



Short Coalition Program for Tomorrow 's Mokum

The Green Party (De Groenen) , the Basic Income Party (Basisinkomspartij) and the Pirate Party (Piratenpartij) have joined in Amsterdam to form one list for the 2022 city council elections on March 16 with the slogan: Tomorrow's Mokum (Mokum van morgen). Mokum is slang for Amsterdam.

Our main goals are:

- **Unconditional Basic Income (UBI)**

An unconditional and universal income to replace the old Welfare system.

Every person over 18 is entitled to the security of an unconditional, tax-free, monthly income. It doesn't matter if you are a student, a caretaker, freelancer, homemaker, on welfare or have a paid job. An unconditional Basic income is for everyone; no forms to fill in anymore. You can earn an extra income above your basic income without restriction. Regular tax rules will obviously apply.

A basic income is a simple arrangement, transparent and fraud-proof. The current welfare will be abolished. This way the civil servants who work in this field, can be given other tasks in environmental change programs, healthcare and education. It's a simpler and more resilient system. Moreover it will give the people the chance to freely rule their own business. It will give an economic boost, uplift poverty and enhance innovation.

Experiments show that people with a basic income develop through studies, entrepreneurship, and look for jobs which suit them best. The Society for Basic Income in the Netherlands predicts that the government can provide 750 euro to each citizen above 18 as a basic income after abolishing the Welfare as it is now. This is not enough for a sustainable Basic Income, but there is enough money to increase this amount by means of tax adjustments. It's all a matter of political choice.

The Amsterdam has the power to raise the lowest incomes with 250 euro each month and to focus on the possibility to work alongside your welfare payments up without curtailing.

- **Living Conditions**

In Tomorrow 's Mokum, renting or buying a house is a right, not a privilege of the wealthy

There is a permanent housing shortage. Endless queues to get a decent rental home, exorbitant prizes and speculation on the house market. We want to return hope for a fairly prized decent house in Amsterdam. Here's how:

- Steep taxes on keeping a dwelling vacant, rising exponentially while it stays unused.
- When a house is empty for longer than a year, it will be allowed to squat it.
We want to get rid of the anti squat law.
- We want to get rid of the 'fine on living together on the same address'.
Rotterdam does it, so can Mokum.
- Transformation of offices and store spaces into living spaces
- Resurrecting House Cooperations of the municipality, where the residents of the houses are co-owners of the Cooperation
- Investing in 'Build It Yourself' through Collective Private Clientship (CPO).
In Wageningen there are examples of this method. The municipality guarantees the mortgage on community living.
- The Amsterdam Housing Associations will stop immediately with the 'verhuurdersheffing'
- Families with children will no longer be evicted.

- **Green, environment and climate**

Tomorrow 's Mokum is green everywhere you look. The council needs to get on with it.

Climate change and biodiversity are two of the most urgent challenges of our time. The emissions of particle matter and greenhouse gasses and the shortage of fossil fuels ask for a radical change in our dealings with our earth.

- More green in the city, on squares, in gardens and on roofs. This vegetation will help the earth to store water and diminish heavy rain damage.
- Stop burning trees in biomass plants as energy supply. On the contrary, we want more trees. Trees help the city to cool down during heat waves.
- Make public buildings energy efficient through proper isolation and green-blue roofs with solar panels.
- Build solar panels on the houses of and with the Amsterdam Housing Associations.
- Loans without interest for individuals and entrepreneurs who want to make sustainable investments.
- We want windmills but not too close to houses. Local residents will share in the profit.
- Energy transition and adaptation to the climate are too important to leave decision making to the politicians only. Citizens should participate through deliberation and e-democracy.
- New forms of food supply: by building food forests, and enabling food corporations where the citizens can order vegetables and fruit for affordable prices.
- Reuse of raw materials, according to the principle of cradle to cradle, hemp as alternative for plastics and other environment harming products, local reuse of vegetable-fruit and garden-waste through 'inneem plaatsen'.
- Amsterdam (shareholder) needs to force Schiphol to reduce the amount of flights by reducing the amount of transfer - and short distance flights, improving air quality, reducing the sound disturbance and making the construction of 70.000 extra houses possible.

- **Education, Culture, Libraries, Neighborhood Centers**

Education brings out the best in people.

Education should contribute to equality. Culture and education are intertwined. Amsterdam has a rich diversity of art and culture. From street art and experimental theater to the Concertgebouw and the Rijksmuseum. A healthy and powerful network of libraries, neighborhood centers and initiatives is as necessary as highbrow culture.

- We stand for more community schools with pre and after school care in one building.
- We need schools to give free extra tutoring when needed – instead of expensive private tutoring programs which emphasize a big gap between poor and rich kids.
- All primary schools will offer programs for digital knowledge.
- Teachers should decide how to spend their budget.
- Festivals in public spaces are always open to the public with respect for nature.
- There has to be room for Free Creative Spaces in the city without too many regulations.
- Libraries, neighborhood centers, cultural centers and initiatives of civilians will be supported by the municipality.

- **Health Care, Debt Counseling and Drugs**

Medical care is a fundamental right.

The planning and organization of Debt Counseling and policy on drugs needs to be improved. Proper health care is essential for the wellbeing of our citizens and too important to be dependent on somebody's financial situation and/or safety net.

