

2018 Mayor Candidate's Statement Transcript

>> HI.

I'M STEVE ADLER.

I'M THE MAYOR OF AUSTIN.

AND I'M RUNNING FOR RE ELECTION, AND I SURE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

I'M RUNNING ON A PRETTY EXTENSIVE RECORD WITH THIS 10 1 COUNCIL THAT I'VE BEEN VERY PROUD TO BE PART OF BECAUSE WE'VE DONE BIG THINGS.

WE'VE TRIED TO ADDRESS BIG CHALLENGES WITH BIG ANSWERS BECAUSE YOU NEED TO DO THAT IN ORDER TO SOLVE THOSE CHALLENGES.

PROUD TO BE PART OF A 10 1 COUNCIL THAT HAS LED CITIES AND THE STATE AND AROUND THE COUNTRY.

WE'RE MOVING FORWARD, AND I'D LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRY AND FINISH THAT WORK.

WE'VE MOVED FORWARD ON ISSUES LIKE IMMIGRATION, MAKING SURE THAT WE PROTECT EVERYBODY IN OUR COMMUNITY SO THAT EVERYBODY FEELS WELCOME AND SAFE HERE.

I'M PROUD THAT WE LED CITIES IN THE STATE TO FIGHT SENATE BILL 4 AND THAT WE'RE IN FEDERAL COURT RIGHT NOW FIGHTING THAT BATTLE.

ON ISSUES LIKE LGBTQ EQUALITY IN OUR CITY.

I'M PROUD THAT AUSTIN WAS THE FIRST CITY TO STEP FORWARD ON THE BATHROOM BILL AT THE LEGISLATURE AND FOUGHT REAL HARD TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT DIDN'T MOVE.

IT WAS A HORRIBLE SOLUTION FOR A NONEXISTENT PROBLEM, GOING AFTER THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

BUT ALSO LEADING CITIES IN THE STATE AND AROUND THE COUNTRY AND AROUND THE WORLD ON CLIMATE CHANGE, WHERE WE'VE TAKEN OUR GOALS AND WE'VE MADE THEM EVEN MORE EVEN MORE AMBITIOUS.

WE'VE MADE SOLAR PURCHASES THAT HAVE MORE THAN DOUBLED THE AMOUNT OF SOLAR GENERATION IN THE ENTIRE STATE OF TEXAS.

SO WE'RE MOVING FORWARD IN THAT IN A WAY THAT IS PROVIDING EXAMPLES AND BEST PRACTICES FOR CITIES ALL OVER THE WORLD.

WE'VE ALSO FOCUSED ON OUR MOST SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES HERE.

MOBILITY.

WE PASSED, WITH EVERYONE'S HELP, THE 2016 BOND THAT AT \$720 MILLION WAS MORE THAN WE HAD EVER DONE WITH MOBILITY IN THE HISTORY OF THE CITY AND MORE THAN WE HAD DONE IN THE 20 PRIOR YEARS CUMULATIVELY, WHICH IS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY WE HAVE THE CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE.

BUT IT IS PUTTING TENS OF MILES OF SIDEWALKS AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS, HELPING TO FINISH OUT THE BIKE NETWORK THAT WE HAVE IN OUR CITY, URBAN TRAILS, BUT ALSO FOCUSING ON THE ROADS IN OUR CITY THAT ARE MOST TRAFFICKED, LIKE LAMAR AND BURNET ROAD, AND MLK, AND AIRPORT, AND WILLIAM CANNON, AND SLAUGHTER, TAKING THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS OFF OF LOOP 360.

THE DESIGN WORK HAS BEEN DONE, AND WE'RE GOING TO SEE A LOT OF THAT PLANTED IN OUR GROUND HERE IN THE NEXT YEAR.

ALSO WORKING ON AFFORDABILITY.

YOU KNOW WE HAVE AN AFFORDABILITY CRISIS IN THIS CITY, AND THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO DEAL WITH THAT.

YOU HELP MAKE THINGS COST LESS OR YOU HELP PEOPLE HAVE MORE MONEY TO BE ABLE TO SPEND.

WE'VE DONE BOTH OF THOSE.

WE'VE MOVED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS INTO AFFORDABLE HOUSING, INCREASING THE HOUSING TRUST FUND BY OVER 540%.

WE'VE PLANTED 2,000 AFFORDABLE HOMES IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, WITH 5,000 NOW GOING THROUGH PLANNING IN THE CITY.

BUT WE'VE ALSO FOCUSED ON TRYING TO HELP PEOPLE EARN MORE.

