

ELECTION PROGRAMME 2019

CHANGE NEEDS OPPOSITION

KEY POSITIONS ON A SOCIAL CITY FOR EVERYBODY

Preface

Dead readers,

Horrendous housing costs, traffic chaos, soaring costs of living - all these problems have been troubling Salzburg for decades. Unfortunately, the governing parties only talk about these problems amidst election campaigns. Later, it is also them who forget all their phoney promises and nothing ever changes for the better.

On March 10, the same parties will form the local government just like they did in the last 27 years due to antiquated proportional representation - and they will change as much as they have ever done: nothing.

In order to bring about change, Salzburg needs a reliable, social voice in the local council that keeps an eye on the governing parties. KPÖ PLUS will ensure that important issues will not be swept under the rug. The success of KPÖ PLUS is the guarantee that affordable living and social issues will be key topics also during legislature and that change will finally happen.

Last time, only 50 votes were missing for a seat in the city parliament. Thus, every single vote counts this time.

Even in in Salzburg things can change. This is, why we need your support on March 10!

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KEY ISSUES

1. Affordable housing is your right!

Nowhere is there a place in Austria where people are forced to spend so much money on housing like in Salzburg. Most people simply cannot participate any longer in the rat race of steadily increasing costs. Over 1,500 citizens must stay with friends or family because their wages are simply not enough for covering their rents. Between 7,000 and 8,000 people only have narrow, inadequate quarters and are officially registered seeking a flat. Yet, at the same time 5,000 apartments are vacant.

It is about time for a politics that sides with the residents instead of catering for big real estate businesses and speculators and wasting our money on expensive prestige projects.

KPÖ PLUS stands for:

- 10.000 new council flats built by the city of Salzburg itself within the next 10 years
- decrease of the canal toll instead of Millions for prestige projects
- compulsory registration of vacant flats and the implementation of a vacancy tax
- a fund for rental deposits benefiting people earning low wages after the example of Graz
- increase of governmental aids for renovation to lower energy costs
- allocation of cooperative apartments by the city government with comprehensive, social guidelines and examinations of existing contracts for corruption
- preemptive right to acquiring land and tenements for the city of Salzburg
- introduction of a category for sectoral planning benefiting subsidised housing (75% subsidised housing, max. 4€/sqm, ban for commercial use)

2. Affordable public transport instead of traffic jams, noise and pollution

Countless congestions, expensive tickets for public transport, noise and pollution along the main streets and the alternative routes: the traffic chaos harms everyone in Salzburg. Above all, children and people living on low incomes suffer due to noise and air pollution. Neither the expansion of the parking space at Mönchsberg, the tunnel through Kapuzinerberg nor the opening of bus lanes for heavy good transport did bring any relief. On the contrary: the city council's solutions lead to more congestions and pollution. This is threat to people's lives in the city and it increases the pressure of the climate crisis worldwide.

We, the residents of Salzburg, take back the streets. Accordingly, transport must be public and the tickets must be affordable. KPÖ PLUS strives for free public transport in the long run, as introduced by Luxemburg or Estonia. As a first step, an all-day-ticket should cost 1€, a monthly pass 10€. Also, public transport itself must improve. Bus lanes must be expanded and the frequency must increase. The means are there: Salzburg AG distributes 20 Million € annually to both, the country and the city, and taxing corporations for public transportation is feasible.

KPÖ PLUS stands for:

- a decrease of costs for public transport! 1€ per day, 10€ a month and 100€ annually.
- free public transportation must be the goal - and an immediate measure for students, pupils and apprentices.
- the prolongation of the local train via subway to Mirabell
- 30 kph on all side roads to protect residents
- the extension of cycle lanes and their spatial separation from car traffic
- more bus lanes and a higher frequency
- no to the garage at Mönchsberg, attractive park and ride spaces on the outskirts
- a local transport contribution of corporations to extend public transport
- required parking-spaces for buses on the outskirts
- a public transport zone free of charge in the inner city like in Graz

3. Democracy - Making Decisions together with the populace

Local politicians often do not show consideration for the needs of the citizens of Salzburg. Many people are not even allowed to vote or have their say. Yet, the residents themselves know best how to solve problems: They know how a district can be revived, where there must be a bike lane and which matters need to be dealt with in the neighbourhood. Both, council politics and administration are often too far removed from their citizens.

