

Syracuse Green Party Candidates 2017

Howie Hawkins – Mayor

Frank Cetera – Councilor-At-Large

Eric Graf – 2nd District Councilor

Serena Seals – 4th District Councilor

The Greens have a plan to build a sustainable prosperity that uplifts poor and working-class people and retains and attracts middle-class people and businesses.

Progressive Tax Reforms: Prevent city bankruptcy and fully fund city services.

City Income Tax: A progressively graduated income tax on residents and commuters.

State Revenue-Sharing: Restore to pay for unfunded state mandates.

Countywide Property Tax Sharing: As recommended by the Consensus Commission.

NY Health Plan – State-level Medicare for All to save the city \$80 million a year.

Cut Regressive Sales and Property Taxes once other progressive tax reforms take effect.

Jobs for City Residents and Minorities

Equal Employment Opportunity Program: Improve and enforce it so that city residents and minorities get their fair share of city-funded jobs with city departments and contractors.

Community Hiring Hall: Create as a primary source for hiring for city and city-contractor jobs in order to meet affirmative action goals for city resident and minority hiring.

Build Community Wealth

Worker Cooperatives: Develop worker co-ops where the wealth created by workers' labor stays with working families as increased income and assets.

Public Power and Broadband to lower the costs of living and doing business.

Reduce Poverty: End Syracuse having the most concentrated (segregated) poverty in U.S.

Inclusionary Zoning to desegregate housing by race and class.

Desegregate Schools: End tracking within the district and pursue inter-district desegregation by race and class.

Crime Reduction and Police Reform

Invest in poor neighborhoods: schools, jobs, housing, youth recreation and mentoring.

Divest from militarized “stop-and-frisk” policing and mass incarceration.

Invest in community policing, de-escalation tactics, and restorative justice programs.

Diversify police force. Support **Citizen Review Board.** Support **Sanctuary City** policy.

Environmental and Economic Sustainability

I-81: Replace elevated highway with a community street grid and rebuild the 15th Ward as a residential and commercial neighborhood that is mixed-income, mixed-use, and walkable.

Lead: Require landlords to remove lead and receive a lead-safe certificate before renting.

Deer: Employ dogs to shepherd deer out of the city.

Sidewalks: Municipal responsibility for snow removal and maintenance.

Climate Action: Public Power to build 100% affordable, clean, renewable energy.

Inclusive Democracy

Neighborhood Assemblies: Neighborhood-directed planning and participatory budgeting.

Proportional Representation on Common Council.

Ranked-Choice Instant Runoff Voting for Mayor, Auditor, and Council President.

Public Campaign Fund: Public funding for candidates who opt out of private funding.

Metro Government: No to the Consensus Commission proposal. Yes to metropolitan government based on Proportional Representation and a Federation of Cities and Towns.

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