MAKE AUSTIN AFFORDABLE AGAIN

I'm running for City Council to represent you.

Austin has never been more expensive than it is today. Families are struggling to stay afloat regardless of if they rent or own their home.

The problem with affordability is lack of housing volume. More and more people are seeking out and competing for homes in Austin's limited housing market.

If elected I propose eliminating height restrictions on our density corridors (South Lamar, East Riverside, South Congress). This will enable thousands of housing units to enter the market and ease supply-and-demand pressures that drive up housing costs. While also protecting established neighborhoods from over-development.

In addition to volume, Austin must improve the development process to make it easier to obtain approvals to build, ease the review process, and improve inspection times. The city development department may need more personnel and better technology to accomplish these objectives. We also must better manage the fees assessed by the city that ultimately get passed back to the consumer and make both renovations and new construction so expensive.

Finally, the City Council needs to be more cautious about increasing the taxes and fees which burden our existing homeowners,

Join my campaign, let's make Austin affordable again.

VOTE BILL WELCH FOR CITY COUNCIL

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