

DORTMUND

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PROGRAM FOR THE 2020 LOCAL ELECTIONS



1. TEAM DORTMUND

The new decade needs new answers. We have had a clear compass in Dortmund for 74 years: solidarity and progress.

After our city was destroyed as a result of National Socialist barbarism, we rebuilt it together. The year 1966, when BVB Liverpool in the final, was our first big year. When the first clouds of crisis came shortly afterwards, we built the first university. After that, we not only turned the sky blue again, but also new work into the city. When the other crises came and the big companies disappeared, we as a city always found an answer, from the Westfalenhütte to the technology center to the PHOENIX lake.

Dortmund was often pronounced dead and we always got up again.

We achieved all of this together in Dortmund, and the SPD was not the only party involved. But we never ran away from responsibility. We wanted it and received the trust for it. We want to apply for another 5 years with this program.

2. WOHNEN IST THE SOCIALE FRAT URE OF OUR PURPOSE

Affordable housing

Dortmund must be the big city in Germany that everyone can afford - that is our aspiration. Our central task is to secure a supply of affordable housing in the medium and long term. It is clear to us that the demand for affordable housing will remain high as the stock of social housing continues to . We know that we need to build 2,000 new and affordable apartments every year to the needs of a growing city. We need more apartments for young people, apartments suitable for students, spacious apartments for families and more housing projects that bring generations together. To achieve this, we will increase social housing construction in existing and new buildings. We will actively and quickly building land for new apartments via a "Dortmunder Wohnen" service company. To this end, we will launch our own municipal housing construction program via DOGEWO. These and other concrete measures, such as aiming for a quota of up to 30 percent in publicly subsidized housing construction in Dortmund, will be part of an urban "overall housing strategy", in which we also want to involve local cooperatives in particular.

Eliminate yield pressure

We want to discuss and plan major housing developments together with the local population. We want a "Planning in advance, freed from the pressure of returns and construction pressure of current planning processes. This would allow the neighbors of a new district to involved with their ideas and questions right from the start. In addition, we want to eliminate the tax advantages for the sale of apartments by private housing companies. We also want to build up, advise and support networks of individual owners. In this way, we are creating a broad alliance for good housing in Dortmund. We expect clear guidelines from the state and federal governments: should be a statutory upper limit for rent increases. The cap on rent increases must reduced nationwide from 20 percent to 15 percent in three years. The notice period for the conversion of rental apartments into owner-occupied apartments should remain at five years. The housing industry needs a legally defined "new non-profit status" that clearly divides profit interest and non-profit status.

Further development of run-down portfolios

As a city as a whole, we need to have a political and strategic discussion about the further development of housing stock that is no longer marketable. The conditions - such as the so-called "junk properties" Hannibal II and the high-rise building in Kielstraße - must counteracted in good time by the city's housing inspectorate. We want to review and implement the options for action formulated in the neighborhood analyses for each individual neighborhood in Dortmund. Another building block is new forms of participation for residents, for example through neighborhood funds, and an expansion of the city's housing supervision.

Good living needs good building

Houses in Dortmund should be energy efficient. The City of Dortmund should a reliable and competent partner for owners when it comes to advising and promoting energy-efficient conversions. In addition to the requirements of the building regulations, we are striving further improvements to accessibility in existing buildings (e.g. the installation of elevators) and the promotion of age-appropriate conversions of existing buildings.

Above all, however, will be crucial to space available more easily, quickly and cost-effectively. A municipal service company is to be founded for this purpose.

Better development of neighborhoods

The development of settlements as a whole will be of crucial importance for urban development in the future. This is characterized by the fact that, as in the past, continuous spatial growth must be managed again. On the one hand, this initial situation places high demands on urban development policy, which must analyze the opportunities and risks of districts and settlements and develop proposals for solutions. On the other hand, it must not lose sight of the development of the city as a whole. Our aim is to achieve a good mix in the city that brings people together. Through "master planning for housing" for the entire city, we want to provide targeted incentives to create neighborhoods for families, young singles and couples as well as households between family and retirement throughout the city.

