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The Calif. GP's career at bat

A 4-year plan could be grand slam

By Terrel Hill

There is real concern among many Green Party members that deci- sions by the national Green Party leadership do not do enough to give the Green Party a real chance to enter the 2008 presidential campaign. As a result, some are asking if the Green Party leadership should step aside and allow the new GP presidential ticket to select a leadership team that it feels is more likely to give the Green Party a real chance to enter the 2008 presidential campaign. The message from the majority of the new GP leadership is: "We cannot let the Green Party remain an also-ran in the Green Movement.

We must ensure that all viewpoints are respected, and all mem- bers can participate fully in the institutions of the party. If we must do this at the next national convention this fall, then the Green Party will overwhelmingly vote to democratize our internal processes in or- der to ensure that every voice is heard and that our political orienta- tion and platform will reflect the interests of all voters.

For internal democracy: one person, one vote

The choice of our presidential ticket and our national leadership should be based on the vote of the membership. As of this writing, the Green Party's national convention is scheduled for March, 2006, and we will have to make this decision by the end of the year.

We must oppose all selection processes that disenfranchise members based on the size of their state. All Greens must be fully respected with equality. This can only be achieved by imple- menting policies that ensure every member's vote is counted equally. We must also work to ensure that the rank and file control the selection of delegates to our national nominating convention and other elections. All viewpoints must be fully represented. We argue that elections based on the vote of the membership must be chosen.

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making it harder to win over the large bloc of voters who supported the corporate candidates, and campaign financing as a "gree- nwashing" device.

Considering the Green's deplo- rations with AB 2490, the CCMA claims to have made their new bill more equitable than the previous one. However, this is a case of the pot calling the kettle black. The new bill does not provide for a "10 percent vote tier" any more than the previous law did. In both cases, the law amounts to providing a "free ride" for candidates whose party got less than the 10 percent vote threshold.

In our current system, we face an inherent dilemma that is likely to have some engaging social implications. We must ensure that all viewpoints are respected, all members can participate fully in the institutions of the party, and all decisions made by the national convention must be with independent or other non-corporate-sponsored third parties.

To counter this current in our leadership body, we are calling for the establishment of a Green Committee for Democratic Institution (GDI). We believe that such a committee is necessary because there are many Greens who see public officials as the representative of the interests of fiscal conservatives, and that we are lacking the ability to make a decision on AB 583. Send comments to the ERWG by March 1, 2006.

The rationale for the new bill's popularity is likely to be the broader public willingness to fund a campaign if they can organize a grassroots campaign that will allow them to raise the required number of $5 donations. While this does pro- vide an opening for Greens that was not available before, it requires a massive outreach effort from a party that has not, in recent years, been able to raise money.

The new bill, AB 583, would have been born the wrong way. First, instead of requiring a party to vary the vote tier on an annual basis, the new bill would require all parties to use the 10 percent vote tier. In addition, the new bill is not a real "50 percent plus 1" law.

Secondly, any independent can- didate who receives less than 50 percent plus one percent of the vote will not be able to qualify for public funding unless he or she is able to gather a certain number of $5 donations by the party qualifying. The actual number of $5 donations for any candidate is required to be 10 percent of the number of votes in the PSAC election of the state party. If you are a candidate who received less than 50 percent plus one percent of the vote, you may have to gather 10 percent of the number of votes in the state party election of the state party.

The third change is the introduc- tion of an alternative "grassroots" funding option. Under the new bill, a party that is unable to aggregate a certain number of $5 donations by the party qualifying is required to use a combination of public funding and private contributions. The choice of how to pay for a campaign is determined by the party qualifying. In some cases, the party may choose to use public funding, and in other cases, it may choose to use private contributions.

The final change is the inclusion of the "master limit" on the amount of public funding available. Under the new bill, the amount of public funding available is limited to the amount of private contributions received by the party qualifying. In some cases, the party may choose to use public funding, and in other cases, it may choose to use private contributions.
Clean voter roles will help eliminate voter fraud and promote voter participation

Bob Ritchie and Stephen Hill

Our country’s strength flows from full participation and improvement upon the American experiment in democracy. Recent presidential elections underscore the importance of renewed efforts to register citizens to vote.

Currently, there is widespread failure to register voters and no clear and clean way to ascertain voter status. Under current laws, we naturally see a very low percentage of the population turning out during election years. This result is a negative incentive to register as an elector, leading to long lines at polling places on election day. This situation is information about whom to vote and incurs expensive provisional and absentee ballots.

It is easy to lead potentially part-time citizens to believe that their participation in a linked voter registration form in Nevada is actually registering them to vote. Democratic urban machine rega-

The United States is one of the few democracies where the government does not take responsibility for registering its citizens.

Not only does such an approach provide nearly 100 percent voter fraud, but it leads to much cleaner voter roles and lower voter fraud. With comprehensive databases and full registration, there is no longer a question of who is or is not registered. Everyone is registered. In 2006, each state is supposed to implement a lane-based, statewide voter registration database in place, which, if managed with due state, could vastly reduce the overall number of undeliverable voter registration forms. This comprehensive registration process would become active. They would receive a letter alerting them about their eligibility to vote and the next election and their registration status. When change would occur is still not determined. This process is the only way to gather the necessary information and generate more understanding of the value of voting. It would provide a means to introduce the young people to the importance of civic engagement be-

The proposed legislation and ballot measure, the governor’s plan on privatizing pensions will have an impact on the current budget. Swift California’s executive director, Kevin de León, has said that the state is supposed to bring the “pension overhaul” to the public in early 2008. Schwarzenegger is leading the charge to enact this new pension reform measure. Currently, there is 40 percent of the state’s budget that is covered by projected investments. In change and target companies, according to The No.

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will result in a $31 billion federal de-
ficit in 2004 and $134 billion by 2024.
Social Security advocates caution that, under the current proposals, the system
will remain in the black and pro-
duce an accumulated surplus of $2.7 trillion by 2024. After 2042, liabilities will actually turn positive because of the accumulation of nationwide income.

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The administration, said Wehner, “has no

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