



Long Beach Greens

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Long Beach Greens, representing nearly 2,000 registered Green Party members in Long Beach and thousands more in the surrounding communities, wish to inform you of our recent vote to officially disaffiliate from the Green Party of California and of Los Angeles County. This decision did not come easily, however our membership felt they could no longer continue to be affiliated in good conscience with an organization that operates the way the Green Party has at our County and State levels.

In particular, our membership was appalled that, for over four years, legally required political and financial reporting has not been completed, that tens of thousands of dollars of donations from grassroots donors continue to be unaccounted for, and that the Green Party's ability to function in any productive manner continues to be undermined due to an unwillingness or inability to address these instances of malfeasance or keep them from recurring. One of the largest donors in particular stated in writing that his donation was misappropriated, and stated that he was fined as a result of the lack of proper reporting of this donation. Such a slap in the face to our supporters compounds our need to disaffiliate.

Our ten key values seem to be abandoned on a regular basis for expediency, and the bylaws and rules we have developed for ourselves have been violated so egregiously in so many ways, so many times over the last four years that they have become entirely meaningless. The Long Beach Greens have never adopted formal bylaws, yet we have been able to operate for nearly a decade using a consensus process and mutual respect. We expect nothing less from our fellow members at the County and State level.

We eagerly look forward to a time when the Green Party has regained its purpose, principles, and integrity. Until that time, we will remain disaffiliated with both levels of our Green Party, and urge our members to avoid any interaction or support so as not to perpetuate the current situation. Please also note that we will not consider re-affiliation unless and until these issues are resolved and we have been invited to re-affiliate.

In Solidarity,

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