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Out of the crisis, into the future: Getting ahead through your own performance

We want people to be able to stand on their own two feet and make a difference in life through their own achievements.

move forward. We want Dortmund to become stronger together through its own performance - economically and socially. To achieve this, we need a strong economy and sustainable workplaces.

jobs. We are committed to removing barriers for small and medium-sized enterprises and creating a positive climate for creativity, independence and innovation. Municipalities also need

We show solidarity with the weak in our society. However, social is not who all possible promises the highest possible social benefits. Social is who empowers people to choose their own

to exploit and expand their potential.

The coronavirus crisis has also created a completely new economic situation in Dortmund.

from a long-lasting economic boom to the crisis within a few weeks.

worst recession since the Second World War. The crisis will have considerable long-term consequences.

Entire industries are facing massive economic damage and job losses in 2020.

from trade fairs and congresses to hotels, restaurants, catering and the hospitality industry.

from showmen at folk festivals to seminar providers and cultural enterprises. Other branches

are affected by their customers' loss of income due to short-time work and economic downturns.

economic uncertainty - not least the retail sector and the skilled trades. The economic

The current crisis is also a social crisis, affecting the self-employed, low-income earners and so-

particularly affects the socially disadvantaged.

To bridge the worst of the economic damage, the state government has made

CDU and FDP provide exemplary emergency aid for solo self-employed and small businesses

provided. NRW aid has gone far beyond the funds provided by the federal government and has contributed to

In addition, companies with between 11 and 50 employees are helped.

Beyond emergency aid, policymakers must work swiftly on a new upswing so that

the crisis is overcome quickly. The federal and state governments in particular have the tools to do this. But

The city of Dortmund can and must also make its contribution. 34

Overcoming the coronavirus economic crisis

In order to stabilize the skilled trades in particular, all investments planned up to 2021 must be of the city and its municipal companies as planned. This is to be examined, which investments can be brought forward from subsequent years. All tenders must be should be designed to be as SME-friendly as possible so that local companies can benefit from this.

In order for companies to at least partially offset this year's losses with gains in the The city of Dortmund should be able to better balance its trade tax levy in subsequent years. for 2021 and 2022, provided that this is subject to approval under the then applicable state law. the budget's sustainability. In the medium term, we are sticking to the goal of as low as possible.

Restaurants and hotels, club operators and event organizers are all affected by the Lockdowns and contact restrictions in the course of the coronavirus pandemic particularly affected. fen. To compensate for this, we need to make things easier for these companies in the future so that they can make up for losses from the pandemic.

We are therefore calling on the City of Dortmund to waive special usage fees for outdoor parking spaces until 2022.

gastronomy completely. For private overnight stays in hotels and guesthouses the accommodation tax (so-called "bed tax") will be suspended until 2022. The amusement tax on dance events is to be suspended until 2022. 54

Less bureaucracy, more entrepreneurship

Dortmund's politicians do a lot to support start-ups. However, as soon as the start-up is established at some point, bureaucracy often strikes with full force. The city administration should manage less and enable more. In fact, it is the task of the administration to to ensure compliance with the rules. However, a liberal municipal policy understands itself also as a service provider for the companies that create and maintain jobs. All the experience We want to exploit the scope for measurement in the interests of those who develop something new. We want the administration not only to say what cannot be done, but also to work together with the sub- We are working on solutions for how this can be done. And want an administration that is always The company has to bear in mind that the costs of conditions and delays have to be generated. by the hard-working people of Dortmund.

Our city should become even more of a start-up city! We support start-up centers, in start-ups and young companies simplified and under the best conditions. and commercial space. In particular, the extent to which vacancies in the city center can be converted. 70

Strong research and science

The economic strength of the future depends in particular on science and research. and creative exchange with the business community. In addition, we want to strengthen the tential studying and researching at Dortmund's universities in our city. and our region. We, the Free Democrats, see technological and economic change primarily as an opportunity for our city. High tech in various applications IT and digital solutions - Dortmund is already strong in many areas. Common Together with the FDP-led innovation ministry at the state level, we want to and technology transfer.

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81 **Digitalization and artificial intelligence - the next structural change for Dortmund**

82 Dortmund has invested a great deal of energy in the structural change away from coal and steel, towards
83 to services and technology. The next far-reaching structural change is now
84 change is just around the corner: through digitalization and artificial intelligence. Numerous work
85 in banks and insurance companies, in the media industry, but also in logistics and
86 in the transportation industry are at risk in the short or long term. New jobs are being created.
87 in new sectors and professions. At the same time, working conditions will change in many
88 forms and work content will change considerably. This change must be addressed by municipal
89 The company must proactively address the challenges of the labor market policy in dialogue with the business
community and trade unions.
90 Above all, the timely retraining and further qualification of people should be at the center of this.
91 are the focus. We should also actively exploit the opportunities offered by digitalization for new climate-
friendly
92 and self-determined forms of work and for new business ideas, which can help the economy to grow.
93 will determine the economy of tomorrow. 94

95 **Right to work from home in the city administration**

96 In times of digitalization, new forms of work should also be developed by public employers.
97 possible. That is why we are proposing a right to work from home in the city administration: If
98 employees are not in public and can also carry out their tasks from home.
99 they should be able to work from home for at least half of their working hours.
100 and the public sector. Comparable regulations should be made for public companies.

101 During the coronavirus crisis, the private sector has proven that many activities can be carried out at home.
102 office - more than previously thought. 103

104 **Improving the compatibility of family and career**

105 Attractive companies must offer their employees a good work-life balance, ins-
106 particularly with regard to the flexibility of working hours and home office options, if this is
107 is possible in terms of the task. In addition, the compatibility of family life
108 and work depends above all on good childcare facilities. In addition to sufficient
109 In addition to the number of childcare places, we also need good quality early childhood education.
110 With the new Children's Education Act, the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, with the liberal family minister
111 very good conditions for this: an additional 1.3 billion euros a year for daycare centers, a
112 additional free year of daycare and incentives for more quality. These good conditions
113 must now be implemented at municipal level.

114 We focus on the diversity of childcare services - e.g. with regard to pedagogical
115 gogical concepts and with regard to opening hours. In every district we need
116 a daycare center that also offers services for parents working shifts. And we also need to find
117 The German government must finally take seriously the requirement of the Child Education Act, which
118 long. Non-profit and private providers have a hard time in Dortmund. We put
119 our focus in the Council is on parent initiatives, non-profit and private sponsors, and
120 also to enable more company daycare centers. 121

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124 **Global thinking in business development**

125 Business promotion must think globally, location marketing at least on a European level. We
126 Free Democrats want to put town twinning more at the service of economic development
127 but also cooperation for climate protection. The aim must be to con
128 cooperation projects with operationally measurable goals. Dortmund should
129 also launch a new offensive for town twinning in the 21st century. The development
130 The choice of our partner cities still reflects the realities of the last century. New partners
131 must develop in line with our new economic structures. We
132 should look for new partners in high-tech and IT locations. And we should recognize that
133 Africa is not only our neighboring continent, but also the growth markets of the future.
134 lie. Dortmund needs an African city partnership - also for economic reasons.
135 Interest.

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137 **Better marketing of our city**

138 Despite the city's many image campaigns, Dortmund's self-image and public image are always different.
139 still differ greatly - especially when it comes to the quality of life in terms of leisure, culture and living.
140 goes. One gets the impression that efforts to date have often been focused primarily on the one
141 city than the target groups outside of it. The target group defi
142 nition of such image campaigns is unclear, so that concrete successes are also difficult to measure.
143 are.