AND I LED THE EFFORT TO PASS THE FIRST REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PLAN THAT AUSTIN HAS EVER HAD, DESIGNED TO TAKE 10,000 PEOPLE OUT OF POVERTY AND INTO MIDDLE SKILL JOBS.

SPENT A LOT OF TIME ON EQUITY, TREATING OUR WORKERS IN OUR COMMUNITY FAIRLY.

WE'VE GOT A \$15 MINIMUM LIVING WAGE IN THIS CITY FAIR CHANCE HIRING, SO THAT PEOPLE WITH RECORDS CAN GET JOBS.

EARN SICK LEAVE IN OUR CITY, SINCE 30% OF OUR CITY DOESN'T HAVE THAT SAME BENEFIT.

WORKING HARD TO ENSURE THAT WE FIGHT AGAINST INSTITUTIONAL RACISM AND SYSTEMIC INEQUITIES, A TASK FORCE WITH 256 RECOMMENDATIONS, 60 IMPLEMENTED, 90 UNDERWAY.

WE'VE HELPED REACH EFFECTIVE ZERO WITH RESPECT TO VETERANS HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

AND NOW TAKING THAT MODEL AND SCALING IT FURTHER. TURNING OUR ATTENTION TO GETTING A DEDICATED INCOME STREAM SO WE CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE ARCH DOWNTOWN, NOT ONLY TO HELP THOSE PEOPLE, BUT TO MAKE OUR DOWNTOWN SAFER.

I AM REALLY PROUD TO BE PART OF A CITY COUNCIL THAT HAS NOT SHIED AWAY FROM CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES, BUT ACTUALLY DEALING AT SCALE, EQUAL TO THE CHALLENGES THAT WE FACE IN THIS COMMUNITY.

I'D LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE AND FINISH THAT WORK, AND I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AS I RUN FOR RE ELECTION AS MAYOR OF AUSTIN, TEXAS.

>> HI.

I'M TODD PHELPS, AND I'M RUNNING FOR MAYOR OF AUSTIN.

THIS SUMMER I WAS RECRUITED BY BUSINESS COMMUNITY LEADERS TO RUN BECAUSE OF GROWING CONCERNS OVER PROPERTY TAXES AND TRAFFIC.

WE BELIEVE IT IS TIME FOR NEW LEADERSHIP AT CITY HALL.

OUR CITY CAN NO LONGER ENDURE OUR OUTRAGEOUS PROPERTY TAXES, THE CORPORATE GIVEAWAYS, THE TRAFFIC AND THE RED TAPE AND REGULATIONS THAT STAND IN THE WAY OF GETTING BUSINESS DONE IN THIS TOWN.

WE NEED TO STOP ALL OF THE NONSENSE AND FOCUS ON OUR REAL PRIORITIES.

WE ALL KNOW THAT AUSTIN IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE.

WE SEE IT ON THE NEWS.

BEST CITY TO LIVE IN.

AUSTIN.

BEST CITY TO RAISE KIDS.

AUSTIN.

BEST CITY FOR JOB SEEKERS.

AUSTIN.

AND ONE OF MY PERSONAL FAVORITES: BEST CITY FOR DOG OWNERS.

AUSTIN.

BUT MY LEAST FAVORITE, AND I IMAGINE YOURS AS WELL, IS ONE OF THE WORST CITIES FOR TRAFFIC.

LIKE YOU, I LOVE MY HOMETOWN.

I DON'T NEED A LIST TO TELL ME YOU SIMPLY CAN'T BEAT THE QUALITY OF LIFE HERE IN AUSTIN.

I CERTAINLY DON'T NEED A MAGAZINE EDITOR IN NEW YORK TO TELL ME WHAT I'VE KNOWN SINCE I MOVED HERE WHEN I WAS FOUR YEARS OLD.

AUSTIN IS THE BEST OF THE BASIS.

IT'S THE GREATEST MUSIC CITY IN THE WORLD AND A TECHNOLOGICAL AND PROGRESSIVE HUB OF INNOVATION.

I COULDN'T BE PROUDER TO CALL AUSTIN MY HOMETOWN.

I'M REALLY FROM HERE.

I WENT TO HILL ELEMENTARY, HYDE PARK BAPTIST HIGH SCHOOL, ACC, AND UT.

THIS IS MY HOMETOWN, WHERE I'VE BARTENDED, WORKED IN THE FILM AND COMMERCIAL LENDING INDUSTRIES, AND BUILT A BUSINESS.

MY FAMILY HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO THIS TOWN.

