

# Green Party of California General Assembly

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## Agenda of the December 2011

### General Assembly of the Green Party of California

**Saturday December 3rd**

8:00am Breakfast, registration

9:00am Opening, new delegate orientation, quorum count

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**9:30am Agenda approval**

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**9:45am Consent calendar**

- a) Proposal: [Amend Committee Membership to Change Attendance Requirement](#) (Coordinating Committee) - See Attachment #1 (Page 7)
- b) Proposal: [Extension by one year of trial period to evaluate new CC election method](#) (Coordinating Committee) - See Attachment #2 (Page 8)
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- f) Proposal: [Amend GPCA Platform - Energy](#) (Platform) - See Attachment #6 (Page 22)
- g) Proposal: [Amend GPCA Platform - Disarmament](#) (Platform) - See Attachment #7 (Page 26)
- h) Proposal: Notes from the Berkeley GA can be viewed at <http://d7.cagreens.org/ga/2011-12/raw-notes-berkeley-ga>. The raw notes are submitted to the GA for approval as background notes. Shall the CC appoint a 2 or 3 person committee to attempt to reconstruct a final version for approval at the spring Plenary.

Background: It is not clear from the notes what the final text is for approval of proposals or the budget for this year. A clear record of the GA meeting in Berkeley apparently does not exist. For discussion throughout the weekend: How do we prevent

this from happening in the future? (One suggestion: at minimum, we should have 2 different audio recordings - video would be a plus).

**10:00am Confirmation:** [Jared Laiti, Nominee for GPCA Liaison to Secretary of State](#) - See Attachment #8 (Page 28)

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**10:10am Election Announcement:** Explanation of on-line, on-site voting page procedure for GPUS Delegation delegates and alternates [for these candidates](#).

**Election applications for GPUS Delegate and Alternate, December 2011**

**Delegates**

[Cynthia Santiago](#), received 9/26/11

[Wendy Kenin](#), received 10/2/11

**Alternates**

[Genevieve Marcus](#), received 9/20/11

[Josefina Aranda](#), received 9/27/11

[Tim Casebolt](#), received 9/29/11

[Jessica Chuan](#), received 10/3/11

[Joshua Scuteri](#), received 10/3/11

[Harrison Wills](#), received 10/3/11

Please see the information posted on: <http://www.cagreens.org/delegation/election-bios/2011-12>

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**10:15am Presentation:** [Coordinating Committee at-large candidates](#) make statements; election via on-line vote begins after General Assembly [by this process](#)

**Candidates to fill two open Coordinating Committee at-large seats for the remainder of the spring 2011- spring 2013 term**

[Stevie Luther](#)

[Nancy Mancias](#)

**Candidates to fill two open Coordinating Committee at-large seats for the remainder of the spring 2012- spring 2014 term**

[Marla Bernstein](#)

[Maxine Daniels](#)

For the bios, please see:

<http://www.cagreens.org/ga/2011-12/coordinating-committee-at-large-candidates>

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**10:30am Proposal:** Budget for remainder of FY2011-2012 (Budget Committee) See attachment #11 (page 51)

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12:15pm Lunch

1:25pm Quorum count

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**1:30pm Proposal:** Budget for remainder of FY2011-2012 (Budget Committee) See attachment #11 (page 51)

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**3:00pm Breakout sessions for committees and working groups**

CCWG, Platform, Finance, GROW

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**4:15pm Proposal:** [Establish Fiscal Policy](#) (Humboldt County Green Party, Coordinating Committee, Finance Committee)

See Attachment #9 (page 30)

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**5:15pm Presentation:** [Update on Prop 14/SB 6 lawsuits](#) (Campaigns & Candidates Working Group)

Placeholder Proposal: Empower Coordinating Committee to Decide Whether to Join Litigation on Prop 14 (Coordinating Committee)

**Background:** At the April 30/May 1 General Assembly in Berkeley, the GPCA heard a summary of the legal arguments against the Top Two primary (Proposition 14 in California, Initiative 872 in Washington State), as well as Proposition 14's implementing statute in California, Senate Bill 6 (SB6). A [video of that presentation is here](#), featuring Richard Winger of [Ballot Access News](#) and Gautum Dutta, attorney against SB6 (<http://www.businessandelectionlaw.com/sb6>)

Since then the case against SB6 has gone to the Ninth Circuit Court in San Francisco and its possible it will be heard and decided by the time of the GPCA's December General Assembly. [A running update of that case can be found here](#) on Dutta's website.

**Presentation:** Winger will be present to make an update in person and Dutta will participate via skype.

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6:15pm Dinner on site, GPUS Delegation meeting during dinner

7:30pm Evening Program on site: Presidential Candidate Forum

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### **Sunday December 4th**

8:00am Breakfast, registration

**9:00am Breakout sessions for committees and working groups:**  
CCWG, Green Issues, Media

10:20pm Quorum count, optional bring back time for any consent calendar items pulled during Saturday's session

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**10:25am Proposal:** [Recommendation of names to the California Secretary of State for inclusion on the GPCA presidential primary election ballot](#) (GPUS Delegation, Campaigns & Candidates Working Group)

**Subject:** Recommendation of names to the California Secretary of State for inclusion on the GPCA presidential primary election ballot

**Sponsor:** Campaigns and Candidates Working Group. Greg Jan presenter.

**Background:** The process by which the GPCA makes a recommendation upon what names shall go upon its presidential primary ballot was approved by the Berkeley General Assembly on April 30th and appears in the GPCA Rules and Procedures as [Article 1. Presidential Primary Election Ballot](#).

According to that process, If and when the GPCA [Liaison to the Secretary of State](#) receives a request from any candidate seeking the Green Party's nomination, either or both of the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group and the GPUS Delegation may make recommendations to the General Assembly.

According to GPCA Liaison to the Secretary of State Jared Laiti, both Kent Mesplay and Jill Stein sent in requests in keeping with GPCA Rules and Procedures and he notified the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group and the GPUS Delegation of that fact.

The Campaigns and Candidates Working Group met on October 26th by teleconference and by consensus approved of proposing to the General Assembly the consideration of

them both for recommendation to the Secretary of State for inclusion upon the Green Party presidential primary election ballot.

**Proposal:** That Kent Mesplay and Jill Stein's name be recommended by the General Assembly to the California Secretary of State for inclusion upon the Green Party presidential primary election ballot.

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**11:10am Proposal:** [Establish Policies and Procedures for Selection and Governance of GPCA Delegates to the GPUS Presidential Nominating Convention](#) (GPUS Delegation)

(if the morning's agenda items are completed more quickly than the time allotted, that time would be used to begin the Strategic Plan Brainstorming Session

See Attachment #10 (page 41)

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12:10pm Lunch, Womens Caucus meeting during lunch

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**1:15pm Discussion:** [Strategic Plan Brainstorming Session](#) (Coordinating Committee)

GPCA Bylaws [7-1.13 Work Plan](#) state: "The CC shall establish a two-year strategic plan annually, using input from a brainstorming plenary session and draft work plans from the standing committees and working groups. The proposed plan shall be presented and affirmed at the subsequent General Assembly. The two-year strategic plan shall be reviewed and refocused by the CC and presented to the General Assembly annually. As part of the strategic plan, the CC shall develop a two-year schedule, including potential agenda items, for the General Assemblies and Gatherings, with input from each standing committee and working group work plan. The two-year schedule shall be revised annually, with General Assembly agenda and scheduling remaining flexible."

As a resource for this session of the General Assembly, a report will be posted here from the strategic discussions at the GPCA Summer Gathering in Ventura.

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**2:45pm Breakout sessions for committees and working groups**

Finance, Bylaws, ERWG, Clearinghouse

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**4:00pm Confirmation:** Standing Committee and Working Group Co-Coordinators (GPCA Bylaws [6-1.9 Coordinators](#))

## 6-1.9 Coordinators

All Committees and Working Groups shall have two coordinators (see coordinator duties, paragraph 6-2.6). Each committee shall elect one coordinator from among its membership in addition to the CC-appointed liaison-coordinator. Each Working Group shall elect two coordinators from among its membership. Elected coordinators shall take office upon confirmation by the General Assembly and, while still eligible, shall serve for two years in staggered terms whenever possible or until a successor is elected and confirmed.

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4:15pm Closing session

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### Attachment #1

#### **Amend Committee Membership Bylaw to Change Attendance Requirement**

**Subject:** Amend Committee Membership Bylaw to Change Attendance Requirement

**Presenter:** Coordinating Committee. Contact Mike Feinstein [mfeinstein@feinstein.org](mailto:mfeinstein@feinstein.org)

**Background and purpose:** Current GPCA Bylaw 6-1.4 regarding membership of standing committees states that "Eligible candidates must have attended at least two prior plenaries within the previous 24 months and demonstrate a working knowledge of the GPCA bylaws and operating procedures."

The problem with this is two fold: the number of people attending GPCA General Assemblies has gone down in recent years and in many cases, it is many of the same people who have attended. This means the eligibility base for appointment to standing committees is very small, which means it is difficult to fill the committees with interested individuals, which means the committees don't operate as well as they can. At the same time, participation in committees and in the GPCA has changed since this bylaw was written, with participation also through teleconferences and email lists. Finally, the current text speaks in terms of the last 24 months, but given the irregular timing of state meetings, the text should refer to the number of previous meetings, not months.

With these factors in mind, this proposal changes from two to one the number of minimum General Assemblies one had to attend to be eligible, and from 24 months to one of the last five General Assemblies to determine the timing.

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**Proposal: That the following text in 6-1.4 Committee Membership be amended**

Eligible candidates must have attended at least one General Assembly within the past five and demonstrate a working knowledge of the GPCA bylaws and operating procedures.

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**Committee decision:** Approved by consensus on October 3rd, 2011 teleconference.

**Timeline:** Effective upon approval

**Resources:** Change to bylaws page on GPCA web site

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Attachment #2

**Extension of trial period to evaluate new CC election method**

**Subject:** Extension of trial period to evaluate new CC election method

**Sponsor:** Coordinating Committee. Contact Mike Feinstein [mfeinstein@feinstein.org](mailto:mfeinstein@feinstein.org)

**Background and purpose:** At the GPCA's October 2009 Cotati General Assembly, delegates approved of a trial period to evaluate a new Coordinating Committee election method. According to the [approved minutes](#), that method consisted of three points:

- 1) The CC shall consist of 26 seats with 2-year terms: • 12 seats shall be elected from regions-one from each region, except Central Valley gets two due to its size. • 14 seats shall be elected at-large by proportional representation (STV) online voting. Seats will have staggered terms so that half of the seats are elected each year.
- 2) The CC quorum shall be 50% plus one of the seated members, and if more than half of the allocated seats are empty, then this must be reported to the counties/GA.
- 3) At-large seats are capped at three per county. With a regional rep, that sets a limit of four CC members from a single county.

The Cotati minutes did not include the timing of the trial period, but the proposal in the agenda stated:

"Note: The election method described here shall be used for a two-year trial period. The CC shall form a committee to evaluate this proposed method during the second half of the second year. The renewal of this new election method will then be presented for GA approval or rejection. This proposal is intended to temporarily supersede those GPCA bylaws clauses relating to CC elections during the trial period."



In the first year since the passage of this proposal, only one person ran and was elected to an at-large seat. That occurred at the March 2010 [San Jose General Assembly](#). In the second year, eight people ran and were elected. This occurred via an on-line vote conducted in June 2011 and is summarized in this [Election Committee Report](#).

Given that only one person ran and was elected in the first year, that the eight recently elected CC members are just getting started and that unless an extension (or other new proposal) was passed at the upcoming December 2012 Los Angeles General Assembly, the GPCA must revert to the prior CC at-large election procedure for the first General Assembly in 2012, this proposal recommends that the General Assembly approve a one-year extension of the trial period, so that the trial Coordinating Committee election method can be sufficiently evaluated.

This proposal also seeks to provide documentation of what the trial election method actually is, in a place that is easily and logically located within the GPCA's rules documents. This is done by amending the bylaws to implement the details of the trial method, and providing the caveat that if these bylaws are not amended again by a certain date, the text will revert back to what was in place going into the Cotati General Assembly.