144 The marketing of Dortmund's museums is nothing short of a tragedy. Instead of offering them as a package
from the

145 Soccer Museum, the Baukunstarchiv, the DASA and the Zeche Industrial Museum.

146 To market Zollern as an attractive reason for tourism in Dortmund, you have to get infor
147 tediously gather information one by one. Even many Dortmund residents know their

148 Not museums. They need to become more

professional. 149

150 **Seizing the opportunities of skilled labor immigration**

151 With the new Skilled Immigration Act, the immigration of qualified labor
152 from non-EU countries. We expressly welcome this. The successful
153 The professional integration of many young refugees shows the potential. The dream of migrating
154 This is where the needs of our country for qualified and skilled workers come together.
155 workers. We need a welcoming culture for these people - especially in
156 the municipal offices. In addition, these immigrants also need support with the
157 social integration. The municipal integration services, which have recently been very
158 aimed at refugees with low qualifications or poor knowledge of German
159 have to adapt to these well-qualified immigrants and offer new services.
160 make.

161 We want to make it easier for foreign skilled workers to get started by teaching English as quickly as possible.
162 becomes the 2nd language of administration. To this end, we want to launch corresponding initiatives at
state
163 and federal level. 164

165 **Limiting poverty-related immigration within the EU**

166 The free movement of workers in the EU is a key asset for us Free Democrats. We

167 We welcome all EU citizens who wish to live in our city permanently or temporarily.

find work and contribute to our shared economic success. In the EU
However, there is no right to immigrate to the social security systems. According to the EU treaties
right of residence in another EU country does not exist if, after six months
no prospect of work or do not have sufficient financial resources of their own
are. If the requirements for residence are not met, the foreigners authority should
terminate the stay of affected persons.

Challenging and supporting as well as inclusion as central approaches to promoting employment

The principle of challenge and support has proven to be the right approach for the long-term unemployed.
sen. It must be ensured that the job center has sufficient staff to provide support.

We want to ensure that sanctions are possible within the framework of the requirements of the Federal
Constitutional Court.

if recipients do not meet their obligations. For a

We want to convert wage replacement benefits into subsidies for a social security system.

to an activity subject to compulsory insurance if this cannot otherwise be included in the first employment
contract.

market ("asset/liability swap").

The qualification measures offered by the Jobcenter and the Federal Agency must provide more qua
quality must be introduced. Contracts must not be awarded on the basis of the cheapest offers with poorly
paid

lecturers. In addition, more customized individual measures should be promoted.

be changed.

We pay particular attention to people with existing or impending disabilities.

The focus is on vocational rehabilitation and inclusion in the primary labor market. This path of

We want the city and the Jobcenter to support participation as much as possible. 190

Citizen's income pilot project and more freedom of choice for the city

We want to offer Dortmund as a location for a pilot project by the state to offer social services in the city.

to be redesigned in the sense of a citizen's income. It is not the resourceful who should benefit, but

the needy. This means combining various tax-financed social benefits.

and to generalize them. At the same time, it means ensuring that the company's own

additional earnings than is the case today for those who work part-time, for example.

to do so. This is because we also want to reward those who work hard within the scope of their social
benefits.

possibilities.

We want the city of Dortmund to make use of all the innovative opportunities offered by the social

We offer a range of tools for our own municipal decisions. As a first step, we are opposing

the state of North Rhine-Westphalia to allow towns and cities to apply the flat rate for accommodation costs
for

Hartz IV. We do not want caseworkers to decide what a

is adequate housing for Hartz IV recipients - they should be able to do this as part of their

income yourself.

In addition, the federal government should enable more cities to provide care for long-term workers.

The option of taking the entire process of providing employment to the unemployed into their own hands
("Optionskommune"). If this option

would be created again, we want to use it for Dortmund. 208

City of diversity: Self-determination in all situations

The Free Democrats stand for a city of diversity, in which everyone can enjoy their own individual way of life. and dreams of life within the framework of the legal system. We actively advocate self-determination in all situations. For civil and human rights and against discrimination. For democracy and the rule of law and against political or religious discrimination. Extremism. For open-mindedness and against nationalism. Racism has no place in our city. place.

For us, self-determination is also the guiding principle of a policy for the weaker members of our society. society. We stand up for solidarity in our society. Solidarity support must not turn into paternalism. Every urban offer must be measured by this. whether there is individual freedom of choice and the greatest possible freedom of action for the individual. The individual citizen is guaranteed the right to privacy within the scope of individual possibilities. performs.

We Free Democrats want to further promote creativity and culture in our city - especially when it arises outside established institutions.

Strengthening democratic participation

Transparency and education are the most important cornerstones for opinion-forming and Freedom of choice for the people in our city - especially for us liberals. That is why we we offer a live broadcast of the Council's public meetings and its hearings. Committees on the Internet. This means that every citizen can conveniently and transparent follow how interests are represented (or not) in the Council.

We Free Democrats in Dortmund are striving to develop a concept in the next legislative period. for the establishment of a youth parliament by the City of Dortmund. We believe that a youth parliament of this kind is a useful instrument for participation. for young people, which is why we also give this body the right to submit motions to the City Council.

Combating extremism

We Free Democrats in Dortmund stand up for an open and diverse society. The Right-wing extremism is currently the greatest threat to open society in Dortmund. We welcome the measures that have been initiated by the city. We want not provide lawless havens for right-wing extremists. The prosecution of criminal offenses and anti-constitutional activities and prevention - especially among young people must go hand in hand. In addition to the current priority task of combating right-wing extremism we must not be blind in any eye. Even left-wing extremist perpetrators of violence and Religious fanatics threaten our freedom. Prevention activities must include all forms of political extremism.

252 Tolerance towards different religions and values

253 Dortmund was and is a tolerant city. This also includes tolerance towards different
254 different religions and values. Non-believers, Muslims, Jews, Christians and members of
255 of other religions - they are all part of our urban society and are treated with respect by politicians.
256 to be treated equally. Tolerance for all is not a one-way street. For example, those who have religious
257 tolerance should not be allowed to discriminate against others because of their sexual orientation or the way
they dress.
258 discriminate against women on religious grounds. We will never accept it if women are not
259 attacked because of their headscarf or because their clothing is allegedly too revealing.
260 We will never accept anti-Semitism or homophobia under the guise of
261 of religion are propagated. Our local policy is oriented in all its activities towards
262 the republican values of our constitution. We support the interreligious
263 dialog in Dortmund, ensure religious freedom also in the construction of places of worship and
264 protect the free lives of believers and non-believers alike from religiously motivated
265 Discrimination.

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267 Strengthening human rights in town twinning

268 Liberal politics stands up for human rights worldwide. That is why we also want human rights
269 rights in Dortmund's city partnerships. Critical dialog is not always
270 simple, but if a partnership with cities in Russia, Turkey or China, for example
271 is a commitment to freedom and human rights and their observance
272 is indispensable for such a partnership. This does not only apply to the German government,
273 but also for the cities of our country. 274

275 Diversity and equal opportunities in the world of work

276 We Free Democrats stand for equal opportunities - irrespective of gender, origin
277 and skin color, regardless of sexual orientation and identity, regardless of
278 age and religion, with and without disabilities. We welcome the activities of the city of Dort-
279 diversity management, i.e. measures that value diversity in the world of work.
280 and promote them. A good start has been made, but we want to take it further. It must
281 both in the city administration and the large companies consistently and actively in
282 work to promote diversity. The city should also work together with the
283 The German Association of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises for the Promotion of Diverse Teams in
284 inspire and support the development of personnel. This is not only in the interests of to-
285 discriminated against groups. It is in everyone's interest, because diverse, non-discriminatory
286 Companies are often more creative and drive the economy as a whole forward.