Speculation - not possible with us

We want to prevent speculation with land. The sale of municipal land to private housing investors should be largely avoided. The land should be allocated either by means of heritable building rights or by sale with a right of repurchase. At the same time, we are striving for a municipal land supply policy in order to curb the enormous increases in land prices. The existing plots should be offered to the non-profit cooperatives and DOGEWO at good conditions. When allocating these municipal plots, we will stipulate in contracts that only affordable housing is to be built.

3. U M W E L T A N D K L I M A

Climate change and the city

Climate change is not only real, it already tangible. Better fresh air, more greenery and water in the city have been the result of good policies in recent years. We must continue to keep this in mind and prepare Dortmund for the challenges of climate change.

"make fit". Our green spaces must adapted to climate change in the coming years. We need the right greenery and we will need even more, for example an additional 1,000 new trees every year and an increase in our forest stock. But we don't just need a good climate protection plan, we also need think about climate adaptation. With the next plan, we want to define how we can make the city climate-proof for tomorrow, today. To do this, we need to set new and high standards for public buildings and our infrastructure. Whether it snows, rains or the next heatwave comes, we have to our city for it. This investment program should also strengthen our local trades in particular through municipal contracts.

Think globally, act locally

The Climate-Air 2030 action program stipulates that we reduce CO2 emissions in the city by 55 percent. We want to see if we can do more. If we want to achieve more for the climate in our city, then above all we need more action on the ground. This includes not only information and education, but also support for individuals or initiatives that want to do something. For example, we want the agricultural land owned by the city to be put to better use: As open organic gardens for citizens. We want to support these and other initiatives with the Dortmund Climate Network.

More quality for our natural treasures

The sky above us is blue again, the Emscher is slowly becoming a river again and many of the old industrial floors have also replaced. In 2027, Dortmund will the site of the International Garden Exhibition. Here, we as a city will show that we have managed to successfully bring together the economy and the environment for both sides. But we want this new quality throughout the city - be it the zoo, parks, allotments or natural landscape - everywhere. We will launch a comprehensive program to raise and enhance these green treasures in our city.

Meeting climate targets

Germany will have to meet the Paris climate protection targets by 2030. This means going further than before. It is good that Dortmund is the only city that has successfully closed a coal-fired power plant without subsidies. We are currently also providing very specific support to our neighbors in achieving this. With the Energy Future Master Plan, we have set out to complete the energy transition by 2030. We are also particularly strong in the heating sector. The ongoing expansion of the heat supply in Dortmund is a nationwide model. The municipal utility Dortmunder Energie- und Wasserversorgung GmbH (DEW21) is investing a total of more than EUR 100 million in the conversion of the heating supply in the coming years. By modernizing the heating network in Dortmund's city centre and integrating industrial waste heat, the city will save around 45,000 tonnes of CO2 per year from 2023 - equivalent to the emissions of around 3,000 cars. One of the next steps will to set up a cooling network to avoid the next problem with air conditioning systems. So the homework has been done when it comes to energy and heat. We will continue to push ahead with the expansion of photovoltaic systems on Dortmund's roofs. It is therefore very clear to us that, when it comes to climate protection in Dortmund, mobility will be the main challenge of the next decade.

4. MOBILITY FOR ALL, OVERALL

Putting users at the center

We don't want to dictate to anyone which means of transportation should be used as a priority. But we want to give everyone the opportunity to really choose. This applies in particular to cycling. We will have to achieve even more here: A closed network of high quality and safety. However, Dortmund is not only lacking such a closed cycle path network. Our yardstick for developing a new transport system for our city is not the professional cyclist. We have to think in terms of the weakest users: children and families. For them, we need above all a safe cycle path system with wide and clearly demarcated lanes. For us, this also includes new inner-city cycle lanes, for example parallel to the B1 and along the Wall, as well as good opportunities to quickly cross the already car-free city center and the numerous parks. We will also provide a sufficient number of secure, covered and lockable bicycle parking spaces.