Currently neither the agenda nor the minutes from the Cotati General Assembly provide a full, clear explanation of what method was approved. There is however a [helpful, informal summary](#). This proposal codifies most of the content that is found there and also makes these other changes: changes 'two months' to '60 days' in one place; clarifies more clearly that under the existing procedure, a higher approval threshold applies to 'special' CC meetings and makes it clear that the CC can establish a regular monthly meeting date as it has for years, rather than only being able to establish the next regular meeting date at the end of every regular meeting, as the bylaws currently can be read. There is also one paragraph about regions being able to change their representatives mid-term that was moved from 7-1.4 to 7-1.5 where it fits more naturally in the regional election section.

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[Click here to see the proposed changes in strikeout text in .pdf format](#)

**Proposal: That 7-1.2, 7-1.3, 7-1.4, 7-1.5 and 7-1.7 be amended to read**

#### 7-1.2 Membership

The Coordinating Committee shall be composed of up to 26 voting members, including 14 elected at-large and 12 regionally. The General Assembly shall define the regions and determine the allocation of regional representatives. Diversity and gender balance are encouraged through the election of at-large representatives. A maximum of three at-large members may be elected from any given county, in addition to from their regionally-

elected seat. Coordinating Committee members are not eligible for the positions of Treasurer and Liaison to the Secretary of State.

Unless otherwise amended, this bylaw shall expire 90 days before the 2013 General Assembly at which the annual budget will be approved and be replaced by the text of 7-1.2 Membership in place at the October 2009 Cotati General Assembly.

### 7-1.3. Meetings

Regular Coordinating Committee meetings shall be held at least once a month, in person or by teleconference. The Coordinating Committee may establish a regular monthly meeting date. Otherwise, date and location of the next regular meeting shall be determined at the close of each meeting or, failing this, be determined by the committee co-coordinators and announced with at least 20 days notice. A special (or emergency) meeting may be called with at least one week notice by the co-coordinators or a majority of the committee. All proposals considered at a special meeting shall have an 80% approval threshold for voting purposes. A quorum for all Coordinating Committee meetings shall be 50% + 1 of the currently seated members. Proxy votes are not allowed.

Unless otherwise amended, this bylaw shall expire 90 days before the 2013 General Assembly at which the annual budget will be approved and be replaced by the text of 7-1.3 Meetings in place at the October 2009 Cotati General Assembly.

### 7-1.4 Elections and Term of Office

All Coordinating Committee seats shall be for two-year terms, with half of the at-large seats elected each year. The Coordinating Committee shall appoint three election officials to conduct the annual at-large election via an online process using the STV system described in Section 7-1.8. The election shall commence one week after the conclusion General Assembly at which the annual budget will be approved and shall remain open for 30 days. Any county with computer or Internet access problems will be provided an alternative method for submitting their vote. Quorum for the online vote shall be 50% + 1 of active counties, as determined for the preceding General Assembly. Regional seats may be elected at the first General Assembly meeting of each year for any expiring regional seats not filled by an alternative regional process (see selection of regional members, paragraph 7-1.5). The CC must report to the counties and GA if more than half of the CC seats are empty.

Unless otherwise amended, this bylaw shall expire 90 days before the 2013 General Assembly at which the annual budget will be approved and be replaced by the text of 7-1.4 CC Elections and Term of Office in place at the October 2009 Cotati General Assembly.

### 7-1.5 Selection of Regional Members

Regional members shall be selected by regional caucus of delegates at *General Assembly* meetings, unless the active counties of a region select another process. Any such alternative process must be consistent with the ten key values, *GPCA* bylaws, and California law; and approved by all the *County Councils* of the active counties of a region; and filed with the *Coordinating Committee* and the *Bylaws Committee*. Regions with two seats are encouraged to strive for gender balance.

Notwithstanding Section 6-3, a region may replace its representative(s), including alternate representative(s), during the course of the term of office by conducting an election in accordance with its approved procedure. The new representative(s) shall serve the remainder of the existing term of office. The region shall notify the *Coordinating Committee* of any replacement conducted under this section.

Unless otherwise amended, this bylaw shall expire 90 days before the 2013 *General Assembly* at which the annual budget will be approved and be replaced by the text of 7-1.5 Selection of Regional Members in place at the October 2009 *Cotati General Assembly*.

### 7-1.7 Selection of At-Large Members

To be eligible, candidates for at-large seats must submit an application to the *Coordinating Committee* at least 60 days prior to the first day of the *General Assembly* at which the *GPCA*'s annual budget is approved. Applications must include a biography and what they wish to accomplish as on the *Coordinating Committee*. The application shall be published on the *GPCA*'s web site and the URL included in the agenda packet. The web site and agenda packet shall also include a full and detailed explanation of the voting procedure, including a description of the "No Other Candidate" (NOC) option and an encouragement to delegates to make their choices seriously and a reminder that delegates do not have to fill all seats unless they feel there are enough qualified candidates. At the *General Assembly*, the *Election Committee* shall present a full and detailed explanation of the voting procedure to the *General Assembly* and at-large candidates will be given an opportunity to present themselves and receive and respond to questions.

Unless otherwise amended, this bylaw shall expire 90 days before the 2013 *General Assembly* at which the annual budget will be approved and be replaced by the text of 7-1.7 Selection of At-Large Members in place at the October 2009 *Cotati General Assembly*.

**this would be changed from the existing text as follows**

## 7-1.2 Membership

The Coordinating Committee shall be composed of up to ~~twenty voting members, including sixteen regional representatives and up to four at large representatives~~ 26 voting members, including 14 elected at-large and 12 regionally. The General Assembly shall define the regions, and determine the allocation of regional representatives. Diversity and gender balance are encouraged through the election of at-large representatives. A maximum of three at-large members may be elected from any given county, in addition to from their regionally-elected seat. ~~Coordinating Committee~~ representatives are not eligible for the positions of Treasurer and Liaison to the Secretary of State.

Unless otherwise amended, this bylaw shall expire 90 days before the 2013 General Assembly at which the annual budget will be approved and be replaced by the text of 7-1.2 Membership in place at the October 2009 Cotati General Assembly.

## 7-1.3. Meetings

Regular Coordinating Committee meetings ~~of the CC~~ shall be held at least once a month, in person or by teleconference. The Coordinating Committee may establish a regular monthly meeting date. ~~Otherwise, d~~ Date and location of the next regular meeting shall be determined at the close of each meeting or, failing this, shall be determined by the CC coordinators and announced with at least 20 days notice. A special (or emergency) meeting may be called with at least one week notice by the CC coordinators or a majority of the CC. All proposals considered at a special meeting shall have an 80% approval threshold decisions made at a special meeting shall be treated as policy decisions for voting purposes. A quorum for all Coordinating Committee meetings shall be 50% + 1 of ~~GPCA CC shall consist of 2/3 of the currently seated members.~~ Proxy votes are not allowed.

Unless otherwise amended, this bylaw shall expire 90 days before the 2013 General Assembly at which the annual budget will be approved and be replaced by the text of 7-1.3 Meetings in place at the October 2009 Cotati General Assembly.

## 7-1.4 CC Elections and Term of Office

All Coordinating Committee seats shall be for two-year terms, with half of the at-large seats elected each year. The Coordinating Committee shall appoint three election officials to conduct the annual at-large election via an online process using the STV system described in Section 7-1.8. The election shall commence one week after the conclusion General Assembly at which the annual budget will be approved and shall remain open for 30 days. Any county with computer or Internet access problems will be provided an alternative method for submitting their vote. Quorum for the online vote shall be 50%

+ 1 of active counties, as determined for the preceding General Assembly. Regional seats may be elected at the first General Assembly meeting of each year for ~~At the first General Assembly meeting of each year, elections shall be conducted for CC seats whose terms are scheduled to expire within the calendar year including two at large seats and any expiring regional seats not filled by an alternative regional process (see selection of regional members, paragraph 7-1.5). The CC must report to the counties and GA if more than half of the CC seats are empty. CC representatives shall serve for a nominal term of two years or until their successors are elected. In any event, at large representatives shall vacate their seats at the end of the term unless reelected, and regional representatives shall retain their seats beyond the end of the term unless replaced or recalled.~~

Unless otherwise amended, this bylaw shall expire 90 days before the 2013 General Assembly at which the annual budget will be approved and be replaced by the text of 7-1.4 CC Elections and Term of Office in place at the October 2009 Cotati General Assembly.

#### 7-1.5 Selection of Regional Members

Regional members shall be selected by regional caucus of delegates at General Assembly meetings, unless the active counties of a region select another process. Any such alternative process must be consistent with the ten key values, GPCA bylaws, and California law; and approved by all the County Councils of the active counties of a region; and filed with the Coordinating Committee and the Bylaws Committee. Regions with two or more seats are encouraged to strive for gender balance.

Notwithstanding section 6-3, a region may replace its representative(s), including alternate representative(s), during the course of the term of office by conducting an election in accordance with its approved procedure. The new representative(s) shall serve the remainder of the existing term of office. The region shall notify the Coordinating Committee of any replacement conducted under this section.

Unless otherwise amended, this bylaw shall expire 90 days before the 2013 General Assembly at which the annual budget will be approved and be replaced by the text of 7-1.5 Selection of Regional Members in place at the October 2009 Cotati General Assembly.

#### 7-1.7 Selection of At-Large Members

To be eligible, candidates for at-large seats must submit an application to the Coordinating Committee at least 60 days prior to the first day of the General Assembly at which the GPCA's annual budget is approved shall submit applications to the CC at least two months prior to the election of at large CC representatives. Applications must

include a biography ~~The application shall consist of a detailed biography of the person seeking election~~ and what they wish to accomplish as an at-large CC member. The application shall be published on the GPCA's web site and the URL included in the agenda packet. The web site and agenda packet shall also include ~~The CC shall forward, without prejudice, the applications to the active county organizations along with a full and detailed explanation of the voting procedure, including a description of the "No Other Candidate" (NOC) option and an encouragement to delegates to make their choices seriously and a reminder that delegates do not have to fill all seats unless they feel there are enough qualified candidates. At the General Assembly, the Election Committee shall present~~ The Coordinating Committee shall appoint three election officials and after the current and newly elected regional CC representatives have been announced and before the at-large CC representative election proceeds, the election officials shall present a full and detailed explanation of the voting procedure (as outlined above) to the General Assembly and at-large candidates will be given an opportunity to present themselves and receive and respond to questions. The election officials shall then conduct the election as described in Paragraph 7 1.8, Choice Voting.

Unless otherwise amended, this bylaw shall expire 90 days before the 2013 General Assembly at which the annual budget will be approved and be replaced by the text of 7-1.7 Selection of At-Large Members in place at the October 2009 Cotati General Assembly.

**Committee decision:** Approved by consensus on October 3rd, 2011 teleconference.

**Timeline:** Effective upon approval

**Resources:** Update bylaws page on GPCA web site.

**References:** [Click here to see the proposed changes in strikeout text in .pdf format.](#)

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Attachment #3

**Amendment to use voting page in ranked choice voting elections**

**Subject:** Amendment to GPCA Bylaws 7-1.8 Choice Voting to include use of GPCA voting page

**Sponsor:** Coordinating Committee. Contact Sanda Everette [sanda@greens.org](mailto:sanda@greens.org).

**Background and Purpose:** Currently the procedure specified in GPCA bylaws governing the use of Choice Voting provides that "Each delegate shall be provided a written secret ballot containing the names of the candidates in random order."

Elections to the GPUS Delegation are governed by 7-1.8, which means votes must be cast by written ballot. The Delegation has requested that votes cast for GPUS delegates and alternates be done via a web-based voting page as used in June 2011 for GPCA Coordinating Committee elections. This is because the large number of paper ballots makes transcribing the results very cumbersome into a form that can then be entered into a ranked choice voting program to render a result.

To effectuate the option to cast a vote electronically, this proposal would amend 7-1.8 as follows to allow for voting via a voting page.

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**Proposal:** That GPCA Bylaws 7-1.8 Choice Voting be amended to add the text "or web-based or otherwise electronic" as follows:

**Present Bylaw:** Each delegate shall be provided a written secret ballot containing the names of the candidates in random order.

