



**The Liberal
Party of
Skåne**



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Make your voice heard for a better Skåne

Since you are reading this you are probably aware that we are in an election year. On the 11th of September we will elect new national, regional and local representatives in three separate elections, each as important as the last. Starting on the 24th of August you also have the opportunity to cast your vote ahead of time, it is therefore easy and convenient to make your voice heard.

So when you have some time to spare, perhaps one of those rainy days, please take a moment to think about what kind of Sweden and Skåne that you would like to live in. The election is rapidly approaching and your voice counts.

We love Skåne and we love Sweden. With your voice we can create change and make both Skåne and Sweden an even better place to live, work and grow.

Throughout these short pages we will try to convince you why we, The Liberal Party, is the right party for Skåne and for Sweden. Together we can make this the land of possibilities - for all.



A portrait of Johan Pehrson, a middle-aged man with grey hair and a beard, wearing a dark sweater over a white collared shirt. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred green outdoor setting. A blue brushstroke-style box in the top left contains his name and title. A white arrow points from this box to his head.

Johan Pehrson

Party leader of the
Liberal Party

Did you know?

Johan is not only the newest party leader in Sweden, he is also the tallest and (probably) the funniest.

More resources to Education

The next government must prioritize education. Sweden's students deserve policies that dare to recognize and meet the real challenges facing our schools. While the Social Democrats want to reduce the school budget for students in private schools, the Liberal Party will instead focus on raising quality of education in all schools for all students. Free choice in schools should be protected. At the same time, we see the need to strengthen regulations and implement a new private school reform to address some of the problems that we now see in the 30-year-old school program.

Swedish schools shall rank among the top in the world again. The Liberal Party will return schools to national control and oversight, take stronger measures to reduce disruptions in the classroom, and set aside millions of crowns for new textbooks and learning resources. The Liberal Party wants to establish more special education programs so that students with extra needs get the support they require to succeed and be challenged. The vision of the Social Democratic party to put all students in to the same mold has failed.

The core of the Liberal education program is to give every student the opportunity to be their full potential. An equal opportunity school based on knowledge is an investment in the future – for a better society and for every child's chance to find their own path and reach their own dreams. The future begins in school, so we need a government that puts schools first.





Did you know?

All Swedish parties are associated with a particular flower - some even use theirs as an official party symbol. This one here is our flower.

Make Sweden the land of possibilities

Sweden will continue to be an open country, and newly arrived immigrants should have an honest chance to enter society. The Liberal Party represents integration policies and programs that provide support while at the same time setting demands which create the conditions for success for those who want to come to Sweden, learn Swedish, work, and make a life here.

The freedom of every person must be protected regardless of who you are and where you come from. Newly arrived Swedes should not wind up in overcrowded housing in areas characterized by criminality and poor schools. The Liberal Party goes into the election in September with an ambitious program – Suburban Lift – with the goal is secure that no area in Sweden shall be characterized by problems of segregation and criminality by 2030.



Sweden shall be the land of possibilities for all.

The Suburban Lift will strengthen safety and security, possibilities, and freedom for over half a million people. The Liberal Party has a comprehensive plan with three pillars: Schools that work for all, stronger judicial system, and social programs that work to prevent criminality among young people.

We cannot be a land divided into two realities with a significant portion of our populations that lives with lower chances to succeed in life. Sweden shall be the land of possibilities for all.

A Liberal change of government

Sweden needs change. After eight years with a Social Democratic Prime Minister, the country is going in the wrong direction. The current government has failed to address the biggest social problems we face, and today Sweden has major challenges with segregation and poor results in our schools. Magdalena Andersson leads a weak government with weak policies and programs.

The Liberal Party stands in this election with a clear reform agenda to improve integration, to break segregation, and raise knowledge-based results in schools. We are the only liberal party that will work to change governments. Our goal is to form a new center-right government that can solve social problems rather than putting our heads in the sand. A new government should be able to discuss policies with all duly elected parties in the Parliament to carry through our programs. The time for isolating certain parties has passed.

A vote for the Liberal Party in September is a vote for a government that will push through important liberal reforms. The Liberal Party is the key to a change of government – without the Liberal Party there will be no center-right government.

