

“**H**owie Hawkins is the most  
Hunwavering progressive I  
think I've met in New York state.”

— Ralph Nader  
*Post-Standard*, 10/8/04

**H**owie Hawkins has been active in move-  
ments for peace, justice, and the environ-  
ment since the late 1960s.

He was a co-founder of the Green Party  
in the United States in 1984 and currently  
serves on the Green National Committee.

After attending Dartmouth College,  
Howie worked as a carpenter and helped start  
a construction workers cooperative that spe-  
cialized in solar and wind energy installations.

Howie came to Syracuse in 1991 to be  
Director of CommonWorks, a federation of  
cooperatives working for an economy that is  
cooperatively owned, democratically con-  
trolled, and ecologically sustainable.

Howie now works as a truck unloader at  
UPS, where he is a member of Teamsters  
Local 317 and is active in the national  
Teamster rank-and-file reform caucus,  
Teamsters for a Democratic Union.

His articles on social theory, cooperative  
economics, and independent politics have  
appeared in numerous publications, including  
*Against the Current*, *Green Politics*, and *Z  
Magazine*. He is also the editor of a forthcoming  
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## BUILD A GREEN SYRACUSE

**W**e can transform Syracuse into a  
Green city – a living demonstration  
of ecological and economic sustainability.

- **CREATE LIVING-WAGE JOBS:** Use public works and contracts for community enterprises to create jobs. Provide apprenticeships for at-risk youth and ex-offenders.
- **A PEOPLE'S WATERFRONT, NOT DESTINY:** Parks and public access, mixed-used development, mixed-income housing.
- **ONONDAGA CREEK RESTORATION:** Renaturalize the creek corridor to create economic, and environmental revitalization for the Near West and South sides.
- **REVITALIZE CITY NEIGHBORHOODS :** Stop malling Syracuse. Rebuild neighborhood business districts so people can walk to their neighborhood stores. Create a greenway network of bike and pedestrian paths connecting schools, jobs, parks and shopping. Provide convenient, affordable mass transit in a bus & trolley system.
- **ECOLOGICAL INDUSTRY:** Promote environmental engineering, regional food processing, and renewable energy. Create a public power company that uses clean, renewable energy sources. Give incentives to building projects that use green technology.
- **BIOLOGICAL SEWAGE TREATMENT:** Use ecological sewage treatment that provide a renewable source of natural gas, harvestable biomass and drinkable water.
- **ORGANIC AGRICULTURE:** Urban farms and community gardens, and greenhouses.

## HOWIE HAWKINS FOR MAYOR OF SYRACUSE



“**H**awkins is far and away the best  
candidate in this three-way race.  
As is his custom, Hawkins has shaped  
his campaign around a promise to pro-  
vide a voice for the voiceless. He is a tire-  
less activist for empowering the tradi-  
tionally disenfranchised. He promises to  
be a councilor who ‘represents the com-  
munity instead of the power structure.’”

— Syracuse Post-Standard  
endorsement of Howie Hawkins,  
4th District Councilor, 2001



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# HOWIE HAWKINS FOR MAYOR OF SYRACUSE

## PUBLIC POWER: PEACE, JUSTICE, JOBS, ECOLOGY, & DEMOCRACY



### NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

Replace the TNT sectors with neighborhood assemblies where, like New England town meetings, each resident would have a voice and a vote. Neighborhood Assemblies would determine neighborhood development and elect neighborhood officers with the power to guide city service delivery in their neighborhoods and make city departments respond to neighborhood needs.

### SCHOOL FINANCE REFORM

Shift school funding from property to income taxes so every school gets the resources it needs to be a first class school.

### PUBLIC POWER UTILITY

In Syracuse we pay four times more for electricity to Niagara Mohawk than the people in Solvay and Skaneateles pay to their city-owned power companies. It's time to cut our local energy costs. Let's replace NiMo with a public power company that uses clean, renewable energy sources.

### AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Community development should raise up low-income people, not remove them. Protect existing residents through zoning that requires housing developers to include a portion of affordable housing. And promote community land trusts that enable low-income communities to benefit from rising land values.

### JOB CREATION

We should establish a City Minimum Wage that is a Living Wage of \$10/hr.

We must create Youth Jobs and Recreation to provide a future for our young people and an alternative to the crime and violence on our streets.

We should establish a Municipal Bank to Support Community-Owned Enterprises and create permanent jobs.



### FAIR TAXES

The poorest 20% of our citizens pay 14% of their income in sales and property taxes. However the wealthiest 20% of the population pay only 7% of their income. It's time for a fair local tax structure, including:

- Cuts in sales and property taxes.
- A city income tax that is progressively graduated. Those with more, pay more.
- A commuter tax on the 40,000+ commuters. Those who use city resources should help pay for them.
- Eco-Taxes: Tax harmful products, not beneficial products.
- Property Tax Reform: Tax land values not improvements to homes and businesses.

### FAIR ELECTIONS

- Instant Runoff Voting for single seats like District Councilor and Mayor.
- Proportional Representation in Common Council - Elect district councilors from the Neighborhood Assemblies and an equal number of at-large councilors by party vote so the overall composition of the council is proportional to each party's vote.