**Proposed Bylaw:** Each delegate shall be provided a written or web-based or otherwise electronic secret ballot containing the names of the candidates in random order.

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**Committee Process:** Approved by consensus on October 3rd, 2011 teleconference.

**Timeline:** Adoption at the December 3rd/4th, 2011 General Assembly.

**Resources:** Bylaws page to be amended to reflect the change. GPCA IT has existing capability to conduct ranked choice voting elections.

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Attachment #4

### **Update Policies and Procedures for Campaign Financial Support Committee**

**Subject:** Update Policies and Procedures for Campaign Financial Support Committee

**Presenter:** Campaigns and Candidates Working Group. Contact Warner Bloomberg, San Jose (408) 295-9353, [wsb3attyca@aol.com](mailto:wsb3attyca@aol.com)

**Background and Purpose:** The GPCA adopted policies and procedures for distribution of donations to candidates in April 2008 (see Addendum B to the GPCA Bylaws). Current rules regarding eligibility to receive GPCA financial assistance requires candidates for partisan office to be the GPCA nominee following the Primary Election before the Campaign Financial Support Committee (CFSC) may authorize a GPCA donation to the candidate's campaign committee.

But Proposition 14 has created a "Primary Election" that is a de facto general election with a further "top two" runoff election for California statewide and legislative offices. In all likelihood, most GPCA candidates for legislative and statewide office will not succeed to the runoff election. The outcome of current court proceedings in Fall 2011 is speculative at the time this proposal has been written.

(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lQr16Wh8bG0>)

Accordingly, the GPCA should amend the current CFSC rules unless and until the operation of Prop 14 is either suspended or voided.

Additionally, the existing policies and procedures need clarification to expressly state that a GPCA candidate in a recall situation is considered a "candidate" (e.g., as in a special election).

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**Proposal:** The General Assembly of Delegates amends the policies and procedures for the Campaign Financial Support Committee as follows:

The following Paragraph 5. D-1. is added to the existing CFSC Policies and Procedures (see GPCA Bylaws Appendix B) as follows:

Notwithstanding the foregoing, until such time as the Proposition 14 elections structure is suspended or voided, the CFSC may authorize distribution of GPCA donations to candidates for office upon the certification by the Secretary of State of the candidate's qualification to appear on the "Primary" ballot.

Also add a new Paragraph 5. F. as follows:

An elected official subject to a recall election, or a replacement candidate in a recall election, shall be considered a candidate in a special election.

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**Committee Process:** General discussion of the subject of this proposal was begun on the July 13, 2011 CCWG teleconference and continued on the July 27, 2011 CCWG teleconference and was approved that evening, subject to any outstanding concerns on the CCWG email list, of which there were none.

**Timeline:** Adoption at the December 3rd/4th, 2011 General Assembly.

**Resources:** The current situation requires early identification of candidates and communication about how candidates can apply for a limited campaign donation from the GPCA. This means that County Green Parties and locals will need to endorse candidates and communicate those endorsements to the CCWG as soon as practical - preferably before the deadline for candidates to be certified for the ballot. It also requires an



expedited recommendation process by the *CCWG* to the *CFSC* and prompt decision making by *CFSC* members. This requires greater and earlier focus on these concerns at the County *GP* level and better County *GP* communications with the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group. The General Assembly also should review the candidate support budget line at the next Plenary as part of its creating the second half of its Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget.

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**References:** The full text of the current *CFSC* policies and procedures is as follows:

1. **Membership.** The Campaign Financial Support Committee (*CFSC*) shall consist of two *GPCA* members from each of the *GPCA* Coordinating Committee (*CC*), Finance Committee and Campaigns and Candidates Working Group (*CCWG*). Each *SC/WG* shall use its own ordinary processes for making such appointments. A current *SC/WG/GPUS* Delegates Coordinator shall not be eligible to be a *CFSC* member. Any person who is, or who has announced an intention to be, a candidate for elected office, or anyone serving as a campaign manager, treasurer or consultant for such a candidate, is ineligible to be a *CFSC* member. Quorum for the *CFSC* shall be at least three *CFSC* members.
2. **Term of Office.** *CFSC* members shall be appointed not later than the General Assembly at which the *GPCA* annual budget is submitted for adoption, and shall serve a one year term. *CFSC* members may not serve more than three consecutive terms. In the event a vacancy occurs in any *CFSC* position, the *SC/WG* that appointed the person who has resigned or become disqualified shall appoint the replacement to serve the remainder of the applicable term of appointment as soon as practicable after the vacancy occurs.
3. **Responsibilities.** The *CFSC* shall have the responsibility to decide what campaign committees shall receive funds from the part of the annual *GPCA* budget approved for the financial support of *GPCA* candidates for elected office.

The *CFSC* shall establish procedures for candidates to apply for funding, including an application form or questionnaire and application deadlines, that shall be generally communicated via *GPCA* email lists and publications and posted on the *CCWG* webpage(s). Drafts of those procedures and forms also shall be published to the *CC*, *CCWG* and County Contacts email lists for at least 15 days to allow comments before adoption. Procedures adopted by the *CFSC* shall continue until modified. The *CFSC* shall internally establish general principles for prioritizing the distribution of limited funds in each *GPCA* fiscal year. Within 60 days following any election in which the *CFSC* designates funding for candidates, the *CFSC* shall provide a written report of its funding deliberations and decisions to the *CC* and *CCWG* (Co)Coordinators.

#### 4. Authority.

CFSC funding decisions shall be communicated directly to the GPCA Treasurer for transmittal of funds as decided by the CFSC. Any funding decision shall require agreement by a minimum of three CFSC members. The GPCA Treasurer shall promptly issue funds as designated by the CFSC except where either (a) the donation would result in the candidate's committee receiving more cumulative donations than allowed by statute or regulation or (b) where the candidate declines all or part of the donation.

The GPCA Treasurer shall promptly report either such circumstance to the CFSC which may amend its previous determinations upon receipt of such information. The CFSC may request the assistance of the CCWG or any other GPCA committee, working group or county organization in its processes for evaluating candidates' applications for GPCA financial support.

#### 5. Funding Eligibility.

Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, to be eligible for GPCA campaign donations:

A. Candidates for non-partisan municipal, county and special district races, California state legislature and U.S. House of Representative must obtain the endorsement of any active Green Party county organization operating within the boundaries of the district for the applicable office. Endorsements must be communicated directly to the CFSC by a County Council member of the County GP or a designated officer of an applicable GP County Local.

B. Candidates for partisan statewide constitutional offices (Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer and State Comptroller); Non-Partisan statewide constitutional offices (Superintendent of Education); State Board of Equalization and U.S. Senate must obtain GPCA endorsement by a General Assembly of Delegates or County Polling. [The text of this subsection shall automatically be amended in the event the California Secretary of State is amended to become a nonpartisan office.]

C. In special circumstances (e.g., large voting districts with multiple county organizations; special elections), the CFSC may waive the endorsement requirement on a case-by-case basis. However, in such cases, a candidate will need to demonstrate local support by endorsement of at least one active County GP, or endorsement by one or more Locals, or endorsement by the CCWG, or some other form of internal GPCA organizational endorsement, as a funding eligibility requirement.

D. Candidates for partisan office shall not receive GPCA financial support unless they are the GPCA nominee following the GPCA Primary Election.

E. Committees related to issue campaigns are not eligible for funding under these procedures.

County: [Statewide](#)

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Attachment #5

### Platform amendment - Nuclear Contamination

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NUCLEAR CONTAMINATION PROPOSAL (struck out=deleted; underlined=new, relative to current platform plank)

**SPONSOR:** Platform Standing Group

**PRESENTERS/CONTACTS:** Michael Feinstein [mfeinstein@feinstein.org](mailto:mfeinstein@feinstein.org) and Peggy Koteen [pkoteen@aol.com](mailto:pkoteen@aol.com)

**SUBJECT:** Nuclear Contamination in the Ecology & Earth Stewardship section. Personal and global responsibility, are the involved 10 Key Values of the GP.

**Background and Purpose.** Greens support and promote the healthiest possible a healthy environment for ~~current~~ present and future generations. ~~We therefore~~ Therefore, we unconditionally strongly oppose current energy policies which continue producing nuclear wastes oppose the use of nuclear power, which can not cannot be produced be stored safely nor can nuclear reactor wastes be disposed of safely.

Ionizing radiation is inherently injurious to life. While unavoidable background levels of such radiation exist, we must minimize future releases of human-created radiation into the environment. Any increase in radiation exposure, ~~no matter how small~~, adds to the cumulative damage of living organisms.

Historically, nuclear electric energy was a spin-off from nuclear weapons production for the military. It gave an ideological justification for continued proliferation of nuclear technology around the world. It served to make nuclear fission appear more benevolent, and promoted the myth that nuclear power was cheap and safe. It is neither.

The Green Party calls for a halt to nuclear contamination and to the continued production of nuclear wastes and also to:

\* ~~Immediate~~ Halt mining of uranium, ~~most~~ much of which occurs on indigenous peoples' lands here and on other continents.

- \* Halt all U.S. research and development of new nuclear weapons systems and continue dismantling existing stocks.
- \* Stop U.S. involvement in international proliferation of nuclear weapons, and ratify sign a meaningful Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. [see Disarmament plank]
- \* Adopt a policy for the safest possible storage of existing radioactive materials, and discontinue attempting their "disposal" in land repositories.
- \* Rapidly phase out production of electric power from nuclear sources, decommission all existing nuclear power plants, and oppose ~~the National Energy Plan's call for the~~ construction of ~~hundreds of~~ any new nuclear power plants.
- \* Curtail the medical profession's overuse of radioactive isotopes in diagnostic and treatment procedures, and increase research for alternatives.
- \* Recycle medical radioactive materials when possible, and develop storage-to-decay facilities for short-lived medical wastes.
- \* Ban shallow land disposal and incineration of all radioactive wastes.
- \* Overturn the federal Price-Anderson Act, which limits the liability of the nuclear industry in the event of nuclear accidents.
- \* Hold all nuclear power producers responsible in perpetuity for the radioactive wastes they generate.
- \* Establish strong, enforceable penalties for radioactive contamination of the environment.
- \* Disallow "deregulation" of any level of wastes to "Below Regulatory Concern" (BRC) status, or their use in consumer products.
- \* Establish independent monitoring networks for all military and civilian nuclear facilities.
- \* Ban ionizing radiation irradiation of food products.
- \* Ban nuclear materials in international transportation and trade.
- \* Ban nuclear materials aboard craft launched into space.
- \* Limit the use of radioactive materials in science except under safe conditions.

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Greens support and promote a healthy environment for present and future generations. Therefore, we oppose the use of nuclear power, which cannot be produced safely nor can its wastes be disposed of safely.

Ionizing radiation is inherently injurious to life. While unavoidable background levels of such radiation exist, we must minimize future releases of human-created radiation into the environment. Any increase in radiation exposure adds to the cumulative risk for living organisms.

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- \* Limit the use of nuclear materials in science except under safe conditions.

**COMMITTEE DECISION:** The revised platform was suggested by Michael Feinstein in line with his successful [resolution to close California nuclear power reactors](#) that passed at the Berkeley General Assembly on April 30 2011. Different versions appeared on April 20; April 28; June 17; August 24; September 1; October 13.

**RESOURCES:** This is a revision of an existing GPCA platform plank.

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Attachment #6

### **Platform Amendment - Energy**

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**ENERGY PROPOSAL** (underlined=new; struckout=deleted, relative to the current platform plank)

**SPONSOR:** Platform Standing Group

**PRESENTERS/CONTACTS:** Shane Que Hee, [squehee@ucla.edu](mailto:squehee@ucla.edu)

**SUBJECT:** Energy in the Ecology & Earth Stewardship section. Personal and global responsibility, ecological wisdom, and sustainability are the involved 10 Key Values of the GP.

### **Background and Purpose.**

Conservation, efficiency and renewable energy sources are essential elements of our proposed energy policy.

~~The 2000-2001 California energy "crisis" reminded us to reaffirm this.~~ We need to develop strategies that recognize that fossil fuels are formed in geological time and cannot be replaced in the short term and they are being depleted rapidly (except coal). Moreover, our current dependence on fossil fuels (especially coal) is creating unacceptable environmental damage, including climate change that will bring great hardship to many humans and non-human life.

