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D66 is committed to making Eindhoven an inclusive, vibrant, and sustainable city, where all people feel welcome and free to pursue their dreams. An exciting city that's buzzing with activity, 24/7. A sustainable city with lots of green space, where people love to live.

We invite you to help us make this a reality, and we ask you to vote D66 at the upcoming municipal elections on March 14-16.

Investing in Education

Equal opportunity truly starts at an early age. That's why D66 is a strong proponent of early childhood education. In addition, we feel children thrive in an engaging school setting, with plenty of sports and cultural activities in the classroom. Homework support and healthy meals also contribute to that sense of well-being. And in this digital age, every child should have access to a laptop or tablet.

There's great demand for well-trained craftsmen, but students are having great trouble finding apprenticeships. We must team up with local Brainport businesses to address this issue by creating more training opportunities not only for students, but also for new immigrants who are eager to get to work in their new country. Brainport businesses can also help by investing in our neighborhoods and sponsoring our sports and cultural clubs.

Eindhoven needs people. Every single person has a lot to offer, but many young people receiving government assistance often lack diplomas. That's why D66 supports creating an Eindhoven Development Fund, which should be accessible to all people on government assistance to help them invest in their own future by entering a training program or getting an education to work towards a diploma. Older workers who lost their jobs and are looking to acquire new skills should also be able to tap into this fund.

Green and Sustainable

Everybody can help fight climate change. That's why we want to make it easier to insulate your home and make it more sustainable. When you buy a house, it should be easy to get sound advice in this area. We believe it's best to separate garbage at home, but we do want to make it easier by collecting it all at your doorstep. Big, bulky waste should be collected in every street at least once a year. This will help prevent illegal dumping of waste.

Green spaces and nature in people's surroundings improve their lives and increase overall happiness. Eindhoven is a relatively green city. D66 wants to embrace and strengthen the city's green character. Everyone should be able to enjoy green spaces in all parts of the city. We should therefore plant more trees in all neighborhoods, including downtown.

We want more "tiny forests" (the size of a tennis court), where children can learn about nature and neighbors can meet.

Clean air is critical. To improve air quality, D66 wants to restrict car access in the downtown area to zero-emission vehicles only, except for residents and people with disabilities. As an alternative to flying, we envision better international train connections to Düsseldorf, Aachen and Brussels, which will also reduce noise pollution and particulate matter from aircraft. And Eindhoven Airport first needs to clean up its act before being allowed to expand any further.

A Home for Everyone

We're thrilled that our city is thriving and growing. But this growth also exacerbates the housing shortage. Home prices and rents are skyrocketing and are exceedingly out of reach of many young people, who can't afford to move out and are forced to live with their parents. And seniors who'd like to downsize can't find good, accessible senior housing. D66 wants to build more homes and boost affordable housing. We need to build at least 3,000 homes a year to keep up. These should be homes of all categories, for students, young people and seniors, meeting the demands of all our city's residents. Students should have access to large-scale social housing in addition to rooms rented out by individual landlords. So we need to build more student accommodations as well as a lot more senior housing. This will stimulate mobility in the housing market, giving young people the opportunity to buy single-family homes that have become too big for empty-nesters and seniors.

We see a great demand for more affordable housing. That's why we want 30% of all new construction to be social rental housing, but we also want to pave the way for organizations to join forces and build homes together.

Construction programs take a long time to implement. D66 wants to speed things up without impairing citizen participation. The municipal government should remove obstacles to obtaining building permits and mediate where necessary. Let's bring all parties together, so we can build more homes faster!