Protection Department of the City of Austin in order to obtain the best information available on pollutants, impervious cover, and water quality controls available currently?

#### Transportation

35. Would you commit to support alternative transit options such as improved bus service, better bike lanes, more sidewalks and other pedestrian improvements? Do you support the proposed trolley system that Mayor Wynn is promoting and if so, how do you envision the city paying for it?
36. Will you support the changes in the CAMPO 2030 plan as requested in the City's AMATP, thereby limiting roadway expansion in our core area neighborhoods?