

WE STAND FOR DEMOCRACY

THE BOCHUM PROMISES

We know where we come from. We have been shaped by our origins. And we know where we want to go: our shared future is what matters. The promise of democracy was made to us in the German Constitution. A promise that forms our foundation – yesterday, today and tomorrow.

One thing we all have in common is dignity. Each and every one of us is born with it. It is untouchable.

Those who live in Bochum live freely. Everyone can find happiness in our city and shape their life according to their own wishes.

The freedom of each individual ends where that of others begins – one freedom with 374,000 boundaries. These boundaries reflect how diverse we are. In all our diversity, we are united by compassion. A value we found in the mines and from which we draw strength and confidence for the future. Bochum is a city where the spirit of community still matters.

We oppose political and religious extremism in any form. We stand together against it in our fundamental commitment to freedom and will not let it divide us.

Today, we make this promise: to act without hatred, to strive for common solutions, and to respect the dignity of every individual.

We, the citizens of Bochum, firmly commit to the values of democracy. Always and everywhere.