Conserving energy will reduce the need for fossil fuels and dangerous nuclear energy. We can also lessen our dependence upon energy sources by driving more fuel efficient cars and by simplifying our lifestyles to include things such as living closer to our work[see [Transportation](#) plank], and eating lower on the food chain.

U.S. dependence on imported oil contributes to our military involvement in other parts of the world. Elimination or reduction of this dependence would eliminate or diminish the reason, or the excuse, for such military involvement. In addition, with concern about further attacks, the security of California energy resources becomes more important. Decentralizing energy production is important to improve security from attack and also for less dependence on large facilities feeding into massive grids that are easily disrupted.

Proposed state and national energy policies would loosen environmental protections. Clean air, clean water, endangered species, and the Alaska Wildlife Refuge are all threatened. Many local communities, often poor and minority, are being threatened by mining activities, waste storage, waste incineration, dirty production facilities and other assaults. Nuclear Power is being promoted as a solution to global warming but it leaves long-lived and dangerous wastes in its wake [see [Environmental Justice](#) and [Nuclear Contamination](#) planks]

Streamlining of permits in response to the 2000-2001 energy "crisis" ~~has~~ changed the process for siting power plants. It sidestepped previous environmental legislation and the process by which residents participated in the decision making. Also it has led ~~lead~~ to an increase in the number of fossil fuel peaker plants which are used when demand for power is the highest. They are less efficient than new full-size natural gas plants and they emit much more pollution per unit of energy produced.

### **Regulation vs. Deregulation vs. Public Power**

California's failed attempt to deregulate energy utilities indicated ~~points out~~ the dangers of investing our energy future in the hands of an energy market committed only to ~~the~~ maximizing of profits. Deregulation has failed to produce the promised rate reduction for residents, but rather has caused our bills to soar.

Deregulation gave the three privately held California utilities a cash windfall that allowed their holding companies to control the allegedly competitive market. They have invested in energy plants in the U.S. and worldwide, and own billions of dollars in assets not touchable by the state to rectify the outstanding utility debts. Under deregulation, many of the state's utility generation facilities were sold to out-of-state companies who then sold that power on the open free market at exorbitant profits.

A growing pool of experience shows that Municipal Utilities Districts and other public power agencies run more efficiently and provide better customer service than Investor Owned Utilities.

California's deregulation law provided a small fund to promote renewable sources, low income assistance, and energy efficiency. The rejected alternative for renewable sources, which was pushed by environmentalists, would have required all electricity generators to produce 10% of their energy from renewable sources. This left a voluntary effort by independent power suppliers to market "green power" to customers. The effort resulted in very little new renewable power sources.

### **Global Climate Change**

In the last decade, the Earth has experienced some of the highest average temperatures ever. The United States is responsible for emitting approximately 25% of all greenhouse gases worldwide. Energy generation, including transportation uses, account for most of this. The Kyoto Protocol committed our country to reducing emissions to 1990 levels. It should be adopted nationally and should commit our state as well to reducing emissions to 1990 levels. [see Protection of the Atmosphere plank)

The Green Party of California proposes:

\* Phase out fossil fuels as an energy source to the extent possible and convert to renewable sources. Require all electricity sellers to procure at least 130% of their energy from renewable sources. ~~This Renewable Standard Portfolio for California should rise to 20% by 2010.~~

\* Use subsidies, incentives and regulations to encourage the development of such renewable sources as passive solar for heating and cooling buildings, solar water heating, solar electricity (photovoltaics hydrogen fuel, biomass geothermal, ocean, wind and small scale hydroelectric). For example, reinstate the "direct access" option for residential consumers so that they can get power from companies using renewable sources.

\* Establish higher energy efficiency standards for lighting, home and office appliances and industrial motors; and increase rebate and replacement programs.



- \* Require energy efficiency, passive solar and solar water heating in building codes. Do not permit homeowner associations and condo associations to restrict member owners from installing solar equipment on their commonly held rooftops and hanging out laundry.
- \* Support a massive project of energy conservation. We must make up for years of under-funding of energy conservation. We need more efficient appliance purchase rebates, small business conservation loans and grants, training and small business development for energy service providers, energy conservation innovation and curriculum in public school science courses on how renewable energy sources work.
- \* Include information in utility bills about where to obtain energy saving products.
- \* Restructure electricity rates so that residents are not paying more than big business. Require large users who have not done all they can to reduce energy use to pay more for electricity. Develop a tiered residential pricing system that takes into account family size.
- \* ~~Work toward full public ownership and democratic control of energy production and distribution.~~ Make our supply of energy more secure and affordable through localized, decentralized, energy production, with a strong component of municipal ownership to provide nonprofit competition to private providers
- \* Require utilities to accept net metering (the selling of the excess power to the grid by private generators) to encourage building of alternative energy generation and stipulate that it be done at retail rates.
- \* Use "time-of-use" pricing as much as possible and install time-of-day meters for large users.
- \* Create an incentive program to encourage conservation by landlords. Landlords refuse to pay to insulate homes, etc. because the tenant pays the energy bill, so the landlord has no financial incentive.
- \* Cities or utilities should have someone designated to educate energy wasters. Someone that people would be able to call when they see careless energy wasting, like parking lot lights left on all day at a big box store.
- \* Stop subsidies for the research and development of nuclear power. and Shut down and decommission ~~oppose license extensions for nuclear power plants. Shut down existing nuclear power plants~~ (San Onofre and Diablo Canyon in California) and replace them with renewable sources. Repeal the federal Price-Anderson Act, which limits the financial liability of the nuclear industry in case of accidents. Insurance companies will not cover nuclear power plants, so this liability is a subsidy to the nuclear power industry now borne by taxpayers.

- \* Repeal ~~Governor Davis's~~ the "permit streamlining process" for siting power plants. Use solar to meet peak demand.
- \* Adopt the Kyoto Protocol on global warming and implement measures as soon as possible to reduce national and state carbon dioxide emissions to 1990 levels.
- \* Employ union labor in green energy projects.
- \* To better distribute renewable sources, there should be more emphasis on individual solar power from photovoltaic panels installed on every roof possible and subsidized by the government with increased buy-down rates and low-interest loans to those who need them.
- \* Make our supply of energy more secure through decentralized energy production, including new technologies such as hydrogen fuel and fuel cells, and less dependence on outside sources of energy. We should seek more energy independence within California borders.
- \* Prohibit sale of power generating and distribution assets to out-of-state power companies who would not be subject to California Public Utilities Commission oversight and control.
- \* When Green Power marketers reenter the market here they should provide new renewables and avoid top-down, anti-democratic, funder-led objectives.
- \* Replace aging, inefficient and polluting plants.

**COMMITTEE DECISION:** The revised platform was suggested by the [resolution to close California nuclear power reactors](#) that passed at the Berkeley General Assembly on April 30 2011. Revisions appeared on September 2; October 13 2011.

**RESOURCES:** This is a revision of an existing GPCA platform plank.

Attachment #7

**Platform Amendment - Disarmament**

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**DISARMAMENT PLATFORM PROPOSAL** (underlined=new;struckout=deleted, relative to current platform plank)

**SPONSOR:** Platform Standing Group

**PRESENTERS/CONTACTS:** Shane Que Hee, [squehee@ucla.edu](mailto:squehee@ucla.edu).

**SUBJECT:** Disarmament in the Peace & Nonviolence Section of the GPCA Platform. Personal and global responsibility and nonviolence are the involved 10 Key Values of the GP.

### **Background and Purpose.**

Green values emphasize the sanctity of life and the peaceful resolution of conflicts. Disarmament isn't just a desirable end result of these goals, it is also an important step toward attaining them.

Even though the cold war ended ~~over a~~ decades ago, our level of armament still grossly exceeds any reasonable estimate of what we need for national defense. These weapons' destructive capacity, if they were used, would guarantee an unimaginably horrific toll in human life and environmental damage that would affect many generations to come. When the USSR dissolved as a single sovereign entity, the ~~rationalization~~ justifying these weapons of mass destruction became obsolete. To date, we have conducted over 1,054 nuclear weapons tests. This is more than the other six known nuclear-capable nations combined.

The continuing propensity for war, and the huge international arms market, has resulted in increased global conflicts. ~~While such conflict decreased through the early 1990s, to a low of 20 conflicts in 1997, a sharp increase in recent years now shows had 38 such conflicts in progress at the beginning of 2002.~~ Many of these are caused by the collapse of nation states to where they cannot provide for the basic needs of their citizens. The resulting emigration of desperate people to neighboring states causes ethnic, social and religious conflicts, as well as strain on the resources of those neighbors. All of this perpetuates a general instability that easily leads to armed conflict.

Our continuing reliance on military solutions is reflected in the number of international agreements our government has refused to sign or failed to ratify. This not only includes agreements designed to reduce weapons, but also those aimed at improving the general human conditions. The list of unsigned or unratified agreements includes: Convention on the Prohibition of Anti-Personnel Mines; Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty; Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty II; Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty II; Kyoto Accord; Convention on the Rights of Children; Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women; the Treaty of Basel; and the Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights. ~~The current Administration has also announced its intentions to withdraw from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.~~

The Green Party advocates progress towards disarmament by the following means:

- Make a realistic assessment of our national defense needs. We must stop the research, development, testing and deployment of offensive weapons - especially

nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. We must halt the international exchange of nuclear technologies and materials.

- Immediately ban international arms sales, and enact a unilateral reduction in our current armaments stockpiles.
- Set up a multi-level international peace-keeping force consisting of citizen groups as well as the U.N. Initiate international cooperation in the resolution of conflicts to prevent them from escalating into warfare.
- Escalate talks with the former USSR republics to account for, and eliminate, their stockpiles of weapons - especially weapons grade plutonium. We call on the world community to assist in alternative job programs for weapons designers so they aren't tempted to sell weapons materials.
- Put our efforts into preventing conflicts and promoting stability by joining the rest of the world in signing, ratifying and enforcing the various international agreements that address these issues.
- Achieve nuclear abolition by enforcing the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty. Article VI of this treaty mandates the elimination of nuclear weapons through a treaty on "general and complete disarmament... under international control." Ensure U.S. compliance.
- Encourage local communities and governments to establish legally binding nuclear-free zones.
- Stop the production of nuclear material for all uses except those that are known to be essential to prolong and save human lives directly, for example, irradiating cancers. We need to halt all uses of nuclear materials to generate electricity to minimize risk to the planet and to minimize ionizing radiation exposure. [See Nuclear Contamination]

**COMMITTEE DECISION** . The platform was revised to complement the [resolution to close California nuclear power reactors](#) passed at the Berkeley General Assembly on April 30 2011. Revisions appeared in 2011 on September 2; October 13 2011.

**RESOURCES:** This is a revision of an existing GPCA platform plank.

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Attachment #8

**Confirmation:** Jared Laiti, Nominee for GPCA Liaison to Secretary of State

**Presenter:** Coordinating Committee

**Background:** *GPCA* Bylaws [7-1.11 Liaison to the Secretary of State](#) specify that "The Coordinating Committee shall immediately fill any vacancy in the office of Liaison, subject to the confirmation of the next meeting of the General Assembly." On September 20<sup>th</sup>, Bill Meyers resigned as *GPCA* Liaison to Secretary of State. On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Coordinating Committee [filled the vacancy by appointing Jared Laiti](#) to serve until the next General Assembly and [voted to submit him to the General Assembly for confirmation](#) for the remainder of the 2011-2013 term to which Meyers was appointed on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the *GPCA* General Assembly.

A list of past *GPCA* Liaisons can be found [here](#).

### **Statement of Nominee Jared Laiti:**

A Green voter since I became eligible to vote, I am committed to making the Green Party the driving force for the political, economic and environmental changes that are needed for a sustainable and just society. *GPCA* must embody our 10 Key Values in order to most effectively draw support for them.

I have been active at all levels of the party, including the Sacramento and Sonoma County Councils, the *GPCA* Coordinating Committee, and the *GPUS* National Committee. I served as a Co-Coordinator of the *GPCA* Coordinating Committee. I also am a member of the *GPUS* Presidential Campaign Support Committee.