287 In addition, active senior citizens of retirement age - whether as employees or self-employed
288 or as active volunteers - are also the focus of diversity management
289 be taken. Being active in old age not only benefits these people, but also preserves
290 also important skills and operational strength for our society. 291

292 Role diversity and equal participation of women and men

293 The Free Democrats stand for the equal participation of women and men in
294 economy and society. The basic prerequisite for this is to start in daycare centers, schools and

295 youth work. Within the scope of the municipality's possibilities, we want to
296 Breaking down role stereotypes, developing diverse talents regardless of gender and
297 also promote work placements for school pupils regardless of conventional role models. Girls and women
298 from immigrant families require special attention. They should be included in the
299 schools and day-care facilities have persons of trust to whom they can turn.

300 For equal participation regardless of gender, a good work-life balance is essential.
301 family and career is a basic requirement. In addition to good childcare and home office
302 opportunities is also to strengthen social acceptance of the fact that men are the main
303 take parental leave or work part-time. We want this acceptance, especially in the
304 Municipal administration and the municipal companies through a holistic diversity ma
305 management.

306 In addition, the city of Dortmund must set a good example when it comes to women in management
positions.

307 and supervisory boards of municipal companies and their holdings. Here
308 there is a lot of catching up to do. With the same qualifications, performance and experience
309 We therefore give priority to appointing women to these positions. Here and in the
310 flexible targets for middle management, but no fixed quotas. 311

312 **LGBTI policy in Dortmund**

313 We are delighted that Dortmund has become one of the most committed cities in the world in recent years.
314 has developed when it comes to the lives of lesbians, gays, bisexuals, trans* and inter-
315 sexual o r i e n t a t i o n (LGBTI). The liberal-led NRW Ministry of Family Affairs and the city of Dort-
316 mund sustainably support important projects in the LGBTI community. We want to continue this
317 lead. The SCHLAU school education project and the Sunrise youth center make an outstanding contribution.
318 work for the reduction of prejudices and the support of the coming out of
319 young people. The "pudelwohl" health project, which is aimed at bi- and homosexuals, is another example.
320 is an important institution. We support the permanent funding of
321 all of these projects. We want to strengthen our commitment to rainbow families, LGBTI
322 senior citizens and trans people, but also the LGBTI dimension for effective diversity management.
323 management in the world of work. LGBTI policy must remain a management task. That is why the
324 The municipal coordination office will continue to be based with the Lord Mayor. 325

326 **Youth policy and youth development in Dortmund**

327 Dortmund has an active youth. Young people should be encouraged to express their ideas, wishes and
328 and fears and help shape our city. A good youth policy can
329 can only be the one that enters into dialog with young people. Youth policy has to be
330 but at the same time offer a space - both physically and socially. This includes encouraging dialog
331 and to ensure that the city continues to provide premises for active youth organizations in the future.
332 and facilities.

333 Existing contact points for young people will continue to need support in the future.
334 the city of Dortmund. These form an essential and necessary part of the ju
335 gendhilfe in Dortmund. In particular, access to addiction prevention, services for mob
336 bing victims and to low-threshold sexual counseling that covers all forms of sexuality.
337 without prejudice is of particular importance. 338

339 **Self-determined use of cannabis**

340 Self-determination of adults must also apply to the responsible use of drugs.
341 apply, provided that such responsible handling is possible with the drugs in question.
342 is. Cannabis should not be treated differently from alcohol in this respect. Criminal law is not a legal
343 suitable means of health protection. We oppose the criminalization of
344 cannabis users. We are therefore calling for a pilot project to be applied for in Dortmund.
345 to research the effects of the legal distribution of cannabis to adults. 346

347 **Alcohol: Against the coercion of citizens**

348 We Dortmund Free Democrats are against the "nanny state". We see no need
349 We are in favor of temporary and localized bans on the consumption and sale of alcohol. We
350 are of the opinion that the goal and the means are not in an appropriate balance.
351 the. Young partygoers or soccer fans do not need to be patronized if and when
352 they decide to consume alcohol. At the same time, people who are affected by
353 cause disruption or harm by consuming alcohol in public, by
354 the deployment of regulatory personnel and the creation of suitable spaces and alternative routes.
355 spaces must be countered. 356

357 **Freedom for the clubs**

358 A vibrant city needs a vibrant club scene. In the past, residents have
359 complaints, noise protection and the conversion of gastronomy areas into shopping centers.
360 Center or office projects have dealt a heavy blow to this vitality. We Free Democrats
361 The city's urban development policy is one that explicitly promotes areas for parties and clubs.
362 wants and thinks along. To compensate for the loss of income due to coronavirus, we want to
363 Suspend entertainment tax on dance events until 2022. And above all, we want to,
364 that people are allowed to dance when they want to. The curfew must end in Dortmund
365 be validly revoked. 366

367 **Strengthening free culture**

368 Dortmund has great cultural offerings: from opera and ballet to spoken theater and con-
369 czersthaus to the independent cultural scene. They help to make our city so liveable and attractive.
370 is lovable. Cultural and creative industries are also a location factor for the economy
371 overall. We want to maintain the public cultural offerings at a high level and ensure the same level of quality.
372 give greater weight to independent culture in the long term. It must be given sustainable support,
373 especially during and after the coronavirus crisis. We also want to give immigrant cultures a stronger
374 focus - not only in the sense of folklore from the old homeland, but above all
375 especially with regard to the current forms of expression of our citizens with a migration background.
376 reason.

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379 World's best education for all

380 Local educational opportunities are crucial, especially for children and young people. We Free
381 Democrats do not want educational opportunities to depend on where someone comes from,
382 but where people want to go. Unknown talents lie dormant everywhere that could be
383 deserve good support. The coronavirus crisis has shown one thing here: In the area of digital
384 As a school authority, the city has neglected for years to provide teachers and pupils with the necessary
385 to adequately equip them with digital media. We will work to ensure that the
386 digital infrastructure of our schools in Dortmund is massively improved. 387

388 A diverse school landscape

389 We want to give all children and young people the opportunity to develop according to their
390 to develop gifts and talents. Everyone is different and needs an individual
391 promotion. We therefore rely on a diverse school landscape with a variety of
392 school types - whether private or state - with the highest possible degree of permeability. Our
393 The range of schools is diverse and should remain so. We will not discriminate against any type of school,
394 so that every child can find the best possible path for good individual support and their own personal
development.
395 can find their way up. For us, this also explicitly includes strengthening the gymnasium.
396 and the preservation of special schools. 397

398 Investments in all schools: "Good School 2020" program in Dortmund

399 The best education can only succeed if the pupils are not literally left to their own devices.
400 The ceiling is literally falling on our heads. That's why we want to continue the refurbishment and mo
401 derization of school buildings and thus create a modern learning environment.
402 create a number field. Because only if it doesn't rain in the building and pupils can also be in
403 clean toilets and well-maintained buildings, they can concentrate on learning.
404 concentrate on the environment. Soap, towels and disinfectants should also be used outside the
405 Corona crisis should be standard in every school. 406

407 School sports: more exercise for young people

408 The best education also includes the best school sport. Too many children up to the fourth
409 Grade do not swim. By the fourth grade, all children should have passed the bronze swimming certificate.
410 can achieve. This is helped by the fact that qualified temporary staff can now supervise the swimming pools.
411 teachers so that more swimming lessons can take place.

