



AGAINST THE SELLOUT OF THE CITY!

For the preservation of Hermannstraße 48!

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Plot twist at the H48 - Appeal to the Senate!

After the ruling of the Federal Administrative Court on the right of first refusal about a year ago, things looked grim for us on Hermannstraße 48 in Neukölln. The local government was forced to withdraw the preemption notice and **in the summer of 2022 the house finally went into the hands of Hermannshof 48 Grundbesitzgesellschaft mbH.**

It was a bitter blow for us - we had been SO close to our dream of self-governance. Instead, we were back to facing the **threat of displacement** and an uncertain future.

Today, unexpectedly, there is a **new turn** in our case:
The current owner is ready to sell the house again!

We're facing a new challenge - our original idea to buy the house ourselves and become part of the Mietshäuser Syndikat is unfortunately no longer realistic due to the increased interest rates. **Therefore, we are counting on the state-owned housing company of Berlin - Stadt und Land - to step in.** This purchase by the state owned entity would secure housing for 120 people. What's more, the long overdue **reclassification and recognition of the factory floors** would mean **legally protected places of residence** for about 70 people - without more and more construction!

In the preemption process at the beginning of 2021, the city and state were already prepared to buy our homes. More recently, however, the Berlin Senate has unfortunately not made a strong case for us.

For example, the district of Neukölln was forced to withdraw the preemption notice primarily because the Senate refused financial support for the ongoing legal dispute.

The red-green-red government publicly declares commitment to **better tenant protection.** Unfortunately, we have seen little of this so far.

But this much is clear: Whoever does **election campaigning with tenant protection** at its core must act in these critical situations! And those who wish to be **re-elected in the upcoming elections in February** should better keep their promises.

We appeal to Senator for housing Andreas Geisel and Senator of finances Daniel Wesener to actively support the purchase of our houses by "Stadt und Land".

We are one house among many, we are not alone. The sellout of the city affects us all.

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