In August, 2005, I received a Bachelor of Arts Magna Cum Laude in Political Science with Distinction from Sonoma State University. My senior thesis focused on the role of third parties in recent US history and their potential for future successes. I graduated as day division valedictorian from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in May, 2010, where I researched the roots of the current global economic crisis and its implications for the 'neo-liberal' economic policies that helped spawn it. I was admitted to the State Bar of California in December, 2010, and currently represent claimants in Social Security Disability proceedings.

I am willing to serve as *GPCA* Liaison to the Secretary of State to ensure that the will of the grassroots, as expressed through their representatives, is communicated in an accurate and timely manner in compliance with our bylaws and procedures. Since at least 2005, I have served as an observer and contributor to the *GPCA* Bylaws Committee. During my tenure as a *GPCA* CC Co-Coordinator, I authored and secured passage of the first formal interpretation of *GPCA* bylaws under the provisions allowing the CC to do so in cases of dispute or ambiguity. I also understand and am able to implement the Method of Equal Proportions for allocation of *GPCA* General Assembly delegates as required by the *GPCA* bylaws, having progressed as far as college-level calculus as a former computer science major.

I am grateful for this opportunity to continue my service to the Green Party and the political movement it represents and hope that you will support my candidacy.

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Attachment #9

## **GPCA Fiscal Policy**

**Subject: Establishing a GPCA Fiscal Policy**

**Presenters: Humboldt County Green Party, Coordinating Committee, Finance Committee**

**Background:** The GPCA does not have a specific, stand-alone fiscal policy. This proposal would establish one and in so doing, create a single, clear place to go to understand the entirety of the party's fiscal practices. Why is this needed?

The process leading up to and occurring at the 2011 GPCA General Assembly in Berkeley exposed many inadequacies in both the GPCA's budget process and its overall fiscal process. While some of those inadequacies could be ascribed to low participation in the Finance Committee and Budget Committee, others could not. These range from a lack of clarity about the preparation of budget documents, to how much discretion the Coordinating Committee is granted to make budget-related implementation decisions during the fiscal year. This proposed fiscal policy attempts to address those issues and to fill in a few additional gaps in the GPCA's fiscal practices by borrowing from a few sections of the fiscal policy of the Green Party of the United States (GPUS).

Where is the GPCA at now vis-a-vis these issues?

- The rules governing the GPCA's budget process and its budget committee are contained in the Finance Committee section of the GPCA bylaws, even though much of the budget process is not within the purview of the Finance Committee. This proposed fiscal policy would create clear and separate sections for the Finance Committee (ARTICLE III), Budget Committee (ARTICLE IV) and overall budget process (ARTICLE V). It also would codify what have become a few de facto fiscal practices by creating brief sections for Financial Management (ARTICLE IX) and Financial Reporting (ARTICLE X).
- There is currently a section of the GPCA bylaws defining the role of the Treasurer, but this is placed into a bylaws section about committees, even though the Treasurer is *not* a committee. This fiscal policy creates a specific section for the Treasurer (ARTICLE II) that retains the existing responsibilities from the current Treasurer bylaw with two additions - making explicit the responsibility to prepare and file any official reporting

required by the State of California and the Federal Elections Commission, and adding an additional duty that has also become de facto - that the Treasurer signs checks on behalf of the GPCA.

- The current Budget Committee consists of four members: two from the Finance Committee and two from the Coordinating Committee. Given the breadth of work and responsibility in creating a draft budget, this fiscal policy would expand the Budget Committee to six members, three from the Finance Committee and three from the Coordinating Committee. It also adds a clause to addresses a potential conflict of interest, by clarifying that no one may be a member of the Budget Committee who is also recommended in the budget to receive funding for services provided (with one exception, see 4-2.2 below).

- The current GPCA bylaws governing expenses and disbursement of funds are currently contained in the Finance Committee section of the bylaws, even though many of the procedures in the bylaws involve the Coordinating Committee and Treasurer rather than the Finance Committee. This fiscal policy establishes a separate section (ARTICLE VII) to govern these processes. However, ARTICLE VII does not change the actual process for dealing with expenses and disbursement of funds, it simply copies them over into 7-3, 7-4, 7-5 and 7-6, with one addition, that when the Coordinating Committee authorizes the expenditure of funds upon an emergency basis in 7-6, it must approve of a statement of findings why such an out-of-budget expenditure is in the substantial interest of the party and how it will be paid for, and report this to the next General Assembly .

ARTICLE VII *does* include a new section "Section 7-2 Prioritization of Expenditures", mirroring a similar section of the Fiscal Policy of the GPUS. Section 7-2 is meant to minimize the need for mid-year discretion on the part of the Coordinating Committee and Treasurer, by providing clarity that the GPCA shall first meet its legal and contractual obligations and the basic expenses needed to 'keep the lights on' for the party, before expending funds for other purposes.

- The GPCA currently has no policy governing from whom it will take donations. This fiscal policy would attempt to incorporate Green values by clarifying that the GPCA will accept no donations from corporations, unions, banks or political action committees (ARTICLE VI). This donation policy mirrors that of the GPUS, except the GPUS allows for its National Committee to approve PAC donations on a one-by-one basis and the proposed GPCA policy would not.

- The GPCA currently has no policy governing the rights and expectations of its donors. This fiscal policy creates a Donors Bill of Rights (ARTICLE VIII), mirroring that of the GPUS.

- Finally, this proposed fiscal policy retains the Finance Committee's role in assisting the Treasurer with a variety of tasks, and its role in supporting fundraising and helping to collect funds owed to the GPCA. But it adds specificity in the Finance Committee's role in the budget process. It also gives the Finance Committee the authority to propose amendments to this fiscal policy directly to the General Assembly, whereas currently only the Bylaws Committee and/or county Green organizations can make such a proposal.

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**Proposal: That the General Assembly amend 7-1.12 and 7-2 of the GPCA Bylaws as follows to refer to the GPCA Fiscal Policy, approve and establish the Fiscal Policy below and eliminate the current 3-1.2 Fiscal Policy in the Bylaws and define the fiscal year in the Fiscal Policy instead**

#### 7-1.12 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have the duties and responsibilities as defined in the GPCA Fiscal Policy. The term of the Treasurer shall be two years, beginning in odd-numbered years: the Treasurer shall be nominated by the Coordinating Committee, and subject to the confirmation of the first meeting of the General Assembly in odd-numbered years. The Coordinating Committee shall immediately fill any vacancy in the office of Treasurer, subject to the confirmation of the next meeting of the General Assembly.

#### Section 7-2. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall have the duties, responsibilities and membership as defined in the GPCA Fiscal Policy.

## **FISCAL POLICY OF THE GREEN PARTY OF CALIFORNIA**

### **ARTICLE 1 PURPOSE**

#### **Section 1-1 Purpose**

This Fiscal Policy is intended to:

**1-1.1** Direct the financial practices of the Green Party of California (GPCA) and establish the duties and authorities of the officers and committees necessary to carry out this purpose.

**1-1.2** Promote clarity, accountability and transparency in the Party's fiscal and financial practices, including those of its committees, working groups, officers, employees and contractors.



1-1.3 Promote financial practices by the Party that are in compliance with all applicable laws.

### **Section 1-2 Definitions**

The following terms are defined and used in this document:

1-2.1 Party and *GPCA* shall mean the *Green Party of California*.

1-2.2 Treasurer shall mean the treasurer of the *Green Party of California*.

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## **ARTICLE II TREASURER**

### **Section 2-1 Duties and Responsibilities**

The Treasurer shall have the duties and responsibilities as provided for in this Fiscal Policy, including:

2-1.1 Account for revenues and expenditures of the *GPCA*.

2-1.2 Maintain bank accounts as authorized in this Fiscal Policy.

2-1.3 Make expenditures on behalf of the *GPCA*.

2-1.4 Prepare and present reports to the *General Assembly* and *GPCA* committees and working groups.

2-1.5 Review and approve an annual balance sheet and statement of revenues and expenditures reflecting revenues earned and obligations incurred during the previous fiscal year.

2-1.6 Serve as a voting member of the *Budget Committee* and a voting ex-officio member of the *Finance Committee*.

2-1.7 Sign contracts on behalf of the *GPCA*

2-1.8 Prepare and file any official reports required by the *State of California* and the *Federal Elections Commission*.

### **Section 2-2 Assistant Treasurers**

The *General Assembly* may appoint *Assistant Treasurers* to support the work of the *Treasurer*.

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## **ARTICLE III FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **Section 3-1 Duties and Responsibilities**

The Finance Committee shall have the duties and responsibilities as provided for in this Fiscal Policy, including:

**3-1.1** Support the Treasurer to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer.

**3-1.2** Provide assistance for GPCA fundraising activities.

**3-1.3** Establish a format for Requests for Payment and for Requests for Reimbursement.

#### **3-1.4 Budget**

**3-1.4(a)** Standardize the naming of budget lines for use in the annual budget process;

**3-1.4(b)** Establish a format for standing committees and working groups to submit annual budget requests;

**3-1.4(c)** Provide income projections for the annual budget, including income projections from work done by GPCA staff and independent contractors;

**3-1.4(d)** Recommend to the Budget Committee a prudent reserve for the fiscal year and explain its rationale;

**3-1.4(e)** Compile all annual budget requests, income projections and income and expense narratives from standing committees and working groups, combine them into an initial draft budget and submit it to the Budget Committee;

**3-1.4(f)** provide an oral presentation of the written report to the General Assembly.

**3-1.5** Make proposals to the General Assembly to amend this Fiscal Policy.

**3-1.6** Collect funds owed to the GPCA.

### **Section 3.2 Membership**

**3-2.1** The Finance Committee shall be a standing committee of the General Assembly. It shall have eight members appointed by the Coordinating Committee, including the Coordinating Committee Liaison, and the Treasurer shall serve a voting ex-officio ninth member.

**3-2.2** The Treasurer shall serve for the duration of their tenure as Treasurer. The terms for the other committee members shall be two years with no term limits.

## **ARTICLE IV BUDGET COMMITTEE**

### **Section 4.1 Duties and Authority**

The Budget Committee shall prepare and present an annual draft budget to the General Assembly. It shall be based upon the budget requests and income projections from standing committees and working groups as described in 5-2 and the prioritization of expenses as described in 7-2, and shall contain income and expense narratives that explain the purpose of each budget line item.

### **Section 4.2 Membership**

**4-2.1** The Budget Committee shall be a standing sub-committee of the General Assembly and be composed of six members: three from the Finance Committee and three from the Coordinating Committee. Members from the Finance Committee shall include the Treasurer and two at-large members, appointed by the Finance Committee. Members from the Coordinating Committee shall include the Coordinating Committee liaison to the Finance Committee and two at-large members, appointed by the Coordinating Committee.

**4-2.2** No one may be member of the Budget Committee who is recommended in the budget to receive funding for services provided, except in the case where the Treasurer may be recommended to receive a stipend for services provided as Treasurer, in which case the Treasurer shall recused from the separate vote whether to include the stipend in the budget, but then may otherwise vote on the Draft Budget.

**4-2.3** The Treasurer shall serve for the duration of their tenure as Treasurer. The Coordinating Committee liaison to the Finance Committee shall serve for the duration of his/her tenure as liaison. The at-large Finance Committee members and the at-large Coordinating Committee members may each serve for up to three consecutive one-year terms, but then may not serve a fourth, after which this timing begins anew.

### **Section 4.3 Decision-making**

**4-3.1** The Budget Committee shall seek consensus in its work, but when unresolved, outstanding concerns remain, shall operate upon the basis of majority vote.

**4-3.2** Quorum shall be at least five members, whether upon a teleconference, at a face-to-face meeting or as part of an on-line vote.

**4-3.3** The Budget Committee shall have its own email list upon which to conduct committee business.

## **ARTICLE V ANNUAL BUDGET**

### **Section 5-1 Fiscal Year**

The Fiscal Year shall run from July 1 to June 30.

### **Section 5-2 Annual Budget**

The Annual Budget shall be approved by a two-thirds vote of the *General Assembly*. The Draft Budget shall be prepared and proposed to the *General Assembly* according to the process outlined in this Article. The *General Assembly* shall consider and approve the Annual Budget on the first day of the first meeting of the *General Assembly* following the release of the Draft Budget.