Dortmund can do it: Logistics turns from a problem to a solution on site

Dortmund is the No. 1 center for logistics research in Europe. It is therefore time for us to set a role model for new urban logistics in Europe. People and neighborhoods must be sustainably relieved despite increasing internet trade. That's why we need tough regulations in terms of noise and pollution. As a strong logistics location, Dortmund can be a pioneer for urban transportation. With the new traffic development plan, we want to continuously reduce the impact of heavy goods traffic by 5 percent every year. By 2030, the load should be at least halved - and the damage to the roads will also be significantly reduced. We want to make traffic light circuits more intelligent across the board in order to reduce standing and unnecessary pollutant emissions.

Public transport: time for something new and real solutions

Dortmund has done its homework and will be getting new and better electric buses and trains from 2021 - but that's not all. We also want Dortmund to take on a pioneering role in the field of digital public transport. For example, we need a better frequency on many sections, the extension or expansion of some rail lines, more night-time services and an expansion of the H-Bahn to move more people. But many people commute and the traffic does not end at the city limits, but often enough in delays. If you then ask yourself why it doesn't work in the Ruhr region, you always end up with everyone pointing the finger at everyone else. Bus connections in particular must no longer end at the city limits. With a company for new mobility, we want to achieve a significant expansion of the network and the service, which will also become more affordable. The goal is clear: a 365-euro ticket for the entire Ruhr region.

Developing from the bottom up

The improvement of public transport and the cycle path network must be shaped from the bottom up. However, this requires not only good ideas on the ground, but also prospects for implementation. To this end, we want to set up a traffic turnaround office to coordinate and take responsibility for implementation within the administration. We want to have the courage to try out a wide variety of concepts and ideas for improving living spaces and mobility. It should be possible to try out ideas for revitalizing public spaces as well as pedestrian areas or traffic-calmed zones for a limited period of time. The experience gained with these measures should then be used to decide together with residents on the further implementation, continuation or rejection of the measures.

5. GUTE WORK AND STARKE WORLDS

Our priorities: Reducing long-term and youth unemployment

We have a long way together as an entire city. This is the only way we have been able to halve unemployment in recent years - in a growing city. Long-term unemployment is falling, but it remains the most urgent task in our city. The Dortmund model for the social labor market is so good that it has now become a model for the whole of Germany. Now we want to become the role model that has also solved this problem by 2030. This also applies in particular to youth unemployment. We want break new ground here. The successful model of training coordination at the Hauptschule Husen secondary school will now be to everyone with a secondary school leaving certificate. With a "learning factory", we will create a completely new place for young people's prospects. This is because we need suitable offers not just after leaving school, but already at school in order to tackle unemployment and lack of prospects at an early stage. We are taking into account the important role of vocational colleges in vocational preparation and the qualification of young people for higher school qualifications by expanding and providing workshops and specialist rooms. The outstanding refurbishment or possible new construction of three vocational colleges will be tackled swiftly.

Stronghold for start-ups and SMEs

We have come through the structural change successfully because we have focused on traditional Westphalian SMEs and new start-ups from the world of science. The two are not contradictory, but are firmly in Dortmund. The Dortmund Technology Center is the model of success in Europe for this approach. With this nucleus, we want to continue to grow across the entire city, especially in the north of Dortmund. With Smart Rhino, the energy campus at the Hansa coking plant, the learning factory in Westhausen and Speicherstraße, new centers are currently being created here and more will be added in the coming years. These will not isolated beacons, but new nuclei for the districts and networks. Companies will find a home there and not just a home market, because in Dortmund, business and urban society go hand in hand for the future.

Digital infrastructure has priority

A fiber optic network, 5G and widely available, open Wi-Fi are of central importance for Dortmund as a digital hub. This applies to both people and companies. That is why we have initiated a process aimed the genuine expansion of fiber optics. After all, our future is at stake. We want to go one better here. The next milestone for us is open Wi-Fi throughout the city center up to the trade fair and stadium, including all buses and trains. Dortmund must a high-speed city!

Local retail needs public space and vice versa

The retail trade is changing. The internet is leading to major changes here. At the same time, however, a vibrant city needs precisely this local trade, which is always the driving force behind public spaces. However, if this public space itself does not people to linger, if vacancies are rampant and the weekly market no longer properly visited, then we are losing something. That is why we have launched initiatives to tackle public spaces, weekly markets and vacancies. We want to bring these ideas forward in order to redesign each district individually and strengthen the local economy - because it is the backbone of our city (district) centers.

