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Election Day is November 4th

EARLY VOTING STARTS MONDAY, OCTOBER 20TH and ends Friday, October 31st. You can vote at any polling location where you see a "Vote Here" sign!

Am I Registered to Vote? Confirm that you are registered online at www.votetravis.com. An automated 24-hour telephone system also will look up that information for you: (512) 238-VOTE (512-238-8683).

I'm registered. What do I need to vote? You need to present one of the following forms of photo ID when voting in person; those that are starred must be current or no more than 60 days expired:

- **Texas driver license issued by Texas DPS***
- **Texas Election Identification Certificate (EIC) issued by DPS***
- **Texas personal ID issued by DPS***
- **Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS***
- **US Military ID card containing your photograph***
- **US citizenship certificate containing your photograph**
- **US passport***

The easy-to-use website www.keepcalmvoteon.com tells more about exemptions to this requirement and also how to get a free Election ID card from DPS.

What's this exact name-matching business? Your name on your ID must exactly match your name on the registered voters list. If it doesn't but is "substantially similar," you will be allowed to vote after initialing a column

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ZONING UPDATE

Terrace Hotel Development

Marc Davis, marc.davis@gmail.com

A NEW BOUTIQUE HOTEL IS PLANNED for development at the site of the former Terrace Motor Hotel located at Music Lane and Academy Drive. The architect, Lake-Flato, has proposed a design that reflects the former hotel's past, preserves heritage trees, restores green space and is extremely environmentally conscious. The property would consist of two courtyards surrounded by varying-height buildings that would house the 102 guest rooms, a small restaurant, a 1,500 square foot "speakeasy" bar and approximately fifteen condominium units. The resulting hotel would be operated by Bunkhouse Group and would have room rates between those of Hotel San Jose and Hotel St. Cecilia.

The developer, Clark Lyda, has been working with mem-

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings Neighbors!

Looking back, it has been an interesting few months since our last newsletter, and looking forward, there will be another few interesting developments. To name a few past events, the Apostolic Church's request to upzone their property to GR (General Retail) to increase their imper-vious cover limit was approved by City Council against SRCC's request to deny; a new SRCC President was elected mid-term to allow past President Eric Rangel time to focus on his bid for City Council; the repaving and restriping of Woodland/Annie has been well underway; and Heritage Oaks Park is about to get the much needed attention it deserves thanks to the efforts of an amazing team of volunteers.

Looking forward, our Zoning Committee and NPCT (Neighborhood Plan Contact Team) have been working tirelessly with developers on a mutually agreeable plan as they prepare to build the new Terrace Hotel at Academy/Music; the new 10-1 City Council elections are heating up, so keep this newsletter as your guide to Districts 9 and 3.

Also, take some time getting to know our wonderful neighborhood and volunteers with SRCC. We are still looking for volunteer Area Coordinators for 3a, and we are always looking for more block captains to help us deliver this newsletter. The commitment is small, but the contribution to the community is huge! Check out our volunteer section in this newsletter or on our website for more information.

With that, we'd like to thank our new volunteers: Area 7 Co-coordinators, Jackie Hatfield and Ashley Margerison; Area 1 Co-coordinator, Diane Presti; Austin Neighborhood Council (ANC) Representative, James Bilodeau; and Communications Chair, Justin Chang.

Enjoy the wonderful fall weather settling in and have a safe holiday season!

