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Election manifesto for
Miljöpartiet the Greens
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STOCKHOLMS STAD

We are seeking your mandate to make Stockholm an open, sustainable and modern city, where the quality of life of all Stockholmers and care for future generations is the focus. Our beautiful city shall be a global example for climate work, where the work to improve our environment and the climate make clear imprints in all political issues. Our policies are based on the UN's Agenda 2030, which includes 17 global goals for sustainable development. We see a strong link between the global and the local. A vote for Miljöpartiet is a vote to strengthen Stockholm's climate work, to prioritise walking, cycling and public transport ahead of cars, and for a city where all children have good conditions for growing up. The climate cannot wait. Stockholm needs more green policies, NOW!

A living city, with more space for people and with fewer cars

1. A living Stockholm

We want to create more car-free streets in Stockholm. We also want to create more pedestrian streets, more summer pedestrian streets and summer squares in both the inner and outer city, and to bring the city's embankments and waterside locations to life. Stockholmers shall be able to enjoy the city. We create more space for people, through more parks, seating in the street environment, coffee shops and restaurants. What was previously spaces for cars shall become spaces for mingling. This is how we build a more humane and more living city.

2. Opportunities to exercise close to where you are

We want to promote quality of life and health through facilitating social activities, being outside and everyday exercise close to where people live, work, study and socialise. With more outdoor gyms, running tracks and open-air dancing spaces in the city districts, Stockholmers shall have increased

opportunities for spontaneous exercise and movement in their neighbourhoods.

3. A broad range of cultural events and strong associations

By creating more meeting places, such as cultural centres in the suburbs, Stockholmers will have more opportunities to take part in cultural and association life in their neighbourhoods. We want to expand the culture schools, so that more can take part, with a broadened range and lower fees, to safeguard the creative re-growth of the city. We want to make cultural life more accessible, with more art in public spaces, graffiti walls, longer opening hours for libraries and Kulturhuset, and investment in our museums. We want to establish a municipal 'rehearsal hotel', where rehearsal premises can be booked per hour. The work of civil society shall be made easier and stronger, by making association grants fair, and by reinforcing the important role of associations in a democratic Stockholm. More schools shall be able to rent out premises to associations.

4. A city for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users

The work to increase accessibility for pedestrians,

cyclists and buses shall continue during the next mandate period. Therefore we want to set aside 1.5 billion SEK for increased accessibility, where 1 billion SEK is earmarked for bicycle measures. It shall be attractive to walk, bicycle and use public transport. We want to move the focus from owning a car to having access to a car. Car use must fall for Stockholm to achieve its climate goals, but also to reduce congestion on our streets. With less congestion, transports, emergency vehicles and those who need cars will get through more easily. The traffic environment around schools shall be prioritised. When the city is planned, consideration shall be paid to the needs of children.

5. Clean air and a safe traffic environment

Children suffer the most from poor air quality. Today, diesel cars in particular emit large quantities of hazardous particles and nitrous oxides. We want to extend the environmental zones, so that the dirtiest cars are not allowed to drive on certain streets and in certain areas. We want to continue the work of

creating a secure and traffic-safe city. For this reason, we want to continue to reduce the speeds on our streets, and invest in traffic safety measures throughout the city. Through these investments, the number of accidents and traffic noise will reduce. We want to introduce municipal traffic supervision, and to be able to install our own speed cameras. We want the inner city to be free from emissions by 2030.

6. Holiday at home – discover Stockholm

Stockholm is a city with a fantastic range of cultural events, beautiful walking paths, bathing places, cafés and museums. In our Stockholm, culture and the visitor industry will develop, and we will invest in more parks, walking paths, and healthier and cleaner bathing places. With cleaner water in both the inner and outer city, more bathing places can be created. We want both the old and the young to be able to use our nature and culture reserves through our work to increase accessibility. This way, more people can be tempted to use the city's nature trails and ski tracks.

A climate-smart and environment-friendly city

7. A city where we reduce our climate emissions sharply

Stockholm shall lead the way on climate work. Therefore our climate goals shall be examples for other cities. Coal for heating shall be completely phased out by 2022, and burning fossil oil shall have ended no later than 2025. Stockholm needs to develop a local carbon dioxide budget, showing what emissions Stockholm, and in particular our planet, can cope with. Stockholm shall also counteract climate change, by binding carbon dioxide in soil and in vegetation. In this way, we can become a climate-positive city no later than 2040.

8. A city that reduces the climate impact of flying

Flying is responsible for a large proportion of Stockholmers' climate emissions. We want to reduce the climate impact of flying by limiting business travel by air for the city's own employees. To make way for homes, services and workplaces, Bromma airport shall be closed as soon as possible, but absolutely no later than 2038.

9. A city that invests in electric cars and renewables

It shall be easy to share a car, and to drive in an environment-friendly way. We want to see at least 4 000 new charging points by 2022, in collaboration with business, for example through mandatory charging points in newbuilds and garages. The city of Stockholm shall lead the way and make sure all service vehicles are powered by electricity or biogas. We want to increase the production of renewable energy throughout the city, for example through solar cells on schools and sports halls.

