

Election program of the **Ayinger Green Party** for the municipal elections 2020

How do we want to live in our community in the future? What will happen to our environment and how will our homeland develop in the next legislative period? What answers can we find to the relevant questions that already concern us, e.g. mobility, climate protection and housing?

The Ayinger Green Party has developed viable solutions for this election program on all important issues. The foundations of all our actions are:

Transparency and civic participation

Although this sounds so obvious, real implementation of transparency and citizen participation is a challenging process that the Green Party finally wants to move forward with.

Green politics in our community always takes place in public discourse. All our meetings are announced on **our** homepage, our decisions are discussed together and made accessible to all afterwards. We actively call on citizens to contribute their ideas and proposals and seek solutions that are supported by as large a majority as possible.

This approach is also necessary at the community level. It requires more time and commitment than arrangements in a small circle. Social consensus and successful municipal work demand transparency and closeness to the citizens in all areas. All active members of the local association have jointly developed our election program. How we implement our contents in the local council should be comprehensible for the population, combined with broad offers for participation.

Aying on the way to an ecological community

Nature and the environment form the basis of life for all of us. Our goal is to protect our valuable drinking water, to preserve intact landscapes, to upgrade threatened habitats in the long term and, if necessary, to restore them to their natural condition. The Green Party has a variety of concepts for this.

Municipal areas are not treated with pesticides and are only mown at reasonable intervals. Leases are primarily made according to ecological criteria.

We look at private compensation areas with regard to their biological importance and pay attention to their long-term preservation as valuable retreat areas for animals and plants.

We have to be careful with vacant areas, and in the case of built-up but unused areas we have to consistently check the possibility of unsealing and, if necessary, apply it.

An ecological community is a community of short distances, regional marketing and the use of local resources. Aying still needs the necessary structures for this. In this way we create new high-quality markets for the local farmers.

Ecology and regionality are our top priorities when drawing up a municipal procurement guide.

With climate-friendly energy into the future

The most climate-friendly energy is the one we don't use in the first place. Our top priorities are therefore efficiency and savings. This can be done by energetic refurbishment of municipal buildings, consideration of energy efficiency in new municipal acquisitions and regular training of the responsible employees, to name just a few examples.

We obtain the necessary amount of electricity and heat from regenerative energy sources according to ecologically sensible aspects. In the long term, we aim to make our community energy self-sufficient. All future decisions regarding municipal energy supply will be taken against this background. We achieve the highest acceptance for an Aying energy turnaround by creating participation models from which our citizens can benefit directly.

Keeping value added in the community

As a sustainable community, we must become financially stronger in the long term in order to be able to implement the measures the Green Party is striving for.

We use the locational advantages of our community to locate ecologically and socially compatible companies and crafts enterprises. Through appropriate incentives, we also enable smaller companies to be part of a diverse local value chain.

The economic future of our community continues to lie not in large, in the open countryside built companies, but in versatile (family) businesses.

Added value on site means that everyone benefits:

- the community through long-term secured tax revenues;
- the companies through secure locations and a good infrastructure;
- the people living here through a diverse range of goods, jobs and apprenticeships;
- the environment through short distances and less commuter traffic.

A central prerequisite for our Green ideas of a financially strong, lively community is the provision of fast Internet. We make full use of all possibilities for improvement and ensure that the laying of fiber optic cable into the house becomes the standard for new developments.

Sustainable solutions for better mobility

As a sustainable community, we support citizens in the use of climate-friendly mobility. In addition, we will work with citizens' initiatives, neighboring communities and rural districts at the state government to promote the expansion of the suburban railway (S-Bahn). We evaluate the numerous alternative concepts and models for local public transport solutions for their suitability for everyday use in our community with the participation of the public.

We are setting a good example in the use of e-mobility and are gradually creating an attractive infrastructure.

All citizens should be able to move around our districts as safely, comfortably and equally as possible. We develop any necessary measures for traffic regulation and calming in a citizen-friendly and transparent manner. We are examining existing traffic areas with regard to a fairer reallocation in favor of bikeways and walkways. This enables us to save costs and reduce paving.

Rethinking living

According to the forecast, we expect the number of over-65s to double by 2037. At the same time, the need for housing for young people will continue to rise. This calls for innovative living space concepts for living that meets the needs of the elderly and their requirements.

The municipality must once again become a capable actor on the local housing market in order to provide sufficient affordable housing in the long term.