412 It is important that swimming times are not unnecessarily reduced by using indoor swimming pools.
413 and transportation routes are too long.

414 Every school needs a sports hall with sufficient capacity or an appropriate facility.
415 ternative in the immediate vicinity.

416 Sports halls should also be made available to open all-day schools and clubs
417 be made possible. This makes popular sport possible across the board.

418 We Free Democrats promote and support school sports and popular sports and
419 welcome the performance centers that already exist at some schools. 420

421 **School and digitalization: the end of the chalk age**

422 ABC and Wi-Fi in schools should be a matter of course. That is the prerequisite
423 so that education can arrive in the digital world. The Free Democrats want the
424 drive forward the digitization of education and use the funds of the Digital Pact swiftly and purposefully.
425 directed towards this. Further funding opportunities are also to be exploited in order to
426 Implement digitalization in schools as quickly as possible.

427 We want to equip all classrooms with digital presentations in the coming election period.
428 equip the classroom with media. The overhead projector should be banished to the museum!

429 Many funds from the black-yellow state government's digital pact are already in Dortmund
430 now we need the steady, nationwide expansion and maintenance of our infrastructure.
431 the existing technical equipment and software.

432 All support programs to provide socially disadvantaged pupils with technical skills and
433 In times of crisis or prolonged illnesses, the equipment must be provided at least on loan.
434 Dortmund can be used. 435

436 **Digital janitors: when the smartboard needs an update**

437 We Free Democrats want digital janitors for schools. The technical
438 Equipment needs a lot of maintenance and system upkeep, which teachers can't afford.
439 create a good environment. We need technically skilled staff on site and at every school.
440 A central pool of employees that first has to be requested is not enough.

441 It would also make sense to set up the entire technical equipment in a modular and standardized way.
442 in order to standardize the technology. 443

444 **Technology in the classroom that works**

445 The most modern technology is of no use to anyone if it is not more practical than the old one. For this you
446 need
447 training for teachers and help with integration into the curriculum. The initia-
448 The "Logineo" initiative of the state government is a platform for the secure exchange of data.
449 exchange. The coronavirus crisis has shown that such platforms are still widely available in Dortmund.
449 have to be set up in a comprehensive manner. After all, data security is also an important aspect in
450 of the school, which must not be passed on to the teachers. 451

452 **Talent schools: because talent lies dormant everywhere**

453 The four talent schools for Dortmund launched by the FDP school minister
454 are a great opportunity to achieve real change in the neighborhoods with the greatest social challenges.
455 signals for the best education. We call on the city of Dortmund to implement this con-
456 and to campaign for further talent schools in Dortmund.

457 We are also committed to ensuring that schools in locations with particular challenges
458 be strengthened. We welcome the fact that significantly more teaching positions will be
459 and there should be a school-specific social index in the future. Because
460 On the way to more equal opportunities, it is an important step that schools with a
461 and receive more support for the special challenges they face. 462

Special schools and inclusion: quality instead of speed

We are committed to maintaining Dortmund's special schools. For us, the equal Coexistence of special and mainstream schools according to the needs of the child and of the parents' wishes is an important goal.

We focus on quality when it comes to school inclusion. The state government's change of course The leadership of us Free Democrats in the implementation of inclusion was essential. This means that quality is now finally more important than speed. Because only quality will help pupils and pupils with and without special educational needs. Schools need adequate staffing and structural resources to make inclusion a success.

Schools for joint learning rely on the expertise and experience of special needs teachers. and educators.

When it comes to integration staff, we rely on qualified specialists who are able to meet the needs of our customers.

of the children and the schools. The city needs to make adjustments here in order to ensure these qualifi- to ensure that the financing

is in place.

Elementary school and their childcare provision: flexibility at last

When looking after primary school pupils as part of the open all-day school program, the day school (OGS), we rely on the parents' freedom of choice. We therefore welcome the increased flexibility provided by the current state government, which now gives parents the opportunity to

have the opportunity to visit their children on a regular, fixed date or due to special arrangements. to be exempted from all-day care. This leaves room for the interests

of children and decisions in the family. We are also committed to a further

Expansion of all-day places. Cooperation with clubs as part of the all-day program

We want to strengthen this, because this is where the foundations for the children's later interests are laid. placed.

School social work: overcoming challenges

School social work is one of the most important means of school support. Whether individual care cases or support in challenging classes, whether it is help with the most difficult lessons or accompaniment on school trips, school social work is the authority that always helps.

We Free Democrats are also committed to improving youth development services.

We also want to network with school social work and the social work positions at schools. We want all children and young people to have contacts to whom they can turn with their concerns. and questions and who can help in conflict situations.

We welcome the fact that school social work can help parents and children to take advantage of the support offered.

to actually use the opportunities offered by the education and participation package. In concrete terms, this means

that through the advice and support of school social work, the financial support

for membership fees in a sports club or music school, for example.

school, should also be used.

We are also increasingly advocating the use of so-called integration guides, which

for example, to break down existing language barriers during parent-teacher conferences.

Food for everyone: An empty stomach doesn't like to study

Children can only learn well when they are full. We are therefore committed to ensuring that a free and healthy breakfast for all primary school pupils.

The secondary schools: Hauptschulen, Realschulen, Gesamtschule, Gymnasien

The Free Democrats are committed to a range of schools that includes all secondary school types. School development planning must be based on the demand from parents as well as and pupils. In addition, school development planning should take account of demographic and urban planning changes in the long term. New construction Therefore, the companies also need plans for these issues.

A Jewish elementary school: tradition and modernity

We Free Democrats support the establishment of a Jewish elementary school in Dortmund. This school has a long history in Dortmund, which was interrupted and is now is to be revived. We welcome the construction of the school not only because of the supra-regional Dortmund, but also because the preservation and continuation of our business of Jewish culture is a particular concern. Through the neighborhood with the Berswordt-Europa Schule and Franziskus-Grundschule, integration is a reality here.

Eight vocational colleges: one RBZ for all

The vocational college landscape in Dortmund is diverse and confusing for outsiders. In order to simplify connections, a pilot project was launched to merge the eight vocational colleges in Dortmund decided to establish the Regional Vocational Training Center RBZ.

The RBZ addresses current challenges such as migration, digitalization, work world in all its facets and helps students to catch up on their qualifications or to gain further qualifications. Due to the diversity, you will find particularly realistic and individual solutions for everyone's school career.

Vocational colleges are an important location factor for the economy. Through the business-oriented and at the same time individualized orientation of the RBZ, this network helps to ensure the economic Dortmund's future. We Free Democrats support the vocational colleges in their important mission. A master is worth as much as a master.

Early childhood education

Education starts with the very youngest children. They need a safe home and a safe environment. environment, a feeling of security and a secure introduction to language skills. Safe handling mastering the German language lays the foundations for success and life in Germany. Germany and here in Dortmund.

This is where kindergartens and other childcare options come in, so that every child can have the has a fair chance to go its own, successful way and social advancement for all to make this possible. Diversity of providers is also pedagogical diversity. That is why we are building the early childhood education and thus create learning and play environments for our youngest children.

