Andrew Ratoza

Relevant Background:

- Member in good standing with the Austin Fire Department. Hired with Cadet Class 115,
 November, 2012. Current assignment, Fire Specialist for Engine 16 on C-Shift.
- Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of Washington in June of 2004.
 Associate of Fire Science Technology with the City College of San Francisco, February of 2011.
- Worked for an Investment Management firm from June of 2007 to July of 2011, providing performance and account data to our sales team, and managed consultant relationships. The firm I worked for managed money exclusively for Taft-Hartley clientele.

I am running for the Active Member position on the Austin Firefighters Retirement Fund. As an firefighter that is at the halfway point of his career, I plan on bringing to this position a voice that is passionate about the overall health of the fund, so that it can be in a position to be useful for the three main groups that are dependent upon it: our retirees, our active members currently paying into the fund, and those approaching this job that will be dependent upon the fund far into the future. I could write in this bio a lot of intentions and promises to attempt to persuade your vote (COLA's for all, an increased multiplier, decreased contribution percentages, etc...), but instead, I'm just going to say this. I'm going to bring my skills, abilities, and intellectual firepower to best serve the health and long term wellbeing of the fund, so that no matter where you are in your career, you can depend upon it. I endeavor to serve the fund well, and through that, all of you reading this.