MY DAD STARTED HIS TECHNOLOGY COMPANY HERE, AND MY MOTHER BEGAN TEACHING HERE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 30 YEARS AGO AND WENT ON TO RECEIVE HER Ph.D. IN EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION FROM UT.

LIKE MY MOTHER, I BELIEVE THAT TEACHERS ARE THE HARDEST WORKING FOLKS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND THEY DESERVE LEADERS WHO ARE AS COMMITTED TO THEM AS THEY ARE TO OUR KIDS.

AS MAYOR OF AUSTIN, I WOULD LIKE TO BE THAT LEADER.

I'M RUNNING FOR MAYOR BECAUSE OUR CITY NEEDS LEADERS WHO CAN PROTECT AND SUSTAIN WHAT MAKES AUSTIN GREAT.

AUSTIN NEEDS LEADERS WHO UNDERSTAND OUR DIVERSE CULTURAL HERITAGE, LEADERS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT, OUR PARKS, AND OUR ARTISTIC COMMUNITIES, LEADERS THAT WILL FIGHT TO PROTECT AUSTIN'S ICONIC LANDMARKS AND BUSINESSES AND FIND THE RIGHT BALANCE BETWEEN NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND PRESERVING OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.

WE NEED LEADERS WHO CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO MANAGE THE MASS INFLUX OF HUMANITY MOVING HERE EVERYDAY AND THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION THAT GOES WITH IT.

AS MAYOR OF AUSTIN, I WILL WORK WITH YOU TO KEEP AUSTIN ON THE FOREFRONT OF TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS.

I BELIEVE IN AN ALL OF THE ABOVE SET OF SOLUTIONS.

SOLUTIONS LIKE TRANSIT ORIENTED HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS WITH EASIER ACCESS TO JOBS, GROCERY STORES, PARKS, AND HEALTH CARE.

SOLUTIONS THAT MANAGE GROWTH FAIRLY ACROSS THE CITY AND PROTECT NEIGHBORHOODS AND THE ENVIRONMENT WHILE FOSTERING MORE JOBS AND CIVIC AMENITIES.

SOLUTIONS LIKE PROPOSITION K, THE EFFICIENCY AUDIT, THAT LOOKS FOR COST SAVINGS IN OUR CITY GOVERNMENT AND CUTS DOWN ON WASTE AND FREES UP RESOURCES FOR SOME OF OUR PRESSING PROBLEMS.

THE KEY HERE IS TO REDUCE OUR SPENDING WITHOUT IMPACTING OUR PUBLIC SAFETY OR SOCIAL SERVICES.

SOLUTIONS LIKE MAXIMIZING THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION TO 20% TO KEEP WORKING FAMILIES IN THEIR HOMES, ESPECIALLY IN THE URBAN CORE.

IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS OF THIS ADLER DISASTER, OUR PROPERTY TAXES HAVE GONE UP 41%.

WE CANNOT AFFORD ANOTHER FOUR YEARS OF MAYOR ADLER.

WE NEED NEW LEADERSHIP.

IF YOU'RE LIKE ME AND FED UP THAT OUR CITY COUNCIL AND THEIR POOR PLANNING AND LACK OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE WORKING PEOPLE HAS EXACERBATED OUR TRAFFIC AND AFFORDABILITY CRISIS, THEN PLEASE VOTE FOR ME, TODD PHELPS.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER.

LET'S FIND INNOVATIVE TRAFFIC SOLUTIONS WITH THE TALENT WE HAVE HERE IN AUSTIN.

LET'S ADDRESS OUR CITIES AND NEIGHBORHOOD EQUITY CONCERNS AND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD'S GROWTH CONCERNS WITH REAL, PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS.

LET'S FIND SMART WAYS TO DO MORE WITH LESS TAX DOLLARS.

LET'S ADDRESS WHAT'S KILLING OUR SOUL HERE IN AUSTIN, OUR CULTURE, AND THAT IS HIGH PROPERTY TAXES AND HIGH RENTS AND THE AFFORDABILITY CRISIS.

INSTEAD OF GIVING THE LARGEST INCENTIVE PACKAGE IN THE HISTORY OF AUSTIN TO A CALIFORNIA BILLIONAIRE, LET'S CREATE THE AUSTIN ICONIC BUSINESS PROTECTION DESIGNATION BOARD TO PROTECT BUSINESSES THAT WE'RE LOSING, SUCH AS THREADGILL'S.

LET'S FOCUS ON TAX RELIEF FOR OUR UNIQUE LOCAL BUSINESSES AND HELP THEM CONTINUE TO GROW WITH AUSTIN.