548 In order to create equal opportunities for all, the last two years of kindergarten are organized on an initiative
basis.

549 The FDP family minister's initiative has now made childcare free of charge.

550 **Cooperation between schools and business**

551 The FDP is committed to stronger cooperation between companies and schools so that

552 The aim is to enable pupils to enter working life or vocational training at an early stage.

553 orientation easier. We are also committed to an unbureaucratic

554 This is a path that enables schools to invite personalities from the business world to volunteer or

555 on the basis of temporary employment in the classroom.

556 These collaborations should also be used more intensively for municipal project days, which

557 schools should offer more individualized courses. 558

559 **Politics for Dortmund that can do the math**

560 Positive external influences such as the good economy before the coronavirus crisis and low inflation

561 and interest have contributed to the consolidation of the budget in Dortmund in recent years.

562 made a significant contribution. This also gives us room to maneuver during the crisis.

563 Due to the corona crisis, massive revenue shortfalls are now expected this year and next.

564 expect. At the same time, the city of Dortmund is called upon to make its contribution to economic
development.

565 the short term and at the same time invest more in the future.

566 infrastructures.

567 The CDU/FDP state government's municipal protection package means the state is taking action to protect
towns and cities.

568 massive support during the crisis: additional funding, support for urban transport operators, and

569 guarantee declarations for loans and, above all, the possibility of being able to borrow between 2020 and

570 2025 to take out corona-related loans, which will then be gradually repaid over 50 years.

571 can be used.

572 The challenge for the next electoral term of the Council in the two years following

573 the crisis, even without strict budget consolidation, the medium-sized

574 strengthen Dortmund's economic structure with its competitive jobs. So

575 As soon as the situation allows, the focus must return to intergenerational consolidation.

576 the budget.

577 In our view, a balanced budget must be achieved again in 2023. Otherwise

578 we unduly burden future generations with new debt and reduce

579 the future ability of our city to act.

580 What is needed is a realistic, sound budgetary policy within the framework of a policy that takes into account

581 can. After the crisis, it aims to return to balanced budgets and reduce short- and long-term debt.

582 and long-term debt. And even during the crisis, we want to prioritize

583 We need to set priorities and not distribute the money with a watering

can. 584

585 **Reducing the municipal tax burden during the crisis**

586 Municipal taxes and fees influence the nationwide competition between locations.

587 gative and should be temporarily reduced to strengthen jobs after the corona crisis.

588 become. This will enable companies to at least partially offset the losses from the coronavirus crisis with

589 profits in subsequent years, the City of Dortmund should be able to better offset its

590 Reduce trade tax rate for 2021 and 2022. The accommodation tax (so-called "bed tax")
591 tax") and the entertainment tax on dance events are to be suspended until 2022
592 be introduced. No new taxes and fees are to be levied in the next electoral period.
593 become.

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595 **Efficiency-oriented management and dynamic budgeting**

596 The use of the city's financial, technical and human resources must be much more conse-
597 more closely geared to efficiency than before. Municipal or city-financed
598 Projects must have clearly defined objectives and targets with regard to their budget and impact.
599 which are regularly reviewed.

600 The Free Democrats are calling for mandatory labeling of all council documents in order to avoid confusion.
601 and voluntary tasks. All voluntary expenditure
602 must be put to the test. Measures and projects from different departments with
603 identical objective are to be combined for cost control purposes.

604 In the current financial year, the City of Dortmund must endeavor to achieve as many
605 departments to permanently reduce costs and explore potential savings.

606 For a specific project, for example, a budget can be requested for a period of up to two years.
607 can be saved. This way, you can avoid spending money unnecessarily just before the end of the year.
608 just to utilize the available budget. 609

610 The share of short-term liquidity loans in municipal finan
611 The financing system, which masks the full extent of the debt, must be continuously adjusted by a
612 be reduced by a binding percentage. This will reduce the risks for the budget
613 reduced by an increase in interest rates. 614

615 **Introduce municipal debt brake from 2023**

616 The cycle of new debt, shadow budgets and liquidity loans must be broken.
617 be broken. The full extent of the city's financial difficulties is only now becoming clear,
618 if all ancillary budgets are taken into account. Shadow budgets such as the special assets
619 and asset management fund Dortmund" or the repeatedly discussed "Grundstücks- und
Vermögensverwaltungs fonds Dortmund".

620 The spin-off of the sewer network in order to take out new loans is rejected by the Free De-
621 mocrats.

622 We are in favor of a municipal debt brake. It disciplines spending policy and
623 prevents economic activity at the expense of future generations. 624

625 **Deleveraging in the long term - reducing municipal shareholdings**

626 A serious financial policy is not compatible with risky investments in international companies.
627 operating groups such as STEAG and RWE. These companies do not serve the communi
628 services of general interest.

629 Comparably sized cities such as Dresden or Düsseldorf have shown the way: by developing
630 debt, there is new scope for investment in the future. Suitable funds
631 are the gradual sale of shareholdings of the city or municipal subsidiaries, e.g. the

632 several hundred million euros of shares in RWE AG as soon as the shares are sold.
633 markets have stabilized again in the long term.

634 The tendency for local authorities to penetrate supposedly lucrative markets such as energy is
635 associated with high risks. In the case of private companies, the owners use their
636 assets, the risk must be borne by the taxpayer in the municipality. Therefore
637 the city's economic activity must be strictly limited. The number of areas and buildings,
638 managed by the city is to be reduced. Properties that are no longer required
639 are to be sold 640

641 **Remuneration of management positions at municipal subsidiaries**

642 Highly remunerated pension positions for local politicians at municipal companies are
643 damage the reputation of local politics and municipal companies. The Ver-
644 with companies in the private sector fails because the staffing is often political and
645 is not based on proven management performance. Remuneration and retirement benefits
646 The mayor's remuneration should therefore be reduced at least in the first half of the year.
647 years, provided that managing directors and board members come directly from the commu-
648 nal policy in the respective positions. 649

650 **Abolish dog tax**

651 The Free Democrats in Dortmund are campaigning for the abolition of the dog tax.
652 These taxes place an unnecessary burden on the citizens concerned and are accompanied by high
administrative costs.
653 accompanied by a great deal of effort.

654 Alternatively, higher fines for offenses such as the failure to remove
655 legacies, are set. 656

657 **Service, safety, cleanliness - for an effective and citizen-oriented service.** 658 **public service in Dortmund**

659 Our mission statement for the administration is "an uncomplicated state." Administration must provide
services
660 be a service provider for the people and institutions in Dortmund. The service concept should
661 always take center stage: Long and bureaucratic inspection and approval procedures, leading
662 not lead to greater acceptance and appreciation of the administration among citizens.
663 and citizens. We want the processes in the administration to be made more transparent.
664 become. We want to measure administration by its output for citizens. Uncoordi-
665 Permanent construction sites must come to an end. And during the corona crisis, we have
666 see where the city administration needs to be strengthened. 667

668 **Digitization of the administration**

669 Digitization offers great opportunities for the administration of the city of Dortmund. The first an-
670 The new jobs at the Personnel and Organization Office are a good start for us Free Democrats
671 but not nearly enough. Particularly with regard to the city's digital infrastructure
672 we are committed to ensuring that services are put out to tender externally by the city. The

673 Applying for permits - except in cases where the written form is required by law
674 we would like to make this possible digitally as far as possible in the future. 675

676 **Smart City**

677 The Smart City approaches taken so far do not yet go far enough for us as Free Democrats
678 enough. The digital process must not be limited to the fact that processes are transferred from analog to
digital.
679 approach can be transferred one-to-one to the digital world. The path to a
680 The digital future relates to processes and not exclusively to technology. From this
681 For this reason, all existing processes must be critically reviewed and then converted into digital processes
and
682 processes are implemented. This requires a real rethink (so-called change management).
683 ment), i.e. the modernization of existing administrative processes with the aim of reducing bureaucracy.
684 and make it more citizen-friendly with the help of modern technology.
685 In order to make smart city approaches a reality in Dortmund, the Free Democrats are calling for
686 the extensive provision of municipally collected data within the framework of an Open
687 data project. The highest data protection standards must be observed and data security ensured.
688 guarantee.

