

Candidate Questionnaire on Austin Energy Issues

Participating Organizations:

- Public Citizen
- SEED Coalition
- Sierra Club
- Solar Austin
- Texas ROSE (Ratepayers' Organization to Save Energy)
- Clean Water Action
- Austin Climate Action Network
- Texas Drought Project
- First Unitarian Universalist Green Sanctuary Ministry
- Wildflower Unitarian Universalist Church

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- 1. The mission of the Austin Energy Department is to deliver clean, affordable reliable energy and excellent customer service. During your term, what will be the most important challenge for the city in regard to Austin Energy?**

For too long the council has been using Austin Energy, as (as a tax gathering body) there have been numerous charges that have nothing to do with service. So there needs to be truth in taxation.

- 2. From a citywide and district perspective, briefly describe your vision for managing and improving Austin Energy?**

I would like to have an added staff member for us as council that directly focus and work with Austin energy so we can address situations quickly.

- 3. What is your position on climate change?**

I believe it is real and something we have to prepare for.

- 4. Do you support implementation of the recommendations in the report developed by the [Austin Generation Resource Planning Task Force](#) and are there any other specific changes you would like made to the [Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to 2020](#)? What would you change and how?**

I believe all are good recommendations.

- 5. City Council serves as the board of directors for Austin Energy. As a council member, what do you consider your role to be in regard to Austin Energy's governance?**

I believe our role is to make sure they are doing best practices, and have policies that benefit all Austinites.

- 6. What renewable energy resources and programs should be incorporated into the Austin Energy generation resource mix?**

I believe we have good programs we just need to lower the upfront cost for programs like solar.

7. How and to what extent should Austin Energy provide customer energy efficiency programs?

We need to stop looking at the programs as an add on service and it needs to be incorporated into our services in general, because it will be a cost benefit to us over time.

8. What are your thoughts on whether Austin Energy should invest in more nuclear reactors and whether the utility should remain involved in the existing South Texas Project reactors after their currently scheduled retirement dates of 2027 and 2028 if they get relicensed for 20 additional years?

everyone agrees we need to remove ourselves from the south Texas project, as far as nuclear energy investment, I've read about general information concerning the US, I lean to more green technology.