

Proposition 1

Liveable City takes no position on Proposition 1. Nevertheless, we believe the issues of open government and transparency are critical to the City of Austin. Therefore, Liveable City calls on the City to draft and pass an ordinance that follows the alternative interpretation identified in Liveable Cities ballot study.

The City should also convene a citizen's task force consisting of stakeholders with varying points of view on the critical issues of land development, police records, economic development incentive negotiations, and high-level city council and city staff meetings, to consider implementation of this ordinance, and to develop further initiatives to make Austin City government more open and transparent.

Proposition 2

Liveable City also takes no position on Proposition 2. We believe the issues of water quality over the Barton Springs aquifer are just as critical as open government and transparency. In March, the city council urged city staff to develop a draft ordinance; this draft will begin working its way through city boards and commissions next week, and would implement the primary benefits of Proposition 2 as described in Liveable City's ballot study. Liveable City looks forward to working with the City and stakeholders on all sides on this ordinance and this issue in the coming months.