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

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

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

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

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

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