10. Sharing instead of owning

Reusing is a sensible way of making our limited resources go further. Through sports libraries, bicycle and car pools and reuse, it is possible to contribute to better resource use. Each city district shall have at least one reuse centre. Stockholm's inhabitants shall have access to the opportunity to borrow equipment, for example to go skating. We want all newbuilds to offer both a car pool and a parcel bicycle pool to tenants.

11. Your waste is a valuable resource

It is important to cut down our use of plastics, as almost all

plastics are made from fossil raw materials, but also in order to cut down on litter and micro-plastics in our environment. Instead of being treated as waste, the plastic that is still used shall be converted into new, valuable raw materials. Far too little of the plastic manufactured is recycled. The use of plastic materials in public spaces shall be minimised. Artificial grass surfaces being installed shall be designed to ensure micro-plastics are not spread. To turn the trend around and make Stockholm a pioneer within circular economy, it must be made much easier to recycle. We are therefore investing largely in more mobile recycling stations, collection of food waste and post-source sorting of household waste. The waste that in the end remains and is burned to heat up our homes shall be free from fossil raw materials.

We build a green and mixed city

12. Sustainable city development with construction close to public transport

We want all city districts to develop with a mixture of homes, workplaces, trading places, natural environment, culture, schools and pre-

schools. The work of building 140 000 climate-smart homes by 2030 shall continue. We do this by converting main routes to city streets, and by building closer together in locations close to public transport. We want to place advanced environmental demands on the entire construction process, and to build more houses with wooden main structures. By increasing the investment in maintenance of the city's properties, we increase their life and protect the city's cultural environment. Ecological compensation must be part of town planning, and the methods for this must be developed and refined.

13. A greener Stockholm

Natural environment spaces and wetlands fill an important function in creating attractive city spaces, maintaining biological diversity and better equipping the city for a changed climate, with more flooding and heatwaves. Stockholm shall therefore make long-term plans for ecosystem services in the city environment. We want to establish green roofs, where vegetation can be combined with solar cells on the same roof space. Using pilot projects, we want to work to develop homes

with access to city farming. We need to invest more in cleaning and developing the city's lakes and watercourses, to make sure they achieve the EU requirements for good ecological and chemical status.

14. Democratic and feminist town planning

Democratic town planning demands that a broad and representative section of the citizens gain influence over the processes. The fact that many women feel insecure in public spaces means that freedom is limited for a large proportion of the city's inhabitants. While men drive cars to a larger extent, more women use public transport, bicycle or walk. Therefore, feminist town planning is needed, where parks, public transport and bicycle and pedestrian paths are planned on the basis that they shall be accessible and secure for all. This can be done in various ways, such as ensuring pedestrians are not obliged to use tunnels, that there is good lighting everywhere and that parks are safe.

15. Reduce the housing shortage and build for all

Stockholm shall have a sustainable housing supply,

with homes that all can afford to demand. We want publicly owned housing to develop. At least half of the newly built flats shall be for rent. We want to see more types of housing formats, such as cooperative rented flats, construction cooperatives, flat-share contracts and collective houses. Homelessness shall be counteracted, and no family with children shall be made homeless or have to live under uncertain housing conditions, such as hotel housing or in homes with very short contract periods.

A city where all children and youths have good conditions for growing up

16. All children shall grow up under secure conditions

All children are entitled to good conditions for growing up, and no child shall have to experience violence or abuse. Children in families where there is substance abuse or mental problems shall receive the support and the help they need. We want to establish more family centres and expand the outreach work to prevent social problems from arising.

17. Strong social services that build social sustainability

Social services shall stand strong and assist people in need of support and help. Therefore it is important that social services employees have a good work environment and good prerequisites for carrying out their work. By employing more social workers and field assistants, we reinforce the work with children and youths and contribute to making Stockholm a more secure city.

18. Reinforce the work to improve mental health in youths

We want to gear up the work on improving mental health. This is extremely important for youths as a group, where mental ill health is increasing. Schools have an important role in turning this development around. Therefore we want to continue to invest in pupil health by employing more school counsellors and school nurses. It shall always be easy to get in touch with a school counsellor.

19. Give pupils time with their teachers – employ more people at the city’s schools

Every pupil must have time with their teacher and the opportunity to achieve the knowledge goals.

Therefore we need more adults in schools, with varying professional roles, to relieve the teachers so that they can focus more on teaching and the so-important interaction between teacher and pupils. We want to employ more teaching assistants, recreational instructors and special needs teachers in the city’s schools.

20. Schools for sustainable development and schools ‘in the village centre’

We are living in a time where global and local challenges are ever-more interlinked. We want schools to give our children and youths the tools to solve tomorrow’s challenges. We therefore want to continue to support and encourage the work of schools to develop teaching for sustainable development. To make sure pupils gain understanding of how society works, and what challenges it is facing, we would like to see increased collaboration between schools and other actors, such as business, civil society and public authorities.

