



City of Austin

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Dear Corporate Sustainability Summit attendees:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the City of Austin for this unique Corporate Sustainability Summit. Austin is known as one of the most progressive cities in the nation on sustainability issues, and our citizens proudly point to our green aspirations and accomplishments. So we believe that our city is the ideal place for the Summit's corporate leadership to assemble.

We're serious about tackling global warming head-on. The City of Austin has set the goal of achieving carbon neutrality in all municipal fleets, facilities and operations by 2020 – and by most measures we're ahead of schedule in meeting that goal. We've implemented nationally leading programs for water quality and water conservation. We've developed a plan to achieve zero waste in the coming years. And we're engaged in a wide range of efforts to reconfigure our land use and transportation policies to foster transit-oriented development.

We want you to enjoy your stay in our city where quality of life receives the highest priority. Our community has set aside 60,000 acres to provide habitat for endangered species, to protect water resources and to retain open space in this rapidly expanding urban area. While growing at impressive pace, Austin has retained its natural beauty and charm. Barton Springs, fed by the third largest natural spring in the country, provides a large, natural swimming hole near in our city's urban core.

Austin is the state capital and the home to the University of Texas and a burgeoning high-technology industry. And while you are here, please take an evening and enjoy the wide range of entertainment that makes Austin the "Live Music Capital of the World."

I am pleased to welcome the Corporate Sustainability Summit to Austin, Texas.

Sincerely,

Will Wynn
Mayor