

# The Sacramento County Green Party Welcomes You

## Green Party of California General Assembly April 27 - 29, 2001

The Secretary of State Building, 1500 11th Street (at "O" Street), Sacramento

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### **Saturday Night Event**

At the Saturday evening event, longtime environmental-friendly band Clan Dyken will play. Clan Dyken is well-known for its "activist rock & roll," and playing it on equipment powered either by the sun or with generators run on plant seeds.

The event will also feature Matt Gonzales, San Francisco Supervisor as keynote speaker.

The event will take place at the Golden State Museum , 1020 O Street (next door to the Secretary of State's Building) Dedicated to telling the ongoing story of the Golden State, the Golden State Museum celebrates what is singularly California. The museum will be open all evening, allowing you to explore the Place, People, Promise, and Politics of California in 25,000 square feet of original artifacts and interactive exhibits in a unique multi-media environment.

# Registration

An online registration form can be accessed from this Web site:

[www.sacgreens.org/assembly.html](http://www.sacgreens.org/assembly.html)

A text registration form is below.

**Transportation, directions,  
housing and hotel info is in  
Appendix E**

Registration is \$30.00 in advance and \$40.00 at the door. *The deadline for Pre-Registration is April 20, 2001.* Also, please register only one person on each form.

Breakfast and Lunch are included on Saturday and Sunday. Meals are provided by "Food Not Bombs".

Saturday Evening Event is \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. We strongly encourage pre-registration for this special event. A complimentary Vegan dinner will be made available to those who pre-register. This event is going to be exceptionally unique! Our keynote speaker is Matt Gonzalez, from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, District 5. For more information see [www.goldenstatemuseum.org](http://www.goldenstatemuseum.org) and the entertainment at [www.clandyken.com](http://www.clandyken.com).

Childcare is \$25.00/Child/Day. If you will be using of this service, it is necessary to let us know at least two weeks in advance, by April 13.

Please make Checks payable to Sacramento County Green Party  
Mail to Sacramento County Green Party Host Committee, P.O. Box 191742, Sacramento, California 95819

All # fields must be filled in for submission. Please, only one name per Form.

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| First Name # _____<br>Last Name# _____<br>Email Address _____<br>Address Line1# _____<br>Address Line2 _____<br>City# _____<br>County# _____<br>State# Zip# _____<br>Phone# _____<br><br>Delegate? (Yes/No)# _____<br>Alternate Delegate? (Yes/No)# _____<br>Saturday Entertainment? (Yes/No) _____<br>How many? (0 or 1)# _____ | List special needs: _____<br><br>Do you need housing: (Yes/No)<br>Fri. _____ Sat. _____<br>If Partner is attending, Name: _____<br>Would you accept tent accommodations?<br>Yes/No _____<br><br>Childcare needed on:(Yes/No)<br>Fri. _____ Sat. _____ Sun. _____<br>Requesting childcare for<br>how many children/ages? _____<br><br>Do you need a sliding scale<br>for the fees? (Yes/No) _____ |
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**Please remember – You must send a list of your county’s delegates (and alternates) to the hosting committee before the meeting.**

**Find your county’s delegate allocation in Appendix B.**

# General Assembly Schedule

## Friday, April 27 (Sacramento Green Party office, 1010 J St.)

7:00 PM      9:00 PM      Coordinating Committee meeting  
 Facilitation workshop  
 Evening registration

## Saturday, April 28 (at SoS building)

8:00 AM      9:00 AM      Delegate Registration / Breakfast  
 9:00 AM      9:20 AM      Welcome / Opening Ceremony  
 9:20 AM      9:45 AM      New Delegate Orientation (mandatory for first-time attendees, suggested for all others)  
 9:45 AM      10:00 AM      Housekeeping: Approval of agenda, facilitators, vibes watcher, timekeeper  
 10:00 AM      10:10 AM      **[Decision]** Consent Calendar (Bylaw Filing proposal)[page 6] & approve Dec. minutes  
 10:10 AM      10:30 AM      Clearinghouse Report  
 10:30 AM      10:40 AM      -- Break --  
 10:40 AM      10:55 AM      Treasurer Report  
 10:55 AM      11:10 AM      **[Decision]** State Budget proposal [page 7]  
 11:10 AM      11:20 AM      **[Decision]** Treasurer appointment confirmation [page 10]  
 11:20 AM      11:40 AM      Spokespersons/Media report & discussion  
 11:40 AM      12:10 PM      Electoral Reform discussion [page 4]  
 12:10 PM      1:10 PM      -- Lunch --  
 1:10 PM      2:10 PM      **[Decision]** Bylaws amendment, Restructuring [page 11]  
 2:10 PM      2:20 PM      -- Facilitated Comic Relief --  
 2:20 PM      3:20 PM      Platform discussion [page 4]  
 3:20 PM      3:35 PM      -- Break --  
 3:35 PM      3:55 PM      **[Decision]** Bylaws amendment, Removal for Cause [page 16]  
 3:55 PM      4:15 PM      **[Decision]** Bylaws amendment, At-Large elections [page 17]  
 4:15 PM      4:35 PM      **[Election]** At-Large CC Reps [page 4, page 24]  
 4:35 PM      4:50 PM      Announcements  
 4:50 PM      5:00 PM      CC election result report  
 -- SESSION ENDS --