—Sounthaly "Tune" Outhavong, SRCC President

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SRCC Briefs

- **The annual Travis Heights Elementary Fall Carnival** will be held on Friday October 24th from 5-8pm. Prepare yourself for an evening of game booth-ing, face painting, photo taking, costume-contesting, and bouncy house jumping fun! We'll have an awesome assortment of foods (e. g., vegetarian chili, brisket, Maine Root Beer floats, Juiceland's Agua Frescas and punch, & sweet treats). Tickets can be purchased at the Fall Carnival (50¢ = 1 ticket) via cash, check or credit card. Tasteful costumes encouraged. We welcome any and all neighbors to this fun evening!
- **Austin Music Commission** has proposed an ordinance for busking, to abolish restrictions that are based on panhandling. City Council has asked the city manager to write a resolution, which Council will hear on October 16. This is a first step in the discussion; there are legal issues with limiting busking due to 1st amendment rights.
- **Norwood House update:** The front porch has been removed so that the foundation can be inspected before the porch is rebuilt. Also, we are selecting a new project manager. For more information see www.norwoodparkfoundation.org.
- **Torchy's Tacos** is seeking an alcohol beverage waiver for their new location at 1822 South Congress, which is within 300 feet of a public school. Torchy's representative spoke at the Oct 6th SRCC general meeting, seeking SRCC's support. However, after the presentation and discussion, SRCC members voted to support AISD's opposition to the alcohol beverage waiver for three reasons: 1) the applicant's representative said that alcohol sales was not a key part of their revenue model, and thus the inability to sell alcohol doesn't present undue hardship; 2) alcohol sales near Fulmore Middle School is not in the best interest of the public as it is not generally conducive to a positive and safe learning environment, and 3) existing establishments that sell alcohol within 300 feet of the school were exempt from the current ordinance, as they were existed prior to the enactment of the ordinance. Since the ordinance has been established, SRCC has consistently demonstrated opposition to alcohol sales within 300 feet of a school.
- SRCC become an Adopter of Heritage Oaks Park and is applying to Austin Parks Foundation grants programs requesting \$20,000 to supplement SRCC funds dedicated to making improvements to Heritage Oaks Park. This recently formed park, spearheaded by neighbors, has a few proposed features of the park that triggers processes within the city which involve a master plan, ADA compliance and other requirements. The APF grant would help cover all the remaining expenses that SRCC was unable to cover with the monies allocated.
- Austin Water is planning wastewater line improvements primarily between Summit Street and Upland Drive. They are planning an easement of approximately 5-6 feet wide along the backs of the properties to run a new wastewater line in order to help customers' lines to drain properly. For more information: Yvonne Gil, Project Manager at Austin Water, 512-972-2048, yvonne.gil@austintexas.gov
- **A neighborhood listserv** www.groups.yahoo.com/group/SouthRiverAustin, run by our longtime Travis Heights resident Jane Kellogg, is open to anyone to post a message. To subscribe, send a blank email to: SouthRiverAustin-subscribe@yahoo.com or visit the newsgroup website.
- **Stay current with SRCC's** website and through RSS, Facebook and Twitter. Visit the site at www.srccatx.org.

Get Involved with your Neighborhood!

VOLUNTEERING WITH SRCC is a great way to meet neighbors and get involved in your community! If you are interested, contact Sounthaly Outhavong (president@srccatx.org) or Gretchen Otto (vicepresident@srccatx.org).

• **AREA COORDINATORS FOR AREA 3A** Area Coordinators recruit block captains to help distribute newsletters and represent your interests at Executive Committee meetings. We try to have two coordinators for each area of the SRCC; currently we are short two for Area 3A. Area 3A boundaries are between I35 and Travis Heights Blvd from Riverside Dr. to Woodland. We can provide names of block captains and training. For a map to see what area you live in, go to page 8 of this newsletter or to: www.srccatx.org/area-map/

• **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PATROL CHAIR** With what started out as a pilot in only one area of our neighborhood, after several years we now have a group of trained patrollers covering the entire SRCC area. Raymond Sinatra has been leading the program for the past couple of years but is now looking for someone new to take the lead. Raymond, with help from past leadership, has laid the foundation that makes the program easy to run and requires a small time commitment. Please let Raymond know if you are interested in helping drive down crime and bring new energy to our program: raymondsinatra@yahoo.com.

• **Communications Committee Chair** Are you a social media maven? Are you tech-savvy? Do you love communicating with others? You could join our Communications Committee. This volunteer would help provide support and gather content for our various social media and communications platforms: website, newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, NextDoor, Google and Yahoo Groups. A background in public relations would be a big plus. Help us with reaching everyone in the SRCC!

• 4th of July Parade and Picnic Coordinators

As previously posted on the neighborhood listserv, we need volunteers to organize the neighborhood's 4th of July festivities for 2015. For more information, go to the link on our website: www.srccatx.org/2014/06/18/4th-of-july-picnic/. ☼

New for Travis Heights Art Trail 2015

Charlotte Bell, charwolf200@gmail.com

IN ADDITION TO BECOMING a non-profit organization, we received a grant from the City of Austin's Cultural Core Funding program. We are honored to be recognized by the city as a special Austin art event!

This year new artists are joining us, giving THAT a total of 35 participants at seventeen locations throughout Travis Heights. Also new this year is a booklet with photographs of each of the artists and their work.

