More Green – Good for Bavaria's Municipalities

For exactly 40 years, **the Greens** have been engaged throughout Bavaria as competent and experienced local politicians – in city councils, municipal councils, district councils, as mayors and district administrators. With us, Bavaria is on a good and secure path toward the future – with and for the people.

The principle is: our green local politics is close to the people, takes their concerns and wishes seriously, offers solutions, and ensures good coexistence in an intact environment. Here and now.

Your community becomes more beautiful with you.

That is what we Greens stand for in the 2026 municipal elections in Bavaria. Our home is the place where we can work together to make things better. That is what we Greens want to do – together with you. Let's preserve what we love. And let's carefully change what no longer works. Together we can achieve a lot, and together we will overcome these challenging times. We Greens demonstrate this everywhere we take responsibility – whether in councils, town halls or district offices.

Here, we keep money in the local area – through regional agriculture and craft businesses, and through local renewable energy production.
Here, we keep people together – through fair educational opportunities, affordable housing, and reliable healthcare.

Here, we create equal opportunities – through climate-friendly and flexible mobility, and through transparency and participation in local politics.

Let's work together to make our cities, towns, and villages socially, economically, and ecologically fit for a good and liveable future.

Our Key Priorities

For a Strong Togetherness

Vibrant, green squares and town centres with a high quality of life for all age groups strengthen community life. Cohesion grows where people meet on equal terms, where generations live together, where housing – including barrier-free housing – is affordable, and where the village shop is planned in from the start. Whenever a local pub is in danger,

we Greens will fight to preserve it, because these meeting places are essential for overcoming divisions in our society.

We want to shape towns and neighbourhoods **with and for the people** – places where everyone can live well together. The promotion of art and culture is central to a good life. They create identity, provide creative freedom, and open up unexpected opportunities for personal development.

We are committed to strengthening and recognising voluntary work and support those who are active in associations.

We welcome persecuted people who have been forced to flee and seek protection with us, and we create the necessary structures for them. However, a good local migration policy also requires more funding from the state and federal government, as well as sufficient and well-staffed administrative structures. Only in this way can integration succeed at the local level – whether in kindergarten, at school, or in working life.

We are fighting for a society in which **diversity has a permanent place** and in which everyone helps shape local life – whether they are sixteen or seventy-six years old, deeply rooted in Bavaria or newly arrived.

For More Women in Leadership

8 March is election day – and also International Women's Day. Let's use the 2026 municipal elections as an opportunity to send a clear signal: **more women and more diversity in local politics**.

Good local politics needs more women in office. Women bring a different perspective on commuting, care, childcare, architecture, local transport, footpaths and cycling paths, the quality of public spaces, leisure facilities, community life, and voluntary work. More women in office are therefore an asset to any town.

We Greens don't just demand half the power for women – we live it. Women already hold **50% of green seats in Bavaria's municipal councils**. By contrast, the average proportion of women in municipal councils across Bavaria is only **22%**. In the CSU, it is even lower at **20%**. That is shameful.

We Greens stand for an **equal society** that embraces diverse life perspectives in all their variety, and enables women to actively shape political office.

For Diversity in Housing

We Greens fight for more affordable housing, because there is a shortage of it in more and more places in Bavaria. We Greens take the central role of municipalities seriously and are working to create the right political framework at local level. Where we enable new building rights in a municipality, we introduce **social land use**, create social housing and occupancy rights, or focus on concept-based tenders such as cooperative or local resident models. This allows young and older people to stay in their communities, even in growth regions. The result is housing that is as diverse as the people who live in it.

We prioritise development within town centres by redeveloping brownfield sites and revitalizing empty buildings. This makes our communities more attractive and reduces land consumption. As a result, our towns preserve their character and people retain a sense of home. Moderate densification in urban areas also saves land and preserves cooling green spaces.

Our vision of housing combines **ecological and social sustainability**. How we build and renovate is a key question on the path to a climate-stable society in which everyone can live well. We support affordable, sustainable, inclusive, or experimental forms of housing and working – in cities, in old town centres, or in traditional farmhouses in rural areas.

