

Opinion Analysts, Inc.
Austin Issues Survey - August, 2007

(1) When you think about how things are going here in Austin, would you say that they are generally on the right track or the wrong track?

229; 57.2%	Right Track	47; 11.7%	Depends
99; 24.6%	Wrong Track	26; 6.4%	No Opinion

(2) Would you strongly agree, agree, disagree or strongly disagree: Town Lake is a major part of the character of Austin that makes it a great place to live.

219; 54.7%	Strongly Agree	13; 3.2%	Disagree
152; 38.1%	Agree	2; 0.5%	Strongly Disagree
3; 0.7%	Pro-Con/Depends	11; 2.8%	No Opinion

(3) Some people feel that the area around Town Lake deserves protection from development to maintain its scenic beauty and openness; others feel that the Town Lake area should be developed for the city's tax base and downtown rev

317; 79.2%	Protect it	52; 12.9%	Develop it
18; 4.5%	Pro-Con/Depends	14; 3.5%	No Opinion

(4) Do you strongly approve, approve, disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the City Council negotiating to grant exemptions to city rules to allow buildings to be built higher and closer to the shores of Town Lake?

12; 2.9%	Strongly Approve	173; 43.3%	Disapprove
30; 7.4%	Approve	157; 39.3%	Strongly Disapprove
6; 1.6%	Depends	22; 5.5%	Don't know/No Opinion

(5) Would you strongly approve, approve, disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the city council passing stronger restrictions on the height of new buildings on the shores of Town Lake?

155; 38.8%	Strongly Approve	44; 11.0%	Disapprove
136; 33.9%	Approve	34; 8.6%	Strongly Disapprove
12; 2.9%	Depends	19; 4.7%	Don't know/No Opinion

(6) Would you strongly approve, approve, disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the city council passing stronger restrictions on how close new buildings can be to the shores of Town Lake?

192; 47.9%	Strongly Approve	29; 7.3%	Disapprove
139; 34.7%	Approve	19; 4.8%	Strongly Disapprove
7; 1.7%	Depends	15; 3.6%	Don't know/No Opinion

(7) Would you strongly approve, approve, disapprove, or strongly disapprove of the City purchasing land on the shores of Town Lake to protect public access and preserve scenic open space along the lake front?

208; 51.9%	Strongly Approve	26; 6.5%	Disapprove
142; 35.4%	Approve	11; 2.7%	Strongly Disapprove
5; 1.2%	Depends	9; 2.3%	Don't know/No Opinion

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(12) First, in which of the following age groups do you fall? Please stop me when I reach the right one. (READ CATEGORIES EXCEPT REFUSED)

8; 2.0%	18 to 24	106; 26.4%	45 to 54	7; 1.7%	Refused
25; 6.2%	25 to 34	91; 22.8%	55 to 64		
80; 20.0%	35 to 44	84; 21.0%	65 or Older		

(13) And, in order to be sure that our survey includes all groups fairly, I need to ask your race or ethnic background.

322; 80.5%	White/Anglo	12; 2.9%	Other
19; 4.8%	African-American/Black	15; 3.7%	Refused
33; 8.2%	Hispanic/Mexican-American		

B. RESPONDENT'S GENDER:

198; 49.4%	Male	203; 50.6%	Female
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C. CITY VOTING:

179; 44.6%	Voted 1 of 3	74; 18.5%	Voted 3 of 3
148; 36.9%	Voted 2 of 3	0; 0.0%	New

D. PARTISAN VOTING:

202; 50.5%	Dem Primary Vtr	119; 29.6%	Non Primary Vtr
80; 19.9%	Rep Primary Vtr		

E. GeoRegion

26; 6.4%	Northeast	18; 4.5%	West	41; 10.2%	South
25; 6.3%	North	100; 25.0%	Central	18; 4.4%	Southeast
77; 19.2%	Northwest	66; 16.4%	Southwest	30; 7.4%	East

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