Travis Heights Elementary's art program is also featured. A big hit last year, they raised well over \$1000 for the school's art program. There will be kid art to view and lots of art activities for the children. So bring the kids and grandma and come to see us on the trail for early Holiday shopping. Make your calendars for November 8th and 9th. See you on the trail! ☼

bers from the SRCC Planning & Zoning Committee and Neighborhood Plan Contact Team (NPCT) since February 2014. The properties that the developer is proposing to develop have a base commercial zoning (CS) that would support being developed as a hotel, but they are overlaid by the Greater South River City Combined (GSRCC) Neighborhood Plan and the Fairview Park Neighborhood Conservation Combining District (NCCD) which partially restrict their development and would need to be amended to allow for a project like this.

The SRCC Planning & Zoning Committee, direct neighbors, the applicant's development team and the prospective

Terrace Hotel Project Zoning Changes

1. Tract 1 zoned CS-NCCD-NP (no change) except a 1500 square foot footprint along Music Lane will be re-zoned to CS-1-NCCD-NP for a cocktail lounge (Exhibit A)
2. Tract 2 zoned CS-NCCD-NP (no change)

Terrace Hotel Project NCCD Amendments for Tract1 and Tract2

1. Increase maximum impervious cover allowed under NCCD from 45% to 65% of gross site area (existing impervious cover is approximately 95%; CS base zoning allows 95% impervious cover)
2. Increase maximum building coverage allowed under NCCD from 35% to 50% of gross site area (CS base zoning allows 95% building coverage)
3. Increase maximum height allowed under NCCD from 30 feet to agreed upon levels, measured relative to mean sea level (MSL), on a per building footprint basis
4. Allow the following permitted uses: hotel, hotel accessory uses (restaurant, 1,500-square foot cocktail lounge, parking, indoor and outdoor events), residential condominiums.

The developer agreed to, among other things:

- limitations on height and impervious cover
- limitations on outdoor events (no outdoor amplified music, attendance limited to 150, restrictions on set-up and take-down hours)
- restrictions on property access and parking (a parking structure to be built on a neighboring property that provides more than the required parking for the whole facility; no property access on Academy; free valet service for hotel, restaurant, and bar guests; support of the neighbors for RPP or other parking/traffic remediation).

hotel operator met and negotiated over eight months, to develop a detailed set of restrictions and standards. The goal was to reduce the impact that this project has on the SRCC residents who live nearby while still allowing for a successful and compelling redevelopment of the site.

A full document that describes these agreed-upon standards and restrictions was reviewed at the SRCC General meeting on October 6, 2014, and the applicant's request for amendments was approved by majority vote. The document can be made available to anyone interested in reviewing it by contacting the SRCC president at president@srccatx.org.

Celebrating 75 Years of Progress

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LAST YEAR TRAVIS HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

became the first of 124 AISD schools to become our own community-based, campus-led, in-district charter school. This means that while Travis Heights still has the support and must meet the standards of all Austin schools, our teachers and parents have the freedom to custom-design everything from our education to our schedule to our school lunches to fit the needs of our incredible, diverse population.

As the entire city watches and as we celebrate our 75th year, Travis Heights Elementary is forging a new, innovative path. Instead of searching for the right students as many charter and private schools do, we are building a model that meets every student where they are when they

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TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Regarding the November Election: City of Austin Proposition 1

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THIS PROPOSITION HAS TWO MAJOR COMPONENTS

that will directly affect SRCC residents. The first piece is \$600 million in bonds to create an urban light rail line through downtown Austin that will be part of a larger proposed urban rail network. This first line would run from Riverside/Grove to ACC/Highland Mall. This line has planned stops within or adjacent to SRCC boundaries at Riverside/Lakeshore, Riverside/Travis Heights, and South Central Waterfront (Riverside near the midpoint between Congress and Newning). These bonds cannot be issued until matching funds are secured from the Federal government. If Prop 1 passes, \$600 million for light rail will be funded IF federal matching funds are secured.

The second piece of Prop 1 is \$400 million in bonds to fund road construction projects identified in the 2014 Austin Strategic Mobility Plan. Included in this plan among others are interchange improvements at I-35/Riverside and I-35/Oltorf. These bonds are independent of bonds for light rail and are not contingent on the receipt of federal funding. If Prop 1 passes, \$400 million for road construction projects will be funded.

