

GETTING TO THE NEXT SYSTEM: THIS IS WHAT SYSTEM CHANGE LOOKS LIKE

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My Initiative: _____

ECONOMY

- Does the initiative move an ever-larger share of the economy away from the profit motive (or toward what David Grant, in *The Social Profit Handbook*, calls "social profit")?
- Does the initiative assert ever more democratic control throughout the economy over financial investment decisions and the creation of money?
- Does the initiative diversify the ownership of productive assets and businesses through public enterprises, public-private hybrids, cooperative enterprises, and other forms of economic democracy?
- Does the initiative increase wealth among the many rather than accumulating it among the few?
- Does the initiative promote a new world of locally and employee controlled, earth-friendly and cooperative enterprises rather than further entrench large corporations?
- Does the initiative assert more democratic control over the actions, size, governance, and motivations of large corporations?
- Does the initiative promote the growth and health of the commons rather than commodification, commercialism, and the enclosure and capture of commons assets by for-profit corporations?
- Does the initiative promote limiting the market to what it does well?
- Does the initiative move away from the growth fetish, GDP worship, and efforts at aggregate economic stimulus and toward policies that invest in and otherwise promote discrete, democratically determined priorities, high social and environmental returns, and alternative indicators of human and environmental well being and progress at various levels?

SOCIETY

- Does the initiative increase not only equality of opportunity but also actual social and economic equality, including the elimination of poverty?
- Does the initiative promote community, solidarity, care, and inclusion rather than strife, division, and social neglect?
- Does the initiative strengthen children and families rather than weaken them?
- Does the initiative protect, promote, and celebrate diversity of all forms rather than promote social isolation, marginalization, discrimination, or homogenization?
- Does the initiative work against consumerism, materialism, and "affluenza" rather than depend on them? Does the initiative embrace the maxim: work and spend less, create and connect more?

VISION POLL

POLITY

- Does the initiative increase decentralization and the diffusion of power and control, both economic and political, rather than their concentration? Does it respect the principle of subsidiarity?
- Does the initiative reverse the evident trends toward corporatocracy and plutocracy, reassert people power over money power, and reclaim government by, for, and of the people—real democracy at all levels from local to global?
- Does the initiative enhance human freedom and protect both liberty and privacy?
- Does the initiative recognize the important role of planning in successful governmental undertakings?
- Does the initiative contribute to the ongoing strengthening of the movement for deep change?
- Does the initiative contribute to a more just, peaceful situation internationally rather than the opposite?

ENVIRONMENT

- Does the initiative envision the economy as nested in and dependent on the world of nature, its resources, and its systems of life?
- Does the initiative recognize the rights of species other than humans and otherwise transcend anthropocentrism?
- Does the initiative recognize that environmental success depends on correcting the underlying drivers of environmental decline and working for deep, systemic change outside the current framework of environmental law and policy?
- Does the initiative respond to global-scale environmental challenges through innovative approaches like the establishment of a World Environment Organization that is every bit as powerful as the World Trade Organization?

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