Promoting craftsmanship

Dortmund's skilled trades are tradition and, above all, the future. No sector achieves more in terms of inclusion, integration and innovation in everyday life. In order to promote local trades, we want to further develop the awarding of municipal contracts - through new objectives and significantly simpler processes. If this quicker, it is not only good for the companies, it will also be quicker to implement.

6. DORTMUND: SICHER, SAUBER, NAZIFREI

Eliminate areas of fear

"I'd rather not go that way now ..." Many people know this thought. We must not accept this. The only way to eliminate areas of fear is with a good mix. Every place that causes fear needs its own solution. Sometimes it's about lighting, sometimes it's about more presence from the city and police, sometimes it's just about broken windows on a neglected building. We will be setting up a completely new area of responsibility in the administration in order to bundle responsibilities. The following will apply to our work: Transparency is the top. The first step will be to draw up a map the areas of fear. will be regular updates on the current status of the location. It will then be possible to track what has happened and whether it has helped. We will work to ensure that there a permanent police presence on bicycles in Dortmund's Nordstadt district in order to combat areas of fear more effectively.

Clean city

A carelessly discarded cigarette butt - the napkin from the currywurst falls on the floor and nobody picks it up. The plastic film from the chocolate wrapper is so sticky and light that it ends up next to the garbage can. The cleanliness of a city is quickly lost if we don't all pay attention to it. A well-equipped EDG helps, a "dirt snitch app" on the smartphone helps, but we have to get to the heart of the problem: ourselves. We will launch a campaign with the aim of having at least 5 percent less dirt on the roads every year. By 2030, we want to have eliminated at least half of it.

Close to nature instead of uncontrolled growth

When you walk through our streets, the city's greenery along the road sometimes looks as if nobody really cares. It often looks like haphazard uncontrolled growth. That's why we the city administration in 2019. But of course that's not enough. We must also be prepared spend more money on care. This is not only an opportunity program for new and good work, but also eliminates places that littering, obstruct footpaths and (cycle) paths or considered to be inaccessible and unsafe.

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Anyone who lives from threatening others, who even makes a business model out of it, has no here. That applies to all extremists. However, we the neo-Nazis in Dortmund as a problem for the city as a whole and as a threat to our open and tolerant society. The external impact is devastating for Dortmund. We will not tolerate this! To this end, we will strengthen the people and groups who are working on the ground every day and have already achieved a great deal. In addition, we want to develop a new offer for Dortmund schools to strengthen political education. We want to continue to use and strengthen the good experiences already made by institutions such as the municipal coordination office for diversity, tolerance and democracy as well as, for example, the neighborhood democrats and BackUp-ComeBack.

7. SOLIDARISCHE STADT

We will never accept poverty

Dortmund is the social capital of Germany. That is in our DNA. In Dortmund, everyone gets the solidarity they need. All urban projects must therefore follow two guidelines: Creating solidarity and innovation. Dortmund must be the modern city that everyone affords. This is about participation, education and sustainability with holistic projects instead of changing measures. As with the labor market, we want to set tough and sustainable targets in a social conference for all issues up to 2030, from homelessness to poverty in old age.

Poverty affects women in particular

The best measure to protect women from poverty is better pay for many professions and improving women's opportunities in the labor market. We will always do this in Berlin. In Dortmund, the aim is to create opportunities in which family and career are compatible. This also includes providing suitable and flexible offers, enabling training and further education with childcare and converting more jobs from part-time to full-time.

Violence has no place in Dortmund

Although crime is on the decline, conflicts are leading to violence more and more quickly. The police in Dortmund do a very good and successful job. It is our social duty to look after the victims. We want to expand the free, anonymous and low-threshold advice centers and shelters. We want to develop our own program for Dortmund schools to teach non-violent dispute resolution and set up a bullying contact point for teachers and pupils, which can be found both on the Internet and in the schoolyard.