LET'S HONOR OUR CITY'S PAST AND THE BUSINESSES THAT HAVE MADE IT GREAT HERE.

WHILE WE SECURE A FUTURE FOR OUR ARTISTS, MUSICIANS, INNOVATORS, AND STARTUPS, LET'S START THE HARD CONVERSATIONS OF HOW TO MANAGE OUR LIMITED RESOURCES FOR THE GREATEST GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY.

LET'S TALK ABOUT HOW WE CAN USE TECHNOLOGY AND THE MANY BRIGHT MINDS OF AUSTIN TO BRING FORWARD SUSTAINABLE GROWTH WITHOUT LEAVING OUR KIDS, SENIORS, OR WORKING FAMILIES BEHIND.

LET'S TALK ABOUT HOW TO SAVE THE CULTURE OF AUSTIN.

MY NAME IS TODD PHELPS.

MY WEBSITE IS TODDPHELPSFORAUSTIN.COM.

PLEASE EMAIL ME AT TALKTOTODD@TODDPHELPSFORAUSTIN.COM, AND CALL US.

LET ME SIT DOWN WITH YOU TO HAVE A CONVERSATION.

THANKS.

>> HI.

MY NAME IS ALEX STRENGER, AND I AM THE FRONT RUNNING CANDIDATE TO BE MAYOR OF AUSTIN.

I AM THE ONLY CANDIDATE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO MAKE AUSTIN MORE AFFORDABLE AND REDUCE TRAFFIC ON THE ROAD.

AND, YES, MY PLAN GOES BEYOND BUILDING A DOME AROUND THE CITY AND GIVING FLAME THROWERS TO OUR POLICE.

THE TRUMP-INSPIRED BUSINESS DEALS CONDUCTED BY THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION HAS CAUSED AUSTIN TO PLUNGE INTO UNAFFORDABILITY, WITH RENT GOING UP OVER 33% IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

OUR NEWEST ATTEMPT AT A LAND CODE WOULD HAVE BEEN A HAVEN FOR GREEDY DEVELOPERS AND GENTRIFICATION WOULD HAVE OCCURRED AT AN EXCEEDINGLY RAPID RATE, EVEN MORE SO THAN WHAT IS HAPPENING RIGHT NOW.

OUR CITY COUNCIL TRIED TO RUSH THIS THROUGH BEFORE THE ELECTION, AND IT IS BECAUSE OF THE HARD WORK OF PEOPLE AT INDY AUSTIN THAT WE CAN HAVE A GREATER SAY IN TERMS OF HOW OUR LAND CODE IS WRITTEN.

AND THAT IS WHY I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO VOTE YES FOR PROP J THIS COMING NOVEMBER, SO THAT WE AS A COMMUNITY HAVE A GREATER VOICE IN TERMS OF WHERE WE LIVE AND WHAT WE PAY FOR HOUSING.

WHEN I'M NOT MAYORING, I WORK AS A PEDICAB DRIVER DOWNTOWN.

AND I SEE FIRSTHAND HOW BAD THE TRAFFIC IS IN OUR CITY.

THE UNREGULATED PRESENCE OF UBER AND LYFT CLOG TRAFFIC AND CREATE A SAFETY HAZARD FOR EVERYBODY ON THE ROAD.

TRAFFIC IS SO BAD THAT THERE ARE TIMES ON THE WEEKENDS WHERE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GAIN ACCESS TO AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE.

COMBINE THIS TRAFFIC WITH THE RECKLESS BEHAVIOR OF THE LYME SCOOTER OPERATORS, AND IT IS A MIRACLE THAT SOMEBODY HASN'T BEEN HIT BY A CAR YET.

OUR POLICE NEED TO DO A MUCH BETTER JOB OF ENFORCING THE TRAFFIC LAWS DOWNTOWN.

AND IF OUR POLICE WERE TO TICKET UBER DRIVERS AND LYME SCOOTER OPERATORS FOR BREAKING THE RULES OF THE ROAD, NOT ONLY WOULD WE HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO BUILD A DOME AROUND AUSTIN AND GIVE FLAME THROWERS TO OUR POLICE, WE WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO GIVE EVERYBODY IN THE STATE OF TEXAS A LIVABLE WAGE.

AT THE VERY LEAST, WE WOULD GENERATE ENOUGH TICKET REVENUE TO FINANCE THE \$250 MILLION AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND AND THE \$38 MILLION PUBLIC SAFETY BOND COMBINED.

THIS I AM SURE OF.

THAT BEING SAID, THE SCOOTERS AREN'T COMPLETELY TERRIBLE.