5:45 AM      6:30 AM      Group Coordinators meeting  
 7:00 PM      8:30 PM      Dinner in the museum, by Food Not Bombs  
 8:30 PM      11:00 PM      Dancing / Museum Tour / Socializing

## Sunday, April 29 (at SoS building)

8:00 AM      9:00 AM      Delegate Check-In / Breakfast  
 9:00 AM      9:15 AM      Housekeeping / Agenda  
 9:15 AM      9:25 AM      Campaigns & Candidates discussion [page4]  
 9:25 AM      9:35 AM      **[Decision]** Ancient Forests Initiative [page 19]  
 9:35 AM      10:55 AM      Working Groups / Committees (Session 1)  
 10:55 AM      11:10 AM      -- Break --  
 11:10 AM      12:30 PM      Working Groups / Committees (Session 2)  
 12:30 PM      12:45 PM      -- Break --  
 12:45 PM      2:05 PM      Working Groups / Committees (Session 3)  
 2:05 PM      3:05 PM      -- Lunch --  
 3:05 PM      3:20 PM      Group Coordinators confirmation  
 3:20 PM      3:30 PM      Plenary Wrap Up / Evaluation  
 3:30 PM      3:40 PM      Closing Ceremony

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| <p><b>Session 1:</b><br/>         Clearinghouse<br/>         Platform<br/>         GROW</p> <p><b>Session 2:</b><br/>         Green Issues<br/>         International Protocol<br/>         Electoral Reform</p> <p><b>Session 3:</b><br/>         Camp. and Cand.<br/>         Bylaws<br/>         Finance</p> |
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## ***Discussion Items in the Schedule***

### **Saturday 11:40 – Electoral Reform**

Caleb Klepner, [calebk@igc.org](mailto:calebk@igc.org), 415-389-9739

Jeanne Rossenmeier, [jmrjmrjmr@aol.com](mailto:jmrjmrjmr@aol.com), 925-939-9993

The Electoral Working Group will host a discussion item focused on the importance of the March 2002 County Council elections and how that relates to our efforts to create a Green Party section of the state elections code.

The ERWG will plan to present an election code proposal at the following plenary in September in San Mateo.

### **Saturday 2:20 – Platform**

Mike Carley, [mcarley@pc.cc.ca.us](mailto:mcarley@pc.cc.ca.us), 559-781-6061

Pam Hitchcock, [pamelarh@mindspring.com](mailto:pamelarh@mindspring.com), 650-365-6019

Discussion of "What the 2002 Printed Platform Should Be"

The discussion will focus on the following questions:

1. Each plank usually begins with an introductory paragraph that provides a statement of the problem as Greens see it. Should the second part of each plank (typically, the bullet items) contain only concrete action-oriented proposals that have verifiable results or should it also include more general, less concrete proposals?
2. Should we cover national issues, such as our current planks on Intelligence Agencies, Third World Debt, Foreign Policy and Disarmament., or should they be covered only by the ASGP platform?
3. Should local specifics be left to county or city locals?
4. Should material that describes ideals we would like to see, but that can't be achieved through the governmental process be taken out of the state platform?

In addition, we have two requests for volunteers to make:

1. The Platform Standing Committee is currently recruiting volunteers to read and provide feedback on current Platform planks. You can read one plank or as many as you have time to read thoroughly. To volunteer, or for additional details, contact Michael Carley at [mcarley@pc.cc.ca.us](mailto:mcarley@pc.cc.ca.us).
2. Budd Dickinson is working on three planks that he would like to see added to the platform. These are (1) Corporation Reform, (2) Taxation and (3) Media. If you are interested in helping draft these planks, contact Budd at [bdickinson@california.com](mailto:bdickinson@california.com).

### **Saturday 4:15 – Coordinating Committee At-Large Elections**

The General Assembly has the opportunity to address diversity and gender balance on the Coordinating Committee through the election of At-Large Representatives.