You can find the exact ballot language and a link to the city ordinance approving the proposition for the ballot at www.austintexas.gov/departments/ballot-language

You can find additional details about the proposed road construction projects detailed in the 2014 Austin Strategic Mobility Plan at <http://austintexas.gov/article/2014-austin-strategic-mobility-plan>. This plan was adopted by City Council on June, 26, 2014.

walk in the door. As a result, we are far exceeding district standards—while growing students who are community minded, technology savvy and culturally aware.

So how is it going? Pretty darn well, if we say so ourselves! Notable changes include:

- **New Funding** In May, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) recognized all the exciting things going on at your neighborhood school by choosing Travis Heights Elementary as one of seven schools in the state to receive a Public Charter School Program Start-Up Grant worth \$800,000! This grant must be spent on specific items and within a condensed time frame, but we are excited to use it for professional development and coaching for teachers in Blended Learning, Service Learning and Expeditionary Learning—three of the pillars for our charter.

- **Mission 75** While the future has never been brighter for Travis Heights Elementary School and our grants have helped significantly, we remain a Title 1 school (74% of our students live in poverty/receive free or reduced lunch), which means we cannot achieve our vision and goals that fall outside of grant parameters through donations from school families alone. That's why, in honor of our 75th anniversary this year, we are launching the Mission 75 Campaign, working with local businesses and community

families to raise a total \$75,000. And we need your help! Go to travisheightselementary.com/mission75 to donate to the school, or email lauren.davis@gmail.com to see how you can get involved.

- **Early Results** While our existence as a charter school is brand new, early results are incredibly promising! One year in, Travis Heights has become one of only nine (out of 84) elementary schools in Austin to be awarded distinction in five categories—Academic Achievement in Reading/English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science, Top 25% Student Progress, and Postsecondary Readiness.

- **School Grounds** Notice anything different at your neighborhood school? Aside from our feathered friends in the THES Chicken Coop (btw, they enjoy you stopping by for a snuggle and an organic treat), we now have a lovely musical garden in the wooded area just north of the school. The garden was designed and built by THES alumnus and Eagle Scout, Quinn Simpson, with the support of our PTA. This October, the wooded area was officially named Wildman Woods in honor of our beloved Kindergarten teacher (and drummer), Mr. Gene Wildman Brandon, who passed away earlier this year.

As always, our campus welcomes our neighbors to enjoy our outdoor play and reflective areas! ☘

South Central Waterfront Update

Garret Nick, secretary@srccatx.org

IN AUGUST 2013 THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL authorized the creation of a small area plan for the South Central Waterfront (SCW). The project area includes 97 acres located south of Downtown and bounded by South First Street on the west, Blunn Creek to the east, Lady Bird Lake on the north, and East Riverside Drive and Bouldin Creek on the south. The primary aim of the resulting comprehensive small area plan is to provide a framework to guide public and private development over the next few decades. Currently, the South Central Waterfront is largely characterized by several design issues including inadequate public access and limited public green space along the shoreline; parking lots and aging auto-oriented development; “superblocks” that impede pedestrian access to the waterfront; and unfriendly streetscapes.

During the first five months of 2014, the SCW Initiative engaged over 600 Austinites in a vigorous civic dialogue that included neighborhood residents, land owners, civic leaders, advocates, and expertise from Austin and around the country. Last month a new report called the “South Central Waterfront Interim Vision Framework” was published with high priority objectives including a lively,

attractive pedestrian environment; open space and great public spaces; affordable housing; and enhanced connections to and along the waterfront.

On October 1st, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced that Austin is among five cities across the nation awarded a ‘Greening America’s Capitals’ grant. This grant provides technical assistance to “green” state capitals for developing infrastructure that contributes to greener, more vibrant neighborhoods and increases resiliency from the impacts of climate change. Goals in Austin include improved pedestrian and bike connections, infrastructure that reduces stormwater runoff and localized flooding, improved water quality and more shade.

In support of this effort, the City Council included \$200,000 in the 2015 budget to create a implementable small area plan. This fall city staff will be working with the EPA to define exactly the extent and scope of work that can be accomplished through the federal technical assistance. As this work is being defined with the EPA, staff will begin preparing to engage consultant services to accomplish work that will supplement and complement the EPA assistance. The Interim Vision Framework Report outlines the kinds of consultant services that are anticipated for 2015.