WE JUST NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB OF HOW WE UTILIZE THEM, SUCH AS STATIONING THEM AT OUR BUS STOPS AND USING ELECTRIC CABS AND PEDICABS TO SHUTTLE PEOPLE FROM BUS STOPS TO WORK, HOME, ET CETERA.

SPEAKING OF BUS STOPS, OUR CURRENT ADMINISTRATION CUT 19 BUS ROUTES IN EAST AUSTIN, IN PREDOMINANTLY POOR, DISADVANTAGED, AFRICAN AMERICAN NEIGHBORHOODS.

AND, WELL, IT DOESN'T TAKE A TASK FORCE ON INSTITUTIONAL RACISM TO REALIZE THAT THAT IS A BAD IDEA.

WE NEED A MORE AFFORDABLE AUSTIN.

AND DESPITE HOW THE COUNCIL SPENDS ITS MONEY AND DESPITE ITS PRIORITIZATION OF CITY OWNED LAND, SUCH AS THE SOCCER STADIUM DEAL, I STILL STRONGLY URGE EVERYBODY TO VOTE YES ON PROP A.

WE NEED AN AFFORDABLE CITY AND A CITY THAT OUR ARTISTS, MUSICIANS, ATHLETES, AND BLUE COLLAR LABORERS CAN LIVE AND HAVE A HEALTHY WORK LIFE BALANCE WITHOUT BEING COST BURDENED.

WHICH IS ALSO WHY IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT DEVELOPERS HERE IN AUSTIN ACTUALLY BUILD THE AFFORDABLE UNITS THAT THEY ARE PROMISED.

AND THOSE UNITS NEED TO BE AT 30 TO 50 PERCENT MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME, ESPECIALLY WITH HOW MUCH THE COST OF LIVING IS RAPIDLY RISING HERE IN AUSTIN.

IF DEVELOPERS DON'T WANT TO PAY THAT, WELL, WE'RE GONNA DOUBLE THE FEE IN LIEU FROM \$2 A SQUARE FOOT TO \$4 SO THAT WE CAN GENERATE MORE MONEY TO THE CITY TO HELP FINANCE THE AFFORDABLE UNITS THAT WE DESPERATELY NEED.

MY NAME IS ALEX STRENGER.

I AM EXCITED TO BE THE NEXT MAYOR OF AUSTIN.

THANK YOU GUYS FOR LISTENING.

AND I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF Y'ALL TO GO VOTE IN THIS COMING NOVEMBER ELECTION.

THANK YOU.

>> HI.

I'M LAURA MORRISON, AND I'M RUNNING FOR MAYOR OF AUSTIN.

I'M RUNNING BECAUSE I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE DIRECTION OUR CITY IS HEADED AT A TIME WHEN LONG TIME AUSTINITES ARE LEAVING BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO LIVE HERE AND OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE STRUGGLING.

THE CURRENT MAYOR IS MAKING SPECIAL DEALS WITH DEVELOPERS AND OUT OF TOWN CORPORATIONS.

AND, AUSTIN, THAT'S NOT RIGHT.

I SERVED TWO TERMS ON THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL FROM 2008 THROUGH 2014 AND REPRESENTED THE ENTIRE CITY AS AN AT LARGE COUNCILMEMBER.

AND HERE'S AN INTERESTING FACT: ONLY ONE WOMAN HAS EVER BEEN ELECTED MAYOR OF AUSTIN IN ITS 179 YEAR HISTORY.

AUSTIN, IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE.

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MYSELF.

I HAVE A TECHNICAL BACKGROUND, WITH A MASTER'S IN MATH AND A GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC HEALTH.

FOR MANY YEARS I WAS AN ENGINEER AND A PROGRAM MANAGER, LEADING A TEAM OF 35 ENGINEERS ON A MULTIMILLION DOLLAR PROJECT IN DEVELOPING ALGORITHMS IN SOFTWARE SYSTEMS.

I'M PROUD TO BE ENDORSED BY THE AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOODS COUNCIL, OR ANC, AND SEVERAL COMMUNITY GROUPS.

BEFORE I WAS ELECTED TO CITY COUNCIL, I SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE ANC.

AND DURING MY TENURE WE DOUBLED ITS MEMBERSHIP FROM 40 TO 80 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS, BRINGING TOGETHER A DIVERSITY OF PEOPLE FROM ALL AREAS OF THE CITY, SOME OF WHOM WERE GETTING INVOLVED WITH CIVIC ISSUES FOR THE FIRST TIME.

NOW, THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IS CRUCIAL TO GOOD GOVERNMENT.