The GPCA has recently changed the way in which at-large CC elections are conducted. At-large CC elections are now held during the first General Assembly meeting of each year. There are a total of six at-large seats with two year staggered terms, three seats are open during each election.

The elections are conducted using Choice Voting with fractional transfers and a Droop threshold (for details, visit the GPCA internal elections information page, [www.greens.org/cal/bylaws/elections/](http://www.greens.org/cal/bylaws/elections/)). Each delegate will be provided with a ballot and shall vote by ranking the candidates in order of preference. A "No OtherCandidate" (NOC) option will also be included and may be ranked like any other candidate. Delegates are encouraged to consider their vote seriously and are reminded that all the seats do not have to be filled unless they feel there are enough qualified candidates.

Candidate statements begin on page 24.

### **Sunday 9:15 – Campaigns and Candidates**

2002 Electoral Strategies, Initiative Campaigns and Candidates

Susan King, [funking@sirius.com](mailto:funking@sirius.com), 415-386-5464

Orval Osborne, [osborne@fix.net](mailto:osborne@fix.net), 805-545-9838

CCWG would like to present an initial outline of what lays ahead for the 2002 election cycle. We have received compelling reports from many Greens about why we should run candidates in certain races, and why we may not want to run in others. We are drafting a strategy based on input from Greens across the state, taking into account what is happening in each local and what the resources are.

We need to get feedback from many locals about their plans for 2002 to continue our strategy development. We also need to find out who our major players are in terms of statewide candidate prospects. The CCWG will distribute a written report and a survey on 2002 plans for each local, to be filled out and either handed or mailed back. There will be further discussion of these issues during our WG session on Sunday.

We are also looking into supporting initiatives that support Green values, such as the state initiative Dan Hamburg will present.

We have requested a budget of \$750 for the year, for meetings later this summer (personnel, number and frequency of meetings, projected work hours, finances, etc.)

#### Timeline:

April, 2001 Plenary: initial report

Summer 2001: training and outreach for candidates and campaign staff; signature gathering for initiatives;

Fall: 2001 local elections; Filing deadlines for intended candidates, Fall

Plenary: 2nd draft electoral strategy report;

Winter 2002: Candidate briefings and updates

Spring: 2002 primaries, County Council elections,

Summer: Prep for 2002 Fall elections

# Bylaws Proposal: Structure and Filing of Bylaws

Contact: Ricardo Newbery, newbery@greens.org, 619.286.5807

View bylaws work-in-progress at [www.greens.org/cal/bylaws/archive/](http://www.greens.org/cal/bylaws/archive/).

The following is a proposed bylaw amendment from the Bylaws Committee. This amendment would replace the current Article 3 and Paragraph 7-1.4. The purpose of this amendment is primarily to more clearly state the requirement to maintain and file county bylaws with the state party and secondarily to clean up the description of the party structure.

## ARTICLE 3. STRUCTURE

### SECTION 3-1. STATE ORGANIZATION

#### 3-1.1 General Assembly

The General Assembly, consisting of delegates from each active county organization recognized by the GPCA, is the primary decision-making body of the GPCA.

#### Section 3-2. County Organizations

##### 3-2.1 Definition and Delegation of Authority

Green Party county organizations recognized by the General Assembly are the official organizations of the GPCA at the county level.

##### 3-2.2 County Organization and Recognition

To be recognized by the General Assembly and to seat General Assembly delegates, a county organization must adopt organizational bylaws consistent with the ten key values, the GPCA bylaws, and California law, and must file a current copy of these bylaws with the GPCA Bylaws Committee (see also Paragraph 4-1.22 for recognition of a new county organization). These bylaws must:

- a) Describe the organizational structure including the relationship between any local Green organizations and the County Council;
- b) Define the membership of the organization;
- c) Describe the decision-making process;
- d) Describe the process for filling county council vacancies;
- e) Describe the process for selecting General Assembly delegates;
- f) Establish the office of treasurer.

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#### 7-1.4 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 fill at least one seat with a woman for gender balance.

# Treasury Proposal: Green Party Of California - Budget 2001

The following budget is submitted for your approval. It includes requests from all but one of the Standing Committees and Working Groups. GPCA does not currently have money to cover all the requests. However, we are actively fundraising and believe we can meet these requirements. SC/WG's submitting budgets will not spend money without prior approval from the Treasurer. This will insure that our financial obligations can be met.

All the SC/WG's have done an excellent job of evaluating their financial needs. They have been frugal and realistic about the GPCA's ability to raise money. Next year they will provide a work plan with their financial requests.

There are details about how the SC/WG's plan to use their funds at the end of the budget.