We need more **flexible housing** that adapts to the different needs of our life stages – young families have different requirements than older people. Many people are inventive, community-oriented, and want to actively shape their living environment. We Greens make this possible by allowing new housing models or providing suitable land.

For Reliable Education and Relaxed Families

Every child deserves equal educational opportunities, regardless of their parents' income – and regardless of the financial situation of their home municipality. We are putting an end to dilapidated school buildings, outdated infrastructure, and constant childcare shortages. Municipalities need more funding to fulfil their ever-growing educational responsibilities and to make necessary investments in school and kindergarten buildings. They also need more qualified staff to run their institutions.

To ensure that every child has an equal start in life, we need good, reliable local childcare as well as modern, well-equipped schools. This also includes establishing school social work permanently in every school.

For parents – and especially for mothers – high-quality, reliable all-day childcare facilitates equality and equal opportunities in the labour market. This makes it possible to balance family and career without stress or guilt.

For an Economy with a Future

We Greens are the driving force for securing the future of our local economy. We create an innovation-friendly environment: effective, low in bureaucracy, and sustainable. We strengthen regional value creation and promote inter-municipal cooperation. We make our cities and communities attractive for skilled workers to settle in – through affordable housing, openness to the world, and good childcare. We advance the expansion of digital infrastructure and support the transition to climate-neutral and resource-efficient technologies wherever we can – for our businesses, our craftspeople, and the people who work and live here.

As Greens in positions of responsibility, we are ensuring that municipalities themselves become pioneers in the transition to a sustainable and fair economy with a future. Across Germany, municipalities award contracts worth **500 billion euros**. With the consistent implementation of sustainable procurement, municipalities give companies and craftspeople planning security. We understand economic development as shaping the future with the goal of making **Bavaria a global leader in climate protection**. And this begins here, in our communities.

We create good, reliable conditions for new sustainability initiatives by companies. Proven measures include **solar cadastres, heat planning, Fairtrade promotion, inter-municipal land management, shared mobility, and CO_2 accounting for local businesses**.

We support companies in bringing new resource-saving and climate-friendly products and services to market. In addition to local marketing structures, regional products should increasingly also be available online. In future, in-house delivery services will strengthen local retailers with their regional products. In this way, we create new sources of income and new jobs, while at the same time securing local supply for the people in our communities.

For Local Energy

We Greens ensure that local businesses as well as citizens are supplied with reliable, independent, and secure affordable energy from wind and sun. In this way, we protect both our economy and our climate. We create the local conditions necessary for our energy to be produced as efficiently and decentralised as possible. This is because a

system consisting of many smaller plants is more resilient to crises than the old energy system with its expensive and dangerous large power plants.

With decentralised plants, the money stays in the community – from private balcony solar units to agri-photovoltaic systems that provide farmers with additional income. From geothermal to solar or wind energy with the participation of citizens energy cooperatives: everyone can participate in the local energy transition and everyone benefits from it.

We want to make all citizens **energy winners** – whether through reduced electricity prices, self-supply, or as co-owners of the wind turbine in front of the village. Municipalities themselves should also benefit from renewable energy production through wind turbines, photovoltaics, etc., not only through business tax, but also through an **"energy winner bonus".** Then the wind turbines in the region will indirectly finance part of the local swimming pool.

Our collective heating requirements accounts for more than half of the total final energy consumption. We Greens help citizens to become independent of expensive heating energy from fossil sources. That is why we are promoting **municipal heat planning**. This provides the necessary orientation for investment decisions, identifies the most economical form of heat supply, and thus creates planning security. Wherever possible, we are creating local heating networks. We are committed to providing free initial advice on energy issues and funding opportunities to support all citizens in switching to climate-friendly and cost-effective heating system.

For the Mobility of the Future: Reliable, Convenient, Affordable

Mobility is quality of life. We Greens design it to be reliable, convenient, affordable, and climate-neutral. The way to achieve this is through **integrated mobility concepts** that differ between rural and urban areas, but are simple and accessible for everyone – young and old, workers, families and leisure travellers, people with and without disabilities.

