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Civil servant AND politician

This does not happen every day; one of the municipality's own employees emerges as a politician. But that is exactly what I am doing! I have over six years' experience as a municipal manager, starting in the Technical and Environment department and currently heading the office of financial controlling for Copenhagen Properties and Procurement. I want to add my know-how from inside the City Council administration to my vision of a Copenhagen that is greener, and more communal and citizen centred.

Why?

Because I yearn for a Copenhagen that dares to lead. Not only lead with cycle paths, environmental solutions and user friendly urban development, but also in the shaping of future sustainable welfare and the public workplace. A municipality that provides its many colleagues with

the best possible framework in which to carry out their work with professionalism, empathy, creativity and accountability.

Aims which I will work towards achieving in the City Council - Borgerrepræsentationen:

- Copenhagen must play a leading role in finding a future alternative to centralisation and New Public Management. Public sector management and working culture needs to be challenged politically. We must spend more time developing and testing professional solutions in partnership with citizens and service users – and less time on form-filling, measuring and controlling.
- Copenhagen must show greater confidence in its workforce and give them a stronger, safer framework, providing crucial workplace continuity and professional development. And the municipality must protect and defend the freedom of expression for its staff at all levels of the organisation.
- City Hall must be an open and accessible space, buzzing with conversation between elected representatives, citizens, businesses and community participants. Through strong associations and a vibrant, locally rooted cultural life Copenhagen can take the next steps towards becoming the best city for us all. And for the world.

- Copenhagen must increase investment in and allocate resources more imaginatively for our children and we must develop a state school system which prepares our children for a challenging future – not just here in Copenhagen but also in Europe and the wider world.

Four questions for which I would like to hear YOUR opinion:

Together with Alternativet I will strive for a NEW political culture, where there is room for curiosity, openness and trust in our mutual conversation about our city's challenges and possibilities. We prefer to LISTEN rather than to just talk. So tell me what you think about these questions:

- What are your hopes and dreams for Copenhagen?
- 30% of Copenhagen's children attend private schools. How do we encourage more parents to choose the local municipality schools instead?
- Copenhagen is growing. Where and how do we build more affordable and sustainable homes, ensuring that our city maintains its diversity and mixed population?
- Copenhagen aims to become the world's first CO2-neutral capital city in 2025. How do we plan for our traffic throughout the city, in order to reach that goal?

I look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas for one or more of these questions. Simply post your opinions on my website: www.kimhjerrild.dk.

Some information about me:

I was born in Vesterbro in 1960 and have since lived at eight different locations in the city. I have lived in Østerbro since 1995. I have worked with economics, business development and management for more than 20 years including in Unibank, DAKO A/S, the National Danish Mapping Agency, the National Food Security Agency and the Copenhagen City Council (Københavns Kommune.) From 2000-2006 I was Secretary General at the Association of Danish Folk High Schools. Since 2015 I have been chief financial controller for Copenhagen Properties & Procurement.

Bonus-info:

- I LOVE music and song and I long for schools where playing music and singing are important activities in daily life.
- I was the manager responsible and the driving force behind the development of 'REN Kærlighed til KBH' campaign – the first time the municipality utilised 'nudging' on a wider scale.