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690 **Citizen app**
691 We Free Democrats in Dortmund would like to create a so-called citizen app for Dortmund.
692 As a "digital citizens' office", this will be the central point of contact for people and institutions.
693 be in this city if they want to get in touch with the administration. In the citizen
694 app, it should be possible to access all the city's services, be it a live
695 Appointments with the Citizens' Services, contact with the Public Order Office or information about the
696 information from the municipal drainage department on current sewer construction work and its duration.
The citizens
697 App is intended to bundle all municipal services and make them easily accessible. The offer die-
698 However, the app should also be accessible via a website without installation on an end device.
699 be.

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701 **Recruitment**
702 Many things in the administration of the city of Dortmund do not work because there is a lack of staff.
703 This city has a major recruitment problem in some areas of administration.
704 In order to ensure that the administration remains efficient in the medium and long term, we speak Free
Demo
705 We are in favor of a systematic personnel recruitment concept. This concept should
706 in the field of engineering professions, among others, with the possibility of scholarships.
707 to deal with the subject of technical studies, so that graduates of technical degree programs can already
708 to the city of Dortmund at an early stage. 709

710 **Better staff deployment in administration**

711 In recent years, the waiting times for appointments at the citizens' services have increased in our opinion.
712 has become too long. For peak times, when there is a large rush at the Citizens' Services
713 We are committed to ensuring that this is the case, whether in the Berswordthalle or in the city districts,
714 that the city provides for so-called "jumpers" as part of its staffing plan. These are employees who
715 employees who are needed at peak times or during periods of high sickness rates.
716 to ensure compensation for shortfalls in certain areas that are sensitive for citizens

717 should. In view of the upcoming wave of retirements and pensions, these employees are to be
718 employees are then transferred to permanent positions. This is
719 For us, this is an approach to making citizen services more citizen-friendly. 720

721 **Public health service**

722 In recent years, the public health service has had a shadowy existence in the
723 political attention and in terms of staffing. The coronavirus crisis has
724 has shown us its true importance. We therefore want to continue with the acute
725 measures in the context of the corona crisis, the tasks and work processes that
726 Staffing and recruitment as well as equipment and digitalization of the healthcare sector
727 The public health service should be evaluated in order to strengthen the public
health service. 728

729 **Health and social services**

730 The dedicated work of doctors and nurses during the coronavirus crisis has made our
731 greatest appreciation. We welcome the fact that the self-administration of the healthcare system is there
732 has worked well in Dortmund. The many general practitioners in private practice
733 Doctors, the Association of General Practitioners and the Association of Statutory Health Insurance Physicians
have made an excellent contribution to this.
734 contribution.
735 We Free Democrats are delighted with the positive development of Dortmund Hospital in the past few years.
736 recent years. Together with other hospitals in the city, excellent care is provided here.
737 medicine and nursing care. The economic situation has also developed positively.
738 At the same time, we stand by the side of doctors in private practice and will continue to support them.
739 tion that the municipal hospital in Dortmund is only active on an outpatient basis where there is a need for
treatment.
740 care by practitioners is not sufficient.
741 For us, the following applies to all social services: City services should not be offered by private providers.
742 or unduly disadvantage them in the competition for the best solutions.
743 For example, the municipal hospital in Dortmund offers special integrated care models.
744 These should not only be open to municipal service providers. 745

746 **Municipal security concept**

747 Dortmund must be a safe place. The program launched by the city of Dortmund
748 municipal safety concept is a good start. However, this concept alone is not sufficient for
749 is not enough for us. When it comes to securing public spaces, we rely on partnerships with law and order.
750 This means increased cooperation between the police and the public order office. In this
751 In this context, increased joint patrols by the police and public order office. The personnel
752 The equipment and facilities of both institutions must meet the highest standards. Good
753 Police officers and employees of the public order office can only do their job
754 They can only perform well if they are held in the highest esteem by their employer. 755

756 **A city without spaces of fear**

757 We Free Democrats want a city without spaces of fear. We call for this in the
758 In this context, improved lighting at so-called fear locations in the city. Through a
759 We want to adapt roads, paths, underpasses and squares accordingly.

760 eliminate existing hazards and prevent new hazards from arising
761 hen. The citizen app can serve as a smart solution here to alert the city to such areas of fear.
762 to point out. We Free Democrats reject blanket video surveillance. One
763 We will only agree to video observation if the person in question is a
764 crime hotspot, and so security is improved by
765 for example, enables the police to intervene more quickly. 766

767 Zero tolerance for clan crime

768 We Free Democrats welcome the fact that the fight against clan crime is being intensified by the current
769 has become a priority for the state government. We are in favor of the
770 intensive cooperation between all departments involved and the clear zero-tolerance strategy.
771 to be added. The fight against crime, especially organized or clan crime, is a major challenge.
772 can be achieved by the city, in particular by taking action against junk real estate.
773 be supported. We therefore do not accept the neglect of entire streets. In the
774 We need an overall strategy for dealing with problem properties in which all parties involved
775 working together across offices. One thing is clear to us: there must never be any lawless spaces.
776 time at any location in Dortmund. 777

778 Tough on hard drugs

779 The Free Democrats see a need for action in the fight against crime in the Zu-
780 connection with so-called hard drugs. The measures taken so far by the police and the criminal
781 prosecution authorities are not sufficient in our opinion. It must not be limited to
782 the people behind the drugs, but also where the drugs are literally
783 are "sold", a more comprehensive approach should be taken. The city, police and
784 The public prosecutor's office must take coordinated action. This is the only way it will be possible to
785 in the long term. There is also a need for better education and prevention strategies.
786 and the needs-based maintenance of support services for drug addicts. We work
787 expressly endorsed both methadone substitution and the concept of pressure therapy.
788 space.