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## BUDGET REQUESTS

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### COORDINATING COMMITTEE

phone \$500.  
retreat 250.  
supplies and copies 300.  
cc list serve 60.  
spokes bus cards/faxing 250.  
travel/phone co's 300.  
SF office rent 12 mo 4608.  
insurance 2613.

**Total CC: \$8881.**

### FUNDRAISING AD HOC COMMITTEE

printing/mailing 8000.

**Total Fundraising AHC: \$8000.**

### INTERNATIONAL PROTOCOL SC

phone/mail 500.

**Total International Protocol SC: \$500.**

### CAMPAIGNS AND CANDIDATES WG

printing 250.  
postage 200.  
phone 200.  
video 100.

**Total CC: 750.**

### GROW WG

printing owner's manual 120.  
CD's/Diskettes 40.  
postage 100.  
travel 792.  
video workshop 248.  
phone 200.  
misc materials 200.

**Total GROW: \$1700.**

### PLATFORM SC

phone 500.  
printing/mail/outside consultant 500.

**Total Platform: \$1000.**

### BYLAWS SC

\$100 not specified

**Total Bylaws SC: \$100.**

### FINANCE SC

postage/printing 400.

**Total Finance SC: \$400.**

### CLEARINGHOUSE SC

mail box/postage to distribute \$510.  
phone 100/mo 1200./yr  
materials - btns, strs etc 4000.  
office supplies 200/mo 2400./yr  
office rent 2400.  
stipend for clerk 500/mo 6000./yr  
postage/shipping 1000.

**Total CSC: \$17510.**

### ELECTORAL REFORM WG

printing/postage 700.  
travel 300.

**Total ER: \$1000.**

### ISSUES WG

\$100 (no budget request received)

**Total Issues WG: \$100**

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**TOTAL OUT GOING: \$39941.**

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**PROJECTED INCOME TO MEET ABOVE REQUESTS**

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**FUNDRAISING**

4 fund appeal letters 10000.  
Sustainer Program 9000.  
Nader Event 10000.

**Total Fundraising: \$29000.**

**COUNTY DUES**

dues 3500.

**Total County Dues: \$3500.**

**SALES**

insurance 800.  
btn/bstrs 800.  
tote bags 400.  
platforms 350.  
t-shirts 200.

**Total Sales: \$2550.**

**CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE**

State Acct 23000.  
Federal Acct 5000.

**Total Current Accounts: \$28000.**

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**TOTAL INCOME: \$63050.**

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**INCOME - OUT GOING = +23109.**

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**Budget Notes**

GPCA's Coordinating Committee budget notes: The CC makes administrative decisions between State Assembly Meetings (Plenaries). This requires phone calls, meetings, supplies, copies and travel. The CC has added the cost of the San Francisco Office and insurance to their budget. These two items are for the benefit of the entire GPCA. GPCA agreed to a lease on the SF office until June 2002, the GPCA will honor our financial commitment. The insurance policy is used for the SF office, GPCA events and locals can participate in this policy (see Mike Wyman, Treasurer for details).

Platform Standing Committee budget notes: The Platform SC is not planning to print Platforms this year. Their budget is for basic operating expenses for communication. Outside consultants will be asked to donate their expertise.

Bylaws Standing Committee budget notes: The Bylaws SC plans to do their work with email and incur only modest communications expenses. The Bylaws are available at our website [www.greens.org/cal](http://www.greens.org/cal). You can print from that site.

Finance Standing Committee budget notes: The Finance SC needs money for postage and copies.

Fundraising Ad Hoc Committee budget notes: The Fundraising AHC uses \$8000 on a rotating bases. Fund appeal letters are sent out quarterly and when the \$8000 is replenished another fund appeal letter is sent out. Currently the Fundraising AHC is doing dual fundraising with locals. If your local is interested in participating contact Mike Wyman <[mwyman@home.com](mailto:mwyman@home.com)> or Jo Chamberlain <[joc@pobox.com](mailto:joc@pobox.com)>

International Protocol Standing Committee budget notes: The International Protocol SC will be using their budget funds for communications purposes primarily teleconferences and mailings.

Clearinghouse Standing Committee budget notes: The Clearinghouse SC is the communications and materials distribution SC for the GPCA. There are mail box, postage, office supply, shipping and phone expenses in their budget. The Clearinghouse SC purchases GPCA buttons, bumper stickers, platforms, tote bags and t-shirts that are shipped to locals at cost. They would also like to have a GPCA office in Sacramento. The volume of work is such that volunteers can not always do all the work, that is why they are requesting a small stipend for a clerical person.

