

Dear Residents of Budapest's Twelfth District,

I am pleased that for the time being you live in Hungary, in my native land, and hope that you like this country.

Your daily life requires not only a decent and dedicated national government, but also good local government. You, your vote at the forthcoming local elections on 8 June can contribute to making your residential area more livable and the services you need better functioning.

I have read the program of Ms Piroska Visi, the candidate for mayor. With my experience of seven decades, gained in public service and education, including ten years of residence in foreign countries, I can state that this program is realistic as well as imaginative, and suitable for living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It shows due concern for a healthy environment, for local traffic, for quick and reliable services, for the children younger and older, for entertainment and for sound finance.

The program takes into consideration that the expatriate community has special needs, and the team of Piroska, a candidate of the Opposition, is eager to look after your needs and interests. This team is quite young, speak foreign languages, some of them have studied abroad. They are Hungarian patriots and good Europeans, dedicated to a peaceful world, devoid of hatred and prejudice.

Hungary's present national government faces much criticism. Whether warranted or not, good local government can ameliorate questionable policies and can provide counterbalance to corruption, nepotism, waste and indifference.

Since there are several candidates for the post of mayor, all opposed to the present national and local government, they agreed to hold primary elections to decide who will be best challenger to the candidate of Fidesz, the government party. I recommend you to participate in the primary elections and vote for Piroska Visi, supported not by any party but by a civil organization. I have known Piroska for many years and can testify for her fine qualities, selfless dedication, and expertise, that's why I recommend you to go and vote in the coming days for her at the primary. I do hope that with your help she would be the winner, so on 8<sup>th</sup> June she would be able to challenge and defeat the Government's candidate.

Géza Jeszenszky

Professor of History, Foreign Minister (1990–94), Ambassador to the United States (1998–2002), to Norway and Iceland (2011–13)

Please find attached Piroska Visi's programme

## **Piroska Visi, Candidate for Mayor in Budapest's Twelfth District**

**Piroska Visi**, economist, resident of District XII, active member of local communities, mother of a family, trained leader, graduate of the Academy of Urban Governance

### **Objectives and Programme**

#### **Green Municipality**

- We will not allow any new forest areas to be classified as suitable for development. The forests of Buda act as the lungs of Budapest.
- The Highlands District („Hegyvidék”) is full. Only as many new homes should be built in the district as are demolished.
- We will solve the traffic chaos so that through-traffic from the agglomeration does not make our formerly quiet, peaceful streets unlivable.
- We will set up an Energy Efficiency Advisory Service for condominiums and private houses in the district.
- We will organise the municipally-owned apartment buildings into an energy community: using solar energy.
- Planting trees and plants in densely built-up areas (e.g. around Alkotás Street). Greening will make neglected public spaces more livable and atmospheric.

#### **Civil Self-Government**

- We are promoting full transparency in local government. We involve the widest possible range of the citizens of the district in the preparation of our decisions.
- We use municipal incentives to help private capital create civic and community spaces based on Western European models.

#### **The Municipality of Care**

- We will introduce a one-day health check-up scheme for local residents. We aim to achieve mandatory screening for people of all ages within one day.
- We want to provide housing support for people working in the district institutions (e.g. teachers). It is important to make the Hegyvidék district attractive for young teachers, because the shortage of supply is a serious problem in our district.
- School buses will be introduced to reduce the number of people travelling by car and to ensure that children can get to kindergartens and schools safely.
- We support the development of quality retirement homes in vacant properties in the district.

Support Piroska's campaign and join the movement for change as an activist:

<https://visipiroska.hu/>

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## **Pre-election 8-14 April, Monday to Sunday**

### **In person**

Monday-Sunday 8-19 hours

- Széll Kálmán Square
- At the Szépkilátás beauty spot (Diana u.)
- In front of the District Municipality Office (Böszörményi út).

Thursday-Sunday 8-19 hours

- Zugligeti út, parking lot next to the playground

Online: <https://elovalasztas24.hu/>

**Vote FIRST for Visi Piroska!**

**For the Hegyvidék district, with heart and soul!**

***Piroska Visi candidate for mayor!***