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790 More cleanliness in the city

791 A clean city is often also a safe city: We Free Democrats in Dortmund
792 would like to work to prevent the illegal "dumping" of waste. In addition
793 In cooperation with the EDG, it is therefore planned to develop a new system for the whole of Dortmund -
similar to other cities.
794 - there will be a free so-called bulky waste day on which EDG will collect bulky waste from people from
795 the residential areas. In addition, this city needs to combat waste
796 simply more garbage cans. We are also in favor of switching to new recycling bins.
797 which inform the waste disposal companies digitally in advance if they are at risk.
798 to be completely filled. 799

800 Improve construction site management

801 Uncoordinated permanent construction sites are a continuing nuisance for citizens
802 and logistics in Dortmund. For small retailers, they are sometimes a threat to their existence.
803 ing. Road maintenance measures and infrastructure measures for water, energy,
804 Telecommunications and fast Internet are better over a longer period of time

805 and to bundle them where possible. In addition, construction site management must
806 ensure that construction times are as short as possible. It is unacceptable that roads
807 are open for weeks, but only sporadically. Urgent need for improvement
808 communication with the affected citizens and companies is poor. 809

810 **Living and living well in Dortmund**

811 Dortmund is a big city. Similar to other large cities, the housing market has
812 market in Dortmund is developing dynamically. In order to make living in Dortmund more
813 affordable in the future, the housing market in Dortmund must also remain
814 meet the needs of citizens in the future. 815

816 **Private investments**

817 A good housing policy for Dortmund means that private investment is supported by time- and cost-saving
measures.
818 building permits are promoted. Only additional living space can be created
819 The ratio of supply and demand must be measured to ensure permanently affordable housing. A
820 We reject the nationalization of housing companies, as this would initially create
821 no new living space. Rather, we need to create affordable housing, especially with regard to an "affordable
822 The "Housing" program will ensure that the growing demand in the future can be met. 823

824 **Densification before land consumption**

825 Dortmund's Free Democrats are pleased about the increasing number of residents. This
826 However, this will mean that the demand for living space will continue to increase in the future.
827 becomes. To create new living space, we as Free Democrats are initially in favor of
828 that densification will be carried out. Where existing residential areas
829 densification is possible, this should be done to create space in the short term.
830 living space are always preferred. Adding storeys to houses and extending cold roofs
831 housing must be approved more quickly and easily. This is how we want
832 Preserve fresh air corridors and limit land consumption. Open spaces should only be
833 developed if this is necessary to create new living space or important jobs.
834 is mandatory. 835

836 **Climate-friendly urban planning**

837 Work, housing and digital infrastructure should be planned together so that more
838 people can work close to home or from home. In new-build areas - especially on
839 Conversion areas - local heating networks, renewable energies and infrastructure for climate protection are to
be developed.
840 ma-friendly transportation standard. 841

842 **Climate-friendly buildings**

843 The energy-efficient refurbishment of buildings is one of the most cost-effective options in the long term.
844 opportunities to reduce energy consumption and thus CO2 emissions. The city must make its
845 efforts and renovate their own buildings to make them more energy-efficient more quickly. In addition
846 not only the insulation of the building envelope, but also a climate-friendly

847 Heat supply concept - depending on the local conditions by increasing the energy efficiency of the heating system.

848 efficiency, connection to heating networks or retrofitting with renewable heat generation.

849 greening. We support the greening of roofs and façades as well as the use of

850 Roof areas for the generation of renewable energies. Urban gardening options

851 are to be checked.

852 All of these measures - from building refurbishment to greening - are intended to make the city more attractive to its residents.

853 own buildings. With regard to private building owners, we reject any intervention

854 into property rights, but want a better dialog between the city and these goals -

855 both in public relations work and in advising on federal and state funding programs

856 as well as for specific building

applications. 857

858 **Creative living**

859 We want to ensure that creative ideas are also taken into account when creating living space.

860 are given the opportunity to come to fruition. Modular living, but also so-called Tiny-

861 Houses should find their place in our city. Creative living can be a great opportunity

862 for our city. 863

864 **Accessibility and urban planning in demographic change**

865 In the face of demographic change, we need more accessible living space for senior citizens and

866 barrier-free apartments for people with disabilities. Not only in residential construction and

867 This must be taken into account in the renovation of buildings, especially by public and cooperative

868 housing associations. In general, the accessibility of our

869 City as a principle of urban planning should be further developed on a neighborhood basis. The

870 Accessibility of the city's communication services is to be further promoted. 871

872 **Development of the port and planning of comparable projects**

873 We Free Democrats welcome the city's efforts to improve the area of Dortmund's main

874 further development. The further development of these areas in other cities

875 has shown how successful such concepts can be. The conceptual development

876 However, against the background of existing structures and existing residents, it should always be

877 be done by consensus. It would not make sense to use any concepts from other cities for further development.

878 development - rather, in our opinion, such a project should

879 are borne precisely by the population. 880

881 **Owner-occupied homes**

882 In order to enable young families to live in their own homes in the long term in the future

883 the explicit aim of municipal policy must be to reduce the property tax as far as possible.

884 low. 885

886 **Road construction contributions**

887 We Free Democrats in Dortmund are campaigning for the abolition of road expansion subsidies.

888 of the Municipal Tax Act. According to the current state of knowledge, a reimbursement

889 40% through a funding program of the state of NRW. The city of Dortmund

890 should in future bear 60% of the costs itself instead of paying them in full to the guarantors.
891 to be imposed on citizens. 892

893 **Free WLAN, free city**

894 We Free Democrats welcome the Freifunk initiative and its voluntary commitment.
895 However, "Freifunk" cannot replace a solution from the city of Dortmund. Rather, we demand
896 We would like to see the establishment of a free city radio network, as is common in many large cities. Cities
897 The funds and other subsidies should be concentrated on this. Only professional
898 Facilities can meet the requirements of the future with the necessary data volumes
899 can be realized. In this way, it is also possible to ensure a city-wide and comprehensive supply.
900 be ensured. In particular, the use of the bus at "hotspots" of interest must also be
901 The hotspots can be used by many users at the same time - the rule here is: hotspots at the "hotspots".

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903 **Sporty Dortmund**

904 Dortmund is a city of sport. Competitive sport from BVB to the performance centers for
905 Athletics, rowing and artistic gymnastics are a real location factor for the city. In addition
906 popular sport plays an important role in health, leisure activities and integration.
907 Commercial offers such as fitness studios and e-sports are part of this for us. We
908 Free Democrats therefore support the sports clubs in the city and want to give them good
909 Ensure framework conditions. Sports facilities are just as important as swimming lessons for children.
910 to develop further in line with demand. By creating more teaching pool space
911 we would like to comply with the schooling

obligation. 912

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914 **Traffic turnaround: Good and climate-friendly mobility in Dortmund**

915 Our city is growing, mobility needs are increasing and at the same time we are facing a
916 massive challenge posed by climate change. We Free Democrats want an effective
917 tive transport transition towards good and climate-friendly mobility. We want to bring
918 create outstanding public mobility services, offer individual transportation services jointly
919 and utilize the potential of all climate-friendly drive technologies. In doing so
920 We are not aiming to coerce the public or to bluntly displace the car. We rely on
921 on attractive offers, good infrastructure and market-based management. Towards a ver-
922 turnaround with the people - not against them. 923

924 **Rail capacities**

925 The light rail system must make better use of the infrastructure in order to get more Dortmund residents on
the
926 rail transport. Overcrowded trains do not motivate anyone to change trains. We need
927 an investment program that includes the necessary control technology in the tunnel and the necessary water
supply.
928 The company is also procuring new rolling stock - for shorter intervals and longer trains wherever feasible.
929 The start of service on Sundays and the frequency in the evening hours is set out in the bus and light rail
timetable.
930 Traffic on some lines in need of improvement. 931

932 **Extended and new public transport lines**

933 We support considerations to use the former Hoesch sheet piling site ("Smart Rhino")
934 with a fork in the U43/U44 line. The technology parks at the university and
935 on the new site are to be connected with an extension of the H-Bahn. We
936 plead for the continuous two-lane expansion of the above-ground sections of the U43 between
937 between Brackel and Asseln. In order to better connect the suburbs with each other, we advocate
938 for the establishment of two ring bus routes. Alternatively or in addition, the expansion of the H-
939 Railroads should be evaluated in terms of costs and benefits and implemented if necessary.

