

Penang Forum



AGENDA 2018

The Penang Forum has a list of demands which it calls on Penang's newly elected officials of 2018 to act upon and deliver. These demands are related to the three principles of:



**1 GOOD GOVERNANCE
AND STRONG PUBLIC
INSTITUTIONS**



**2 EQUITABLE SHARING
OF RESOURCES AND
SOCIAL INCLUSION**



**3 SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT AND
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION**



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GOOD GOVERNANCE AND STRONG PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

- 1. Bring back local elections**
- 2. Increase civil society representation in the interim**
- 3. PM, CM, and MB focus on holistic role and should not take on other ministries/portfolios**
- 4. Limit the terms of office of the PM, CM, and MB to two consecutive terms**
- 5. Politicians should not sit on boards of government-linked companies**
- 6. Immediate gazetting of Local Plans with full public participation**
- 7. Start a Penang Youth City Council to develop projects on issues important to youth.**
- 8. Encourage youth representation in urban development planning discourse**
- 9. Stop swap deals in land reclamation**



2 **EQUITABLE SHARING OF RESOURCES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION**

- 10. Adopt a comprehensive approach to housing policy, prioritising social housing for B40**
- 11. Provide affordable housing which is no more than 3 times annual income for M40**
- 12. Make public buildings, spaces and transport accessible for people with disabilities**
- 13. Fulfill employment and housing quotas for people with disabilities**
- 14. Increase the Warga Emas cash handout and target only the elderly from B40 households.**
- 15. Upgrade public facilities, council and state flats, to elderly-friendly universal design.**
- 16. Update, adopt and implement the 2013 Penang Gender Policy to achieve gender equality**
- 17. Enhance gender and leadership training and accelerate women's representation in politics**

18. Implement a fair labour policy and provide decent housing for migrant workers

19. Ratify the 1951 UNHCR Convention

20. Support refugees' access to education, decent housing, healthcare and other services

21. Reclaimed land should be leasehold

22. Ensure public access to waterfront and coastline





3 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- 23. Planning approvals and densities should be based on carrying capacity of the area**
- 24. Prioritise accessible and integrated public transport over highway building**
- 25. Immediate implementation of bus lanes and BRTs**
- 26. Improve ferry service and introduce cross-channel rail link instead of building a tunnel**
- 27. Stop creating artificial islands through reclamation**
- 28. Include climate change in all aspects of planning**
- 29. Immediate moratorium on development projects on hill land**
- 30. More stringent prosecution of illegal clearing of hill land**
- 31. Make urban spaces more spongier to prevent flash floods**
- 32. Stop cutting down mangroves, conserve and expand mangrove area**

- 33. Work towards joint World Heritage inscription of Pulau Jerejak and Sungai Buloh**
- 34. No bridge, no reclamation and no theme park on Pulau Jerejak**
- 35. Develop a state urban forestry action plan**
- 36. Conserve and increase public open space and greenery**
- 37. No cable car and rifle range in the Penang Botanic Gardens**
- 38. Gazette the Prangin Canal site as a public park**
- 39. Extend heritage protection to heritage sites outside the World Heritage zone**
- 40. Develop sustainable and responsible tourism rather than mass tourism**

