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BRIEF ELECTION PROGRAMME

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Education

We want to invest more money in school renovations, digitalisation and the expansion of all-day childcare. Our schools should offer space for diverse pedagogical concepts and inclusive learning environments.

Rapid expansion of the Pestalozzi School is necessary, but we are also aiming to establish a new primary school location for the many families in the growing district of Bamberg-Ost.

We want to expand school social work in schools.

School zones should have a speed limit of 30 km/h wherever possible.

Public Participation

Citizens should be better informed and have more say in decision-making. Online meetings bring transparency to the city council's work.

A civic budget should be easy to understand and accessible online with search and filter functions. Citizens can contribute their ideas and opinions through online surveys, citizen dialogues and an online platform.

We will maintain the support funds introduced several years ago to finance citizen projects.

A Bamberg app provides information about all of the city's services.

Youth conferences give young people in our city a forum and a voice.

Energy Transition

We want a socially just energy transition, supported by local authorities, municipal utilities, energy cooperatives, the local economy and private individuals, together with the district.

Energy consulting services should be expanded.

We are launching a funding programme for balcony solar systems. We support tenant electricity or communal building supply (GGV) as well as dynamic electricity tariffs.

Photovoltaic systems are to be installed on public buildings.

We want comprehensive municipal heat planning with power-to-heat coupling, high-efficiency heat pumps, heat networks and the use of river/ground heat.

Climate Protection and Greenery in the City

We must ensure more green spaces in the city – for a better climate, biodiversity and protection against heavy rainfall, based on the sponge city principle.

A strategy for unsealing surfaces and targeted greening of areas is needed.

Squares, courtyards and car parks in future must be designed to allow water to drain into the ground, and large-scale ground-level car parks should no longer be approved.

The city will benefit from more trees and green spaces. The basins of city trees should be larger and planted with native species. Public green spaces should be maintained ecologically and allow for urban wilderness.

We promote vegetation on building facades and roofs.

Fresh air corridors into the city centre must not be interrupted by development.

Ten percent of the urban forest should be natural forest. We want to extend the existing small nature reserve on the MUNA site northwards to Geisfelder Straße and designate the sand habitats on the former shooting range as a nature reserve.

We are aiming to increase the proportion of biotope areas in the urban area from 13 to 20 percent.

Culture

We want to support and promote the diverse culture in Bamberg in all its forms.

In future, there should be space for culture in the Kesselhaus, where we want to develop a cultural centre in the long term. A socio-cultural centre should be created in the equestrian hall on Lagarde, which will offer space for culture as well as civic engagement. We can imagine cultural interim uses for many vacant locations, such as the former slaughterhouse.

We believe that cooperation between municipal institutions such as theatres, museums, the municipal library and the adult education centre (VHS) and the independent cultural scene benefits all sides.

The independent cultural scene rightly demands reliable financial support, which is why we support its demand that five percent of the total cultural budget should be allocated annually to the promotion of the independent scene (Globalbetrag Kultur).

The city can also support creators by offering exchange, advice, help in navigating the bureaucratic jungle and finding funding opportunities.

The city should offer sufficient outdoor culture without the pressure to spend money. We want to further expand participation in culture regardless of income through the SozCard discount.

Mobility

We want to make environmentally friendly modes of transport (pedestrian and bicycle traffic as well as public transport) more attractive. We want to specifically promote cargo bikes, car sharing, park & bike, job tickets, new logistics concepts, etc.

The train station should be developed into a mobility hub, with a regional bus station (ROB) and a bicycle parking facility.

Bamberg needs safe cycle paths, bicycle parking spaces, CityRoutes through town and bike highways to the surrounding countryside.

For road safety, we want to introduce a 30 km/h speed limit wherever possible. For inner-city trade, we are striving for a modern city logistics system. The infrastructure for e-mobility must be expanded in all districts. We want to introduce parking zones for e-scooters throughout the city so that they are no longer left lying around. When planning public transport, we want to incorporate the expertise of users by involving test passengers.

Social Affairs

The city districts are a central pillar of our social policy. District centres are places for exchange, gathering points for leisure activities and events. They enable neighbourliness, social engagement in the neighbourhood, contact between generations and much more. The city districts also need functioning local amenities. We want to establish and expand the 'Care im Quartier' project, which is currently being launched: it organises professionally coordinated and supported neighbourhood assistance for elderly people. Bamberg also needs more short-term care facilities to relieve the burden on caregiving relatives.

In the city administration, we want to set up a one-stop coordination centre that serves as a guide for all social issues in the city and offers advice to those seeking help. An independent ombudsman's office in the job centre, free from instructions, will mediate in future when conflicts arise.

Housing

We want to create new living space through redensification, adding additional floors to existing buildings, converting attics, building on already sealed areas and repurposing vacant commercial properties. The former slaughterhouse has a lot of potential in this regard.

Through an active land policy, the city should acquire land to create new living space. In doing so, Stadtbau-GmbH should give preference to social housing.

The city should enact a new statute on misuse of property as soon as possible, which no longer allows the conversion of residential space for other purposes such as holiday homes, medical practices, offices or vacant properties (for more than three months).

For privately owned unused residential space, we are setting up a vacancy advisory service on topics such as renovation, conversion and funding opportunities.

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