Howie Hawkins for Mayor—Green Party



Howie Hawkins has been an organizer for peace, justice, labor, the environment, and independent working-class politics since 1967 when he became active in "The Movement" as a teenager in the San Francisco Bay Area.

A former Marine who organized opposition to the Vietnam War and went to Dartmouth College, Howie then worked in construction in New England, where he co-founded a worker cooperative that specialized in energy efficiency and solar and wind installations.

Since moving to Syracuse in 1991, Howie has lived on the South Side where he is currently treasurer for the Southside Community Coalition and the Eat To Live Food Cooperative. Howie works at UPS unloading trucks, where he is a member of Teamsters Local 317.

A co-founder of the national Green Party in 1984, Howie's many campaigns for local office put issues like Living Wages and Public Power on the city's agenda.

His vote has grown from 3% for Councilor-At-Large in 1993 to a near win in 2011 with 48% of the vote for 4th District Common Councilor. In 2015, he received 35% of the citywide vote for City Auditor.

For decades, Howie has fought for much-needed reforms with the hard work and staying power required to make changes happen.

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Howie Hawkins' Platform is fundamentally different from all the other candidates for mayor.

Hawkins' new policies focus on uplifting poor and working-class people, which will reduce the crime and school problems that come with concentrated poverty.

Better safety and schools will retain and attract middleclass people and businesses and help build a sustainable prosperity for all.

Progressive Tax Reforms: Prevent city bankruptcy with broader, fairer taxes, including a graduated city income tax on residents, commuters, and absentee landlords.

Jobs: Reduce poverty now with fair shares of city-funded jobs for city residents and minorities in city departments and with city contractors.

Crime Reduction: Attack the root causes of crime and violence with anti-poverty investments and concentrated help for at-risk youth.

Desegregate Housing and Schools: Reverse the race and class segregation that concentrated poverty with mixed-income inclusionary zoning and consolidation with suburban school districts.

Build Community Wealth: A municipal bank to plan, advise, and finance worker cooperatives in which all the wealth created by workers stays with them as increased income and assets.

Publicly-Owned Utilities: Public power and broadband (phone, TV, internet) to lower the costs of living and doing business in Syracuse.