21. Better and greener environments for children

We want to offer a poison-free environment for our children in our pre-schools. We therefore

want to continue the work of replacing materials that have known and dangerous characteristics. Such materials shall not be used in new-builds either. Many pre-school and school yards have large areas covered in tarmac, which we want to break up and replace with natural materials that invite play and movement, but also to growing plants and teaching activities outdoors. Pre-school yards must be enlarged, to give more space for each child. We also want children's interaction with nature to be prioritised by creating new nature-based schools, staffed playgrounds and by supporting more 4H farms and natural playgrounds.

A socially sustainable city

22. Stockholm shall be a secure city for everyone

We want to improve insecure areas, reinforce the presence of adults in the city and prevent problems from arising by continuing to invest in schools, leisure activities, youth health centres and social services. At the same time, society must act forcefully against shootings and gang criminality here and now, through immediate interventions

by police and social services. Through cooperation between the city's various activities, civil society, county council, police, business owners and inhabitants, we can work together to build a society with less criminality and mutual trust. In this way, we convert insecurity into security.

23. Elderly care with high quality of life

More elderly care homes shall be built, with rents that elderly persons can afford. All elderly persons shall have the right to grow old securely with high quality of life, good access to activities and meeting places that counteract loneliness. Therefore we want to create more activity centres, where it is possible to take part in social activities, benefit from cultural experiences and to eat and exercise. The resources, experiences and willingness to contribute of elderly persons need to be utilised better. The food at elderly care homes shall be cooked as nearby as possible, and be tasty, nutritious and organic. We want to create more short-term care places, where elderly persons can be cared for during a shorter period, to offer relief to persons caring for a close relative at home.

24. An open and welcoming Stockholm

Stockholm shall be an open city, where people fleeing from war and unrest can build up a new life under secure circumstances. We want to reinforce the citizen offices to provide better social guidance and other support to newly-arrived Stockholmers. In our Stockholm, it shall be quicker to get a job or to start studying. The opportunities to combine language study with professional training shall be widened. Swedish for Immigrants (SFI) shall be of high quality, and it shall be possible to combine studies and practical work. Civil society plays a very important role in the welcoming of newly arrived Stockholmers, and shall be supported in this work.

25. A city showing solidarity where we reduce vulnerability

No human being is illegal, and Stockholm shall therefore show solidarity and protect the persons who are most vulnerable and provide support and warmth where needed. Human rights cover everyone. We think that children of paperless persons shall be allowed to attend pre-school as well as school, and that they shall receive financial

support. No child should freeze or go hungry in Stockholm. We also want to actively improve the life situation for vulnerable EU citizens and strengthen collaboration with their home countries. Children who arrive as refugees alone shall have their rights protected and be given good prerequisites for becoming part of society. The children and youths who have arrived here over the last few years need continued support and care.

26. A city without racism and discrimination

Stockholm shall be a city where the competency of every person is utilised and nobody is discriminated against. We want to reinforce the work against racism, xenophobia and all discrimination, irrespective of the grounds for discrimination. The increase in awareness of human rights within all the city's operations shall continue and be reinforced. We want to create more meeting places for hbqt youths, and school shall be a secure place for all pupils, irrespective of gender, cross-gender identity or expression, ethnic origin, religion or other faith, functional disability, sexual orientation or age.

27. An accessible city that gives individuals power over their life situation

All Stockholmers, irrespective of their functional ability, should have the same opportunity to take part in society. By better including persons with functional disabilities, Stockholm will develop and become a better city. We shall avoid separate solutions, where persons with functional disabilities are separated unless this is justified, and instead prioritise the city and its operations always being accessible to everybody. Attendance and personal assistance shall be flexible inputs, so that all can take part in social life on equal terms.

28. A feminist and gender-equal Stockholm

Stockholm shall be a gender-equal city, where nobody is limited due to their gender. Honour-related violence and repression is unacceptable and shall be opposed, as all persons shall have power over their own lives. Violence in close relationships shall be counteracted, and persons exposed to violence shall receive the protection and support they need. There shall be rapid and clear measures against sexual harassment. To work effectively

to prevent violence, destructive masculinity norms and honour norms shall be questioned and opposed.

29. Strengthen the city districts

We want the the influence of the city district committees to be strengthened in terms of the close environment, and that they are better integrated in the city's decision-making processes. We want to implement trials where the city district committees make decisions on minor construction matters relating to their areas. The city districts shall also be given an extended role in driving the overall sustainability work in the district. Local engagement from citizens, local politicians, associations and businesses shall be better utilised. We want the city's information to and dialogue with its inhabitants to be clear and easily available to all. We want to develop the citizen suggestion instrument to apply to all of the city's operations. A citizens' budget and co-creating dialogues are two formats that can enable Stockholmers to have real influence. We want to increase the participation by Stockholmers in both the development and the care of the city's green spaces, through user agreements and city farming, for example.



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