### **Section 5-3 Budget Requests**

**5-3.1** Standing Committees and Working Groups shall submit annual budget requests to the Finance Committee no later than January 31st of each year. Requests must be consistent with the duties and authority and the work plan of the standing committee or working group, must include income and expense projections where applicable, must provide income and expense narratives where relevant, and be in the format provided for by the Finance Committee in 3-1. The Treasurer shall submit requests through the Finance Committee. The Liaison to the Secretary of State shall submit requests through the Coordinating Committee.

**5-3.2** It shall be the responsibility of the Finance Committee to compile all requests, projections and narratives under 5-2.1 into a single document, combine them into an initial draft budget and submit it to the Budget Committee. The Finance Committee and the Budget Committee shall hold a combined meeting to review this draft and receive input and ask questions of those submitting budget requests.

**5-3.3** Mid-year requests for out-of-budget emergency funds may be made according to the process described 7-6.

### **Section 5-4 Draft Budget**

During the first quarter of each calendar year, the Budget Committee shall prepare the Draft Budget. The Draft Budget shall be distributed at least six weeks before the *General Assembly*. The Draft Budget shall:

**5-4.1** Incorporate budget requests and income projections from standing committees and working groups as described in 5-2 and the prioritization of expenses as described in 7-2;

**5-4.2** Contain an attached Income Narrative to explain the income categories and line item projections of the budget, and provide a plan for raising that income, corresponding to the income projections;

**5-4.3** Contain an attached Expense Narrative to explain expense categories and line item projections, that identifies legal and contractual obligations as provided in Section 7-2, provides job descriptions where they exist for GPCA staff and Independent Contractors, and provides a plan to fund a Reserve Fund as specified in 6-2.1(b);

**5-4.4** Contain any budget approval resolutions necessary to award contacts, hire staff or independent contractors or other discretionary choices;

**5-4.5** Contain an attached balance sheet and statement of revenue and expenditure from the most recently completed fiscal year and a statement of the year-to-date and a projected year-end total of the current fiscal year.

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## **ARTICLE VI: INCOME**

### **Section 6-1 Contributions from Individuals**

**6-1.1** Contributions from individuals will be accepted in amounts as permitted by law. All excess contributions will be returned. Individual contributions shall be reported as required by the Fair Political Practices Commission and the Federal Elections Campaign Act.

### **Section 6-2 Contributions from Organizations**

**6-2.1** No contributions will be accepted from any corporation, union, bank or political action committee, including non-profit corporations and not-for-profit corporations. Grants or contributions from unincorporated foundations or other unincorporated non-profit organizations will be accepted in amounts as permitted by law. Contributions from organizations shall be reported as required by the Fair Political Practices Commission and the Federal Elections Campaign Act.

**6-2.2** No contribution will be accepted from a Political Action Committee without the express authorization of the General Assembly even if otherwise allowed under State or Federal law.

**6-2.3** Financial or in-kind contributions from individuals who own or operate businesses, sole proprietorships, partnerships, or not-for-profit business are allowed. However, if the business is incorporated, the contribution must come directly from the person rather than through the business.

## **ARTICLE VII: EXPENDITURES**

### **Section 7-1 Authority to Disburse Funds**

**7-1.1** The Treasurer is empowered to disburse funds for *GPCA* expenditures up to the limit of the approved budget line for that purpose, within the prioritization of expenses as described in 7-2, and as may additionally be imposed by the *General Assembly* as part of the annual budget process. The Treasurer is also empowered to disburse funds upon an emergency basis as defined in 7-6.

### **Section 7-2 Prioritization of Expenditures**

When drawing from the *General Operating Account*, the *GPCA* shall satisfy its legal and contractual obligations first, and shall prioritize its operating expenditures in the following order:

**7-2.1** Staff payroll, payroll taxes, and benefits;

**7-2.2** Office rent and utilities;

**7-2.3** Server Hosting, Server Backup, State phone, State Post Office box;

**7-2.4** Independent contractors;

**7-2.5** Other vendors that are indispensable to operations;

**7-2.6** Expenditures with a reasonable expectation of a return on investment in a short period of time; and

**7-2.7** Other budgeted expenditures.

### **Section 7-3 Requests for Payment and Reimbursement**

**7-3.1** Each standing committee or working group shall request budget funds by filling out either a Request for Payment or a Request for Reimbursement. Requests for Payment are requests to pay in advance for budgeted party expenses and are strongly recommended where possible. Requests for Reimbursement are for when someone has been approved of by their standing committee or working group to pay for a budgeted party expense in expectation of reimbursement.

**7-3.2** Requests for Payment and Requests for Reimbursement from standing committees or working groups must be signed by at least one co-coordinator. The Coordinating Committee may designate any of its members to sign on its behalf. But if it does not do so, the default is that at least one of its co-coordinators must sign.

**7-3.3** Requests for Payment shall specify the specific budget line requested and to what the budget request is doing for. Requests for Reimbursement shall specify the specific budget line to be reimbursed for and must be accompanied by copies of receipts for all expenses incurred.

#### **Section 7-4 Disbursal of Funds**

**7-4.1** Upon receipt of a properly executed Request for Payment form, the Treasurer shall issue a check for the amount indicated to the designated payee.

**7-4.2** In no case may the Treasurer issue funds in excess of the amount allocated any particular purpose for the fiscal year, except as provided in 7-6. Should a Request for Payment or a Request for Reimbursement be made above the amount budgeted, the Treasurer shall advise those requesting the funds that funds requested in excess of the annual budget amount shall be subject to the Emergency Funding provisions described in 7-6.

#### **Section 7-5 Reporting expenditures**

Following each disbursal, the Treasurer shall issue a brief statement to those making the request stating the amount of their budgeted funds disbursed in the fiscal year to date and the remaining budget allocation.

#### **Section 7-6 Emergency funding**

**7-6.1** Requests for disbursal of funds exceeding the amount budgeted for a specific purpose may be made by standing committees and working groups and be considered by the Coordinating Committee on an emergency basis.

**7-6.2** To authorize an emergency disbursal the Coordinating Committee must approve of a statement of findings why such an out-of-budget expenditure is in the substantial interest of the party and how it will be paid for, and must forward this approval to the Treasurer. Such findings, along with the amount and to whom shall also be included in the agenda packet of the next General Assembly after the disbursal occurred, and an oral report of the same shall be given to the plenary session on the first day of the General Assembly. Should it occur at the General Assembly in which the annual budget is considered, it should be part of the budget presentation.

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## **ARTICLE VIII DONORS BILL OF RIGHTS**

Donors to the *GPCA* shall have the right to:

**8-1** Be informed of the *GPCA* purpose, of the way the Party intends to use donated resources and of its capacity to use such donations effectively for their intended purposes;

**8-2** Expect the *GPCA* will use exercise prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities;

**8-3** Expect that relationships with individuals representing the *GPCA* will be professional in nature and that information about their donation is handled with respect and confidentiality to the extent provided by the law;

**8-4** Be assured that donations will be used for the purposes for which they were given. If the *GPCA* cannot comply with donor intentions, nor negotiate for a different purpose, the gift shall be returned to the donor;

**8-5** Be informed whether those seeking donations are volunteers, employees of the *GPCA* or independent contractors;

**8-6** Feel free to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful, and forthright answers.

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## **ARTICLE IX FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

### **Section 9-1 Bank Accounts**

**9-1.1** All funds contributed to or made payable to the *GPCA*, whether by cash or negotiable instruments, shall be placed on deposit in the principal accounts of the Party, which shall be maintained by the state Treasurer.

**9-1.2** The General Assembly may appoint others to be co-signers of the *GPCA* accounts in addition to the Treasurer. If there are no co-signers appointed by the General Assembly at a given time, the Coordinating Committee may make such appointments in between General Assemblies, but only until the next General Assembly at which time confirmation of that person and/or appointment of others must be on the agenda.

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## ARTICLE X FINANCIAL REPORTING

### Section 10-1 Annual Report to the General Assembly by the Treasurer

The Treasurer shall make an Annual Report to the General Assembly at which the annual budget is considered, detailing the prior year's fiscal activities and reporting upon the Fair Political Practices report(s) filed in the name of the GPCA.

### Section 10-2 Monthly Reports to the Coordinating Committee by the Treasurer

The Treasurer shall, on a monthly basis, file with the Coordinating Committee a report of the fiscal activities of the Party for the preceding month.

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Attachment #10

### Establish Policies and Procedures for Selection and Governance of GPCA Delegates to the GPUS Presidential Nominating Convention

**Subject:** Policies and Procedures for Selection and Governance of GPCA Delegates to the GPUS Presidential Nominating Convention

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**Background and Purpose:** The GPCA is affiliated with the [Green Party of the United States](#) (GPUS). One of the most important elements of that affiliation is that the GPCA sends delegates to the Quadrennial [Presidential Nominating Convention](#) (QPNC), where the GPUS nominees for U.S. President and Vice President [are decided](#). Each state affiliated Green Party (GP) establishes its own procedures for appointing its delegates to that national meeting, although the GPUS has additional [rules and deadlines for credentialing state GP delegates](#) to the QPNC (). Both the 2003-2004 rules and 2007 rules adopted by respective GPCA General Assemblies of Delegates expressly had sunset clauses and expired because each was an experiment in the GPCA's ongoing development. The current GPCA Delegation proposes that the polices and procedures adopted in May 2007 be readopted as standing policies and procedures (i.e, without an expiration date). A copy of the rules and procedures adopted at that time follow this proposal as an addendum that is the full detailed text of the proposal.

Following the 2004 QPNC, various complaints were expressed that delegates assigned to vote for a particular candidate in the first round of voting at the GPUS QPNC -- based on the proportional distribution of the 2004 GPCA Presidential Primary votes - failed to follow that candidate's instruction or voted for a different candidate in the second round of voting.

The 2007 version of those rules attempted to address those concerns by providing a process each candidate to designate a slate of delegates to be appointed relative to the 2008 Primary election results, with additional delegates to be appointed from a pool provided by County GPs to fill in positions not filled by the candidates lists. This addressed the process criticism that 2004 delegates were simply assigned to candidates randomly from volunteers at the 2004 Spring Plenary. The 2007 rules also was a compromise between two philosophical positions - that convention delegates should be directed by and follow the instructions of the candidate to whom they were pledged rather than delegates at the QPNC should be considered GPCA representatives and act as such. The 2007 rules bridged the tension between those two viewpoints by providing that, after the first round of voting for the nominee, in subsequent ballots the GPCA delegates would caucus to determine if there was consensus on how to cast the GPCA votes, and, if consensus could not be reached on any ballot, the delegates were released to vote individually as each considered in the best interests of the GPCA. These provisions eliminated any claim on the part of a candidate to control a delegate's actions after the first round of voting, while at the same time understanding that any delegate appointed from the slate of a particular candidate likely would be strongly inclined to follow the recommendations of that candidate (e.g., a candidate ineligible for the ballot after the first round).

The 2007 rules repeated the Plenary decisions from 2003 and 2007 that first round ballots should be cast in proportion to the GPCA Presidential Primary results. It also provided provisions for establishing a Delegate Selection Committee to receive candidate slates before that election, and to serve as the California credentialing body to the GPUS convention Credentials Committee. Other miscellaneous provisions are evident in the following text.

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**Proposal:** [The General Assembly of Delegates adopts the text of the policies and procedures for the selection and conduct of California GPUS QPNC delegates, previously adopted in May 2007, amended to remove references to the 2008 GPUS QPNC, and renumbered as follows](#), as permanent policies and procedures until such time as any future amendments may likewise be adopted by a GPCA General Assembly of Delegates. Upon adoption those policies and procedures will be published as Article II of the GPUS Rules and Procedures.

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**Committee Process:** General discussion of the subject of this proposal was held by the GPCA Delegates during its December 2011 and March 2011 teleconferences, and discussion of this specific proposal was discussed on its email list and at its teleconference in June 2011 and was approved by a 15-0-0 vote of the Delegation

between August 29 and September 3rd August 2011 using its standard on-line voting procedure.