For more information about the South Central Waterfront Initiative, or to sign up for their emails, go to www.austintexas.gov/waterfront. ☘

AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL UPDATE ANC Endorses Mayoral, District Candidates

James Bilodeau, ancrep@srccatx.org

The Austin Neighborhoods Council (ANC) met in extended session on September 24th for its Annual Candidate Forum to endorse candidates for Mayor and the ten Council districts. Endorsements were determined by vote of neighborhood association representatives present at the meeting. While the SRCC is a voting member of the ANC and sent a representative, it does not endorse candidates in any of the races.

Candidates were allowed to make brief opening and closing remarks and answered questions posed by the ANC executive committee. Questions and subsequent discussion of attendees spanned preservation of neigh-

borhood plans in the Land Development Code rewrite, reduction of corporate tax incentives and the promotion of affordability through tax reform

The ANC voted to endorse Steve Adler for Mayor, Mario Cantu for District 3 and Kathie Tovo for District 9. These are all races in which SRCC members will vote.

Endorsements for other districts in the city included Ora Houston for District 1, Delia Garza for District 2, Laura Pressley for District 4, Ann Kitchen for District 5, Melissa Zone for District 7, Ed Scruggs for District 8 and Jason Meeker for District 10. No candidate was endorsed for District 6.

Additional information on the endorsements can be found at www.ancweb.org. This includes detailed survey responses from the candidates on issues relevant to our neighborhood. ☘

Voting Information, continued from page 1

on the sign-in sheet at the polls. If it is not “substantially similar,” you will be allowed to vote provisionally. Check if your name matches by pulling up your voter information at www.votetravis.com (at the bottom of the page). You can update your voter registration online through a link on the above mentioned web page. Note that the change will take 30 days to have an effect, and you will receive a new voter’s card in 30 days after your submit your changes.

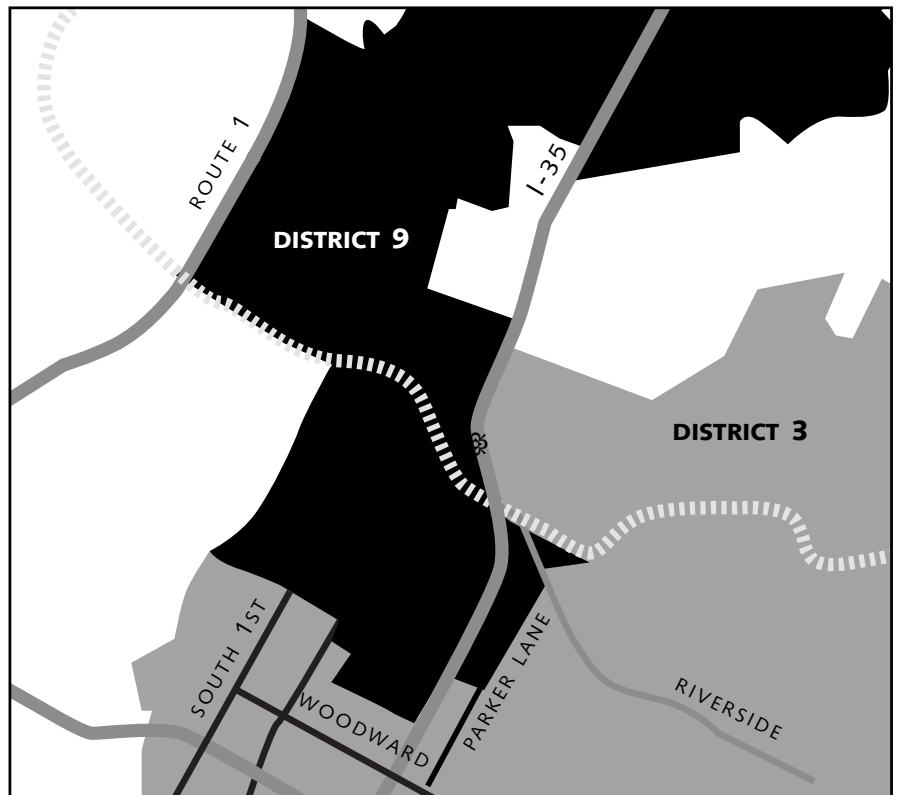
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Reminder! Two Districts, One SRCC

IN THE 10-1 CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT MAP, SRCC is spread across two districts: District 3 and District 9. District 9 is a large district which includes downtown Austin northward to 51st St. and the Bouldin neighborhood west to Lamar. SRCC Areas 1–7 between Lady Bird Lake and St. Edwards campus, and between Parker / I35 and Congress fall into District 9.

SRCC Area 8 is part of District 3, which extends through the southeast portion of Austin. (See the backpage of this newsletter for a map of SRCC areas’ boundaries).