Campaigns and Candidates Working Group budget notes: The Campaigns and Candidates WG are planning to use their funds for copies, limited video purchases/copying for County contacts and members in remote areas.

Electoral Reform Working Group budget notes: The priorities of the Electoral Reform WG are using choice voting for county council elections, creating a Green Party section of the state elections code and supporting promising local campaigns for IRV and PR. They will be printing and mailing educational materials to locals and Greens; printing and distributing packets for locals to meet with their registrars to discuss implementing choice voting for county councils; and reimbursement for travel by WG members doing trainings at locals.

Issues Working Groups budget notes: No budget was submitted by the Issues WG.

Voter Registration/Outreach (GROW) Working Group budget notes: The Grow WG will be using their funds for outreach to locals. They plan to print the GPCA's Owners Manual, copy it on CD's and diskettes and mail to locals. There is a plan for a video workshop with production and distribution of the video to locals.

## **Proposal: Confirmation of Treasurer**

### ***Treasurer's Biography***

My name is Mike Wyman. I am the Treasurer of the Green Party of California, and I am seeking confirmation for a second term in that office.

I first became treasurer in the Spring of 2000, at the Berkeley plenary. I was confirmed to serve out the remainder of the term of Mr. Joe Hoffman, our previous treasurer.

With the invaluable help of Nancy Marmol and Jo Chamberlain, our interim co-treasurers, I was able to navigate the transition successfully. Since June of 2000 I have been busy with the task of regularizing the processes of the treasurer's office, which, I'm happy to say are on track as of this writing.

Since June of last year, the fundraising committee has carried out two successful direct mail appeals for funding and is presently receiving donations from our Spring, 2001 mailer.

Our Web site volunteers have brought us into the modern world by adding credit capability to greens.org. We are now capable of receiving donations on line.

This Web site capability, in turn, makes it possible to begin constructing a successful, low-cost sustainer program. Our goal is to reach \$10,000 worth of sustainer commitments by the end of the year.

We have also initiated an insurance program, which covers our (San Francisco) office liability and also provides coverage for Green Party events. (Event coverage is available to local parties for a slight donation. See Insurance Enclosure)

In between these projects I have been occupied with form filing with the Fair Political Practices Commission (FP-PC), the Federal Elections Commission (FEC) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

We have made timely filings with all of the above agencies and have our records in order for any audit we may face in the future.

I am confident that by the end of the year, we will face election year 2002 on a sound financial basis, with cash in the bank and a well-developed infrastructure to support our candidates, both statewide and local.

I look forward to completing the job we began together last year, and ask for your support and confirmation for another term at this plenary.

Thank you,

Michael S. Wyman

Questions?

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Or: Mswyman@home.com

# Bylaws Proposal: Restructuring

Contact: Ricardo Newbery, newbery@greens.org, 619.286.5807

View bylaws work-in-progress at [www.greens.org/cal/bylaws/archive/](http://www.greens.org/cal/bylaws/archive/).

The following are some proposed bylaw amendments drafted by the Bylaws Committee to enable the structural changes outlined in the Restructuring Proposal approved during the Spring 2000 Plenary.

The Bylaws Committee has attempted to translate the original proposal language into a format appropriate for bylaws. In some cases, the committee created new definitions or new language to fulfill the intent of the original proposal and to address some concerns raised during the draft process. Most concerns (from both committee and non-committee members) have been addressed and the final draft has been approved by the committee. A few concerns remain unresolved and are listed below.

## Concerns

A concern was raised about paragraph 6-1.6 which states a requirement for two WG meetings. In original Restructuring proposal, this was “must have attended one previous WG session.” Bylaws Committee recommends requiring attendance in least two WG meetings to make it easier for a WG meeting to satisfy a quorum.

A concern was raised about paragraph 6-2.2 which states that “new” agenda items shall be for information only and not for action. It was felt that this would hamper the ability of groups to take action on new matters. The Bylaws Committee recommends requiring at least two weeks notice for any action to give potential stakeholders fair notice of the impending decision.

A concern was raised about various group “duties and authorities” in Article 8 (and maybe Article 7). It was felt that too much of the original Restructuring proposal “mission statement” language was left out or changed and that this was important language written specifically to help the groups focus and prioritize in the directions detailed within the statements. In this draft, an attempt was made to trim or reword overly-specific language which didn’t help restrict or expand the charge of the groups. The Bylaws Committee feels that much of this language was not intended or appropriate for bylaws rules and recommends that the bylaws should clearly and succinctly define what is delegated to the group without going into unnecessary and unenforceable detail or legislating potentially transient policy objectives. The committee also suggests that all groups are free to draft a more elaborate mission statement, independent of the bylaws, as long as it doesn’t limit or exceed its bylaw charge.

