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The most climate-conscious
city in the world.

Election manifesto
Green Party, Lund

A sustainable society is a society of opportunity.

The Green Party in Lund stands for an ecologically, socially and economically sustainable policy. That means that our political scope extends well beyond the quarterly, yearly, or even 4-year term of office. We are committed to making Lund a long-term sustainable municipality.

All global issues have local causes. Problems regarding climate change, social injustices and wasting of resources cannot be solved by others in the future; it needs to be solved Now, by all of us. Bold political decisions are required to reduce our emissions of greenhouse gases and replace our oil dependency with renewable energy sources.

Lund has excellent opportunities to meet the challenges of the future and today. While other parties pay lip-service to climate goals, we are prepared to do what is needed to achieve our global sustainability goals. We will continue the extension of the public transport, pedestrian and cycle paths, instead of continuing to build highway files and highway access roads. We will invest in sustainable energy sources and serve organic food in schools and homes for the elderly. We will densify the city instead of building on the world's most fertile arable land. Our schools and preschools will be non-toxic.

All our policies and politics stem from our three solidarities:

- A Solidarity with animals, nature and the entire ecological system.
- A Solidarity with future generations.
- A Solidarity with all the world's people.

We will make it easier for more people to live a happy and environmentally sustainable life and we want to give people the freedom to be whoever and whatever they want to be. How we wish to accomplish this we briefly outline in this pamphlet, our election manifesto.

If you would like to further immerse yourself in the Green Party of Sweden's policy for Lund, we highly recommend you to read our local party program.

Lund - the greenest and most climate-conscious city in the world

- **Every decision must be climate-savvy.**

Planning, building and investing will all be done based on targets for reduced oil dependence. New infrastructure for transports should make it easier to reach climate targets, not more difficult.

- **More public transport.**

We want to make it easier and more convenient to choose a fast and reliable public transport. We will make a bus lane on the E22 between Lund and Malmö to decrease traffic and increase commuting speed. Additionally, we want to start planning the next step for the tramway.

- **Car-free streets in the city centre.**

We want to begin by making Bangatan and Klostergatan completely car-free. Following that we wish to make Mårtenstorget free from cars and provide a safe space for children of all ages to play and have fun.

- **100 percent renewable.**

We want to promote renewable energy, by (for example) setting up more photovoltaic cells on the roofs of our municipal buildings; we want the municipality's use of energy to be 100 percent renewable. Furthermore, we want more organic waste to be collected and become biofuel that can replace fossil fuels for motor vehicles.

- **Stimulate biodiversity.**

Our food supply is dependent on bees and other insects that pollinate our flowers, we want to invest in urban cultivation, city beds, green ceilings and parks. The green area at Källby Dams must be preserved.

- **No housing construction on arable land.**

Lund has the world's most fertile soils; we have a responsibility in preserving these lands so that they can provide food for us as well as future generations.

- **A dense city with sustainable buildings.**

We want to build on oversized parking spaces, and turn the traffic routes into urban city areas with tree-filled alleyways and green lawns. Set high environmental requirements for all new buildings, including material and energy use.

- **Car-free living and housing.**

More people should be able to live and live well without owning a car. We want to build more homes instead of expensive parking spaces.

Cycling in Lund – A better and safer experience.

- **Make it easy to travel sustainably.**

We want a well-developed and cohesive network of cycle paths both in the city, in Lund's urban areas and between our surrounding communities. We want the planned 'fast-bicycle path' between Lund and Malmö to be built as soon as possible.

- **It should be easy to ride a bike.**

We want to build a continuous bicycle lane in a circle around Lund and have wider bicycle paths so that cyclists who pedal at different speeds will all feel at ease and not feel crowded.

- **Make it safe to go cycling all year round.**

We want to separate cyclists and pedestrians from each other by making separate lanes, we will prioritize maintenance and snow removal from our walking and cycling routes. Lund's bike paths should be safe and comfortable.

- **Make it easier to commute.**

We want to build more bicycle parking lots for commuters, thus making it easier to combine bicycle and public transport.

Lund – A democratic and equal city.

- **All political decisions should lead towards gender equality.**

Gender equality should be an obvious starting point in all of the municipalities' activities, decisions on everything from salaries to traffic planning and association grants should be made from an equality perspective.

