

About Mayor Steve Adler



Mayor Adler was sworn into office in January 2015 and has focused primarily on Austin's growing affordability crisis and worsening traffic.

On affordability, Mayor Adler and the Council created a 6% homestead exemption in 2015 to provide a property tax break to homeowners, raising it to 8% in 2016. Under Adler, the Council also increased the senior and disabled property tax exemption to \$82,500 and approved a settlement with Austin Energy in August 2016 that lowered electric rates for everyone in town. Also in August 2016, HUD Secretary Julián Castro recognized Mayor Adler

for completing the Mayors' Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness. On mobility, Mayor Adler convened a broad community coalition to win support of the Smart Corridor mobility bond before the Council in August 2016.

Mayor Adler has received recognition for his innovative ideas and leadership. In Jun. 2016, the United States Conference of Mayors elected Mayor Adler to the Advisory Board. In August 2016, Mayor Adler was voted by mayors surveyed by POLITICO Magazine as the co-winner of the Rookie of the Year award. In September 2016, Living Cities included Mayor Adler on the list of 25 Disruptive Leaders.