A concern was raised about the last line of paragraph 6-1.4 which states that committee members may be recalled with a 2/3 vote of the CC. It was felt that this needed more clarification whether 2/3 approval was required for removal or 2/3 approval was required for retention. The Bylaws Committee recommends revisiting this issue after the Voting Threshold discussion scheduled for the next Gathering.

The following changes are proposed:

- 1) Delete all of Section 5-8, The Function of General Assembly Committees in Meetings.
- 2) Substitute all of Article 6, Committees - Formation and Function
- 3) Substitute most of Article 7 (except Sections 7-1 and 7-10), Committees of the General Assembly
- 4) Add new Article 8, Working Groups of the General Assembly

The text of the proposed new Articles 6, 7, and 8 follow.

## Proposed Bylaw

ARTICLE 6: COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS - FORMATION & FUNCTION.

SECTION 6-1. DEFINITIONS, FORMATION, AND MEMBERSHIP

6-1.1 Definitions

a) A Committee is a standing group defined and established by these bylaws, composed of one or more persons appointed by the Coordinating Committee, to consider, investigate, or take action on certain matters considered sensitive enough to warrant special supervision as defined in its charge. A Committee is generally established to formulate the policies and execute the tasks needed to maintain and facilitate the internal functions of the GPCA.

- b) A Working Group is a standing group defined and established by these bylaws, composed of one or more non-appointed persons, to consider, investigate, or take action on certain matters as defined in its charge. A Working Group is generally established to formulate and propose to the General Assembly, the GPCA's opinions, positions, and actions on political and social issues that are relevant to the Party's philosophy and political agenda.
- c) A Special Group (or ad hoc group or subcommittee) is a group established by the General Assembly or a standing group to consider non-recurring business of the party or is otherwise expected to dissolve itself after completing its charge. Special groups do not have General Assembly agenda privileges (see proposal authority, 6-2.5).
- d) A Caucus is a group established by GPCA members for the purpose of promoting a special interest, unique perspective, or certain consciousness. Caucuses do not have General Assembly agenda privileges (see proposal authority, 6-2.5).

#### 6-1.2 Formation of Committees and Working Groups

Committees and Working Groups must be defined and established by these bylaws. Establishing a new Committee or Working Group or dissolving a current one requires an amendment to these bylaws.

#### 6-1.3 Formation of Special Groups

Special groups may be established by the General Assembly or any standing group with a 2/3 vote. The statement of purpose or charge of the group and whether its membership is open or appointed must be stated at the time of formation. A special group may be dissolved with a 2/3 vote of the establishing body, but in any case, is automatically dissolved two years after its establishment or after completing its charge, whichever comes first. Expiring special groups may be reestablished at the discretion of the establishing body.

#### 6-1.4 Committee Membership

Coordinating Committee (CC) membership is defined in Section 7-1. Other Committees shall be composed of no more than eight members not including ex-officio members (see ex-officio members, paragraph 6-1.7). At least once a year or whenever vacancies exist, the active counties, Group coordinators, and individual CC members shall be given the opportunity to submit nominations or recommendations to the Coordinating Committee for committee membership. Eligible candidates must have attended at least two prior plenaries within the previous 12 months and demonstrate a working knowledge of the GPCA bylaws and operating procedures. Committee members shall be appointed by the Coordinating Committee and shall serve for two years or the remainder of the current term, or if appointed more than 12 months after the start of the current term, shall serve for the remainder of the current term plus two more years, unless a successor is appointed before this time. Terms begin and end at the start of the second plenary of each year and must be staggered whenever possible. Any Committee member may be recalled with an 2/3 vote of the CC.

#### 6-1.6 Working Group Membership

Working Group membership shall be open to any Green Party member willing to participate. Voting privileges are reserved for those members who have attended or participated in at least two Working Group meetings within the previous 12 months. \*\*\* Unresolved concern, see introductory text \*\*\*

#### 6-1.7 Ex-Officio Members

Ex-officio members are Committee or Working Group members by virtue of office as defined in these bylaws or in the group's charge. Ex-officio members have all the privileges of other members, including the right to vote, but not the obligation to attend meetings regularly. Unless present, ex-officio members are not counted in determining a quorum.

#### 6-1.8 Liaison to the Coordinating Committee

Each Committee and Working Group shall be assigned a Coordinating Committee (CC) member by the CC to serve as Liaison to the CC, an ex-officio member of the Group. The liaison is charged with facilitating communications between the group and the CC. Liaisons appointed to Committees also serve as one of the committee coordinators (see coordinators, paragraph 6-1.9).