- Focus on prevention of illnesses. Prevention is better than cure.
- More beds in the hospitals to prevent shortage during a pandemic and structural higher wages for the nursing and support staff.
- SOA-tests as anonymous as possible
- For families with a city pass the sport clubs and fitness centers should be free of charge.
- The personal contribution for daily activities and guidance, for elderly and patients who live at home will be abolished
- Only healthy food offered at schools
- The Debt Counseling and Support Services, which helps people to get out of debt problems will be expanded.
- In Amsterdam we plea for a one time General Remission of all problematic and uncollectible debts. The debt industry (e.g. bailiffs) is much more expensive.
- We want to end the sale of social property. Social activities are too important to be dependent and hindered by the prices of property.
- Regulate the supply of the coffeeshops with local customization.
- laws which hinder the regulation of medical and industrial use of hemp will be uplifted..

- We want experiments with selling MDMA (XTC) and psychedelics by trained specialized staff in smartshops.
- The possibility of testing your drugs in combination with thorough information will be expanded and testing your drugs at events should be always possible.
- More dignified spaces for users with legal supply for all drug addicts.
- A different approach from the police towards confused people. More than often it is too violent.
- Daily activities, education and psychotherapy in the Youth Care centers are compulsory, and no isolation longer than one day in Youth Care centers.

- **The 'smart city'**

In Tomorrow 's Mokum the citizens will decide about the 'smart city'.

Cities change fundamentally through technological developments. Innovations provide opportunities. We want to use and protect them. Access to the internet is as important as access to water and energy. These developments improve our lives but we need to be aware of the risks. The 'smart city' collects lots of data. Smartphone data is used for crowd control, queues at musea, which burgers you like the best. Bridges can be controlled at a distance. Great. But who is the boss in this 'smart city'? Who is the owner of all these data we produce? Who is the owner of this technology which was and is being developed with public money?

Big tech companies in Silicon Valley take over more and more tasks and services from the municipality. We can not accept this form of privatization. We want the people of Amsterdam to benefit from these changes. We want to prevent institutions and companies from gaining the benefits and power at the cost of its citizens.

- We embrace ' Digital Sovereignty' on open source software, open standards and sustainable cooperation which is accepted by the Delft University of Technology.
- Amsterdam can become a Data Safe Harbor. We'll engage in a partnership with Reykjavik on this subject. A Safe Harbor means that all data is sovereign. Sovereign in the sense that certain tasks can only be carried out by the municipality, which is the people of Amsterdam. In our own Amsterdam serverpark without infected hardware.
- All software that will be used or made by the municipality has to be open source and can be used free of charge by its citizens. This way the municipality will become more independent of software suppliers with their vendor locked-in policies which you can not get easily rid of. The municipality can improve their own software.
- The Data Protection Authority has not enough capacity to properly execute it's task. Amsterdam will install a municipal DPA to enforce the General Data Protection Regulation GDPR.
- Amsterdam will support cooperatives who develop alternatives for platform monopolists like Uber and AirBnB, to make sure thatt our data remain ours.
- Communication platforms used by the municipality which are not save e.g. Whatsapp-groups, Facebook-groups, will be replaced by safe alternatives like Signal.

- **Security, livability, traffic and Public Transport:**

The Amsterdam future city has more visible police on the streets and invests in public transport and sustainable, cleaner traffic.

After the nationalization of Amsterdam police, huge parts of their services have been outsourced to private parties. This has led to a serious downgrade of the functioning of the police and loss of control of the city's local police. Both the quality and the aim of the Amsterdam police are not served; people who are educated nor equipped for the job (e.g. BOA's) are performing tasks as prescribed by central government. We want a strong blue network throughout the whole city, from street to street and in close contact with communities. We want to invest not only in effective police – security starts with strong cohesion within the neighbourhoods: youth centers, community centers, cultural activities.

We want to invest in infrastructure; cheaper public transport and more roads to be biker friendly. We support clean air and want less motorized traffic in the city. Biker highways and an extensive, accessible public transport are parts of our future city. A funicular to Noord is within our plans, as is a second tramline to IJburg. Maximum speed is 30 km/h within neighborhoods, which is children and bike friendly. Non-essential traffic is repulsed, for example by introducing personalized parking places. Transport over the many waters should be stimulated (like in Venice).

- **Civil rights and empowerment, e-democracy, new governmental mindset**

In rough times we stand for equality, diversity and human rights, also online.

Civil rights protect against central government (Brussels) and big corporations. We want power to be shared, within all parts of society, down to communities and neighbourhoods. It has been proven in dialogue that people within localities can overcome prejudice and find a solution, 'power to the people'. Through the platform 'De stem van Amsterdam' ('The voice of Amsterdam') citizens can join discussions and share ideas already now. We want to improve this service to have more people share their ideas and findings with their fellow citizens.

We embrace transparency. Most registers should be accessible online. Civil servants are not allowed to delete texts about persons without reason and review. Civil financial transactions are transparent and openly registered, to secure fair lobbying. A new institute is established for criticism on governmental failure. Investments are made towards ICT-knowledge within the municipality.

These are the main topics of our programme as a three-party list in the Amsterdam council's elections.

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