

The Making Growth Pay for Itself Candidate Survey - **ChangeAustin.org**

Questions	Responses
1. Do you support or oppose giving Austin voters the right to vote on new debt for projects and long-term contracts costing \$50 million or more?	Support.
2. Do you support or oppose the Project Connect Rail Plan?	Support.
3. Do you support or oppose a 90% local hiring requirement for companies receiving tax subsidies from the city?	Support.
4. Do you support or oppose the southern end of MoPac connecting to northern Hays County and eventually to IH-35 through the construction of SH-45 Southwest?	Oppose.
5. Do you support or oppose the City Council phasing in a 20% residential homestead exemption?	Support.
6. Do you support or oppose development impact fees to help pay for new road infrastructure as allowed by state law, similar to Ft. Worth? (Background here.)	Support.
7. Do you support or oppose giving taxpayer dollars to the Chamber of Commerce entity Opportunity Austin to promote population growth?	Oppose. Our efforts need to be focused on getting and growing middle class jobs and training existing residents for those jobs.
8. The City Manager keeps a fund for unfilled vacancies that equals 9.7% of the current workforce. Those funded unfilled positions are carried from year to year and the money is used for other purposes. Do you support or oppose ordering the City Manager to reduce the fund for unfilled vacancies to 5%, saving the City approximately \$31 million?	Support.
9. Have you signed the Austin Independent Business Alliance Local Business Pledge to support and protect our local businesses? (You can do this by clicking here .)	Yes.
10. Do you support any provision of CodeNext that increases the price of land within neighborhoods?	Throughout the process of CodeNEXT, I believe it is important to protect neighborhoods and their

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	existing residents.
11. Do you support or oppose forcing nearby rural areas to deplete their non-recharging aquifers to feed Austin's uncontrolled growth? (See Bastrop County Judge Pape's 8-25-14 op-ed here)	Oppose.
12. The historic home tax exemption program was amended to limit the city tax reduction to \$2500 per year for owner-occupied historic houses admitted to the program after December 31, 2011. However, hundreds of houses admitted prior to 2012 are grandfathered and get a tax break of as much as \$70K per year in combined local government taxes. Do you support or oppose extending the city's \$2,500 deduction limit to all those residential properties currently in the system?	Support. There needs to be a relationship between the exemption and the actual premium and incremental cost of true preservation and we need to consider detrimental reliance and legal constraints.
13. Are you willing to carry ChangeAustin.org's lobbyist registration reform ordinance and move for passage immediately upon election? Here's the actual proposed ordinance. (Written by Fred Lewis, longtime campaign finance attorney.)	Yes.
14. Would you support or oppose a "Truth In Taxation" policy that replaces discussion of the property tax rate with the true percentage increase? And, as part of this policy, should the City budget staff be required to submit quarterly reports to the City Council's Audit and Finance Committee detailing the current year to date amount of any budget surplus?	Yes and yes.
15. Did you support the 10-1 voting system and if so, tell us what you did to help get it passed.	Yes. I voted for it and told others to do the same.

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