

The City Belongs to Us All!

TüL/Die Linke

Social justice, solidarity and climate protection: that is what we envision for Tübingen and the district. As the Left, we are committed to a fairer distribution of societal wealth. People with low and middle incomes should be relieved of taxes and fees. The wealthy and super-rich must contribute more to the common good.

In an open-minded and cosmopolitan Tübingen, everyone should be able to participate and shape our common social life, including people with limited financial means. We advocate for municipal self-governance and are guided by the idea of democratic socialism. There is no place for hate, incitement, nationalism, racism, or anti-Semitism in Tübingen. We are part of anti-fascist alliances against right-wing extremism and are firmly committed to the struggle for humane asylum policies. Strengthening the Left is the most effective fight against the right!

We oppose the militarization of society, reject Bundeswehr (German army) advertising in schools, and oppose military research both at the university and at private firms based in Tübingen. We advocate changing the names of streets, squares, and buildings tainted by nationalism, militarism, colonialism, or racism.

Health, education, energy, water, waste disposal, and transport must not be subjugated to private financial interests. They must remain in public hands. Daycare centers, school cafeterias, full-day programs, and student transportation must be free of charge. We demand a zero-fare policy for local public transport.

Community responsibility also applies to housing. A roof over one's head is a human right. Even those with little money should be able to live in Tübingen. The city must prevent rents from skyrocketing further. It must combat vacancy and speculation and must not privatize more land—especially not at Europaplatz. We are participating in the citizens' initiative „Mieten runter!“ (“Lower rents!”) in the state parliament.

The Left has long been committed to effective environmental and climate protection. We must conserve our resources and develop land only in exceptional cases. New commercial zones should only be designated for the needs of existing craftsmen and businesses. Companies that wish to establish themselves must adhere to regional value chains and guarantee exclusively peaceful purposes.

The city must utilize all opportunities to save energy. It should expand its district heating network, build wind turbines in Kusterdingen and Weilheim, and subsidize photovoltaic systems. It must also adapt to increasing weather extremes such as heat, drought, and heavy rain—through measures like air corridors, green spaces, more trees, shaded roofs, green facades, and drinking fountains. Importantly, climate protection must not come at the expense of people with low and middle incomes. Those who have profited the most from the consumption of natural resources must pay for it.



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Our Primary Objectives:

- **Affordable Housing:** Creating affordable housing is a public responsibility. Simply building more will not solve the problem; the market will not fix this on its own. The city should either lease land for residential development to actors oriented towards the common good or independently develop social housing. In new development areas, there must be fixed and permanent quotas of social housing. These criteria also apply to the possible development of Saiben.
- **Municipal Finances:** Underinvestment in education, social housing, climate protection, transportation, and the energy transition cannot be addressed with austerity or a debt brake. We, the Left, want to change course. Municipalities need more money. Instead of business taxes, we call for a municipal economic tax that includes well-paid freelancers and the self-employed. We also continue to advocate for a reduction in property taxes and demand nationwide that they no longer be passed on to renters.
- **Good Jobs:** The economy must serve the people. The city and district must help create jobs and push back low wages. When awarding contracts, employees must be paid according to collective agreements. The city should rehire cleaning staff instead of outsourcing to external companies.
- **Mobility for All!** An effective transportation system must enable everyone to travel safely, quickly, and easily—whether on foot, by bike, by bus, or by train. It must be possible to live without a car throughout the district.
- **Public transportation must be expanded and made ticket-free.** As long as a zero-fare policy for buses and trains is not in place, the Deutschlandticket should cost no more than 15 euros. Public transportation should be immediately free for students, trainees, retirees, and holders of the district bonus card.
- **We need a pedestrian pathway concept** to ensure people of all ages can move about safely—even with a walker, wheelchair, or stroller.
- **We support the expansion of the regional light rail.** The route through Mühlstraße has been ruled out by the citizens' referendum and should not be reconsidered even after the binding three-year period. Instead, alternatives such as a route along Hagellocher Weg and new bus lines must be examined.
- **New roads should only be built if they do not attract new traffic.** Whether the Schindhau base tunnel is still necessary must be determined by a new needs assessment; it should serve only to abate traffic in the South city. Residents of the B27 need immediate relief by means of a 40 km/h speed limit and additional crossings.
- **Good Education:** Good childcare and education must be free from preschool until vocational and university degrees. To end the childcare crisis, childcare professions must be better paid, and umbrella associations must launch a training initiative. School social work must be expanded—also in vocational schools. The state, city, and district must provide greater support for continuing education institutions such as the Volkshochschule.
- **Sports and Culture:** Cultural and sports offerings in the city and district must be accessible to everyone. Club memberships should not be lost for lack of money. Admission to the outdoor swimming pool should be free for ages 6 to 18. The new indoor swimming pool with its 50-meter lane must be built quickly, and the historic Uhlandbad must be preserved.

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