Mats Persson

Financial spokesperson
from Lund in Skåne



Did you
recognize
Johan this time?

Safety & security

The increase in violent crime is the biggest failure of the current government. The state has no greater responsibility than to protect its citizens from crime. That Sweden stands out as a country where criminality trends are going in the wrong direction, particularly with regards to shooting related deaths, is very serious. Sweden needs a new government that will seriously address the problem. This ultimately is a question of freedom. Peoples' lives and chances for opportunity can be crushed by criminality. Often it burdens most the parts of society that are already struggling with other challenges.

This trend will not be broken by one party. Our entire society must act together to take back control over areas that gangs currently control and prosecute those who commit crimes.

The Liberal Party wants to:

- ✓ Strengthen penalties for those repeat offenders and eliminate the current sentencing rebates for multiple offenses
- ✓ Increase salaries for teacher who work in areas characterized by high social challenges
- ✓ Increase the exchange of information between the police and social services
- ✓ Increase the ability of social services to trigger obligatory actions to prevent criminality and crime

Freedom must be defended

The fight for freedom has never been more important. Russia's recent invasion of Ukraine shows clearly that democracy and freedom can never be taken for granted. Sweden must significantly increase its defense capabilities and establish more military units around the country. The Liberal Party seeks to ensure that already in 2024 Sweden will meet the NATO requirement of a defense spending level of 2% of GNP. This type of increase will clearly signal a commitment to national security.

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The war in eastern Europe shows the difference of being inside and outside of a defense alliance. Today, being part of alliances, not freedom from alliances, creates security. Our security depends on our neighbors and the security within the entire European-Atlantic region. Sweden cannot and should not isolate itself from the rest of the world. The Liberal Party was the first party in Parliament to propose joining the NATO defense alliance 23 years ago. History has proved us right. Alone is not strong. Sweden belongs in NATO.

Enable the green transition

Climate change is our generations existential question. However, climate change is something we can solve if we act. The Liberal Party will be a guarantor that the next government will put climate change high on the political agenda.

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Those that take the climate crisis seriously must also have a convincing answer as to how fossil-free electricity will be made securely available. The current government's energy policies where fossil-free nuclear power is shut down before alternatives are available, are devastating for both the climate and the economy. The government and its unsustainable energy and climate policies must be replaced.



We want to:

- ✓ Support Green Tax Policies. We will raise taxes on emissions and environmentally damaging operations while at the same time reducing taxes on work and commerce.
- ✓ Support CCS-technology. The Liberal Party wants Sweden to be a world leader in technologies for capturing and storing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere – so called CCS technology. The UN Climate Panel has raised carbon storage as an important part of solving the climate crisis.
- ✓ Enable investments in more nuclear power. The Liberal Party wants to immediately stop the preparations for deconstructing Ringhals 1 and 2 and evaluate what it would take to restart the reactors. We want Sweden to take actions to make investments in new reactors possible.
- ✓ Reduce the electricity tax. A sustainable future requires more electricity, not less. It is wrong that households, companies, and industries in southern Sweden are penalized through an electricity tax. The Liberal Party wants to remove the electricity price regions and reduce the electricity tax by half – permanently and year-round. For the sake of the climate and your wallet.



Infrastructure and public transportation

Well-functioning transportation and communications are fundamental for individual freedom and enable all of Skåne to prosper. Rails and roads must be updated, and improved, and public transportation needs to work even better than it does today

We want to:

- ✓ Prioritize improvements in regional rail networks and daily commuting networks over a high-speed rail line. We will not support a high-speed rail line between Stockholm and Malmö/Gothenburg.
- ✓ Introduce flexible public transportation where the traffic is lowest. Public transportation needs to become more oriented to the needs and travel patterns of passengers instead of the reverse.
- ✓ Increase the number of bus lines. It needs to be easy to travel by public transportation. We want to see an increase throughout the region.
- ✓ Introduce fairer pricing. Today, distance in kilometers does not determine the ticket price. We will prioritize a fairer price structure for everyone who takes public transportation.
- ✓ Add lanes on E6. The Liberal Party advocates for an added lane in each direction making E6 a 6-lane highway from Trelleborg to Helsingborg.
- ✓ Work for a new link across Öresund. A new connection between Sweden and Denmark over Öresund is vital to relieve congestion on the Öresund Bridge which is soon reaching its capacity.

