



## **Mandy Dealey (District 10 CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE)**

### **1. HOW WOULD YOU WORK ON THE NEED FOR MORE AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE, INTEGRATED HOUSING FOR LOW INCOME PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES?**

I think it will be important for the City to work with existing organizations to provide this housing. By partnering with groups like the Mary Lee Foundation, we can establish public/private partnerships that can work together on providing affordable, accessible integrated housing for low income people with disabilities.

### **2. ACCESSIBLE AND EFFECTIVE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IS A CRITICAL NEED FOR THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY. HOW WOULD YOU ADDRESS THIS NEED? (i.e. buses, light rail, taxis, Uber/Lyft)**

There are a number things the City can do to make sure that accessible and effective transportation options exist for the disability community. Making sure that safe sidewalks in good repair exist to bus stops, and working with Cap Metro to assure that services and accommodations are provided regularly are two steps. The City regulates taxis and has influence over them, but so far, peer-to-peer transportation services like Uber and Lyft are not regulated.

### **3. HOW WOULD YOU EXPAND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN THE GREATER AUSTIN AREA?**

As the city considers possible incentive programs for companies, I think making sure that employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities are provided should be included as a requirement in the negotiations.

### **4. HOW WOULD YOU PROMOTE THE NEED FOR PHYSICAL AND PROGRAM ACCESS TO SIDEWALKS, PRIVATE BUSINESSES AND CITY SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES?**

As I said in an earlier answer, making sure that safe sidewalks in good repair are available throughout town is a necessary goal. In addition, making sure that businesses that provide goods and services to the City comply with ADA requirements will be a way to assure services.



**5. WILL YOU PROMOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TO CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND TASK FORCES?**

I will certainly support appointing people with disabilities to City boards, commissions and task forces.

**6. PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES VIEW DISABILITY RIGHTS AS CIVIL RIGHTS. WHAT WILL BE YOUR PRIORITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES?**

Disability rights are civil rights. Period.

**7. HOW DO YOU SEE THE ROLE OF THE CITY'S ADA COORDINATOR AND THE MAYORS COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES?**

Although I won't be mayor, I am supportive of that committee and the good work it does. Removing barriers and increasing access are important goals; also, assuring compliance with ADA throughout the city must be a priority.

**8. PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES OF ALL AGES DO NOT WANT TO LIVE IN NURSING FACILITIES. WHAT STEPS CAN AUSTIN TAKE TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY LIVING?**

This relates to the first question. There is a role for the City to play in making sure that safe, accessible and affordable housing options are available to anyone who want them. I think that a lot can be done to address this need by forming public/private partnerships with the organizations doing a good job now.