**Timeline:** Adoption at the [December 2011 General Assembly of Delegates, December 3rd and 4th in Los Angeles](#). Promptly communicate the policies and procedures to GPUS presidential candidates and the GPUS [Presidential Candidates Support Committee](#) (assign these tasks to the GPCA Delegation and/or CCWG Co-Coordinator(s)). Also immediately constitute a Delegates Selection Committee (DSC).

GPUS Presidential Convention Rules (2-7.1 Deadline for Submission of Delegate Plans) state that "At least 120 days prior to the convening of each Presidential Nominating Convention, each state's Green Party shall submit to the Credentials Committee, a Delegate Plan for selecting and instructing its delegation. Since the California presidential primary is on June 5th, and since the GPUS Presidential Nominating Convention is likely to be held sometime from late June to mid July, this deadline will be impossible to meet. Therefore the DSC and/or GPUS Delegation should petition the convention Credentials Committee for an extension of time to identify GPCA convention delegates and alternates because of that circumstance.

**Resources:** Time and energies by DSC members to facilitate the QPNC candidates slates delegates appointments and overseeing their timely convention registration in order to likewise appoint replacements from County GP pool backup delegates if the former category fails to timely register for the QPNC. Possible travel and lodging subsidy of GPCA National Committee members who are expected to personally attend the GPUS Annual National Meeting held concurrently with the QPNC who also may be QPNC delegates or alternates, but unless past practices are changed in the GPCA Budget for FY 2012-2013 no funding otherwise of QPNC delegates or alternates. The GPUS Delegation may submit a supplemental budget request for DSC expenses (telephone and copying and travel for in-person committee meetings, if necessary). Time and energies to electronically post the policies, if adopted. Time and energies by the current bylaws compiler(s) to add the proposal as an addenda to the GPCA Bylaws.

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### **Addendum: Text of Proposal**

ARTICLE II Policies and Procedures for Selection and Conduct of GPCA Delegates to the GPUS Presidential Nominating Convention

#### **Section 2-1 Delegate Selection Committee**

##### **2-1.1 Appointment of Delegate Selection Committee**

A special group called the Delegate Selection Committee shall be formed for the duration of each Presidential election cycle, not later than 180 days prior to the California

Presidential primary election. It shall consist of eight members: two members appointed by the Electoral Reform Working Group (ERWG), two appointed by the California GPUS delegation, two appointed by the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group (CCWG), one appointed by the GPCA Bylaws Committee, and one appointed by the GPCA Coordinating Committee. No presidential or vice-presidential candidates or current campaign staff for these candidates are eligible to serve to the Delegate Selection Committee.

## **2-1.2 Responsibilities of Delegate Selection Committee**

The Delegate Selection Committee shall be an ad hoc committee of the General Assembly empowered to select and credential the California delegation to the national Presidential nominating convention in accordance with the methods described in the following Sections.

## **Section 2-2 Delegate Allotments**

**2-2.1 GPCA Delegation** The applicable Green Party of the United States (GPUS) rules and committee(s) shall determine the maximum number of delegates allotted to the GPCA for the national Presidential nominating convention. The maximum number of alternates shall be the same as the number of allotted delegates.

**2-2.2 Candidate Allotments** The number of delegates allotted to each candidate shall be determined according to the percentage of votes each receives in the California Green Party Presidential primary election. Candidate slate delegates are only bound to vote for the candidate for the first round convention vote; candidates do not control or have any right to bind the delegates of their allotted votes after the first ballot. A candidate shall be entitled to at least one GPCA first round delegate vote only if the candidate receives a number of votes in the Primary Election at least equal to the number of total votes cast for President in the primary divided by the total number of GPCA delegates determined in Paragraph 2.1. Candidates who do not receive this minimum number of votes do not qualify for first round GPCA delegate votes at the national convention. The Delegate Selection Committee shall determine which candidates are entitled to at least one first-round vote, and then use the Method of Equal Proportions, referenced in the appendix to the GPCA Bylaws, to allocate the number of delegates to candidates.

**2-2.3 Write-In Candidates** Except as otherwise provided, write-in votes, to the extent that write-in votes can be tabulated, shall be included in calculating the delegate allotment to candidates. As used in these rules, write-in votes include write-in votes both for candidates certified as write-in candidates pursuant to the Elections Code of the State of California and for candidates who receive determinable votes even in the absence of such certification. The Delegate Selection Committee shall make every effort to collect available information on write-in votes prior to the delegate selection process.

**2-2.4 None of the Above** Until "None of the Above" (NOTA) can be included as a voting alternative in the GPCA Presidential primary election, NOTA votes shall be calculated from those candidates ( who have not sought the nomination in another political party in the current election cycle) who did not receive enough votes to qualify for at least one delegate as described in the preceding sections. If a candidate does not wish to be represented by a NOTA vote in the event of receiving insufficient votes to qualify for a first round delegate, the candidate may choose to have the number of his/her voters omitted from the calculation by notifying the Delegate Selection Committee prior to the Presidential primary. The Delegate Selection Committee shall total the votes for those candidates who did not qualify for at least one delegate, including ascertainable write-in votes for certified write-in candidates, and excluding those candidates who chose to be excluded and those who have sought the nomination of another political party in the current election cycle. If the cumulative total of votes for NOTA exceeds the qualifying threshold established in Section 2.2, then the number of delegates resulting from the calculation shall be pledged to vote NOTA in the first round of voting at the national nominating convention.

**2-2.5 Protecting party integrity** Notwithstanding any other provision of these rules, unless the GPCA General Assembly approves an exception, any candidate who has sought the nomination for President or Vice President by another political party in the current election cycle shall not be entitled to receive any GPCA delegate votes, and write-in votes for such a candidate shall be disregarded in calculating first round ballot NOTA votes. "Seeking the nomination" of another political party is defined as announcing candidacy in that party, accepting delegates or votes in the national convention or nominating process of that party, or achieving the national nomination of that party. The delegation may decide, by consensus or 80% vote, to waive this restriction, with the exception that no votes may be cast for a candidate who has sought the nomination of the Democratic Party or the Republican Party in the current election cycle.

**2-2.6 County and Diversity Allotments** Each active county and diversity caucus recognized as such by the GPCA shall be entitled to at least one delegate and one alternate on the delegation. The committee shall calculate the total number of delegates assigned to each active county, using the Method of Equal Proportions referenced in the appendix to the GPCA bylaws. Under-represented diversity groups are defined as racial or other diversity groups that are under-represented in the Green Party by a factor of two or more relative to their proportion of the California population (e.g., African American, Hispanic). The Delegate Selection Committee shall define these groups and their recommended allotments to the best of their ability, using estimates where exact figures are unavailable, for the sole purpose of delegate selection for the national convention of the current electoral cycle. The committee shall use its judgment to

determine a recommended allotment that best compensates for under-representation of diversity groups without leaving seats on the delegation empty.

### **Section 2-3 Delegate Slates**

**2-3.1 Delegate slate method** As described in the following Paragraphs, delegate slates shall be submitted to the Delegate Selection Committee by ballot-qualified Presidential candidates and certified write-in Presidential candidates as well as by each recognized active *GPCA* county organization (Paragraphs 3-2 and 5-4.2 of the *GPCA* bylaws) and recognized diversity caucuses, in accordance with the following criteria.

**2-3.2 Membership requirement** All potential delegates and alternates submitted on delegate slates must be members of the *GPCA* (Paragraph 3-1.3 of the *GPCA* bylaws) at the time the slate is submitted and must remain members of the *GPCA* through the time of the convention in order to ultimately serve on the delegation. Candidates, active counties and recognized diversity caucuses shall verify the valid *GPCA* membership of each person listed on their delegate slate prior to submission of the slate.

**2-3.3 Candidate representation through elected slates** Voters for each candidate will be represented by a delegate slate submitted by their candidate of choice. The Delegate Selection Committee shall appoint a *GPCA* member to recruit a delegate slate for those who voted for "None of the Above" (NOTA) and non-qualifying candidates. The person appointed to recruit the NOTA slate shall be a person considered by the committee to hold a similar political viewpoint to NOTA voters.

**2-3.4 Diversity of candidate slates** When drafting their slates of approved delegates, candidates must strive for racial diversity, gender balance and balanced geographical representation in addition to representation of their political views, to the extent possible for their slate size. Candidates are expected to make every effort to compensate for the under-representation of under-represented diversity groups with active recruitment of potential delegates for their slate from those constituencies.

**2-3.5 County and recognized diversity caucus delegate slates** Recognized active county organizations and any diversity caucus recognized as such by the *GPCA* shall provide a pool of potential delegates and alternates from which the Delegate Selection Committee shall fill those delegation seats not filled by candidate slates.

**2-3.6 Diversity of county slates** When drafting slates of approved delegates, county parties shall strive for racial diversity and gender balance to the extent possible for their slate size. County parties are expected to compensate for the under-representation of under-represented diversity groups with active recruitment of potential delegates for their slate from those constituencies.

**2-3.7 Submission of delegate slates** Candidates, active counties, and diversity caucuses shall submit their list of names of potential delegates and alternates, along with contact information for each person listed, to the Delegate Selection Committee no later than 60 days prior to the California Presidential primary election.

**2-3.8 Publication of candidate delegate slates** To provide transparency to voters, the Delegate Selection Committee shall publish all submitted candidate delegate slates at least six weeks prior to the Presidential primary election on the *GPCA* [cagreens.org](http://cagreens.org) Website. The IT group shall provide a link to these slates from the *GPCA* home page, at least until the national nominating convention. The URLs of the candidate delegate slates shall be published in any issues of *Green Focus* that are published between Web-publication of the lists and the Presidential primary election.

## **Section 2-4 Delegate Selection**

**2-4.1 Selecting delegates from slates** The Delegate Selection Committee shall choose delegates to the national nominating convention from submitted slates according to the process detailed in the following Paragraphs.

**2-4.2 Method of selection from delegate slates** The Delegate Selection Committee shall select the first available delegate from each unrepresented allotment, in order of size of total allocation (determined by the Method of Equal Proportions). Delegates from candidate slates shall count toward the county allotments of their respective counties and toward diversity allotments of any diversity group to which they belong. Preference shall be given to candidate slates to fill county and diversity allotments until either the candidate allotments are filled or the candidate runs out of delegates to meet the county or diversity allotment. Diversity criteria described in Paragraph 4.4 may slightly alter the order of selection. This process shall be continued until each allotment either runs out of proposed delegates or is fully represented. After delegate selections are complete, alternate selections shall proceed in the same manner, with an alternate for a specific delegate being chosen from the same candidate, county or diversity allotment wherever possible, and in that order of precedence. Delegates and alternates who can not attend are replaced by those lower on the respective slate, in order. Since potential delegates may be listed on more than one candidate's, county's or caucus's slate, the Delegate Selection Committee must track when a delegate has been assigned to a candidate, and if so, to which candidate, to prevent a delegate from being assigned twice.

**2-4.3 Unfilled delegate allotments** If a candidate has not submitted a slate by the deadline or if a candidate's list runs out before their allotted delegation has been filled, the Delegate Selection Committee shall appoint the remaining number of delegates from county and diversity caucus slates without input from the candidate. If all delegate

slates run out before all allotments are filled, the committee shall attempt to recruit GPCA members for the delegation, making every effort to fill the various allotments.

**2-4.4 Diversity of selection** Wherever possible, the Delegate Selection Committee shall adhere to the Method of Equal Proportions order for the rotation between slates and the order of delegates on the slates for the actual selection of delegates and alternates. The committee shall also endeavor to select a delegation that includes at least one delegate and one alternate from each recognized active county organization, includes at least 45% each of male and female delegates, and meets the diversity allotments defined by the committee pursuant to 2.6 of these Procedures. The committee shall use its judgments to weigh the various criteria and determine if an alteration of the selection order is necessary to best meet the criteria. If such an alteration is deemed necessary, the committee may alter selection order within the following restrictions. If necessary to achieve a diversity allotment, the committee may choose the next person of an under-represented group, even if this person is not the very next person on the list. This must be the next person of the under-represented group on the slate. The committee must resume the order of the slate where it left off after this selection. The committee may also alter the order of rotation between slates when necessary to meet diversity allotments, and must resume the order of rotation between the slates after this selection.