Dortmund remains colorful

Everyone who comes to Dortmund and wants to live here with us for good or just for a short time is welcome, regardless of their social and cultural background. Dortmund has always been shaped by immigration and we owe many buildings and much of Dortmund's economic success to our new and old neighbors. For us Social Democrats, it has long been clear that integration is not a one-way street and that Dortmund is definitely a winner when it is benefiting from its new residents and their experiences. For us, integration does not mean renouncing one's own cultural identity, but rather different cultures growing together while preserving their own cultural identity. This is how our city was created and this is how our city develops and changes every day. The Ruhr region, and our city in particular, has always been a colorful mix of long-established, new and short-term residents of Dortmund, which is why a welcoming culture is already a reality here today. We are grateful for this and will do everything we can to maintain and further develop it. All people in Dortmund should be guaranteed the same opportunity to pursue an educational career that matches their individual abilities and achievements. Social criteria should not play a role in educational progression.

Combat loneliness

Loneliness is an often suppressed topic that we need to address much more. Among the older generation in particular, this has been accepted in silence for far too long. We will set up the first staff unit in Germany to combat loneliness, which develop new models for Dortmund to tackle this problem. Nobody should, nobody has to be lonely in Dortmund - that is our goal, because there are real fates behind this.

8. DORTMUND MUSS HAUPTSTA D THE KINDERWERDEN

Turning district libraries into citizen schools of the future

Children are our future. Therefore, we can never accept that children grow up in poverty. They should no longer ask why something is not possible, but only when it is possible. The places for them and their families should be our district libraries, which we want to expand - or build - in every district. They should become the new advice center and first point of contact for families and the places for children to conquer. When people ask where they can learn and take their first steps in digitalization, this is where they should go. But it's not just children who should be helped - parents who are overwhelmed should also be offered a place to go. The concept of daycare centers as family centers offers another good starting point for providing families with better support and advice. We also want to start here and expand and better equip these centers. Addressing parents and children close to home and in person offers a good opportunity for them to experience interesting events and educational opportunities for their children as well as personal advice and support in familiar surroundings. The funding provided by the state to date is in no way sufficient for this. Dortmund cares - it's in our DNA!

Best education

In recent years, we have invested massively in childcare and the modernization of our schools. In a growing city, there is no question that this must continue at a rapid pace. In the next decade, the focus will no longer be on expansion alone. Quality will be decisive and this is where we need to invest quickly and well. Our aim is to provide every child and young person with the best possible support and education. Educational pathways remain open through longer joint learning. We will realize this path by expanding and founding new comprehensive schools in line with parents' wishes. We will continue to expand support for primary and secondary schools and the teachers working there in the process of inclusion through advisory centers. All schools will receive fast internet connections and high-performance WLAN. Access to digital information will be made possible for learners in all schools. Schools will be supported in linking learning processes with digital media in a planned and meaningful way. Schools will be equipped with the appropriate hardware and support and service for the networks and devices will be ensured. There is a social imbalance in Dortmund's urban landscape that counter to our claim of equal opportunities in education. For us, this also means setting priorities and, above all, treating inequality unequally. Daycare centers and schools in districts with poor structural conditions in particular must be better equipped in terms of staffing and funding. We will therefore establish a municipal social index with the means at our disposal. For us, however, the one does not exclude the other. Throughout the city, good staff, a wide range of play and childcare facilities and freedom of choice in terms of childcare times must become Dortmund's trademark. For us, this also means that open all-day schooling in Dortmund is not only available to everyone, but that it becomes a genuine all-day educational program. Where the state government fails to act, we will take action, for example with regard to school social work, inclusion, free and healthy meals and free public transport for all pupils.

Children and young people have rights and they should demand them loudly

For us, student representatives are the first point of contact for the interests of students in our city. We want to involve them more closely in the city's political bodies through ongoing dialog. The same applies to the youth and trainee representatives. In addition, we will set up a city-wide Dortmund Youth Parliament, which receives its own budget each year. This will allow it to spend money on projects of its own choosing - and incidentally, the Senior Citizens' Advisory Council will also always receive the same amount of funding, which is not the case with the Youth Parliament.

would only be a first, but will also connect generations. At the same time, we will provide financial support in this area to the district councils, which already maintain a good exchange with the district pupils. In addition, we are also setting up modern participation structures in the spirit of a participatory youth policy. The aim is to enable children and young people to actively participate in processes and decisions based on their diverse life realities. It makes sense to set up separate topic-related budgets.