This new configuration will be interesting for SRCC. We potentially may be able to bend the ears of two council members on issues that affect our membership. In any event, now more than ever, come out and meet your neighbors at our monthly meetings. And go out and VOTE! ☘



With 10-1 districting, SRCC is in two districts, No. 9 and No 3.

Based on <http://austinredistricting.org/Final/ab9Plan1120.kmz> (Map: Gloria Lee)

SRCC - Candidate Questionnaire 2014

The SRCC asked each candidate to indicate their support for each of the “planks” of the Austin Neighborhood Council's (ANC's) 2014 platform. The SRCC does not endorse candidates and responses are meant only to communicate candidate positions on specific issues.

To learn more about candidate positions on these and other issues, readers are encouraged to refer to the longer questionnaires candidates completed as part of the ANC candidate endorsement process. They can be found at www.ancweb.org. Links to candidate Web sites can be found at the bottom of the questionnaire results.

Key
Y = Yes. Fully supports the position as stated and will make a priority if elected.
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District 9

ANC Plank	Erin McGann	Chris Riley	Kathie Tovo
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1. Promote Affordable Neighborhoods.			
a. Support legislation that ends the inequities between residential and commercial & industrial property valuations for property tax purposes, and that authorizes a fixed amount homestead exemption.	Y	Y	Y
b. Increase fairness and transparency in the property tax system by adopting an ordinance requiring disclosure of real estate sales prices.	Y	Y	Y
c. Ensure that all available tools, such as a homestead property tax exemption, are being used to grant tax relief to as many Austinites as possible.	Y	N	Y
d. Enact policies that eliminate taxpayer subsidies and fee waivers for special event promoters by making for-profit special events bear the full cost of the City resources that they utilize.	Y	N	N
e. Strengthen City affordable housing programs in all areas of the City.	Y	Y	Y
f. Increase funding for Travis Central Appraisal District so that it can adequately respond to commercial/industrial property appraisal protests.	Y	Y	Y

2. Preserve Neighborhood Character.			
a. In the Land Development Code (LDC) rewrite, preserve compatibility standards, the McMansion Ordinance, setback requirements, and impervious cover limitations.	Y	N	Y
b. Per page 207 of the Imagine Austin Plan, acknowledge that neighborhood plans were crafted based on the above ordinances and other provisions of the LDC. Ensure that protection of neighborhood character is a top priority of the LDC rewrite by retaining these LDC provisions and the approaches taken in the neighborhood plans.	Y	NA	Y
c. Preserve neighborhood character by ensuring that the neighborhood planning process is neighborhood-driven and not a top-down exercise.	Y	Y	Y
d. Enact policies that limit the location of entertainment districts in or adjacent to residential areas, and reduce the numbers of stealth dorms and commercial short-term rentals, as well as other uses that adversely impact neighborhood character and livability.	NA	NA	Y
e. Adopt city policies and support state legislation that will preserve and adequately fund excellent neighborhood schools.	Y	Y	Y

3. Manage Growth and Invest in Infrastructure and City Services.			
a. Maximize use of “impact fees” so growth and developers pay for the new and improved infrastructure that is required for their projects, including transportation infrastructure.	Y	Y	Y
b. Develop thoroughly vetted transportation options that address traffic congestion.	Y	Y	Y
c. Prioritize protection and acquisition of parks, open space, and other “green infrastructure.”	Y	Y	Y
d. Develop and invest in flood- and fire-safety programs and area-specific emergency response plans for areas with known flood and fire risks.	Y	Y	Y
e. Repair City infrastructure.	Y	Y	Y
f. Support nuisance abatement policies to address properties with criminal and code complaints.	Y	Y	Y
g. Require development to provide for onsite water quality controls and sidewalks by eliminating “fees in lieu.”	Y	N	Y

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District 9 (Cont.)