No wonder! Salzburg does not only have the highest housing prices, but also the most expensive politicians. Nowhere in Austria are the salaries of politicians as exorbitant as in Salzburg. The gap between what politicians and the general populace earn has widened. Thus, politicians have little to no empathy for the daily needs of people in Salzburg. This could be different, however.

KPÖ PLUS stands for:

- implementation of generally-elected and voluntary representatives of city districts
- a binding referendum after a petition reaches 3% of the votes
- incorporation of neighbouring municipalities
- participatory democracy on all levels
- active and passive suffrage for all people living in Salzburg
- reduction of salaries for politicians to a reasonable amount
- ethical standards: No KPÖ PLUS politician will receive more than an average worker!
The rest will be donated to people in need.

TOPICS FOR SALZBURG

4. Good jobs = good live

- reduction of working hours to 35 at full pay and full staff compensation for all city-owned enterprises
- more staff and better payment for both, health and child care
- no privatization of communal services and enterprises
- creating and securing jobs via investment in construction, child care, health care and public transport
- best bidder instead of lowest bidder principle with communal calls for tenders
- extension of free work-related legal for all residents

5. Strengthening women's rights

- closing the gender pay gap
- more child care facilities in the vicinity of residential areas and companies
- longer opening hours for child care facilities
- consideration of child care and elder care
- contraceptives free of charge
- abortions should not depend on the client's money and must be free of charge
- installation of a second women's refuge and the right to be allocated to a flat

6. Good education for Salzburg

- Salzburg must become a student city. In order to achieve this, we need: affordable housing, inexpensive public transportation, and inviting spaces without pressure to consume
- a right to child care in your vicinity
- tuition free of charge for families with a low income
- more staff to support teachers in schools (social workers and psychologists)
- extension of schools adequate to the needs of teachers and students
- youth centres with study rooms in all city districts
- more youth care like "AKZENTE", "Hilfe in der Familie" and assisted living

7. Participation in the arts

- introduction of the “Aktivpass” that bundles participation at cultural activities, sports, public transport and social welfare like in Linz or Graz
- access to art and culture for all locals, more offers and better information with the “Kulturpass”
- higher subsidies for the free art scene instead of Millions for expensive high culture
- higher salaries and job security for cultural artists
- subsidies for intercultural and inclusive projects
- creation of open ateliers, work rooms, studios and practice rooms for cultural artists
- security and extension of free media be it radio, print or TV

8. Anti-Fascism - for an open Salzburg in solidarity

- more streets named after resistance fighters, deserters and victims of national socialism
- renaming Thorak-Straße in Aigen
- removal of memorials created by NS-artists, especially the Thorak-statues in Kurgarten
- visible labels for places of remembrance
- subsidies for events about resistance against national socialism
- enforced education against right wing extremism in Salzburg
- extension of documentation and counselling for victims of racism

9. Public space - a city for everybody

- building community centres - with branches of the public library and space for events and young people
- decrease of entrance fees for out- and indoor swimming pools
- picnic sites along river Salzach and green areas in dense districts
- a ban on alcohol does not solve any problems, it just moves them somewhere else. We need more social work so that marginalized people have a place in the city.
- fighting poverty, not the poor: lifting bans on begging
- benches and tables all around the city - as meeting points and for pauses especially for elderly people
- more public toilets free of charge
- sports without a club membership - accessible football pitches and opening parks for sport
- making Salzburg fully accessible - from public transport over buildings and streets
- no profit from compulsive gambling - banning gambling