I'M RUNNING FOR MAYOR BECAUSE I LOVE THIS CITY AND YET ALL ACROSS TOWN I HEAR FROM AUSTINITES WHO FEEL AS THOUGH THEY'VE BEEN WRITTEN OFF.

WITH THE RISING COST OF LIVING AND UNBEARABLE TRAFFIC, WITH FAVORITE LOCAL BUSINESSES BEING FORCED TO CLOSE, AND FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS BEING FORCED TO LEAVE.

MANY ARE WONDERING IF THEY CAN AFFORD TO BE PART OF AUSTIN'S FUTURE.

THEY SEE CITY HALL PRIORITIZING SPECIAL INTERESTS OVER THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE.

THEY SEE THE LEADERSHIP AT CITY HALL DIVIDING OUR COMMUNITY INTO WINNERS AND LOSERS.

MY TRACK RECORD ON CITY COUNCIL SHOWS THAT I WILL BE A MAYOR THAT STANDS UP FOR THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE HERE, THAT FINDS SOLUTIONS AND GETS THINGS DONE.

FROM LEADING THE CHARGE TO EASE THE BURDEN ON TAXPAYERS BY MAKING GROWTH PAY ITS FAIR SHARE, TO CRAFTING STRONG ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY POLICIES.

FROM DEDICATING NEEDED RESOURCES FOR OUR VULNERABLE NEIGHBORS, SUCH AS AT RISK YOUTH AND THOSE WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES, TO PRIORITIZING THE INTEGRITY AND STABILITY OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.

FROM FIGHTING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY, INCLUDING SPEARHEADING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CITY'S HATE CRIMES TASK FORCE, TO LEADING EFFORTS TO BECOME THE LARGEST NO KILL CITY IN THE NATION.

I WAS A GRASS ROOTS LEADER AS A COUNCILMEMBER AND WILL BE AS YOUR MAYOR.

I FIGHT FOR COMMUNITY VALUES.

I KEEP A KEEN EYE ON THE BUDGET AND INSIST ON PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND TRANSPARENCY.

THERE'S A CLEAR CHOICE IN THIS RACE.

AND, AUSTIN, IT'S TIME TO PUT PEOPLE FIRST, NOT SPECIAL INTERESTS.

IT'S TIME TO COME UP WITH REAL TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS TO OUR TRAFFIC GRIDLOCK THAT ARE COMMUNITY DRIVEN AND NOT CONCOCTED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

IT'S TIME TO PRIORITIZE NEIGHBORHOOD STABILITY AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVER DEVELOPER INTERESTS.

IT'S TIME TO INVEST IN OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES, NOT OUT OF TOWN CORPORATIONS.

I WILL BE A MAYOR WHO BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER TO FIND COMMON GROUND AND A PATH TO REAL PROGRESS, WHO ADDRESSES OUR CHALLENGES OF AFFORDABILITY AND MOBILITY WITH COMMUNITY DRIVEN, TRANSPARENT EFFORTS THAT ACCOMMODATE OUR GROWTH WITH EQUITY AND IN APPROPRIATE WAYS THAT DON'T PUSH PEOPLE OUT.

AND ABOVE ALL, WE'LL RESTORE TRUST IN CITY HALL AND RESTORE RESPECT FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE BY RESPECTING THE EFFORTS AND EXPERTISE OF THE COMMUNITY.

WORKING TOGETHER, WE WILL STRENGTHEN THE COMMUNITY AS WE GROW, NOT ALLOW IT TO BE VICTIMIZED BY THE FUTURE.

BECAUSE, AS AUSTINITES, WE SHOULD ALL BE ABLE TO LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE WITH EXCITEMENT AND NOT ANXIETY.

IF WE CAN COME BACK TOGETHER AGAIN, THEN WE CAN MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

AGAIN, I'M LAURA MORRISON, RUNNING FOR MAYOR.

AND I WOULD BE HONORED TO HAVE YOUR SUPPORT.

>> MY NAME IS TRAVIS DUNCAN, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOU AS THE NEXT MAYOR OF AUSTIN, TEXAS.

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

YOU ARE VERY IMPORTANT.

YOUR SOUL MATTERS.

I BELIEVE IN YOU, AND I BELIEVE YOU DESERVE THE BEST.

NOW, IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW, WE AS HUMAN BEINGS HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY AND THE SOLUTIONS FOR EVERY PERSON TO LIVE IN ABSOLUTE ABUNDANCE.

FOR EVERYONE TO HAVE FREE RENT, NO UTILITY BILLS, FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE, FREE WATER AND ORGANIC FOOD, FREE WI FI, AND UNLIMITED ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND INNOVATION.

