



Windsor Park Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting - www.windsorpark.info

10:00 AM-12:30 PM, Memorial United Methodist Church, Gym

September 14th, 2024

September 2024 WPNA Meeting Livestream recording linked here:

<https://www.windsorpark.info/september-2024-wpna-meeting-livestream/> with Forum

Questions: [W 2024Mayor&D4forumQuestions9:13.doc](#)

Mayoral & District 4 Candidate Forum Rules

- North Loop • Ridgetop • Windsor Hills • Windsor Park • Wooten Neighborhood Associations invited
- All candidates who filed with the Office of the City Clerk were invited.
- Campaign materials and yard signs may be placed on the tables provided.
- No campaign materials will be distributed in the meeting room or to the audience.
- Each candidate is allowed a two-minute opening statement.
- Cards for questions will be provided for attendees to submit. Sorry, but time constraints with 10 candidates mean attendees will not be able to ask questions of candidates directly.
- Moderators have prepared questions but will strive to include questions from attendees.
- Moderators will set the time limit for each question, with a maximum of 2 minutes.
- 30-Second, 15-Second, & STOP warning signs will alert candidates to PLEASE STOP.
- Candidates arriving late will be allowed a 2-minute introduction. Moderators have discretion on any further participation.

Agenda:

9:45 - 10:00 | Coffee and Conversation (w/ Talisman coffee) - 15:00 min

10:05 - 10:15 | Meeting Introduction and Forum Format - 15:00 min

- Neighborhood Association President, Jeanette Swenson, welcomed participants and outlined the forum format and housekeeping items.

10:15 - 11:15 City Council District 4 Candidates present for the forum - 60:00 min

- Candidates answered questions presented by WPNA president, Jeanette Swenson, and discussed topics such as housing, public safety, transportation, and community engagement:
 - **Monica Guzmán:** monicaford4.com: Focused on **affordable housing**, advocating for **public transportation improvements**, including a

neighborhood circulator, and promoting **community-driven solutions** for reentry and housing.

- **Louis Herring:** louisherrin.com: Emphasized **citywide audits** to ensure efficient use of funds, and the need to **preserve neighborhoods while developing**, and expanding **bus systems** to better serve residents.
- **José "Chito" Vela:** chitovela.com: Highlighted the **need for affordable housing**, increased **public safety measures**, especially around **mental health crisis response**, and the importance of building **sidewalks and bike lanes** to address mobility issues.

11:25 - 12:25 | Mayoral Candidates present for the forum - 60:00 min

- Candidates answered questions presented by WPNA president and shared their vision for the city, touching on sustainability, infrastructure, and homelessness:
 - **Jeffery L. Bowen:** <https://www.jeffbowenforaustinmayor.com/>: Called for a **citywide audit** to assess resource allocation, proposed creative solutions for **homelessness**, and raised concerns about **environmental issues** like water conservation and the **urban heat island effect**.
 - **Doug Greco:** grecoforaustin.com: Stressed the need for **affordable housing**, protecting the rights of the **middle class**, and ensuring **public transit** supports a sustainable future. He also focused on preserving **small local businesses**.
 - **Carmen D. Llanes Pulido:** carmen4mayor.com: Focused on **water conservation**, preventing displacement by **preserving affordable housing**, and **listening to community voices** on key issues like infrastructure.
 - **Kathie Tovo:** kathieforaustin.com: Highlighted her experience on the city council, with a focus on **climate action**, expanding **affordable housing**, and implementing policies to support **small businesses**, like the **Family Business Loan Program**.

12:25 - 12:30 | Adjourn (Chad Cotton, VP) - 05:00 min

- Final remarks from Chad Cotton, Vice President, and reminders about upcoming election dates.

Dates/Reminders: PLEASE VOTE

- **October 21 Early Voting begins**
- October 25 Last day to apply to Vote By Mail
- November 1 Last day of Early Voting
- **November 5 ELECTION DAY 7 AM - 7 PM**
- November 14 Last day to Register for Runoff
- December 2 Early Runoff Voting begins
- December 10 Last day of Early Runoff Voting
- December 14 Runoff Election

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