ANC Plank	Erin McGann	Chris Riley	Kathie Tovo
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4. <u>Prioritize Water Conservation.</u>			
a. Prioritize conservation and re-use of water over developing new supplies outside Austin.	Y	Y	Y
b. Require new development to be net-zero for water use.	Y	NA	Y
c. Redesign and diversify Austin Water Utility's (AWU) business model so it doesn't depend on revenue solely from selling treated water.	Y	Y	Y
d. Require AWU to develop and implement a plan for water-efficient infrastructure citywide.	Y	Y	Y
e. Require decentralization of Austin's water supply.	Y	Y	Y

5. <u>Protect the Environment.</u>			
a. Preserve the SOS Ordinance and support watershed protection, preserve the Heritage Tree Ordinance and support maintenance and renewal of the urban tree canopy, and preserve the Waterfront Overlay, Lake Austin Overlay, and Hill Country Roadway ordinances.	Y	Y	Y
b. Waivers and variances to the SOS, Heritage Tree, Waterfront Overlay, and Lake Austin Overlay, and Hill Country Roadway ordinances should require a super-majority vote of applicable boards, commissions and City Council for approval.	Y	N	Y
c. Increase Austin Energy's 2020 goal for renewable energy sources above the present 35%.	Y	Y	Y

6. <u>Change the City's Focus From Special Interests To Its Citizens.</u>			
a. In the LDC rewrite and all City ordinances, protect the rights of property owners, neighborhood associations, and other interested parties to appeal City staff and board decisions on development approvals.	Y	Y	Y
b. Reprioritize the budget to increase funding for parks, libraries, and other underfunded services.	Y	Y	Y
c. Require the Mayor's "State of the City" address to be held at a city event open to all Austinites.	Y	NA	Y
d. Keep Austin Energy and the Austin Water Utility under the control of the City Council.	Y	Y	Y
e. Moderate city policies that foster runaway growth and focus instead on fostering greater income equity.	Y	Y	Y
f. Focus economic development incentives on Austin-based small and medium sized businesses.	Y	NA	Y
g. Reform City planning and public engagement processes to be citizen-driven and to increase City Council accountability to the public.	Y	Y	Y
h. Strengthen and strictly enforce the lobbyist ordinance.	Y	NA	Y

Candidate Website	erinforcitycouncil.com	chrisforaustin.com	kathieforaustin.com
Full ANC Questionnaire (used for their endorsement process)	Not submitted	ancweb.org	ancweb.org

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District 3*

ANC Plank	Mario Cantu	Chris Hoerster	Fred McGhee	Eric Range
1. Promote Affordable Neighborhoods.				
a. Support legislation that ends the inequities between residential and commercial & industrial property valuations for property tax purposes, and that authorizes a fixed amount homestead exemption.	Y	Y	Y	Y
b. Increase fairness and transparency in the property tax system by adopting an ordinance requiring disclosure of real estate sales prices.	Y	Y	Y	Y
c. Ensure that all available tools, such as a homestead property tax exemption, are being used to grant tax relief to as many Austinites as possible.	Y	Y	Y	Y
d. Enact policies that eliminate taxpayer subsidies and fee waivers for special event promoters by making for-profit special events bear the full cost of the City resources that they utilize.	Y	Y	Y	Y
e. Strengthen City affordable housing programs in all areas of the City.	Y	Y	Y	Y
f. Increase funding for Travis Central Appraisal District so that it can adequately respond to commercial/industrial property appraisal protests.	N	Y	Y	N
2. Preserve Neighborhood Character.				
a. In the Land Development Code (LDC) rewrite, preserve compatibility standards, the McMansion Ordinance, setback requirements, and impervious cover limitations.	Y	Y	Y	Y
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c. Preserve neighborhood character by ensuring that the neighborhood planning process is neighborhood-driven and not a top-down exercise.	Y	Y	Y	Y
d. Enact policies that limit the location of entertainment districts in or adjacent to residential areas, and reduce the numbers of stealth dorms and commercial short-term rentals, as well as other uses that adversely impact neighborhood character and livability.	Y	Y	N	Y
e. Adopt city policies and support state legislation that will preserve and adequately fund excellent neighborhood schools.	Y	Y	Y	Y
3. Manage Growth and Invest in Infrastructure and City Services.				
a. Maximize use of "impact fees" so growth and developers pay for the new and improved infrastructure that is required for their projects, including transportation infrastructure.	Y	Y	Y	Y
b. Develop thoroughly vetted transportation options that address traffic congestion.	Y	Y	Y	Y
c. Prioritize protection and acquisition of parks, open space, and other "green infrastructure."	Y	Y	Y	Y
d. Develop and invest in flood- and fire-safety programs and area-specific emergency response plans for areas with known flood and fire risks.	Y	Y	Y	Y
e. Repair City infrastructure.	Y	Y	Y	Y
f. Support nuisance abatement policies to address properties with criminal and code complaints.	Y	Y	Y	Y
g. Require development to provide for onsite water quality controls and sidewalks by eliminating "fees in lieu."	Y	Y	Y	Y

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Key

Y = Yes. Fully supports the position as stated and will make a priority if elected.

