



# Zilker Neighborhood Association Guide to the November 8, 2022, General Election Ballot in Precincts 304 and 306



Voter Guide available October 21 at [lwvaustin.org](http://lwvaustin.org)

Where to Vote Early: Oct 24-Nov 4, Travis County will open dozens of locations from 7 AM to 7 PM (except Sunday, noon-6 PM). The closest to Zilker are Austin City Hall at 301 West Second, South Austin Rec Center at 1100 Cumberland, and One Texas Center at 505 Barton Springs. On Election Day, Tuesday, Nov 8, vote at any Travis County polling place, including Zilker School (1900 Bluebonnet). Find other locations and more election info at [votetravis.com](http://votetravis.com) or call 512-238-VOTE.

Beginning with our new Congressional district but skipping the statewide offices, these are the top contested positions that ZNA voters will see on their ballots. Unopposed candidates will be lumped together on the ballot and declared elected, making it easier to get to the local races down ballot.

### U.S. Representative, District 37

Jenny Garcia Sharon (R)  
Lloyd Doggett (D)  
Clark Patterson (L)

### State Senator, District 14

Sarah Eckhardt (D)  
Steven E. Haskett (L)

### State Representative, District 49

Katherine Griffin (R)  
Gina Hinojosa (D)  
J. David Roberson (L)

## City of Austin

Candidate statements and moderated forums for each City Council race can be viewed at <https://www.austintexas.gov/candidateforums>. For a link to the September 27 virtual forum that ZNA hosted for District 5 and District 9 candidates, email [zilkerneighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:zilkerneighborhood@gmail.com).

### Mayor

Phil Campero Brual ([philforaustin.com](http://philforaustin.com))  
Celia Israel ([celiaforaustin.com](http://celiaforaustin.com))  
Kirk Watson ([kirkwatson.com](http://kirkwatson.com))  
Anthony Bradshaw ([bradshawcampaign22](http://bradshawcampaign22))  
Jennifer Virden ([jenniferforaustin.com](http://jenniferforaustin.com))  
Gary S. Spellman ([spellmanformayor.org](http://spellmanformayor.org))

### City Council, District 5

(Zilker voters in Precincts 306 and 307)

Ryan Alter ([ryanforatx.com](http://ryanforatx.com))  
Bill Welch ([billwelch.org](http://billwelch.org))  
Ken Craig ([kencraigforcouncil.com](http://kencraigforcouncil.com))  
Stephanie Bazan ([stephaniebazan.com](http://stephaniebazan.com))  
Aaron Velazquez Webman ([aaronwebman.com](http://aaronwebman.com))  
Brian Anderson II ([andersonforaustin.com](http://andersonforaustin.com))

### Austin ISD, Trustee, At-Large Position 9

Arati Singh ([singhforaisd.com](http://singhforaisd.com))  
Heather Toolin (no website)

### Austin Community College, Trustee, At-Large Place 6

Nathaniel Hellman (no website)  
Steve Jackobs ([steve4acc.org](http://steve4acc.org))

### City Council, District 9

(Zilker voters in Precinct 304)

Zena Mitchell ([zenamitchell.com](http://zenamitchell.com))  
Zohaib "Zo" Qadri ([zoforaustin.com](http://zoforaustin.com))  
Greg Smith ([gregford9.com](http://gregford9.com))  
Joah Spearman ([joahforaustin.com](http://joahforaustin.com))  
Kym Olson ([kym4atx.com](http://kym4atx.com))  
Ben Leffler ([benleffler.com](http://benleffler.com))  
Linda Guerrero ([lindaguerrero.net](http://lindaguerrero.net))  
Tom Wald ([tomwald.com](http://tomwald.com))

### City of Austin Proposition A

\$350,000,000 for planning, designing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, improving and equipping affordable housing facilities for low and moderate income persons and families, and acquiring land and interests in land and property necessary to do so, funding loans and grants for affordable housing, and funding affordable housing programs.

Council Member Ann Kitchen will answer questions about the bond package at ZNA's October 24 general membership meeting.

On August 17 the City Council passed a "contract with the voters" resolution containing guidelines for spending of the affordable housing

bonds. It directs that the bonds will be used for:

1. Ownership Housing Development Assistance Program;
2. Home Repair Program;
3. Rental Housing Development Assistance Projects; and
4. land acquisition that includes vacant and improved property.

Guidelines for the funded projects include:

1. the number of low and moderate income affordable units, where "low and moderate income" is defined as no more than 50% of the median family income for rental programs and no more than 80% for homeowner programs;
2. the ability to reach deeper levels of affordability;
3. the length of affordability;
4. the number of permanent supportive housing units for those transitioning to permanent housing based on the City's designated prioritization and referral method;
5. the provision of low- and moderate-income housing in high opportunity areas throughout the city, gentrifying areas, and areas susceptible to gentrification and displacement, and promotion of integration across income levels;
6. the ability to further the goals adopted in the Strategic Housing Blueprint; and
7. the Economic Opportunity & Affordability Indicators in the Strategic Direction 2023.

According to economic impact studies found at [housingworksAustin.org](http://housingworksAustin.org), previous housing bonds have contributed to the construction of 6,754 homes citywide, including these seven projects with 440 deeply affordable apartments and townhouses in the South Lamar-Menchaca corridor:

**The 2006** bond package contributed to 34 projects citywide, five projects in our area:

- Treaty Oaks, Menchaca, 47 units, Green Doors
- The Ivy Condos, 3204 Menchaca, 52 units
- St. Louise House Transitional Housing and Supportive Services #1, 3200 S. Lamar, 24 units, Vincare Foundation

- Skyline Terrace, 1212 W. Ben White, 100 apts, Foundation Communities

- The Willows, 1332 Lamar Square, 64 units, Mary Lee Foundation

**The 2013** bond package contributed to 22 projects citywide, including one project in our area:

- Bluebonnet Studios, 2301 S. Lamar, 107 apts, Foundation Communities

**The 2018** bond package so far has contributed to 26 projects citywide, including \$100 million for

land acquisition. One project in our area is under construction: Zilker Studios, 1508 S. Lamar, 110 apts, Foundation Communities.

Those are in addition to housing funded through other sources, such as Vertical Mixed Use projects and the Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA), notably the 120 apartments at Pathways at Goodrich Place.

**Austin Independent School District  
Proposition A**

\$2,316,025,000 for school buildings, including "improvements to enhance safety, security, and energy efficiency" and "the purchase of new school buses."

**Proposition B**

\$75,541,000 for technology systems, infrastructure, and equipment.

**Proposition C**

\$47,434,000 for stadium facilities.

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**Austin Community College  
Proposition A**

\$770,000,000 for buildings to provide workforce training and general education in nursing, advanced manufacturing, skilled trades, and information technology; and student support services such as child care and health services; and for modernization of technology.

Specific projects include:

- new campuses at the Pinnacle site in southwest Austin (software development and healthcare) and the southeast Travis County site (skilled trades such as welding and automotive technology and advanced manufacturing),
- expansion of the Hays campus (nursing and healthcare), the Highland campus in central Austin (advanced manufacturing, cybersecurity, and software development), the Round Rock campus (nursing, advanced manufacturing, and skilled trades such as welding and automotive technology), the Cypress Creek campus in Cedar Park (cybersecurity and software development), the downtown Rio Grande campus (computer science and software development), the Elgin campus and the San Gabriel campus in Leander (advanced manufacturing and skilled trades such as welding), and
- technology and facility improvements at the Riverside, Northridge, South Austin, and Eastview campuses.