

2019 GENEVA CITY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE PLATFORM

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ENVIRONMENT

- Protect our lakefront green space for open access to the public. The only purpose for any improvements along the lakefront should be to enhance its enjoyment by the general public and wildlife. It should be so zoned.
- Protect our local environment by reducing lake pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from city operations and residential activities, cooperating with neighboring communities in lake protection efforts, and supporting the “Vision Statement” that recognizes the closure dates for the Seneca Meadows landfill as 2025 and the Ontario County landfill as 2028.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Promote sustainable economic development that brings clean manufacturing, engineering, business, and tourist service jobs to Geneva. Promote job creation that pays living wages, builds on local strengths, and doesn't sacrifice our natural resources.
- Work toward moving the Finger Lakes Railway yard and facilities out of the city, so that property can be used for commercial and residential purposes.

QUALITY OF LIFE

- Promote clean, safe and affordable housing for all Genevans, especially those seeking rental housing and retirees seeking to downsize but remain in Geneva.
- Support more affordable day care, pre-school, and supervised summer programs. Work with local partners such as the YMCA and the Boys & Girls Club.
- Improve public transportation within the city and between nearby cities.
- Eliminate food insecurity in Geneva by providing reliable access to sufficient quantities of nutritious and affordable food.

JUSTICE

- Support efforts to improve and enhance community/police relations.
- Support efforts to help victims of gender, race, and other hate-based violence, including victims of domestic abuse.

CITY GOVERNMENT

- Protect the financial stability of city government by improving the efficiency of city operations, finding new sources of revenue, exploring possibilities for sharing facilities and services with neighboring communities, and partnering with local non-profits.
- Promote greater transparency and citizen participation in city government.
- Emphasize diversity in city government hiring.