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POLITICS



12 POINT PLAN  
FOR MILWAUKEE  
FROM THE  
SOCIALIST PARTY  
OF MILWAUKEE



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## 12 Point Plan for Greater Milwaukee

### ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY:

This means that the public must have substantial input into economic decision making. Workers ought to have more control over conditions in the work place. Workers and community should be represented on corporate boards. This will help reduce the widening gap between rich and poor that threatens the democratic foundations of our governments.

### POLITICAL DEMOCRACY:

Existing democratic political institutions are threatened by:

1. The stockpiling of campaign funds
2. Excessive campaign spending.
3. Loss of legislative authority in both the Milwaukee City and County governments.
4. Too much power in the hands of administrators
5. Increasing use of patronage and the destruction of civil service systems.

Socialists call for the above situations to be corrected and for the popular election of the Milwaukee Sewage District Board and the Milwaukee Area Technical College Board.

### EDUCATION:

Milwaukee needs the most fully integrated, multicultural public education possible. There should be adequate funding for a full range of educational services. Public educational services should be free to every person through high school. Effective parent-school relationships must be encouraged.

### RACE RELATIONS:

Socialists stand for positive efforts to improve race relations. Planning and developing more liveable and integrated neighborhoods will serve to improve race relations in Milwaukee. Housing and economic disparities should be eliminated.

### HOUSING:

Safe, Affordable housing should be considered a right of every person. The municipalities and counties in the greater Milwaukee area ought to provide housing for the thousands of homeless. The City of Milwaukee, in particular, should be addressing the decaying housing stock with a positive plan for reconstruction. Programs for publicly-owned, rent subsidized housing should be reinstated throughout Milwaukee County.

### ENVIRONMENT:

Local governments and the county should establish departments to monitor the amounts and kinds of waste being released into our environment.

### SOLID WASTE:

Socialists stand for constructive efforts to reuse materials. More effort should be placed in the research and development of markets for the recycling of solid waste materials. A special bureau should be established within the Milwaukee County Public Works Department to promote and oversee the recycling of materials and other methods aimed at reducing the placing of solid waste in landfills. Socialists favor the elimination of privately controlled waste disposal practices.

### TRANSPORTATION

Socialists call for a transportation system that emphasizes the needs of pedestrians and mass transit riders. There needs to an expansion of the existing mass transit system. Specifically, Milwaukee's inner city residents need transportation to the suburban job opportunities.



### NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT:

City planning with the idea of improving neighborhoods should be a top priority. City services should be provided within neighborhoods, so people would not have to travel far for things they need. Plans should take into account Milwaukee's predominant grid pattern and perceptions of neighborhood boundaries. The City of Milwaukee's Planning Commission and Redevelopment Authority should be representative of the city's population and should not be dominated by developers.

### EMPLOYMENT:

The municipalities and county must provide meaningful employment opportunities through public works projects with built-in training programs. Neighborhood enterprises and worker cooperatives need to be encouraged and developed to provide needed goods and services to the people of Milwaukee.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Goals of economic development should reflect the well-being of workers and the value of locally-controlled business enterprises. Such development efforts should be targeted toward creating a diverse economic base focused on world peace industries. Such industries may include earth preservation sciences, environmental sciences, communications and environmentally friendly transportation technology.

### PRIVATIZATION:

The current trend toward the privatization (called contracting out, including the provision of public services by private organizations) of cultural facilities and other traditionally public services must be stopped! Additionally, we call for the reduction or elimination of user fees so that all people can take advantage of Milwaukee's rich culture.

**Join with the Socialists in Milwaukee  
to make these points happen!!**

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