End welfare dependency

The election this autumn puts two opposing ideas against each other – one center-right focus on work as a driver of improvement in life, and a social democratic focus on welfare as a basic support. Our belief is that more people working and supporting themselves makes for better lives and a better society.

To be locked in passive dependency on social welfare and support is devastating

The current government's policies drive people to become passive, dependent, and isolated. This situation is most critical in areas characterized by high social segregation. In these areas, unemployment is nearly twice as high as the rest of the country, and nearly three times more people live on social and economic welfare. To be locked in passive dependency on social welfare and support is devastating over time for the individual and creates tensions in society. There is a risk that dependency is passed on to the next generation. There need to be more adult role models who show every generation that supporting yourself in a chosen job or career is both possible and results in a better life.

We want to:

- ✓ Implement a welfare ceiling. For many people today, it is not a good value proposition to move from social and economic support to a job. A 'welfare ceiling' where the total amount received from welfare is lower than a salary should be implemented.
- ✓ Reduce taxes with a focus on lower incomes. Power over one's own circumstances increases when an individual can control more of the income that they have earned. This is more important on lower incomes. Lower taxes are a question of individual freedom and self-determination.
- ✓ Strengthen requirements for receiving social support. Those who get social payment should also get the support they need to be able to support themselves again. Requirements to take steps in this direction are not unreasonable, and it should be possible to set reductions in support for those who are not willing to complete basic studies such as learning Swedish to a reasonable level, or who refuse to seek work in surrounding municipalities.
- ✓ Implement a self-support goal. A new center-right government will steer programs and policies following a new 'self-support goal' and will give SCB the task to continually follow-up the share of the population that is self-supported in various demographic groups. Particularly important will be statistics around both employment levels and self-support in more segregated metropolitan areas.

Reliable healthcare throughout Skåne

Regardless of where you live in Skåne you should be able to get the right care at the right time. The Liberal Party will work to reduce queues for healthcare, strengthen obstetric care, and improve conditions for healthcare workers. We will also put focus and resources on building up primary care facilities close to home.

Make dream jobs where we today have shortages

People are our healthcare systems most important resource. The Liberal Party wants to put focus on our healthcare employees so that more people seek a career in healthcare in Skåne.

- ✓ Establish clear career paths for everyone in the healthcare system – it should not be necessary to change workplace to develop in your career and increase your salary.
- ✓ Raise compensation for overtime and weekends/holidays
- ✓ Provide more chance for healthcare employees to influence their schedules
- ✓ Offer paid continuing and special educational programs for specialization where there is an acute shortage of competence

Shorten healthcare queues

As a consequence of the pandemic there are pent-up healthcare demands and long waiting times for certain types of medical care. Reducing these waiting times requires strengthening of primary care clinics, increases in healthcare personnel across the region, and more care negotiated with private healthcare providers. The Liberal Party wants to increase access and numbers of beds in both intensive and emergency care.

Healthcare should be close at hand

The Liberal Party wants primary care providers to have a holistic responsibility for patients. A patient should know their doctor, and doctors should have the number of patients so they can know their patients. The Liberal Party will work to implement a registration ceiling that would in time allow no more than 1100 listed patients per doctor at a local clinic.

More midwives to obstetric care

The Liberal Party will work to implement a special education program so that more midwives can be employed in the healthcare system in Skåne. This will be developed through cooperation with regional universities and colleges. During the next mandate period we target 100 commissioned training positions. To strengthen security for women in labor and to improve the working environment, we would also work to implement a clear staffing levels and targets so that a midwife shall not have to focus on anything but the woman in active labor.



Still not convinced?

Or do you have some follow-up questions? Please reach out to us and we will do our best to answer any and all of your questions. You are also welcome to read more on our website.

Do you want to be a part of the largest freedom movement in Sweden? Consider joining The Liberal Party today!



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