Dortmund children's summer

In summer, the city belongs to families, young people and children. We want to bundle and expand all the offers for children in the city in a large, free program for every summer vacation. New highlights a city Olympics as the finale of the summer games in the city districts, a children's music festival and the first Dortmund Youth Film Festival. Our parents should not have to worry about childcare during the summer vacation. And our children should be allowed to play during the vacations.

9. PRODUCTION IST NOT ALL, BUT OHNE ECON OMICATION IST ALLES NOTHES

Sports city no. 1 - also on site

Alongside housing, education and mobility, we will make the modernization and maintenance of our sports facilities the fourth major focus of investment. Exercise and sport are still the best way to stay healthy. We have presented a plan to bring all sports facilities in Dortmund up to scratch. Now we need to implement it.

Happy retirement

Health and mobility in old age is a valuable asset. We want to set up a free service in the swimming pools for children under 14 and people over 60 so that they can go swimming at least once a week. In addition, at least one of the city's parks should have a senior citizens' fitness trail with age-appropriate equipment.

Securing supply everywhere

We have repositioned the municipal hospital despite the chronic failure of the state's investment funding and the misguided incentives of the per-case fee system and are continuously modernizing its facilities. We stand for a permanent commitment by the city as the responsible body. At the same time, cooperation talks on the range of services with all hospitals in Dortmund are necessary in order to prevent pointless competition and blockades. Both the spatial, material and personnel resources of the city's care facilities must be significantly increased so that they become a modern and future-oriented employer and meet the personnel challenges of the care landscape. By expanding medical centers and care cooperatives in the neighborhoods, we want to further improve the quality of care close to home. To this end, we want to make greater use of digitalization to increase quality.

Children's health has top priority

We want to actively tackle the avoidable causes of poor health (obesity, tooth decay, lack of coordination and physical activity). It is important that children are well cared for regardless of their parents' wallets. That is why we want to the networks between parents, schools, the city and pediatricians in the neighborhoods. We want to promote healthy eating and exercise by providing good advice and information, but the local services must also be available and accessible to everyone. We want to greatly expand this. The child health goal adopted by the city council is to be implemented through concrete programs under the leadership of the health department with the many committed providers (daycare centers, schools) and other partners.

10. TO LISTEN , C U M M E R S , M A C H E N

Revitalizing the Dortmund consensus in a major Dortmund conference

It was the Dortmund consensus that made the successful change possible in the first place. When business, churches, social organizations, the city, science and others come together regularly, a lot can be achieved. This consensus can be seen and found again and again in the city. We want to this spirit again and again, especially in these turbulent times. That's why we want a major Dortmund conference at which the major guidelines developed by consensus.

Clubs need more weight

Volunteering has a long tradition in Dortmund. There are many contacts and a good exchange of ideas. However, we want people to listen even better. Central contact points in new neighborhood centers are intended better coordinate work with each other and with the city. We also want to set up an advisory board for associations so that their concerns can be addressed and implemented more quickly.

Citizen participation

With nordwärts, we have tried out many new methods of listening to a wide range of topics in the first five years. In the second half of the decade project until 2025, we now want to roll out the most successful models and on to doing things better. The implementation of the "Dortmund app", where citizens quickly and easily find out about local developments and their opportunities for digital and analog participation, will also be central. We will continue to initiate citizen participation projects after the end of the nordwärts project.

SPD on site

We don't want to exclude ourselves from listening. We are the party that cares for people for a reason. Our office-holders and elected representatives will be regularly available to talk to citizens in local office hours. For good ideas, we also want to set up a "Caring for You" platform for Dortmund on the Internet. Our neighbourhood campaign is running successfully and our goal is to launch it throughout the city.

11. CULTURE, ACTIVITY AND DEVELOPMENT

Excellent at the top and strong across the board

For us, everyone has the right to culture. We see it as the city's task to create spaces and opportunities where culture and people can develop. Culture from Dortmund should be for something new and exciting. We want to continue on the path we have taken with the Academy for Digitality and Theater with all six disciplines and create more new places for the future. There should be more local cultural offerings and creative artists should be given more opportunities in the city. That is why we will increase funding for the independent scene.

