

Candidate Questionnaire on Climate and Energy

350 Austin, Solar Austin, Earth Day Austin, Shades of Green

Candidate Name: Alex Strenger

Candidate For: Mayor of Austin

- 1. What are your top three priorities for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Austin, and what actions would you take to implement needed changes?**

As an avid cyclist, I strongly encourage alternative modes of transportation. We the people are overly reliant on the fossil fuel industry and that is largely due to the fact that our public transportation system is an absolute joke. As Mayor, I will work thoroughly to increase the reliability of our public transportation system and utilize our Electric Cabs and dockless scooters to serve as a liasons for our public transportation needs. I plan on working with our neighborhood associations in order to implement more bike lanes throughout our City. Furthermore, I believe that our city needs to do a better job of encouraging residents to place solar panels on their roofs so that we rely less on the Fayette Coal Plant.

- 2. As mayor or council member, you will be a member of the Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee. What will you do to make sure that Austin Energy takes the necessary steps to phase out its use of fossil fuels for power generation by 2030?**

Yes. All City Owned buildings need to work towards complete sustainability for their power needs and we will design programs in order to incentivize home owners to put solar panels on their roofs.

- 3. Despite declining costs of solar, many low income residents and multi-family housing tenants are challenged to participate in Austin Energy's existing rooftop solar programs. Do you think it is important to expand access to solar by developing targeted programs and policies at Austin Energy? Please explain.**

Yes. This is a good idea that I fully support. We need to do whatever is in our power to save the planet. I, along with everybody else in Austin, want to live.

- 4. Local, distributed scale solar installation has produced values to the utility, community and the local economy. Do you support the expansion of utility**

investment programs (including rebates) for installing solar locally within the Austin Energy territory? Please explain.

Yes. What's there to explain? My answer is yes. We need to continue doing this.

5. What specific role and responsibility do you see Austin taking in responding to local, regional and international impacts of climate change, including preparing for large numbers of people displaced by extreme weather events?

Extreme weather events. Saving humanity is good. We need to do a better job of fighting climate change not only here in Austin, but also in our neighboring cities. Our City needs to do a better job of interacting with our neighboring cities in order to ensure that they are as environmentally friendly as we are.