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### ***Austin's 'voice for bicyclists' endorses City Council candidates***

The League of Bicycling Voters, after careful consideration of responses to a candidate questionnaire and questions at a public forum co-sponsored by the organization, has made the following endorsements for Austin City Council races.

Place 1: Allen Demling

Place 3: Jennifer Kim

Place 4: Robin Cravey

Comments for each race from Rob D'Amico, LOBV President:

"As Austin residents we know there are host of challenges and opportunities for our city that need to be addressed by the next City Council that stand apart from just encouraging bicycling. But we also know that bicycle transportation is the most effective and affordable solution to challenges like traffic congestion, declining air and water quality, increasing healthcare costs, skyrocketing public safety budgets and creating sustainable development, not to mention dependence on foreign oil supplies. With that in mind we looked for candidates who were willing to take the lead in promoting bicycling."

#### **Place 1**

"People say Allen Demling isn't a viable candidate, and we say 'bunk.' Demling's concentration on bicycle issues and his dedication to cycling every day on his commute make him a perfect fit for Austin's future. For us, the question isn't, 'Can Demling win?' The question is 'Should Demling win?' And the answer is a resounding, 'Yes.'"

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**Place 3**

“Jennifer Kim ‘gets it’ when it comes to integrating bicycles into the transportation mix. She has shown bicyclists that she is ready and willing to use her experience and position on the council and CAMPO board to fight for bicycle-related funding.”

**Place 4**

“Robin Cravey really stands out among all the candidates as the champion for bicyclists. Not only has he embraced several proposals to make bicycling safer and more viable, like our plan for downtown mobility and our commuter club concept, but he’s also a well-rounded candidate who is experienced in city politics and knowledgeable about all the critical issues facing our region. Cravey also has a long history of bicycling in Austin and supporting bicycle advocacy.”

*The League of Bicycling Voters is Austin's voice for bicyclists. LOBV is a nonprofit advocacy organization promoting better policy decisions and more resources to increase the number of bicyclists in the Austin area.*

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