

Democracy:

- Do you love democracy?
- Do you think money has too much influence over the decisions of politicians in the U.S.?
- Do you agree that there is room for more than 2 points of view in American politics?

If you answered YES to the overwhelming majority of these questions, congratulations!

You're really GREEN!

HOW DO I MAKE IT OFFICIAL?

To become a registered green, all you have to do is fill out a voter registration form and check the "Green Party" box. Even if you're already registered to vote, this will re-register you as a Green. You can get a registration form from one of our volunteers, at any post office or other gov't building, or you can register online at: www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_vr.htm

But being Green means more than just being a green voter! Being Green means getting involved. Start by attending a local meeting, or ask us how you can help with one of our local activities. You *can* have an impact locally, electing new leadership on the City Council, educating your neighbors and empowering your community.



Contact our *volunteers:*

Long Beach Greens

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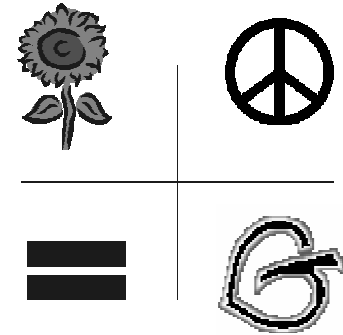
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Find us on Facebook

We meet the 1st Thurs. of each month at **Polly's Coffee**, 4606 East 2nd St, Long Beach, CA, 90803 at 7:00 pm
Please contact us or check our website to confirm meeting times

It's Easy Being GREEN



An Introduction to the Green Party

YOU MAY ALREADY BE A GREEN

If these issues are important to you, you may already be a Green.

Environment:

- Do you believe a clean natural environment is a legacy we should leave intact for our kids?
- Do you think toxins and carcinogens should be minimized or eliminated wherever possible?
- Do you agree that humans depend on the Earth for our survival?

Justice:

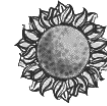
- Do you believe the rule of law should apply to everyone equally?
- Do you think everyone should have an equal opportunity, e.g. that poor children should have access to the same education that rich kids have?
- Do you agree that all people around the world deserve protections of their basic human rights?

Peace:

- Do you like peace better than war?
- Do you think the U.S. was wrong to ever support Osama and Saddam?
- Do you think peace should be our goal, and non-violent solutions the first tactics we use when resolving conflicts?



Green Issues



The Long Beach Greens and other Green Party members from around the State are currently working on the following issues:

Peace: Greens worked with other local groups to organize weekly peace vigils leading up to the Invasion of Iraq, and established the LB Peace Festival. We call for the immediate safe return of U.S. troops, and the creation of a Department of Peace.

Social Justice: Greens are working with the LB Police Dept. to reduce crime **without profiling or excessive force**. Community policing is a better alternative. Greens also support a **Year-Round Homeless Shelter, Rent Control** and more **Affordable Housing**.

Greens believe a **Universal, Single Payer Health Care system** is critically needed in California to give basic health care to every Californian.

Environment: A key priority for Greens is a clean and healthy environment for all. We want to establish **more parks and open space**, reduce pollution, and clean up our once-world-famous **Beach**. We are partnering with ECO~Link, the Sierra Club, Surfrider, Coalition for a Safe Environment, and others to **make polluters clean up their act** and pay for the damage they cause. We believe clean renewable energy must replace fossil fuels and nuclear power. Our children's health and the planet we leave them are at stake.

Election Reform: Greens support **Instant Runoff Voting**, to ensure majority rule, save taxpayer \$, eliminate the spoiler effect, and give voters more choice. We also support a **voter-verified paper trail** for all elections and a **Clean Money** voluntary public finance system, so elected officials are never beholden to the special interests that paid for their campaign. Four states have it; California needs it.

Union Jobs and Benefits: A good paying job with full benefits must be available to all who seek employment. We must raise the minimum wage to a **Living Wage**, and protect the rights of all workers to organize to improve their working conditions. Greens stand in **Solidarity** with unions in their struggle to protect the middle class.

Port/710/Development: The Long Beach Greens believe that development should benefit the community first. Port pollution must be significantly reduced, and 710 traffic congestion must be eased.

Redevelopment & other public funds should not subsidize major corporations at the expense of our communities. Will we allow Long Beach to bulldoze a church to build condos? Incentives should instead be given to small, local businesses and pedestrian/public transit-friendly development.