WE HAVE THE RESOURCES FOR EVERYONE TO LIVE THEIR PURPOSE IN PEACE AND IN GOOD HEALTH.

YES, THIS IS POSSIBLE.

WHY HASN'T IT HAPPENED?

WELL, WE'VE ALLOWED A GROUP OF CORPORATIONS TO CONVINCED US THAT WE NEED TO PAY TO LIVE ON EARTH.

THE LAST ANYTIME CHECKED, THE MOTHER EARTH HAD NEVER ASKED US TO PAY BILLS TO LIVE HERE.

SO WHAT HAPPENED?

WELL, WE'VE MADE HORRIBLE VOTING DECISIONS.

THESE POLITICIANS HAVE SPENT HUNDREDS OF YEARS PERFECTING THEIR IMAGES, MANUFACTURING A PERSONA THAT EMULATES YOUR VALUES, YET THEIR ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN THEIR WORDS.

THE OUTCOME IS WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT.

AND DESPITE THEIR BEST EFFORTS, THINGS HAVE BEEN GETTING WORSE.

THIS IS A GLOBAL EPIDEMIC, A CRISIS IN OUR THINKING.

WHAT WE NEED TO DO NOW IS CHANGE THE WAY WE THINK ABOUT POLITICS AND VOTE FOR THE RIGHT PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE INTEGRITY AND THE HEART CENTERED CONSCIOUSNESS TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT, TO PRIORITIZE HUMAN BEINGS AND PROTECT THE PLANET.

LOOK.

IF OUR CURRENT MAYOR AND COUNCIL HAVE THE SOLUTIONS, I WOULDN'T NEED TO RUN FOR MAYOR.

IF THEY KNEW HOW TO DO IT, THEY WOULD HAVE ALREADY DONE IT.

THESE POLITICIANS DON'T HAVE THE CREATIVITY OR THE EMPATHY NEEDED TO GET THE JOB DONE.

BECAUSE DESPITE THEIR PANDERING RHETORIC, THE BAND AID SOLUTIONS, THE REACTIONARY POLICYMAKING, PEOPLE ARE STRUGGLING MORE THAN EVER, THEY'RE BEING DISPLACED.

THE ENVIRONMENT KEEPS BEING POLLUTED.

THE TRAFFIC KEEPS GETTING WORSE.

THE COST OF LIVING KEEPS GOING UP.

THEY SIMPLY DON'T KNOW HOW TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS.

THEY DON'T HAVE THE SOLUTIONS.

BUT I DO.

WE NEED A NEW WAY OF THINKING FOR THESE SOLUTIONS, AND I'M HERE TO SERVE YOU DURING THIS TRANSITION, BECAUSE IT IS MY DUTY TO SHARE WITH YOU THE SOLUTIONS I KNOW WILL LIBERATE US ALL FROM THIS BROKEN SYSTEM.

WE'RE ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSES.

I HAVE DONE MY RESEARCH.

I KNOW WHAT WE NEED, AND IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO VOTE FOR ME SO WE CAN GET OUT AND GET THIS DONE.

TOGETHER WE WILL IMPLEMENT THE SOLUTIONS THAT AUSTIN HAS ALWAYS VOTED FOR AND NEVER RECEIVED.

I'M HERE OFFERING AUSTIN TO BECOME THE PLACE IT HAS ALWAYS CLAIMED TO BE BUT NEVER TRULY EMBODIED.

IT'S TIME FOR AUSTIN TO BE A WONDERFUL PLACE FOR ALL PEOPLE, NOT JUST THE LUCKY FEW.

NOW, I LOVE OUR ELDERS.

THERE'S A DIFFERENT ROLE FOR OUR ELDERS.

AND I BELIEVE RIGHT NOW MILLENNIALS ARE BEST SUITED TO BE POLITICIANS.

WE HAVE THE MULTIGENERATIONAL EMPATHY, WE ARE HYPERAWARE OF THE CUTTING EDGE, AND WE HAVE THE ENERGY TO DELIVER.

NOW IT'S TIME TO PASS THE BATON AND ALLOW US TO SERVE.

NOT NEXT TIME.

NOW.

MILLENNIALS, IT'S TIME TO STEP UP AND VOTE FOR ME.

I'M HERE TO GIVE YOU, YOUR VOICE, THE RESPECT IT DESERVES.

NO MORE HIDING OUR LIGHT.

NO MORE BEING AFRAID.

NO MORE SHAME.

IT'S TIME FOR TO DO WHAT WE KNOW NEEDS TO BE DONE AND SAVE HUMANITY ON THIS PLANET.

