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429 Interviews in Austin, TX, January 28 - February 1, 2023

D1. Are you:

48% Male
51 Female
1 Other

D2. Age

35% 18 to 34
28 35 to 49
21 50 to 64
16 65+

D3. What is your race?

64% White / Caucasian
20 Hispanic or Latino/a
7 Black or African American
7 Asian / Pacific Islander
0 American Indian or Alaska Native
2 Other

D4. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

8% High school diploma or less
25 Some college, but no degree
8 Associate's degree, or two-year college degree
35 Bachelor's degree, or four-year college degree
24 Graduate degree

D5. Party Identification

39% Strong Democrats
15 Weak Democrats
12 Independent lean Democrats
11 Pure independents
5 Independent lean Republicans
8 Weak Republicans
10 Strong Republicans

D6. How did you vote in the 2020 election for President, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

74% Joe Biden, the Democrat
21 Donald Trump, the Republican
2 Jo Jorgensen, the Libertarian
0 Not registered/Too young/Ineligible
2 Did not vote

Polling was conducted online from January 28 - February 1, 2023. Using its Bias Correct Engine to attain a representative sample, Change Research polled 429 voters in Austin, Texas. Post-stratification was performed on age, gender, race/ethnicity, education, ZIP code, and 2020 presidential vote.

Q1. Do you think Austin has too few police officers, too many police officers, or the right number of police officers?

- 53% Too few police officers
- 31 Right number of police officers
- 16 Too many police officers

Q2. Do you feel safe in Austin?

- 50% Yes
- 33 No
- 17 Not sure

Q3. The City of Austin is currently negotiating with the Austin Police Association to establish a new union contract with Austin's police force. Which aspect of the union contract for Austin's police do you believe is most important? Select no more than TWO.

- 72% Ensures accountability and transparency when police officers are involved in a shooting or accused of improper conduct
- 40 Provides for civilian oversight
- 29 Raises pay for most or all officers
- 28 Allows anonymous complaints about officer conduct
- 15 Encourages recruitment by offering signing bonuses
- 8 Is quickly executed to avoid conflict over negotiations
- 5 Not sure

Q4. When thinking about the ban on public camping, do you believe there should be more enforcement, less enforcement, or about the same amount of enforcement?

- 55% More enforcement
- 23 Same amount of enforcement
- 22 Less enforcement

Q5. What do you believe is the primary cause of homelessness in Austin?

- 31% Lack of mental health and substance abuse treatment
- 30 Lack of affordable housing
- 22 Austin's reputation as a haven for homeless individuals
- 8 Increased gentrification in Austin
- 9 Something else (please specify)

Q6. Do you agree or disagree that the Austin City Council cares about issues that impact you?

- 5% Strongly agree
- 32 Somewhat agree
- 24 Somewhat disagree
- 29 Strongly disagree
- 11 Not sure

36 Total Agree

53 Total Disagree

Q7. Do you agree or disagree that the City Council is doing enough to help the City of Austin achieve its carbon reduction goals to fight against climate change?

- 8% Strongly agree
- 26 Somewhat agree
- 23 Somewhat disagree
- 14 Strongly disagree
- 30 Not sure

34 Total Agree

37 Total Disagree

Q8. What do you think should be the primary role of the Austin City Council?

- 28% Protecting the quality of life of Austin residents
- 26 Managing how the city grows and develops
- 20 Ensuring basic services, like maintaining roads and providing utilities
- 11 Protecting Austin's values from the Texas Legislature's overreach
- 7 Responding to complaints and concerns from residents
- 3 Protecting the environment and reducing Austin's climate footprint
- 1 Managing natural disasters and crises
- 5 Something else (please specify)

Q9. How often do you use city parks in Austin?

- 13% Daily
- 34 Weekly
- 18 Monthly
- 28 A few times a year
- 8 Never

Q10. What is the greatest challenge facing Austin city park users?

- 19% Not enough parking
- 18 Unsafe
- 16 Lack of maintenance and proper facilities
- 11 Inconvenient locations to where I live or tough to get to
- 9 Off-leash dogs
- 6 Unclean
- 22 None of these

Q11. The city collects fees from developers to acquire, enhance, and maintain parks in the city. Do you support or oppose improving parkland throughout the city, even if that means increasing the cost of housing and office space around Austin?

- 22% Strongly support
- 32 Somewhat support
- 18 Somewhat oppose
- 19 Strongly oppose
- 8 Not sure

55 Total Support

37 Total Oppose

Q12. Zilker Park is undergoing a planning process called the Zilker Metropolitan Park Vision Plan. What do you think is the most critical improvement that can be made to Zilker Park?

- 21% Better transit, pedestrian, and biking access
- 20 The restoration of native plants and less space for social and athletic activities
- 19 Better recreational facilities and services for park guests
- 16 More parking
- 8 Something else (please specify)
- 17 No improvements necessary; leave Zilker as is

Q13. Over the last five years, the City of Austin has consistently missed its affordable housing production goals. What should the city do to hit these goals in the future?

- 35 Allow affordable multifamily housing in more places across the city, including my neighborhood
- 22 Reduce regulation to make it easier for affordable housing to be built
- 13 Start building on public city land to reduce the cost of constructing affordable housing
- 3 Increase taxes to pay for more affordable housing
- 15 Something else (please specify)
- 12 Not sure

Q14. Currently, the city of Austin requires a certain amount of parking for houses, apartment buildings, and commercial buildings, even if the area is close to transit or very walkable. Do you agree or disagree that the city should eliminate mandatory parking requirements to allow the market to dictate how much parking should be included in future developments?

- 16% Strongly agree
- 26 Somewhat agree
- 18 Somewhat disagree
- 25 Strongly disagree
- 14 Not sure

42 Total Agree

44 Total Disagree

Q15. Many housing advocates are pushing for the city to relax compatibility standards, which are the rules that govern what types of buildings can be built next to each other throughout the city. The advocates argue this is needed to allow more housing units to be built throughout the city. Neighborhood preservationists argue that maintaining compatibility standards protects the character, look, and feel of neighborhoods by not allowing larger structures to be built next to single family homes. Which of the following comes closest to your opinion?

- 38% Austin should relax compatibility standards and allow more housing units to be built throughout the city
- 48 Austin should keep all current compatibility standards in place to preserve the character, look, and feel of neighborhoods
- 14 Not sure

Q16. The City Council often targets changes to land-use policy, like where taller buildings can be built, to specific corridors in the city. Should the City Council continue to designate which corridors have more density in them, or should the City Council apply the same rules uniformly across all the city's major corridors?

- 44% Designate specific corridors
- 32 Apply rules uniformly to all corridors
- 24 Not sure

Q17. As Austin grows, denser and taller developments may expand throughout the city. Which of the following comes closest to your view about the best way for this expansion to occur?

- 32% Concentrate major buildings along Austin's future light rail lines
- 25 Growth should be restricted to preserve what is left of Austin
- 18 Downtown-style density in a few places across the city, like the Domain
- 15 Medium-sized buildings spread evenly across the city's major streets and corridors
- 10 Not sure