



## A Finnish City

### The Finns Party Municipal Election Platform in Turku

Turku is one of the biggest cities in Finland and it possesses a long and glorious history as the former capital and also as a gateway to Finland. With this election platform we in the Finns Party wish to preserve the city and make Turku even greater.

This document is a translated and shortened version of our 2017 local platform.

#### 1. Asylum Seekers: Strictly Against Welfare-Driven Illegal Immigration

Turku is one of the biggest hubs of illegal welfare-driven immigration in the country.

It brings economical strain, crime, unemployment and radical Islamism.

In the local level the Finns party is against building new “refugee” centers in the area.

Turku should also demand stricter immigration policy from the government.

The free healthcare of illegal immigrants needs to be shut down.

Multicultural projects, such as building a library in Somaliland while shutting down local libraries in Turku, should not be continued.

Instead of multicultural programs, Turku should focus on tourism and more collaboration in science and trade.

## 2. Healthcare: Preparing for the Healthcare Reform

With the new healthcare reform the responsibility of organizing healthcare will be concentrated on a larger area starting from 1 January 2019.

We express our concerns and want to propose the following things:

1. The future employment of current healthcare workers of the city of Turku needs to be insured.
2. The city needs to maintain the best possible condition of its current healthcare infrastructure.
3. In elderly care, services for the disabled and in children's services and mental services the quality of care and continuity of the doctor & patient relationship must be maintained.
4. The city of Turku must also monitor the living conditions, health and well-being of its residents and things that affect them based on region and the age of the resident. A report must be made to the municipality council and to the county annually.

In the municipality law it says: "The municipality must maintain and work towards the betterment of the health and well-being of its residents". With the healthcare reform the city of Turku needs to insure its capabilities of providing high quality healthcare also in the future.

## 3. Economy: Favour the Local Work

Debt money should only be used in the following investments:

1. The work is done by local companies that use local workforce.
2. Economically sound and socially important projects.

Also in all cases the profitability calculations must always be available.

Large infrastructural projects in energy, plumbing, education etc. should be planned and executed in co-operation with the neighboring towns.

When we put our local people to work, the salaries will circulate in the area and boost the economy.

Unemployment is one of the biggest challenges in Turku. Turku must battle unemployment with more help from government programs such as employment aid in which the employer is paid for employing people.

## 4. Sports and Culture: Yes We Can!

The city must focus on generating basic level physical education services and cultural services that are available to as many people of Turku as possible. The basic health of citizens in Turku is beneficiary to all people of Turku.

In the cases of special groups, such as unemployed and people with low income, the sport services must be guaranteed with coupons or other such means.

In the city-backed cultural activities the focus must be in locality and in Finnish culture in general. If budget cuts must be made, they should be primarily made from multicultural activities.

In case of budgetary restraints, cultural and physical education services must be organized primarily by utilizing volunteers and voluntary organizations.

Don't demand everything from the others! Think how you can help with your own effort.

## 5. Entrepreneurs: Let's Utilize Our Location and Education

The city of Turku should be entrepreneurs' friend. Supportive services for entrepreneurs have positive effects on the growth of small companies.

More people move in Turku than out of Turku. Many of the newcomers are students, who will be future workforce. In Turku we need technical students even more than humanists.

Turku is in the heart of the Southwest Finland region. When it comes to marketing, traffic and tourism, Turku must work in co-operation with the other towns of the region.

There is lots of potential in the location of Turku, being a harbour city between Stockholm and St. Petersburg. Also the Baltic countries are near.

## 6. Infrastructure: Focusing on the Big Picture instead of Stamps

Development of the city's image – also as a Christmas town.

Better utilization of the Aurajoki riverside area.

Less bureaucracy in the zoning.

Larger development of Turku airport.

More affordable rental housing.

The Finns Party in Turku supports the new, faster train connection to Helsinki, but better railway lines to Tampere and Pori are also needed.

We are against the local tram project. We propose hybrid buses and development of current public transportation system instead.

## 7. Education: Education Must Have a Purpose

More collaboration between local companies and educational facilities (product development).

Investing more in applied sciences.

More variety in language studies. Proposing a trial in which the compulsory studying of Swedish is exchanged for choice from German, Russian, Chinese etc.

Bringing back the support for the good old “Master and apprentice” model of learning.

Budget cuts in education should be focused on bureaucracy instead of taking resources from teaching.

## 8. Safety: Everybody Needs a Safe City

Organised beggary should be illegal in public areas.

The civil defence and the safety plans for industrial and residential areas must be updated.

The storage of railcars containing dangerous materials must be moved from the railway depot (next to the railway station) to a place further away from the vicinity of the city center.

We express our unwavering support for the police department, fire department, Finnish army forces and the emergency services. Their pre-requisite for operation should never be hindered.

We wish more police presence (foot patrols) and the replenishment of any shortages in the equipment department of the police department, fire department and the emergency services.

We also want to pay extra attention to traffic safety, the condition of traffic signs and lights, the extent of street lighting (especially during darker times of the year) and specially the safety of roads around schools and kindergartens.