**2-4.5 Delegate registration** Once selected, each delegate and alternate shall promptly register with the Delegate Selection Committee as a delegate or alternate to the national nominating convention. The GPCA Liaison to the Secretary of State shall use the voter registration database to verify that each registered delegate is a member of the GPCA. Those delegates who are ineligible to vote but have been extended GPCA membership by their county parties must provide a letter of verification of membership from their county council with their registration. Delegates who fail to register by at least 45 days before the date of the national nominating convention may be replaced by the Delegate Selection Committee according to the criteria in the following Paragraph.

**2-4.6 Replacement of unregistered delegates** The Delegate Selection Committee, is authorized to appoint GPCA members to replace those persons disqualified by their failure to timely confirm their registration. In the case of replacing a delegate from a candidate's allotted delegation, preference shall be given to any person remaining on the candidate slate or, if none remain, people who support that candidate. In the case of replacing a delegate filling a county or diversity caucus allotment, preference shall be given to the applicable county or caucus.



## **2-5 Delegation Voting Rules**

**2-5.1 Voter representation** GPCA delegates and alternates to the national nominating convention are pledged to support the Presidential and Vice Presidential nominees selected by voters in the GPCA Presidential primary election.

**2-5.2 Collective voting** The delegation shall cast its votes collectively, as a delegation. For the first round of voting, the delegation is bound to cast its votes proportionally to match the results of the California Presidential primary election according to the definitions in Paragraph 2.2 through 2.4. The delegation may not cast any votes for any candidate who has sought the nomination for President or Vice President by another political party in the current election cycle, except as described in Paragraph 2.5.

**2-5.3 Caucusing** In the event a Green Party candidate for President or Vice President is not chosen during the first ballot at the national nominating convention, GPCA delegates shall caucus at the convention for each subsequent vote to arrive at their collective sense of the will of the GPCA primary voters in that situation. Until such time as ranked ballot voting results are used in GPCA primary elections, the delegation shall use the Presidential primary results, paired with available statewide ranked voting results (described in Section 6), as a guide to the preferences of GPCA primary voters. Based on these guides and existing formulas for the distribution of delegates, the delegation shall determine the distribution of GPCA delegate votes to best represent the will of the voters.

**2-5.4 Activation of alternates** When a delegate is not present during convention proceedings, their designated alternate shall act in her or his place - except, in the event that alternate also is absent, then the GPCA delegates present may select an alternate to temporarily replace the missing delegate with a GPCA alternate who is present. Alternates are bound by the same instructions and rules for voting as apply to delegates. Activated alternates may participate fully in straw polls and internal votes of the delegation; inactive alternates may participate in discussion, but not in straw polls or votes.

**2-5.5 Decision-making process** The delegation shall deliberate for a period to see if a consensus distribution of votes naturally emerges. If consensus is not achieved this way, the delegation shall take a straw poll of hands to see how much support there is for each proposed valid distribution of votes. A valid distribution of votes is defined as a proportional distribution of the votes, including all candidates who have not yet been eliminated and still have support on the delegation. The distribution of votes with the most support shall be taken through a short consensus process, with emphasis on negotiation between opposing viewpoints. If consensus is achieved, the delegation is bound to casting its votes according to the consensus distribution. If the delegation fails

to achieve consensus, delegates are unbound and free to vote according to their conscience for that round, reporting their individual votes to be accurately relayed by the delegation spokesperson.

**2-5.7 Transparency of deliberations** The delegation shall record the results of any internal votes in a final report to the GPCA to be published on the cagreens.org Website for the duration of the Presidential election cycle. Any distribution arrived at by less than consensus must include the option of recording unresolved concerns or a minority report in the report to the GPCA.

**2-5.8 Casting collective votes** Prior to commencement of the convention votes, the delegation shall elect a spokesperson. The spokesperson shall report the entire distribution of GPCA votes to the national convention after each delegation decision.

**2-5.9 Accountability of spokesperson** If a GPCA delegation spokesperson reports a delegation decision inaccurately, any GPCA delegate may call a point of process and report the mistake or misrepresentation, requesting a recall of the vote while the delegation resumes its caucus. If a majority of the delegation agree that the result was misreported, the delegation shall choose a new spokesperson to report the vote accurately.

## **Section 2-6 Ascertaining Ranked Preferences**

**2-6.1 Ranked primary election data** In the event ranked ballot voting becomes available for use in GPCA Primary Elections, ranked voting choices shall be tabulated to create a statewide ranking of candidate preferences (including NOTA).

**2-6.2 Membership polling** Until GPCA primary elections provide ranked voting data, one or more of the following polling methods (listed in order of priority for delegates' consideration) may be used to assist the GPCA delegates in making their collective decisions on second and additional ballots at the national nominating convention:

**2-6.2(a)** Prior to, and ending not later than the close of polls for the GPCA primary election, the GPCA may conduct a telephone poll of a randomly selected scientific sample of GPCA registered voters to obtain a survey of ranked preference results.

**2-6.2(b)** Prior to, and requiring return delivery not later than the day of the GPCA primary election, the GPCA may conduct a mailed poll of a randomly selected scientific sample of GPCA registered voters to obtain a survey of ranked preference results.

**2-6.2(c)** Prior to, and requiring return delivery not later than the day of the GPCA primary election, the GPCA may conduct a county poll, using the delegate apportionment for the General Assembly to obtain the ranked preferences of GPCA registered voters participating in that poll.

**2-6.3 Using poll results** The results of any of the above-described ranked ballot survey methods, separately or cumulatively, shall be considered advisory only and shall not be binding upon the *GPCA* delegates attending a national nominating convention. However, delegates are expected to honor the intent of this approved process unless contravening circumstances require other actions.

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#### Attachment #11

A note to the attached budget document:

The following text was part of the budget request from the *Campaigns and Candidates Working Group*:

"In its submitted budget for the Berkeley General Assembly, the *CCWG* also requested \$1200 for Volunteer Recruitment and \$1200 for Volunteer file DB management. This amount was not included in the approved six-month budget and is submitted again for the remainder of FY2011-2012."

These two items were originally part of a tier 2 budget request at the Berkeley Plenary last spring. The Budget Committee did not include them in the attached budget document because there was no project or job description submitted with the request. Because these are not large amounts, the committee requests that *CCWG* provide this additional information on the floor of the Plenary at the time the budget is being reviewed.

An addition to expenses will require an equal modification of an income line item in order to maintain a balanced budget request.

## Green Party of California

Financial Statements 5/1/11 – 9/30/11	Actual <u>5/1-9/30</u>	Budget <u>Thru 10/31</u>	Budget <u>11/1-4/30</u>	Budget <u>Thru 4/30</u>
Beginning balances:				
Federal checking	14,091.41			
State checking	22,431.55			
Savings account	<u>11,202.35</u>			
Total beginning cash	47,725.31			
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>				
Sustainer income	2,102.00	3,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00
Mail solicitation income	5,479.50	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Donations for registration drive	2,519.00	45,000.00	-23,000.00	22,000.00
Other donations	0.05	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Green Focus income	25.00	50.00		50.00
Platform income	33.00			
Clearinghouse income	236.50	50.00	200.00	250.00
Interest income	<u>7.05</u>			
Total revenue	10,402.10	65,100.00	-21,800.00	43,300.00
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>				
<u>Campaigns &amp; Candidates</u>				
Donations to candidates	500.00	2,500.00	4,500.00	7,000.00
Voter file DB software		<u>1,800.00</u>	<u>-750.00</u>	<u>1,050.00</u>
Total CCWG	500.00	4,300.00	3,750.00	8,050.00
Clearinghouse				
Telephone	364.72	225.00	375.00	600.00
Post office box	110.00	110.00	110.00	220.00
Merchandise		500.00		500.00
Postage		<u>200.00</u>		<u>200.00</u>
Clearinghouse total	474.72	1,035.00		1,520.00
National meeting travel	800.00	3,000.00	-2,200.00	800.00
<u>Coordinating Committee</u>				
CC dinner at plenary	89.62		200.00	200.00
Travel subsidies			500.00	500.00
CC retreat			300.00	300.00
Liability insurance annual premium			1,000.00	1,000.00
Advance for plenary expenses	400.00	3,000.00		3,000.00
Repayment of plenary advance		-3,000.00		-3,000.00
Notetaker	<u>150.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>550.00</u>
CC total	639.62	250.00	2,300.00	2,550.00

Green Party of California

Financial Statements 5/1/11 – 9/30/11	Actual <u>5/1-9/30</u>	Budget <u>Thru 10/31</u>	Budget <u>11/1-4/30</u>	Budget <u>Thru 4/30</u>
<u>Media</u>				
Videotaping		1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.00
Press secretary	<u>900.00</u>	<u>1,800.00</u>		<u>1,800.00</u>
Total media	900.00	3,300.00	-1,500.00	1,800.00
<u>Finance/Treasurer</u>				
Fundraising coordinator	825.00	1,650.00		1,650.00
Reimburse treasurer expenses			200.00	200.00
Processing fees for donations	638.53	750.00	750.00	1,500.00
Fundraising printing	954.83	3,200.00		3,200.00
Outside services (website dev`t)	1,800.00	10,500.00		10,500.00
FPPC filing software		1,250.00		1,250.00
Postage		750.00		750.00
Staff costs		18,000.00	-18,000.00	0.00
Contract fundraising (Marnie)		<u>4,100.00</u>		<u>4,100.00</u>
Total Finance	4,218.36	40,200.00	-17,050.00	23,150.00
<u>Information Technology</u>				
Server hosting	165.00	330.00	330.00	660.00
Server backup		<u>120.00</u>	<u>120.00</u>	<u>240.00</u>
Total IT	165.00	450.00	450.00	900.00
<u>GROW</u>				
GP county outreach		500.00		500.00
Green Focus bulk postage		500.00		500.00
Green Focus printing & shipping		2,500.00		2,500.00
Voter registration drive		<u>500.00</u>	<u>-500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total GROW		4,000.00	-500.00	3,500.00
Platform printing		300.00		300.00
Bill pay check never cashed	-320.00			
Total expenditures	7,377.70	56,835.00	-14,750.00	42,570.00
Total revenues (from above)	<u>10,402.10</u>	<u>65,100.00</u>	<u>-21,800.00</u>	<u>43,300.00</u>
NET EXCESS (DISCREPANCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	3,024.40	8,265.00	-7,050.00	730.00
Ending balances:				
Federal checking	13,291.41			
State checking	26,748.90			
Savings account	<u>11,209.40</u>			
Total ending cash	<u>51,249.71</u>			

## Delegate Allocation

County	Registered Greens	Percentage	Seats	Changes Since GA May 2011	# of Seats In May
Alameda	9,511	10.03%	10	2	8
Contra Costa	3,299	3.48%	3	0	3
El Dorado	905	0.95%	1	0	1
Fresno	1,610	1.70%	2	0	2
Humboldt	2,999	3.16%	3	0	3
Lake	390	0.41%	1	0	1
LA	23,259	24.54%	24	3	21
Marin	2,072	2.19%	2	0	2
Mendocino	1,908	2.01%	2	0	2
Monterey	1,078	1.14%	1	0	1
Napa	784	0.83%	1	0	1
Nevada	1,099	1.16%	1	0	1
Orange	7,555	7.97%	8	1	7
Riverside	2,653	2.80%	3	1	2
Sacramento	4,151	4.38%	4	0	4
San Diego	7,337	7.74%	7	0	7
SF	8,596	9.07%	9	1	8
SLO	1,517	1.60%	2	1	1
San Mateo	2,548	2.69%	3	1	2
Santa Clara	4,071	4.29%	4	0	4
Shasta	472	0.50%	1	0	1
Sonoma	4,547	4.80%	5	1	4
Ventura	2,424	2.56%	3	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>94,785</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>100</b>		<b>88</b>
Counties Previously Active					
Butte	1,519				1
Calaveras	274				1
Kern	782				1
Placer	1,261				1
Santa Barbara	1,590				2
Santa Cruz	3,136				3
Solano	820				1
Tulare	421				1
Yolo	1,142				1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,945</b>				<b>12</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>105,730</b>				