

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Position</b>
Affordable housing	It's crucial to preserve the ability of longtime residents to stay in their homes through residential tax relief options, assessment reform and other means. Our seniors need to know that they'll be able to spend the rest of their lives in the homes and neighborhoods they love, regardless of the pressures of urban development
Gay-friendly Austin	Perceived gay friendliness is a barometer of tolerance for many people and businesses when they are considering relocating to a city. Conversely, a perception that a city is intolerant toward gays leads others to believe that it's intolerant toward other types of people as well. Austin should showcase the considerable amount of positive recognition it has given the LGBT community, and should move forward in creating an environment that will foster true equality for all social communities in our population.
Light rail accessibility	<p>Our citizens want more frequent and accessible options for connections, especially to the light rail lines. We need to look at putting in more stops at a price that is affordable to the people of Austin.</p> <p>But before we start expanding light rail, we need to take a good look at rail line safety. For example, we should ask Capital Metro to install fencing on both sides of the track in residential neighborhoods, to deter children from crossing the tracks at dangerous spots instead of using safe crossings. We should also push for sound barriers in high density residential areas. These sound barriers could be installed at the same time as safety fences.</p>
Neighborhood Plan (Wooten)	The Wooten neighborhood doesn't want to have industrial zoning in our district. We currently have three neighborhood properties with industrial zoning which the Wooten Neighborhood Association wishes to eliminate, out of concern that developers may buy the adjacent land and have those parcels rezoned to industrial use as well. I support the Wooten Neighborhood Association in this endeavor.
Neighborhood preservation	Neighborhood associations and other local groups are ready to work together to achieve favorable zoning, preserve the look and feel of their neighborhoods, and ensure safe areas for people to walk, jog, bicycle, and play.

<p>Property tax assessment reform</p>	<p>I support the City Council's recent decision to challenge the commercial property tax assessments that we are expecting in 2015. The Council has directed the city manager to hire attorneys and professionals to gather data that will allow the city to protest commercial appraisals that come in too low, and press for higher valuations. This will result in commercial property owners paying their fair share of property taxes, and will bring tax relief to Austin homeowners.</p>
<p>Public Spaces</p>	<p>We need more public spaces, improvements to existing public spaces, and special emphasis on activities for young people. We lack infrastructure and opportunities where young people can engage in safe, healthy, energetic activity.</p>
<p>Traffic Congestion</p>	<p>Temporary fixes must be replaced with real solutions. Working with the State to address the segments of I-35 that narrow to three lanes is one possible approach."</p>
<p>Voter registration</p>	<p>The most common reason people don't register to vote is because they don't want to be called for jury duty. I believe the City should work with the courts to develop a new basis for selecting potential jurors, so that people will be more likely to register. Also, people don't register to vote because they don't think their vote matters. As a member of the Austin City Council, I will push hard to improve the parts of our political system that are broken, while simultaneously working to improve our city government's reputation so that people feel more motivated to take part in the electoral process.</p>