

# THE ESSENTIALS:



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# Resolute through the crisis: What the market doesn't regulate, we regulate. Together.

With the ongoing Corona pandemic, rising prices, the war against Ukraine and sky-rocketing energy costs, the past year has been very stressful for all of us, for our family and friends. None of us caused these crises. Yet we are working every day to overcome them.

**The people of Berlin can now decide in the repeat election what politics should focus on in the current situation.**

To us, this is essential: We will not leave the people of Berlin alone in times of crisis. With the Berlin relief package, we're providing targeted support to those who need it most in the energy crisis. We've introduced a 29-euro ticket and a 9-euro social ticket and aim to prevent electricity and gas cut-offs with a hardship fund. No one should be left in the cold and dark during difficult times. We've imposed a freeze on rent increases and evictions on state-owned housing companies. We're not leaving anyone behind, not even those who are seeking refuge.

To big real estate companies, Berlin is a market for their business model, but to us it's our home. We will implement the "Expropriate Deutsche Wohnen and Co." referendum and we want to return as many flats and plots of land as possible to municipal ownership. We want more affordable new construction by state-owned housing companies and cooperatives. We want to eliminate homelessness by 2030.

We want Berlin to remain a city of diversity, freedom and tolerance – for everyone, regardless of their origin, religion, income, age or sexual orientation. We take a clear stand against Nazis, racism and contempt for humanity. Everyone should be able to travel comfortably, safely and affordably throughout the city of Berlin: Buses, trains and cycle paths need to be extended, even outside the S-Bahn ring! No further construction of the A100. Our long-term goal is free local public transport.

Culture should not be a question of where you live or how much you can afford, which is why we are working to promote all areas of culture – from music schools, local libraries and children's theatres to club culture. We've introduced admission-free museum Sundays and plan to introduce a youth culture ticket. All children in our city must have a place at a day-care centre or school in their district. This is why we want more money for new buildings and renovations and to accelerate the current school building offensive.

We've made massive investments in hospitals in the past few years and want to increase them further. We want more staff in the nursing sector with good working conditions and wages for all. We have remunicipalised the electricity grid, and we also want to bring district heating and gas supply back to the public sector. For us, climate protection and social justice are inseparable.

In the coming election, you can help ensure that Berlin's politicians take care of the essentials right now. To ensure affordable rents, a secure energy supply in public hands, good hospitals and much more.

Even after the election, we will continue to guarantee that politics does not lose sight of the essentials. That is the task of the Berlin LINKE. We want to stand up for this with you, with the people of Berlin, and we ask for your vote.

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