Culture is allowed to

Dortmund culture has many faces. Above all, culture can be fun. For us, this also includes BVB fan culture, pop music, e-sports and many other areas.

We want these to find a permanent and colorful home on the new Strobilallee fan mile.

Culture can also be education. Just as education should not be a privilege for the few, we believe that everyone has the right to access culture. For us, it is therefore the city's task to create more offers for everyone. That is why we want to expand the offerings for all age groups. Children and young people in particular need open access to culture. That is why we want to open up the children's and youth theater further and strengthen it with a new building.

Experience and revitalize Dortmund

Dortmund's nightlife used to be more colorful. Nightlife in Dortmund needs to be a real and new experience again. We want to strengthen the trendy districts and the bar and club culture with a "nightlife mayor" who mediates, facilitates and gives the scene a face. The range of restaurants can also be broader and better positioned. We want to specifically promote individual gastronomy concepts in certain areas in order to create truly recognizable nightlife districts. Dortmund should be characterized by diversity and a wide range of offers.

Relaxed and fun

The Christmas market is a tradition in Dortmund. Funfairs and district festivals, often developed and maintained by volunteers, are real places of good neighborliness and attractions for the neighborhoods. Customs are firmly anchored and cultivated here. Dortmund, Pokémon Go, Juicy Beats, Festi Ramadan and Comic-Con have shown that even more is possible and that Dortmund is always open to new ideas. Good events in a city can be the salt in the soup - but it's all quality and quantity. With a new event company, we therefore not only want to manage new and old events better, but also involve local people in shaping them. We also want to find a location for a new forest and outdoor stage to open up new possibilities.

Everyone gives what they can

We want to test new payment models for the city's leisure and cultural offerings. Instead of paying at the entrance, everyone should pay at the exit as much as they are willing or able to give. We want to start with a park and a major exhibition.

12. INVESTIGATION IS NOW AS AGED

Investing is now the order of the day

In this decade, we have succeeded in turning the city budget around. We were the only city in the Ruhr region that did not need any help from Düsseldorf to achieve this; we were able to determine our own destiny. Now we are a new decade. Our task now to invest boldly and up new substance again. The priorities are clear and we have described them: Children, mobility, innovation and infrastructure. The Dortmund SPD is abolishing the Local Rates Act (KAG).

Remain a full-range supplier

Dortmund is the city in Germany that still offers its citizens all public services. We never went along with the privatization wave of the others and were insulted for years. Today it is clear that we were right. But that's not enough for us. Public services must always be accessible to everyone and be of the highest standard. That is solidarity in action. We will introduce social tariffs where they are necessary. Those who make savings here will reap injustice. At the same time, we always want to ensure that the municipal subsidiaries remain competitive and can continue to develop. Not as an end in itself, but because they are service providers for the people in this city.

Strong and service-oriented city thanks to more staff


Digitization makes a lot possible. It also helps us to improve the services provided by the city administration. To this end, we will intensify the city's digitalization efforts in the coming years in order to improve the services offered to citizens. By 2030, we will have digitized all municipal services so that citizens' services in particular can be dealt with quickly and conveniently from home. Our goal to become Germany's most digital city administration. But at the end of the day, there is always a person their job for the people of this city. So where there is a shortage of people, for example in the citizens' services, the public order office and in building administration, we also need to train and employ more people there. There is no way around this, because quality does not come for free.

Staying the course - tidy finances

We will continue to ensure that Dortmund has a good budget in the future. We will continue to our voice in Düsseldorf and Berlin on many issues, be it social spending or regulations for old debts. Because we want to keep the tax burden in the city stable. This applies to trade tax as well as property tax. We will take a particularly close look at property tax. The reform must not lead to a sudden shortfall of millions through tax tricks or to people being unfairly burdened more. We will continue to campaign for a land value tax in Berlin in order to put a stop to speculation in this area in particular.

**DORTMUND IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK. LET'S
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