

Comprehensive Land Development Code Revision – Potential General Questions

1. What do you see as the biggest challenge in creating a new code for Austin and what is your strategy to address it?
2. In November 2014, Austin will transition from seven at-large council members to ten council members elected from single member districts with the mayor elected citywide. How will this change impact your work plan?
3. This project interfaces with a lot of various groups. How would you engage and communicate with the Advisory Group, key stakeholder groups, and the general public?
4. How you would deal with controversial/hot button issues?
5. Please provide an example of a major problem in one of your past code revision projects, how you solved that problem and any lessons learned.
6. Which of your “key” team members have “front line” experience administering a development code?
7. What is your experience with drafting codes to address sustainability and resiliency in the built environment?
8. The City of Austin has a number of major code amendments in process (subdivision, watershed protection, etc.) How would you recommend integrating these into a new code?
9. One major goal of Imagine Austin is to create more urban places at activity centers and along corridors. How do you create a code which both respects existing suburban context and creates more urban and walkable places?
10. What are the tools for handling transitions/compatibility between existing neighborhoods and new higher density development?
11. How would you address our practice of applying unique or customized zoning to individual properties?
12. Explain your approach for transitioning from the existing code to the new code and how would you integrate the results of previous planning efforts and associated regulating plans (neighborhood plans, station area plans, corridor plans, etc.) into a new code?
13. What have you recommended to your clients in regards to Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) prioritization for compact and connected Cities and in designated redevelopment areas?