To this end, we are creating more safe and attractive footpaths for everyday journeys, more cycle paths and fast-cycle routes, a robust e-charging infrastructure, more sharing offers, and mobility hubs. Especially in rural areas, we are committed to expanding barrier-free public transport, providing connections to regional centres with intercity buses, and supporting on-demand mobility services. The focus is on a mobility infrastructure that reflects people's diverse needs and enables independence with or without a driver's license or car. We free people from their dependence on cars. At the

same time, the car will remain a central means of transport, especially in rural areas – but in the future it will be an **electric car**.

We Greens are committed to **"Vision Zero"** – the goal of no more traffic fatalities anywhere„ in any family. We are designing the mobility mix in such a way that the safety of all road users is guaranteed. Pedestrians and cyclists are always included of our planning. In this way, we create added value for everyone – in the countryside, in the city, and everywhere in between.

For Foresight in the Climate Crisis

We can feel it: the climate crisis has already reached us. Hot days are increasing, as are extreme weather events such as hail, storms, and heavy rainfall. Extreme heat poses a particular risk to the health of the youngest and oldest among us.

We are calling for **heat and rain management** in our towns and cities. We must redesign our communities and cities and reduce sealed surfaces so that they can absorb and store as much rainwater as possible directly on site. This way, we can protect our possessions from flooding in times of climate crisis.

We urgently need more **heat-resistant, shade-providing trees**, interconnected green spaces and fresh-air corridors, open water areas, green facades and roofs, as well as drinking fountains and shaded benches in public spaces. In doing so, we will also create attractive places that invite people to linger and meet – for a vibrant community life.

For Land that Sustains Life

Diverse landscapes and living soils are the basis of life for all of us. This is where farmers grow our food. This is where rainwater seeps into away and our clean drinking water is created, and where moors store CO_2. Forests cool and clean our air, floodplains protect us from flooding. This is where most animals and plants live – from wild bees to gentians.

We Greens use our meadows and fields sparingly, as they are too precious to be carelessly buried under concrete and asphalt. In Bavaria, around **10 hectares** of valuable soil are lost to development every day. We oppose this unrestrained land consumption. It destroys the environment and our biodiversity, deprives agriculture of its livelihood, and has a massive impact on our landscapes.

Across Bavaria, we are calling for land consumption to be limited to a maximum of **5 hectares per day**. Locally, we are reviewing all development plans for their potential to save land and opportunities for unsealing.

For Optimal Health and Care Close to Home

Health is the most important prerequisite for enjoying life. We Greens advocate for general practitioners and specialists in our local communities, and for top-level healthcare within reach. We want to keep general practitioners, paediatricians, and specialists in our communities and attract new ones.

To achieve this, we are creating more practice spaces, group practices, and doctor-led medical-care centres in our communities. We are improving and integrating outpatient and inpatient care, and expanding care facilities. Midwives must also be on-site quickly in both rural and urban areas. We are providing hospitals with sufficient funding and enabling specialisation for the highest quality care. In this way, we ensure **medical care security** both in rural and urban areas.

For Politics That Listens to You

Our volunteer councillors are here to listen to you. We involve all interested citizens in our council work. We are happy to answer questions at regular open discussions and consultation hours. In our municipality, we are continuing youth participation or finally introducing it. Every young person in every municipality deserves a **youth forum, a youth parliament, or other forms of participation** – for us, this goes without saying.

We take young people seriously and also give them money for their own ideas and projects. We want to involve all citizens more in local decision-making. Citizens' assemblies should take more account of residents' ideas. We strengthen citizens' forums or citizens' councils such as advisory boards for people with disabilities and senior citizens. Transparent access to council minutes and resolutions is a matter of course for us.

We stand for a **culture of debate based on togetherness**, and oppose exclusion and hostility. Our goal is to empower people locally to become active shapers of their community, regardless of their social background, age, gender, education, migration history, or physical disabilities. Because every perspective is important and deserves space. This is the only way to keep our democracy strong and vibrant.