

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Goal: Commit Austin to social justice and equity.

- Make City land available for affordable housing development
- Relocate the polluting Pure Casting facility and oppose the building of an incinerator at the East Austin animal shelter location at Lavender Loop
- Relocate over 400 properties operating as industrial and commercial service-1 in East Austin; redevelop these sites with compatible and sustainable residential land uses
- Appoint a diverse task force to develop and recommend a structure, process, and initial boundaries for Single Member Districts
- Work with the federal government to provide direct grants to local transit agencies to improve existing transit systems and make public transportation extremely affordable

ZERO WASTE

Goal: Value “waste” as a resource.

- Get organics out of our landfills, and promote and create incentives for neighborhood, community, and curbside composting
- Fund a comprehensive Zero Waste public education campaign
- Have public input and transparency in the search for the new Solid Waste Services (Zero Waste) director
- Oppose landfill expansions and waste-to-energy projects
- Expand the recycling ordinance to include all residences and businesses

LOCAL AND SUSTAINABLE FOOD ECONOMY

Goal: Make available safe, nutritious, locally and sustainably-grown food to all residents.

- Incentivize and promote community and private-yard food gardens
- Implement purchasing guidelines that give preference to local and/or organic food when establishing City-related contracts
- Support organic and sustainable food farms and farmland through tax relief, zoning protection, and affordable water rates /rebates
- Initiate policy for a citywide composting operation (rescue food and organic waste from the landfill)
- Promote local food as local business by developing a permanent Public Food Marketplace and giving local food manufacturing promotional and incubator support

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Goal: Make Austin a clean energy leader

- Break link between City funding and the City owning and burning fossil fuel resources
- Prioritize efficiency and renewables over fossil and nuclear fuel in City budget
- Divest Austin from coal and re-energize Austin’s Climate Protection Program
- Maximize energy efficiency
- Lead on innovative clean energy with local green jobs, such as the Pecan Street Project

WATER STEWARDSHIP

Goal: Conserve and protect our precious water resources.

- Shelve Water Treatment Plant 4 spending during the City’s Comprehensive Planning process
- Commit City resources to protecting Barton Springs flows during drought
- Change building codes to allow and encourage gray-water re-use, composting toilets, rainwater collection, and runoff retention
- Increase water conservation funding to 4% of Austin Water Utility budget
- Preserve natural areas in the Barton Springs watershed and across Austin

RESPONSIBLE LAND USE

Goal: Preserve Austin’s unique natural environment and identity as a livable city.

- Support appropriate land use and alternative transportation in core transit areas while upholding and enforcing SOS, water-front overlay districts, and require a super-majority for PUDs.
- Incorporate alternative transportation into the Climate Protection Plan and set greenhouse gas reduction goals as part of the plan
- Oppose Wildflower Commons PUD and up-zoning in Barton Springs watershed
- Support a “green” jobs economy.
- Appoint a Sustainability Officer reporting to the City Manager, with cross department budget authority

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

Goal: Reduce vehicle miles travelled.

- Oppose State Highway 45 SW extension over Barton Springs Recharge Zone
- Develop a plan to preserve agricultural capacity and reduce driving in the vicinity of SH 130
- Support the Austin-San Antonio Inter-municipal Rail District
- Fund world class bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure, including public showers
- Oppose TxDOT plans for a 12-lane elevated toll-way with frontage roads for US290 near the Oak Hill “Y”

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

Goal: Foster respect and inclusion of interested citizens to participate and contribute to decision-making in Austin.

- Engage citizens on the Comprehensive Plan and other important issues using an Envision Central Texas-style model
- Fast-track the City website and AustinGo redesign processes
- Reaffirm policies for meaningful public review, participation, and input in decision-making processes
- Immediately implement public information access via current City system capabilities
- Begin community dialogue on looming and existing environmental problems, including drought, global warming, and energy depletion