

## **OUR SAO PAULO, ANOTHER CITY**

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### **Our Sao Paulo can be another city**

Sao Paulo, Brazil's biggest city and one of the biggest in the world, has been suffering the consequences of an unorganized and sometimes predatory growth throughout the years, within the context of a disturbing economic globalization. Social problems, unemployment and precarious employment, heavy traffic, deficient public transportation, poor quality of public health and education services, deficit of day care centers, pollution, increased number of slums and precarious housing for a lot of "paulistanos", social exclusion and inequality, disrespect to human rights, lack of civility, and absence of courteousness in the day-to-day relationship among the city's inhabitants, have been guiding our youth towards violence and our society to skepticism, lack of hope in a better future, individualistic and defensive attitudes, fear, resulting in lack of trust in public institutions and democracy.

At the same time, Sao Paulo, through its inhabitants, social and economic organizations, public and private institutions, has immense financial, economic, educational, technological, cultural and social resources. Many actions, proposals and projects are being or were implemented and created in Sao Paulo by society and public power, and in this sense, one should praise all the initiatives that seek the well being of everyone who lives there. However, the lack of articulation among society's actions, continuity of public policies, coordination among governmental policies, society's projects and programs and the lack of coordination among problems, needs, solutions and resources are not allowing the city to develop in a sustainable way, i.e., so as to allow a better life for its inhabitants in the short, medium and long term.

Concomitantly to social and economic problems of a globalized and changing world, global warming, environmental crisis, overconsumption and destruction of natural resources represent an enormous risk for society and its future generations (our children and grandchildren).

In order to regain population's confidence in political processes and value participative and direct democracy, promote sustainable development and turn Sao Paulo into a city that may offer quality of life to its inhabitants and to future generations, it is necessary to promote a broad and new mobilization of society. This mobilization may be capable, through its scope, representation, credibility, commitment and efficacy, to build a political, social and economic force, capable of involving society and successive governments with an agenda and a set of medium and long-term goals, articulating and promoting actions and interventions, seeking a just and sustainable development of Sao Paulo.

Considering Sao Paulo's visibility and importance, this process may become exemplary, demonstrating that our Sao Paulo has, in its interior, the seeds of another possible city.

## VISION

We believe in the viability of a better Sao Paulo, another Sao Paulo:

- **just**, with a better income distribution, respecting social diversity and equity, creating conditions for the complete development of its citizens, specially children, youngsters and adolescents, generating tranquility and acknowledgment of adults and aging people that build and lead their lives there;
- **beautiful**, with well cared streets and other public spaces, regulating constructions, so that they do not disturb the citizens who circulate and live in the city, visually and in terms of space, making services and maintenance systems available, turning public and private spaces into cozy and well cared places, ensuring dignified conditions of productive life, leisure and housing to everyone who lives in Sao Paulo;
- **healthy**, increasing its environmental assets, as well as improving control over pollution, completing sewage systems, collecting and recycling waste, turning river valleys into green areas; broadening the possibilities for the practice of sports as a way of promoting health, development and socialization;
- **safe**, a lot less violent, in which all citizens may live, work and circulate without fear, respecting, at the same time, all civil and human rights;
- **efficient**, in which cargo and people may circulate through an efficient and more human public transportation system, adequate to different users and their needs, regulating the use of private vehicles to the available road space, and that provides the necessary structures to good information and communication among all citizens;
- **democratic**, where public education is of high quality, so that everyone may have the same development opportunities, and freedom of expression may be put into effect by everyone, through many communication systems, media and tools technically available, so as to contribute to an effective participative and direct democracy;
- **humanitarian and open to the world**, intensely multicultural and educated for a good relationship among different people, valuing creativity, the product of intelligence, sensitivity and the work of its citizens, social and productive organizations, and public and private institutions;

**We emphatically refuse that the following may be considered normal and acceptable:**

- Disrespect to laws and Constitution, such as corruption, tax evasion and disrespect to Children and Adolescents' Statute, as well as the slow pace of the legal system, impunity and ethical mistakes under no allegation.
- Prejudice and all forms of violence that affect mainly the excluded youth.
- Structural unemployment and continuation of the chasm between high and low family income

- Lack of continuity, by minor party reasons, of approved projects
- Lack of transparency and information of public institutions
- Dilapidation of natural assets and resources, inherited and built throughout history
- Lack of civility and courteousness in the city's day-to-day dimension, as well as indifference to public suffering and disrespect to Human Rights
- Absence of social and environmental commitment by private and public organizations
- Human beings living in the streets, slums, shantytowns and sub-normal housing and having to put up with floods
- Absence of areas for the practice of sports and leisure, mainly in the suburbs and low quality public education
- Long waits – weeks or months – for a doctor's appointment or laboratorial tests
- Waste, daily, precious hours of our lives in chaotic traffic and transportation.

## **MISSION**

The mission of **OUR SAO PAULO, ANOTHER CITY MOVEMENT** is to mobilize several sectors of society to, in partnership with Governments and other institutions, build and commit to an agenda and a group of goals, articulate and promote actions, aiming for a just and sustainable Sao Paulo.

## **GUIDELINES FOR THE OBJECTIVES AND GOALS**

The objectives and goals, as a result of a collective construction of all sectors of society involved in the movement:

- shall compose a group of indicators and goals, of short, medium and long term, in all dimensions mentioned in the Movement's Vision, with permanent and periodic monitoring and evaluation, being transparency the base for dialogue around the projects considered priority for the city, influencing governmental programs, public policies, citizens attitudes and partnerships among the several sectors of society;
- shall be built concomitantly to the adoption of concrete actions and interventions, without any precedence relation between objectives and actions, so as to take advantage of all the opportunities, identified through the articulation of partnership networks that wish to act this way;
- shall guide possible actions and interventions to be developed as of the identification of well succeeded experiences and relevant projects that have not yet

been put into practice, creating an harmonious environment with an exemplarity potential;

## **GUIDELINES FOR STRUCTURING THE MOVEMENT**

The **OUR SAO PAULO, ANOTHER CITY MOVEMENT** will act under the form of “self-managed networks”, composed by several sectors of society that will get together to help around precise programs, aligned to theme “axles”. The axles may reflect many dimensions, such as education, health, transportation, housing as well as diversity, justice and other less sectorial, but more transversal axles. Within these axles, each network will focus on a specific program, keeping its members, autonomy and identity, signing, however, a protocol of mutual commitment for the accomplishment of its network tasks. There will be no limits or any other restrictions for the building of networks and axles. Redundancy will not be understood as loss of efficiency; it will, on the other hand, be seen as diversity of forms and active, live, mutant and creative contents.

Simultaneously, in order to ensure a minimum of coordination, there will be a set of structures for guidance, support, implementation, facilitation, animation, connection, consolidation of data, information and knowledge. Such structures, together with the networks, will be formed as follows:

- **Forums** – leaders, personalities and government representatives – counsels, guides, broadens and helps mobilization
- **Animation Group** – mobilization guides and operators
- **Operational Support** – administrative support to Forums and Animation Group
- **Workgroups** – representatives of several “axles” from the formed networks, with the objective to turn the set of information between field actions and the movement’s monitoring structure fluid.

We would like to invite citizens, organizations of society, public and private institutions, companies, unions and associations, members of the parliament, third sector organizations to join this, above any political party, movement, so that we may contribute to **turn our Sao Paulo into another and better city**.