#### 6-1.9 Coordinators

All Committees and Working Groups shall have two coordinators (see coordinator duties, paragraph 6-2.6). Committees shall elect one coordinator from among its membership in addition to the CC-appointed liaison-coordinator. Working Groups 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.

## SECTION 6-2. GENERAL DUTIES, AUTHORITY, AND FUNCTIONS.

### 6-2.1 Work Plan

Each Committee and Working Group shall prepare a yearly work plan to be submitted to the Coordinating Committee along with any budget requests. The work plan must identify the objectives of the group for that year, any proposals it foresees bringing before the General Assembly, and a projected timeline for the group's activities. The stated objectives must be congruent with the group's charge as defined in these bylaws and the goals and strategies of the GPCA.

### 6-2.2 Meetings and Deliberations

Each Committee and Working Group shall determine how many meetings are necessary to achieve the objectives outlined in its work plan. Each group shall also prepare and announce the proposed meeting agenda at least two weeks in advance of the meeting date. New agenda items announced after this date shall be for information only and not for action. All deliberative and decision-making meetings shall be open to all Green Party members unless closed by a 2/3 vote of the membership. However, groups may be required by the General Assembly or the CC to produce detailed minutes of a closed meeting. \*\*\* Unresolved concern, see introductory text \*\*\*

### 6-2.3 Quorum

A Committee or Working Group quorum is more than 1/2 of a group's voting membership. For Working Group meetings properly announced in the agenda distributed prior to a regular meeting of the General Assembly, a quorum is more than 1/2 of the voting membership OR one group coordinator and at least four additional voting members, whichever is fewer.

### 6-2.4 Decision-Making

The decision-making process in Committees and Working Groups may be informal but must be consistent where feasible with the process described in Section 5-9. Proxy votes are not allowed.

### 6-2.5 Proposal Authority

All proposals to be considered by the General Assembly must first be approved and presented by a standing group established within these bylaws (see committees, article 7, and working groups, article 8). These groups shall act in the role of advocate for the proposals they present to the General Assembly. The presenter shall disclose to the General Assembly whether the group brings the proposal forward with consensus or by a vote. If by a vote, the details of the vote shall be disclosed.

### 6-2.6 Coordinator Duties

The responsibilities of the Committee and Working Group coordinators shall include: a )Preparing and announcing the proposed agenda for a group meeting;

- b) Facilitating and coordinating the activities of the group;
- c) Submitting group work plans and budgets to the Coordinating Committee;
- d) Presenting group proposals or other official communications to the General Assembly;
- e) Maintaining a physical notebook containing the group's Statement of Purpose, membership information, meeting minutes, and any other documents relevant to the work of the group;
- f) Filing meeting agendas and minutes with the Coordinating Committee secretary in a timely fashion including a summary report after the conclusion of a General Assembly meeting with general contact information, active membership list, and status report;
- g) Designating a temporary acting coordinator to perform the duties outlined above whenever an official coordinator is unable to perform those duties, and notifying the CC and Group membership accordingly.

## ARTICLE 7. COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### SECTION 7-2 FINANCE COMMITTEE (FORMERLY SECTION 7-10)

#### 7-2.1 Duties and Authority

The Finance Committee is charged with overseeing the financial operations of the GPCA. This includes working with the Treasurer to:

- a) Collect county dues and any other moneys owed to the GPCA;
- b) Facilitate the allocation and disbursement of funds;
- c) Provide quarterly financial reports to the CC;
- d) Provide an annual budget report to the General Assembly;
- e) Provide any official reporting required by the State of California;

f) Provide assistance for GPCA fundraising activities.

#### 7-2.2 Ex Officio Member

The Treasurer is an ex officio member of the Finance Committee. [the rest of the original Section 7-10 is not changed]

### SECTION 7-3. BYLAWS COMMITTEE

#### 7-3.1 Duties and Authority

The Bylaws Committee is charged with maintaining the GPCA Bylaws and assisting with their amendment or revision. All Bylaw amendment proposals must be reviewed by the Bylaws Committee before submission to the General Assembly.

#### 7-3.2 Bylaws Interpretation

In cases of bylaw ambiguity or procedural disagreement, the General Assembly shall decide for itself the meaning of its bylaws or the appropriate procedure to be followed. Between General Assembly meetings, the Coordinating Committee shall decide these questions subject to review at the next General Assembly meeting. The Bylaws Committee and its coordinators are charged with assisting with the interpretation of the Bylaws and the resolution of procedural questions.