940 The Free Democrats are also in favor of expanding the existing
941 night bus concept. The aim here is to expand the number of services, particularly during the week.
942 plans take place.

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944 **Ride sharing - the update for the shared call cab**

945 We want a modern, digital version of the call-and-collect cab, especially in the outer districts.
946 start. DSW's plans to concentrate digital offerings on the inner city area in
947 which already has a good public transport system, does not address the mobility deficits of young people in
948 particular.
949 over.

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950 **Standards in subway and regional transport**

951 We welcome the fact that DSW, in cooperation with the mobile network operators, is working promptly on
952 the
953 availability of mobile communications in the tunnels. About the VRR
954 We are working to ensure that all tenders for suburban, regional express and regional rail services
955 WLAN and power sockets are to become standard on the Ruhr area's main railroad lines - just like the
956 is already a reality on the RRX and the Sauerland network. In order to be attractive for commuters and
957 To be a business traveler is to get first class on all routes in order to be able to work.
958 to safeguard against accidents while driving.

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959 **Airport connection**

960 The public transport connection to the airport via the DB railroad station in Holzwickede, the bus line from
961 the
962 Central Station and the bus from Aplerbeck are insufficient to cover the entire city.
963 sufficient. The eastern city center and the Brackel district were to be connected by a new bus line.
964 from the U43 in Brackel to the airport at low cost. 964

965 **Safety on public transport**

966 Safety and cleanliness on the trains and in the subway stations, including the distribution
967 levels must be guaranteed. The security service must focus its work on these
968 concentrate on tasks and take a strict and preventive approach to potential troublemakers and those prepared
969 to use violence.
970 intervene.

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971 **Making cycling safer and more attractive**

972 We Free Democrats in Dortmund welcome the city's goal of becoming a "bicycle city" in the future.
973 city". This includes the expansion of the cycle path network. A sensible
974 Networking and the connection of individual important nodes should be the priority here.

The aim should be. The expansion of the cycle path network should be based on actual demand. More important to us than lighthouse projects in the city center are quality assurance and improvement of cycle paths throughout the city. Many cycle paths are repeatedly interrupted, meander dangerously from the footpath onto the road or are missing altogether. However, people will only cycle more often if there is a safe cycling infrastructure.

Safe cycling infrastructure gradually includes clear and separate traffic lights for cyclists. The only way to prevent different road users from getting in each other's way is to have clearly visible and separate signage for cycle paths and clear traffic routing.

The current popularity of e-bikes requires the expansion of charging stations throughout the city to ensure that citizens always have the opportunity to recharge their bikes. Finally, parking facilities for bicycles in the city center need to be improved.

Roads and sidewalks in good condition

Regardless of whether you travel by car or bus, the city's roads must be in good condition. We focus on maintaining the roadways within the existing infrastructure. The same applies to pavements, which must be safe for all pedestrians. In the area of road expansion, we want to accelerate the construction of the Nordspange in order to relieve the northern inner city in particular of traffic and emissions.

Parking space management instead of parking displacement

A traffic turnaround, especially for shopping traffic, is not possible without a reform of parking space management and Park & Ride services. As long as hour-long parking for shopping in the city center is cheaper than a public transport ticket, people from outside Dortmund in particular will not use Park & Ride. At the same time, we reject attempts to artificially reduce the number of parking spaces without any alternative for citizens.

Specifically, we advocate an increase in parking fees within the Wallring - both on the streets and in the parking garages. This should be progressive in terms of duration so that short-term parkers are not affected. In return, parking fees in the suburban centers should be completely eliminated - also to revitalize the secondary centers within the city. Zones close to the city center, such as Kaiserstrasse and Saarlandstrasse, are to retain their current regulations. At the same time, parking space management is to be introduced for the DSW Park&Ride parking lots
- the parking ticket will then be valid as a ticket for up to 5 people in the city area.

Infrastructure for alternative drives

The traffic turnaround also includes individual transportation with alternative drive systems. We want to ensure politically that sufficient charging and refueling facilities are available for both electromobility and hydrogen cars. This is the task of the private sector, but local politics can act as a moderator here and also ensure that the necessary conditions are created on public roads.

Such a supply strategy is a contribution to not having to continue the policy of traffic restrictions. Driving bans are not our way. If emissions from

alternative drive systems decline overall, traffic restrictions such as those imposed following the court settlement on the implementation of European emission control requirements must be reviewed and, if necessary, lifted.

Efficient management of the airport

The airport has positive effects for the business location and the mobility of Dortmund residents. At the same time, many people in Dortmund and Unna are affected by aircraft noise. In this consideration, we advocate the preservation of the airport within the framework of the current infrastructure. However, permanent subsidies at the expense of the city and the municipal utilities are unacceptable. The airport company must at least achieve a balanced operating result. The necessary adjustments to operating times and runway utilization have been made. Before the corona crisis, the economic outlook for the airport was positive for the first time in a long time, but the management must avoid the looming dependence on a dominant airline by diversifying. We want to work towards this on the airport's Supervisory Board.

Further improving long-distance train connections

Fast and frequent long-distance train connections are the key to business travel to and from Dortmund. Dortmund's local politicians must make a strong case to Deutsche Bahn for the urgent expansion of the Dortmund-Münster bottleneck line in order to speed up traffic to Hamburg.

Reduce traffic noise

Traffic noise is one of the biggest environmental burdens in large cities. Dortmund has not given this issue sufficient priority. This is evident from the fact that the Noise Advisory Council has rarely met. We Free Democrats want to change this. The use of noise-reducing asphalt, better traffic light control to avoid loud "stop and go", noise reduction in public transport and local and justified speed restrictions on particularly polluted roads are elements of a consistent inner-city noise protection program. In contrast, we reject comprehensive 30 km/h zones as disproportionate. With regard to noise from highways, railroads and air traffic, a regular dialog with the responsible authorities and companies should be held on possible improvements.

Green right turn arrow

Time spent in traffic jams is time lost. In order to improve the traffic situation in urban areas and take individual traffic situations into account, we are calling for the green right turn arrow (traffic sign 720 "green arrow sign") to be used more frequently. Conflicts with bicycle traffic must be taken into account.

1060 **Intelligent traffic guidance systems**

1061 Congestion is a huge ecological and economic problem. To reduce congestion
1062 A large bundle of measures is necessary to achieve this. A decisive pillar for us is
1063 modernization of traffic guidance systems.

1064 We are calling for the introduction of a model project for intelligent traffic guidance systems on congested
roads.

1065 roads into the city (e.g. Hamburger Straße). More precisely, the system of AI-Am-
1066 and/or "communicating traffic lights" can be tested.

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1068 **Greening of bus stops**

1069 Bus and train stops are often desolate places. We want to increase the attractiveness of these
1070 Strengthening places and promoting ecological measures at the same time. Through green stops
1071 Co2 can be bound and the city made more visually attractive. Through the greening
1072 road safety must not be compromised. To this end, financing in the
1073 Ideally, this should not be done by the taxpayer, but by private sponsorship initiatives.

1074 We call for the establishment of sponsoring partnerships for the establishment of bus and
1075 Train stops. In return for a linked advertising opportunity, the sponsor also receives the use of the
1076 The responsibility for maintaining the greenery.