- **Democracy for all.**

We want to rebuild the civic offices in the eastern communities into live meeting places for people, as well as create other public places that create an inclusive society that counteracts segregation.

- **Everyone should feel safe.**

Regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expressions, you should be safe in Lund. All municipal activities must be hbtq certified or in other ways diplomized.

Lund - A welcoming municipality.

- **Include newly arrived children and adolescents.**

The municipality will offer part-time work to students of lower and higher secondary education; this work will be as a mentor for newly arrived pupils. By helping them, for example, with homework and language learning we can tie together those who lived in Lund for a long time with those who came here recently.

- **Give everyone the opportunity to learn Swedish.**

We want to create more forums where families with children can come to practice their Swedish as well as introducing childcare during SFI education. Furthermore we want to develop the opportunity for newly arrived academics to receive special education so that they can start working sooner.

- **Lend a helping hand into the labour market.**

The municipality will offer internships for newly arrived, as well as through procurement deals, demand that suppliers do the same.

A sustainable economy.

● Sharing and renting – an alternative to ownership.

We want to facilitate sharing by expanding the system of rental bikes and stimulating car pools, if less people were to own a car - that would reduce the need for parking places. This freed up space will give us more room to develop new sustainable housing projects.

● Easier to repair.

We want to make it easier for the citizens of Lund to repair instead of throwing things away. We wish to open more workshops and develop common areas dedicated for repair in residential areas.

● Green jobs in a bio-based industry.

We want Lund to develop into a center for the bio-based industry, putting Lund at the forefront of developing sustainable solutions.

A school for lifelong learning.

● An equal school.

We want to smooth out the differences between the different schools in Lund and employ more adults so that all children are seen, regardless of needs or background.

● A green school.

We want to continue our work on making Lund's schools non-toxic environments, by purchasing healthy food and toys and electronics that meet tough environmental requirements. We also want the schoolyards to be filled with greenery.

● A school for all.

The school must counteract destructive gender norms so that everyone can live up to their full potential. Gender education should be a natural element to the schools in Lund.

● Educational diversity.

Children have different needs and conditions for learning, therefore, a variety of methods and pedagogy are needed. Private schools can to some extent supplement the range of schools and need for diversity; the primary goal of these private schools, however, should be education, not profit.

Lund – A city of Culture and activities.

● Create meeting places.

We want to create local culture gatherings around the municipality, strengthen the library's role as a cultural center and make 'Stadshallen' in Lund a cultural center for all citizens.

● A cultural school for all.

By increasing the number of available places at the Culture School we want more of Lund to be able to partake and enjoy the fantastic activities of the school. We also want the Culture School to collaborate more closely with other municipal operations and activities, as well as the idea-centered sector so that more children throughout the municipality can take part in its activities.

- **Available libraries.**

We want to add to the amount of 'staff-less' libraries so that the number of visitors and users of the library increases. We also want to further develop the Book Bus and other solutions that provide more access to libraries.

- **Public health through physical exercise and sports.**

To stimulate a broad approach in sports, hall and pitch rents must be kept low. People who are not members of a traditional sports associations should be able to get financial aid for exercise in groups as much as anyone else.

Lund - A city characterized by caring.

- **Safe parks for people with dementia.**

Green parks that are adjacent to residential care homes for those ill with dementia will allow patients to reduce worry and increase self-esteem as well as well-being. We therefore want to build a safe park at a dementia residence in the new district of Brunnshög.

- **Counteract mental health issues.**

We want Lund to continue to support and develop activities that give those suffering from mental health issues a meaningful existence. We also want to tackle some of the underlying reasons for mental suffering by combating stress, discrimination and bullying.

- **Reduce abuse.**

We want to reduce alcohol and drug addictions and the suffering they cause by re-opening the Alcohol treatment clinic in Lund. We also want the municipality to support drug and alcohol-free activities in Lund's student and nightlife.

- **Nobody should have to be homeless.**

We want more housing to be built to give those who are far away from the housing market the opportunity to have a home. The municipality will cooperate with NGOs in order to make sure that exposed EU citizens will always have a roof over their heads

Candidates for Lund municipality



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