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Preamble to the election manifesto for the Passau city council elections

It's about time. After 18 years of stagnation, it is time to return to politics for the broad majority of the people and for the future viability of our city. After years of ignorant complacency, a new, appreciative style belongs in City Hall: Nika Kolitz!

Instead of a tame, intimidated opposition, you deserve a strong faction that clearly and unambiguously represents your concerns and legitimate interests: Die Linke!

We stand for:

- affordable housing for all
- excellent public transport
- urban development that protects people and the climate
- effective control of municipal companies instead of backroom decisions
- equal participation for all, regardless of income, age, gender, nationality or sexual orientation
- women's bodily autonomy
- a clear stance against fascism: we are the Brandmauer!

Housing should not be a luxury

Way too many people spend far too much of their income on housing – and the blame lies with brazen landlords who keep raising rents, taking advantage of rising utility costs. They want to rake in extra profits at the expense of tenants by charging them too much for the heating. We will no longer tolerate this. High rents are not God-given. They are landlord-made.

This is why we're fighting

- for a **rent cap** (“Mietendeckel”) on flats owned by the municipality: the city of Passau must oblige its own housing associations to stop increasing rents
- for the city to **consistently check** whether landlords are complying with the law or charging **extortionate rents**. This will enable us to reduce your rent

- against luxury flats for the few and for affordable housing for all: **the city should only build new social housing**, and 70% of new private buildings must be social housing
- for a **misuse statute** that obliges landlords to rent out empty flats and to convert vacation rentals into normal rental flats again
- for municipal land to only be sold if **affordable rents** are guaranteed: through lease agreements or allocation to cooperatives and solidarity-based construction projects

Liveable city for everyone

We are committed to sustainable, socially equitable and climate-resilient urban development.

This is why we`re fighting

- for unsealing and greening areas and buildings – that’s better than concrete jungles and asphalt deserts
- against the destruction of green spaces (meadows, etc.) and established residential structures in the event of redensification
- for public spaces and areas where people can linger without surveillance and without being pressured to consume
- for promoting employee-owned businesses, restaurants and cultural institutions
- against the demise of festivals, clubs and night-time culture
- for breaking down barriers and promoting social cohesion for **all** social groups

Labour rights instead of exploitation

In Passau, many people work hard yet earn low wages while corporations make record profits. You deserve more! Work must deliver security, dignity and participation.

This is why we`re fighting

- for a 16€ minimum wage for all city employees
- for the application of the public service collective agreement, also for all employees of municipal enterprises
- in favour of awarding contracts exclusively to companies bound by collective agreements
- for promoting employee-owned businesses instead of corporate chains

Climate action lowers energy bills

Sunshine and wind do not send bills. We want affordable prices for all households!

This is why we're fighting

- for solar panels on all public buildings
- for affordable solar power for tenants and home owner associations
- for better promotion of balcony solar systems
- for the establishment of a community energy cooperative
- for promoting environmentally friendly heating systems

My Body – My Choice

There are only two medical practices in the whole of Lower Bavaria where abortions are performed.

We want to provide medical care for all. That's why we're fighting for

- abortion care in accordance with the counselling regulations at the municipal hospital
- recruitment of additional gynaecologists at the hospital
- the repeal of the city council decision that currently makes this impossible in practice
- adequate funding for independent counselling services

The firewall („Brandmauer“) – That's us

Passau should be a city with no place for racism, anti-Semitism and right-wing agitation. We are committed to a cosmopolitan, democratic and united Passau that actively opposes fascism and strengthens the culture of remembrance.

That's why we want

- no municipal premises or locations for fascists
- to strengthen anti-fascist and democracy-promoting initiatives
- to implement the 'Jewish to go' memorial trail in Passau
- to rename streets named after Nazis or their intellectual forefathers

Municipal enterprises: public welfare over profit

Our public utility company is committed to the common good and must not operate on the principle of profit.

This is why we´re fighting

- for electricity, water and heating supplies that remain affordable
- for a supply of 100% regional and renewable energy
- for leisure activities at fair prices
- a supervisory board that fulfils its supervisory function

Public transportation for all

In spring 2025, the city council wanted to cut bus services. We prevented this with a petition! Passau needs transport planning that is geared towards what the people of Passau need. That is why we launched our citizens' initiative local transport system and safe footpaths and cycle paths ensure that everyone can get around safely, regardless of their mode of transport.

This is why we`re fighting for

- More buses: Old Town and lines 5 and 6 (Spitalhofstraße - Vornholzstraße): weekdays from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. every 15 minutes, weekends every 30 minutes
- Early departures: Buses in all districts so that commuters and shift workers can catch the 5:19 a.m. train to Munich
- Night services: Buses from ZOB until midnight (weekdays) and until 2 a.m. (weekends/public holidays)