THIS IS BIGGER THAN JUST AUSTIN, AND RIGHT NOW AUSTIN IS READY TO LEAD THE WORLD.

IT'S TIME TO BELIEVE IN OURSELVES AND BELIEVE THAT THE ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM IS POSSIBLE.

NO MORE LIMITED THINKING.

NO MORE SCARCITY MENTALITY. I AM BRINGING A YES, EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE MENTALITY.

WE HAVE THE PLAN, AND STEP ONE IS VOTING FOR ME.

SO WE WILL PROVIDE TRULY AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL PEOPLE TO ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR RENT AND UTILITY BILLS.

WE WILL BUILD THE MOST ADVANCED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION NETWORK FREE FOR ALL PEOPLE.

AND WE WILL GET IT DONE WAY FASTER THAN ANYONE ELSE CAN.

WE WILL HAVE 100% VOTER PARTICIPATION BY 2020 BECAUSE WE ACTUALLY WILL CARE ABOUT YOUR VOICE, EVERYONE'S VOICE.

AND WE WILL MAKE ELECTION DAY A HOLIDAY.

WE WILL BUILD A VOTING APP.

AS MAYOR, I WILL PERSONALLY HOST 500 DAYS OF TOWN HALLS, IN EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD OF THE CITY.

WE WILL ENSURE UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE FOR EVERY HUMAN BEING IN OUR CITY AT LESS COST, MORE TRANSPARENCY, AND FULL COVERAGE FOR EVERYBODY.

WE WILL HAVE FREE PUBLIC WI FI NETWORK.

WE WILL REFORM OUR EDUCATION AND EXPAND OUR ENTREPRENEURIAL AND INNOVATION TRAINING.

AND WE WILL BE 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY BY 2022. EVERYONE WILL HAVE ORGANIC FOOD AND FREE WATER.

THIS IS UNIVERSAL RESOURCE ACCESS, AND IT'S THE KEY TO LIBERATING US FROM BEING IMPRISONED BY THE WAGE CLOCK.

THIS SYSTEM DOESN'T FORCE ANYONE TO DO ANYTHING THEY DON'T WANT TO DO, AND IT ELIMINATES THE NEED FOR TAXES ALTOGETHER.

ALL WHILE IMPROVING AND FORTIFYING SOCIAL SERVICES FOR ALL PEOPLE.

NOW, WHEN WE USE TECHNOLOGY AND WHEN WE COOPERATE ON THIS HIGH LEVEL, WE WILL HAVE A CITY OF 1 MILLION ENTREPRENEURS, INVENTORS, ARTISTS, AND SCHOLARS. EVERYONE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE THEIR PURPOSE IN ABSOLUTE ABUNDANCE AND VITALITY AND ENJOY THE MAXIMUM THIS LIFE HAS TO OFFER.

WITH OUR SOLUTIONS, THE POOR, THE MIDDLE, THE RICH, EVERYONE WILL BENEFIT.

WE DON'T HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN PEOPLE AND PROFIT.

WHEN WE INVEST IN PEOPLE AND QUALITY ON LIFE ON EARTH, IN EARTH PROTECTION, WE WILL PROFIT MORE THAN WE EVER THOUGHT WAS POSSIBLE.

NOW, WHETHER YOU BELIEVE THIS OR NOT, THE SOLUTIONS EXIST.

THIS IS REAL.

AND IF YOU DON'T VOTE FOR ME, THEN YOU'RE BASICALLY SAYING YOU'RE UNWILLING TO ACKNOWLEDGE SCIENTIFIC FACTS AND BECOME A COMPASSIONATE SOCIETY, WHERE EVERYONE WILL THRIVE.

LOOK, I KNOW THIS IS A MASSIVE CHANGE FROM WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING, BUT IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BE MORE MORAL THAN WE WERE YESTERDAY.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO LEAVE THE PAST BEHIND AND MOVE FORWARD WITH A NEW CONSCIOUSNESS.

THIS IS A RISK WE NEED TO TAKE, TO BELIEVE IN NEW POSSIBILITIES, BELIEVE IN THE YOUNGER GENERATION'S ABILITY TO LEAD US.

I BELIEVE IN YOU.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN YOURSELF?

NOW, THIS DEPENDS ON YOU.

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO VOTE FOR LIBERATION.

VOTE FOR ME TO BECOME THE NEXT MAYOR AFTER AUSTIN.

AND WHEN YOU VOTE FOR ME, TRAVIS DUNCAN, WE ALL BECOME THE MAYOR.

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THANK YOU SO MUCH.