N = No. Cannot fully support the position as stated.

NA = No answer. The candidate chose not to respond to the plank/issue.

District 3* (Cont.)

ANC Plank	Mario Cantu	Chris Hoerster	Fred McGhee	Eric Rangel	Jose Valera
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4. Prioritize Water Conservation.

a. Prioritize conservation and re-use of water over developing new supplies outside Austin.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
b. Require new development to be net-zero for water use.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
c. Redesign and diversify Austin Water Utility's (AWU) business model so it doesn't depend on revenue solely from selling treated water.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
d. Require AWU to develop and implement a plan for water-efficient infrastructure citywide.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
e. Require decentralization of Austin's water supply.	Y	Y	Y	NA	Y

5. Protect the Environment.

a. Preserve the SOS Ordinance and support watershed protection, preserve the Heritage Tree Ordinance and support maintenance and renewal of the urban tree canopy, and preserve the Waterfront Overlay, Lake Austin Overlay, and Hill Country Roadway ordinances.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
b. Waivers and variances to the SOS, Heritage Tree, Waterfront Overlay, and Lake Austin Overlay, and Hill Country Roadway ordinances should require a super-majority vote of applicable boards, commissions and City Council for approval.	Y	N	Y	N	Y
c. Increase Austin Energy's 2020 goal for renewable energy sources above the present 35%.	Y	N	Y	Y	N

6. Change the City's Focus From Special Interests To Its Citizens.

a. In the LDC rewrite and all City ordinances, protect the rights of property owners, neighborhood associations, and other interested parties to appeal City staff and board decisions on development approvals.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
b. Reprioritize the budget to increase funding for parks, libraries, and other underfunded services.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
c. Require the Mayor's "State of the City" address to be held at a city event open to all Austinites.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
d. Keep Austin Energy and the Austin Water Utility under the control of the City Council.	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
e. Moderate city policies that foster runaway growth and focus instead on fostering greater income equity.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
f. Focus economic development incentives on Austin-based small and medium sized businesses.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
g. Reform City planning and public engagement processes to be citizen-driven and to increase City Council accountability to the public.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
h. Strengthen and strictly enforce the lobbyist ordinance.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Candidate Website	mariocantufordistrict3.com	christopher4atx.org	fredmcghee.com	voterangel.com	josevalera2014
Full ANC Questionnaire (used for their endorsement process)	ancweb.org	ancweb.org	ancweb.org	ancweb.org	Not Submitted

*The following District 3 candidates did not respond to the SRCC Questionnaire: Susan Almanza, Julian Fernandez, Shaun Ireland, Kent Phillips, Jose Quintero, Sabino "Pio" Renteria, and Ricardo Trullois-Bonilla.

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SRCC Meetings: We typically meet the first Monday of every month at 7:15 PM at Grace United Methodist Church, 205 E. Monroe. For details: www.srccatx.org.

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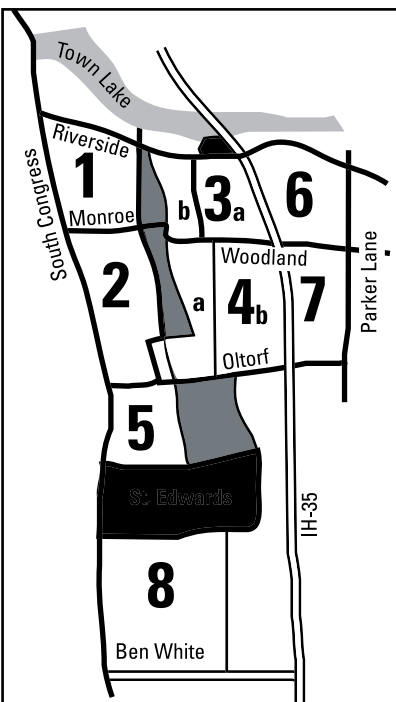
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You can also send check made payable to SRCC, along with this completed form to:

SRCC, Attention: Treasurer
P.O. Box 40632, Austin, TX 78704

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NO. OF YEARS	INDIVIDUAL	FAMILY
1	\$20	\$35
2	\$35	\$65
3	\$50	\$95

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FAMILY INDIVIDUAL

NUMBER OF YEARS:

1 2 3

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