

# Election Program 2020



## Prologue

In an election program, parties state what they want to do after the election. They state what is important to them. They state what they promise their voters. The SPD has many good ideas for Schweinfurt. Here are some of them.

## Schweinfurt 2035

Politics is not only made in Munich and Berlin. The city council and mayor of Schweinfurt make important decisions for us. Schweinfurt also has its problems. The SPD wants to solve these problems. The bus network needs expansion. School has to be free of charge for everybody. In Schweinfurt, environmentally friendly things are to be produced. Living in Schweinfurt needs to be affordable. Your problems should be heard. In a democracy every vote counts. Democracy means that every citizen has a say. An SPD mayor stands for this.

## Living in Schweinfurt

Housing is a fundamental right. This means, that everyone needs to be provided with a suitable apartment, which also needs to be affordable. To do this, the city needs to buy more land and the newly built apartments cannot be too expensive. The city districts have to develop. People should want to live in all of our districts. We have to do a lot for that. The apartments should also be eco-friendly. The SPD has many ideas for this.

## **Our work and economy**

### *Schweinfurt's industry of the future*

By industry we mean all factories in Schweinfurt. Our goal is to advance the automotive industry and its suppliers. We try to do a lot for the environment. To achieve these goals, we work together with works councils and unions, as well as with the representatives of the handicapped.

### *Schweinfurt as employer*

We are committed to education, because everyone has a right to it. The proceedings of town hall need to be digitally and easily accessible for every citizen. Nowadays, more and more government tasks can be taken care of via electronic devices, which is why we want easy access to all necessary forms online. We want to create better working conditions in hospitals and nursing homes.

### *The Schweinfurt brand*

To make Schweinfurt even better, we want to manufacture new products, because many people have great ideas, which we are happy to support.

### *Better city climate*

Our climate is changing. We want to achieve a change in Schweinfurt. We demand to plant more trees and to create more green areas. This will improve the climate and the air quality.

### *From the region to the table*

We want to create more regional products. Regional means: it originates from our surrounding areas. Everything should become much more sustainable. This means that the products are durable. It is also important for us that there is a shopping opportunity near you. We want our food to be used and not thrown away. We want to find common ways of doing this.

### *Our new Schweinfurt oasis*

Schweinfurt should become a place where people can meet, eat, and drink together. You can brew beer and cook together. You can also talk to different people.

### *Schweinfurt plastic-free*

We want less plastic bags and packaging, because it pollutes our beautiful city. Therefore we want to create a competition. Everybody can participate with their own ideas.

### *Urban climate must also be social and fair*

Many people from different countries live in Schweinfurt. People who don't have work. People with a disability. Therefore we have to treat every person equally and be nice to everyone. For these people we want a suitable education. Therefore we need a lot of support.

### *Schweinfurt mobile*

The SPD wants new traffic routes. In Schweinfurt, too many people still drive their cars. More people should travel by train, bus and bicycle, or even walk. It is better for the environment.

Our demands:

- Free buses on Saturdays.
- A second bus station at the main train station.
- New engines for our city buses, especially hydrogen engines.
- An improvement in the cycle path network, for example bicycle highways.
- A bicycle underpass at the Max bridge.

- A support program for cargo bikes. With these, goods can be transported in an environmentally friendly manner.
- Bus stops should become barrier-free
- An expansion of car sharing, that means you don't have your own car. You share a car with other people.

A homepage and app for our offers.

### **Knowledge place Schweinfurt**

The SPD wants the best education for children. Every child should get the support it needs. More day nurseries and kindergartens should be built. We take care of well trained personnel. We want to increase the number of accompanying persons (educational assistants). We promote all-day care. We want to connect schools, clubs and associations with each other. Of course good education is also digital. Digital means, for example, that devices and machines are connected via Internet. In social networks, people are connected with each other. Social networks are for example WhatsApp and Facebook. Children and young people need a better understanding of media. This means that they need support and practice in the use of media (Internet, mobile phone, etc.). Schools need new educational plans. The SPD wants to support the schools in this. We want to help provide advanced education for people who are already working and want to widen their knowledge.

Our demands:

- We expand our day care places — free of charge.
- We are expanding all-day offerings.
- We provide our schools with digital equipment they need.
- Through education we strengthen the local co-determination of citizens.

## **The center full of life and culture**

The SPD wants culture for everybody! Cultural facilities have to be accessible and affordable for all (barrier-free). Besides the theater, free culture is also necessary. Free culture is offered by the *Disharmonie*, the *Stattbahnhof* and the *KulturPackt*. They should receive more funding. Schweinfurt has too many empty shops and stores. There are no pubs for students. Important for life in Schweinfurt are the numerous clubs. They are an important part for life and cohesion in our city.

Our demands:

- We introduce a person who collects all club offers.
- We promote and improve voluntary work.
- We want to promote free culture with at least 5 percent of the of the city's culture budget.
- We support the cooperation of associations and facilities with day care centers and schools. The goal is an understanding and respectful cooperation.

## **Best health**

Health is very important for humans! Sick people in Schweinfurt need a doctor and a hospital. The SPD stands for best health care in Schweinfurt. The foundation is the Leopoldina Hospital. Equally important is the *Friederike-Schäfer-Heim* (nursing home). It should not be built on *Martin-Luther-Platz*.

Our demands:

- More doctors and nurses for the Leopoldina Hospital.
- More nurses for the Friederike-Schäfer-Heim and better care for elderly citizens.

- More family doctors!
- The SPD stands for a Schweinfurt that will offer affordable living space for everybody by 2035.