

**Call for protest demonstration
18 March 2023 at 12 AM, Hermannplatz**

Stop the reactionary coalition in Berlin!

Berlin could become a CDU-governed city again starting in May 2023. We cannot let this happen! Berlin needs social and non-discriminatory politics that center climate justice and participation. The parliamentary majority must govern the city in close cooperation with its residents!

**Therefore, we demand: No CDU-led coalition in Berlin, no right-wing conservative regression for our city!
For an open, diverse, and social city for all!**

Berlin politics need a massive turnaround in many areas, . But any involvement of CDU will obstruct possible progressive forces.

Urban planning and rent policy

With the referendum „Deutsche Wohnen und Co enteignen!“ [Expropriate Deutsche Wohnen & Co], Berlin municipal policy has been given a clear mandate from the people of Berlin. The referendum on expropriating large real estate corporations and taking their real estate into public ownership must be implemented! The majority of Berliners are renters and their interests must be the number one priority. The most pressing urban policy problems, such as dire shortage of housing, unaffordable rents, racial and ableist discrimination on the housing market, speculative vacancies of apartments and buildings, homelessness, short-term housing, and violent displacement must be addressed together with the diverse landscape of initiatives and with genuine political will. Berlin needs a housing policy centering the common good, not unaffordable new housing and further privatization for speculative purposes. The CDU remains a party of corporations and investors.

Climate & transportation policy

Things are particularly urgent when it comes to the global climate crisis, because we are already knee-deep in this crisis. The necessary socio-ecological restructuring of the city must be at the center of sustainable urban planning. Rather than constructing more roads like the A100, Berlin needs for the Mobility Act to be implemented: an emphasis on public transport, walking and cycling. Berlin needs reasonable, affordable, and fairly paid public transportation, more bike lanes, and for public spaces and housing to benefit the local urban population. Climate protection measures must be socially just; essential recreational and green spaces like Tempelhofer Feld and many others must be preserved. Berlin also needs large-scale unsealing of soils and for more vegetation to be planted; the city's own energy production and water management must be transformed. With the referendum „Klimaneutral 2030“ [climate neutrality 2030], a climate policy along these lines should be implemented swiftly together with the residents of Berlin.

Domestic policy

The situation of refugees and migrants must improve. The CDU's racist election campaign of the CDU and its top candidate's right-wing polemics have shown what we can expect if the CDU is to lead the Senate: intensified repression and massive expansion of police and law enforcement agencies, as well as systematic and often illegal deportations. A regression coalition with the CDU might also mean the end of the Anti-Discrimination Law, but discrimination in daily life, on the job market, on the housing market must be challenged and dismantled, and many groups must be given more access to housing.

In Berlin, tens of thousands of people still live in poverty. This is due primarily to low wages, high rents and cost of living as well as discrimination. A CDU-led Senate in Berlin would also intensify the harassment of unhoused people. A right-wing conservative Berlin cannot adequately respond to these societal challenges and cannot possibly be the solution.

The members of the SPD will decide on the coming coalition – but also, more fundamentally, they will also decide on whether the SPD is ready for progressive alliances in the coming years. If its members approve of the course of their SPD party leaders, they are committing Berlin to governments with CDU participation for years or even decades.



That is why we, as a broad alliance of civil society initiatives and organizations, demand a clear „NO“ from Berlin’s SPD party members to a coalition of reactionaries – we demand a different urban policy that focuses on the shared vision of an open, social, and sustainable city for all its residents. Let’s get active for the future of this city and prevent a reactionary right-wing conservative backlash!

Therefore:

Let’s change Berlin together!

No vote for a coalition with the CDU.

Co-signers (as of 15 March 2023)

100% Tempelhofer Feld

200 Häuser

AK Munizipalismus Berlin

Bizim Kiez

Changing Cities e.V

Decolonize Berlin e.V.

Deutsche Wohnen & Co Enteignen

Erwerbslosen Initiative Basta!

Initiative Hermannplatz

Initiative Schwarzer Menschen Deutschland (ISD) Berlin

Kiezkultur erhalten

Kieztreffen Pankow

Kotti & Co Mietergemeinschaft

Leerstandsmelder Berlin

Omas 4 Future,

Vernetzungstreffen Rathausblock,

Volksentscheid Berlin autofrei – Weniger Autos, mehr Berlin!