On the way to becoming a climate-neutral community, we are committed to well thought-out ecological urban land use planning. We strengthen the village centers in all major hamlets and villages through consistent and diverse increased density. In this way we are economical with the areas in our community and create lively places of encounter. Inner city development has priority over development areas on the outskirts of towns. Energy-efficient and sustainable construction methods are actively promoted through concrete planning specifications.

Aying as a family-friendly community

Characteristic of a rural community like Aying is intergenerational coexistence. Families from outside also increasingly move to our town. We want to create the conditions for the compatibility of family and career in everyday life to be a matter of course.

In order to be a family-friendly and thus sustainable community, infrastructure and mobility services must be tailored to the needs of the citizens. Safe walkways and bikeways, adequate medical care and a variety of local shopping facilities are the basic prerequisites for this. However, family-friendly quality of life goes beyond this: Aying needs open spaces and locations where people of all ages can meet and stay.

Educational opportunities for all ages

Every human being has a right to education throughout her and his life. It is our task as a community to provide a wide range of services for this purpose.

High-quality care is already necessary for early childhood education. The community must continue to provide sufficient space in the future, taking demographic developments into account. However, it must also create an attractive offer for good carers in close exchange with the individual institutions and their sponsors. The Aying Green Party demands a long-term strategy to attract and retain qualified personnel.

The community supports parents of primary school children by providing age-appropriate afternoon education.

We consider it important to create more educational opportunities for adults. This can be done, for example, in cooperation with neighboring communities and their educational institutions. The aim is to establish such offers in our community in the future.

The connecting element for all age groups in education is our established communal library, the positive development of which we will support in close exchange with those responsible and users.

Aying - committed to the common good

It must be the primary goal of a community to enable all citizens to participate equally in public life. These include, above all, reducing social inequalities, integrating immigrants and implementing inclusion in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. This idea of public welfare is to be anchored more firmly in all our municipal institutions in the future. We meet this responsibility by creating a suitable position in the administration. The Green Party sees the community as a partner that on the one hand serves as an open point of contact and on the other hand proactively approaches and involves citizens.

It is important to us that the principle of equal treatment applies to all citizens and institutions.

The over-65-year-old group is also the fastest growing part of the population in Aying. We take this development into account by appointing a senior representative. Regular feedback on the concerns of older people from our village to the local council and the administration is one of the central tasks.

The concept of the common good always includes a specific focus on women's rights and gender equality. The community in its role model function must ensure equal pay, balanced filling of its own jobs and flexible time models for all employees. By using our right to have a say, we are working towards greater gender equality outside our own area of responsibility.

Hearing and appreciating children and young people

The social space analysis has shown that in eight years about 30% more children and young adults will live in our community. One of the great tasks of the Green Party in the coming years will be to listen to their concerns. To this end, we call for the creation of a youth council that is independent of political parties and associations as well as the establishment of procedures for democratic participation for children and young people under 18 (e.g. U18 elections).

A home worth living in for all

The Green Party does not distinguish people by their origin. Irrespective of whether they were born here or whether they came to us from somewhere else, Aying should be a home worth living in for everyone. For us, actively living this thought means giving newcomers and locals the chance to meet at eye level and learn from each other. To this end, we establish appropriate educational, cultural and supporting offers, such as multilingual information on the community homepage or the organization of joint events.

A comprehensive integration guideline will integrate and further develop the experience gained so far and serve as a conceptual basis for all actors involved in the future.

Right-wing populism and right-wing extremism have no place in our community. We oppose all attempts to exclude the term "homeland". Aying is home to all those who feel at home here, respect the Constitution and the social life of the community.

Open cultural work as a task of the municipality

We understand culture as a connecting, integrative element between people of different origins and abilities.

Our community scores culturally through a large number of clubs and societies. They preserve traditions and customs, strengthen the village community and offer a wide range of sports. However, a balanced cultural offer also includes a creative, artistically creating scene that is independent of societies. One of our goals for the next parliamentary term is to stimulate and promote these as well.

A European partner community can additionally promote the cultural life in Aying. We strengthen the idea of a "Europe of Regions" and enrich our village life by opening up new perspectives.

We understand the community archive as an instrument of a living culture of remembrance of our place. It serves as a basis for understanding Aying's history and linking it to the present. In order to learn from history, what has happened must be named and the appropriate consequences drawn for peaceful coexistence. That goes for Aying, for Germany and for all of us.