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Dear GEAA members,

If you live in San Antonio or Austin, make it a point to attend these city candidate forums on the environment . Hope you can come!

Sincerely,
Annalisa Peace
Executive Director

Austin:

From before its founding over 170 years ago, Austin has attracted outsiders and retained its native citizens due largely to its natural beauty and diverse setting straddling the Texas Hill Country and the Blackland Prairie to the East. But preserving our environmental heritage has never been easy and has always required the committed struggle of the citizenry.

Will Austin remain a green, livable city tomorrow? Only if Austinites take the initiative today to protect our environmental heritage.

Join us at the Combined Environmental Mayoral/City Council Forum on **Thursday, April 9th** to ensure that voters select the candidates best suited to protect and preserve Austin's environmental inheritance. For further details and to view responses to our candidate questionnaire, please visit <http://www.austinenvironment.org>.

WHAT: 2009 Combined Environmental Mayoral/City Council Forum

WHERE: Location: City Hall, Council Chambers

WHEN: April 9, 2009

5:30pm: Reception + Intro

6:00pm-6:30pm: Place 6 (Cole (I) vs. Osemene)

6:35pm-7:05pm: Place 1 (Riley vs. Cavazos)

7:10pm-7:40pm: Place 2 (Martinez (I) vs. Quintero)

7:45pm-7:55pm: Place 5 (Spelman)

8:00pm-9:00pm: Mayor

There will be an opportunity for audience participation, so bring your best questions!

Refreshments will be served.

WHO: Brought to you by the following groups:

American Youthworks, Austin Metro Trails and Greenways, Austin Permaculture Guild, Austin EcoNetwork, Central Texas Zero Waste Alliance, Citizen Gardner, Clean Water Action, Environment Texas, League of Bicycling Voters, OHPEN, PODER, Public Citizen, Save Barton Creek Association, Save Our Springs Alliance, Sierra Club, Austin Chapter, SEED Coalition, Solar Austin, Sustainable Food Center, Texas Campaign for the Environment, Texas Climate Emergency Campaign, Texas Environmental Democrats, Texas Green Network

Note: This candidate forum is intended solely to inform the citizens of Austin about the positions of Municipal candidates on various issues of environmental importance. It is not intended to be an endorsement of any particular candidate.

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San Antonio:

Bexar Audubon Society, Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance, and the San Antonio Environmental Network

invite you to join us for the

Mayoral Candidates' Forum on the Environment

Friday, April 17th at 7:30 pm

at the **Little Carver Theater**

(226 North Hackberry - behind the Jo Long Theater)

Moderated by Elaine Wolff, Editor of the San Antonio Current

The candidates will present their positions and plans for the environmental issues facing San Antonio, including:

Further development over the recharge and contributing zones of the aquifer and aquifer protection measures;

Light rail and other transportation alternatives and incentives to reduce greenhouse gases; Energy conservation and use of Federal initiatives;

Reduction of dependence on coal for electric generation;

Position on expanding nuclear energy for the city;

Tree protection ordinances;
Attracting green business to San Antonio;
Support for the initiative begun by Mayor Hardberger in his Mission Verde plan;
And other related issues.

The forum will be taped to air on Texas Public Radio KSTX *Newsmaker Hour*.

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