### SECTION 7-4. PLATFORM COMMITTEE

#### 7-4.1 Duties and Authority

The Platform Committee is charged with maintaining the Platform of the GPCA and assisting with its amendment or revision. All platform proposals must be reviewed by the Platform Committee before submission to the General Assembly.

#### 7-4.2 Platform Research and Interpretation

The Platform Committee shall identify issues not in the platform, and suggest and formulate platform planks with substantial input from appropriate experts in the field. The Platform Committee shall also assist the General Assembly, the Coordinating Committee, and the Media Spokespersons with formulating positions or statements on issues or initiatives related to official platform positions.

### SECTION 7-5. INTERNATIONAL PROTOCOL COMMITTEE

#### 7-5.1 Duties and Authority

The International Protocol Committee is charged with administrating, hosting, and networking with international Greens.

### SECTION 7-6. CLEARINGHOUSE COMMITTEE

#### 7-6.1 Duties and Authority

The Clearinghouse Committee is charged with maintaining an archive of all GPCA documents and data. The Clearinghouse Committee is also charged with facilitating internal and external communications and information dissemination including maintaining the GPCA website and returning communications received by phone, email, and postal mail.

#### 7-6.2 Ex Officio Members

A Webmaster, appointed by the committee, and the Liaison to the Secretary of State are ex-officio members of the Clearinghouse Committee.

## ARTICLE 8. WORKING GROUPS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### SECTION 8-1. GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING WORKING GROUP

#### 8-1.1 Duties and Authority

The Grassroots Organizing Working Group (GROW) is charged with facilitating voter registration activities and organizing locals. This includes working to:

- a) Coordinate locals into statewide efforts to register Green Party voters, do public outreach, and increase diversity in the party;
- b) Provide training for county locals in tabling and other grassroots organizing activities;
- c) Develop, maintain, and provide resources for tabling efforts and organization of locals;
- d) Maintain lists of registered Green Party voters.

## SECTION 8-2. CAMPAIGNS AND CANDIDATES WORKING GROUP

### 8-2.1 Duties and Authority

The Campaigns & Candidates Working Group is charged with facilitating the electoral work of the party. This includes working to:

- a) Educate Green Party members about GPCA electoral strategy;
- b) Identify key political campaigns in which Green Party activists can play a pivotal role;
- c) Identify registered Greens who would make credible candidates;
- d) Promote and facilitate effective regional strategies for winning campaigns;
- e) Train Green Party activists in methods of waging political campaigns;
- f) Facilitate fundraising operations for GPCA-endorsed electoral campaigns.

\*\*\* Unresolved concern, see introductory text. A concern was raised about leaving out the statement, “educate Greens about the importance of running credible candidates in strategically chosen races and avoiding poor candidates and unconstructive races,” as stated in the original Restructuring proposal. The Bylaws Committee recommends using the clause, “educating Green Party members about GPCA electoral strategy,” which adequately covers this overly-specific and potentially transient policy statement. \*\*\*

## SECTION 8-3. ELECTORAL REFORM WORKING GROUP

### 8-3.1 Duties and Authority

The Electoral Reform Working Group is charged with promoting the electoral reform objectives of the party. This includes working to:

- a) Educate Green Party members, the public, and the media about proportional representation (PR), instant runoff voting (IRV), and other electoral reforms as directed by the General Assembly;
- b) Identify strategies for enacting these reforms including use of PR and IRV in primary and county council elections;
- c) Encourage Greens to initiate and support successful campaigns for electoral reform;
- d) Advise GPCA on internal party voting mechanisms and electoral policy.

\*\*\* Unresolved concern, see introductory text. Concerns have been raised about the inclusion of potentially transient policy objectives within the bylaw language establishing the Electoral Reform WG. A concern has also been raised about the internal focus of item d since WGs were intended to focus on external matters. \*\*\*

## SECTION 8-4. GREEN ISSUES WORKING GROUP

### 8-4.1 Duties and Authority

The Green Issues Working Group is charged with identifying and facilitating GPCA action on external Green issues not already delegated to another Committee or Working Group. This includes working to:

- a) Identify, facilitate discussion, and prepare proposals on issues and events that should be addressed by the GPCA;
- b) Advise the Platform Committee on the development of platform proposals on issues identified by the Working Group;
- c) Promote and provide support for Green issues to candidates running for office;
- d) Build coalitions with other organizations working on Green issues.

\*\*\* Unresolved concern. The term, external, is not adequately defined within these bylaws. \*\*\*

# Bylaw Proposal: Removal for Cause

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## ***Proposed Text***

### 1. Resignation

Unless given special dispensation by the Coordinating Committee (CC) or the General Assembly, any CC member (or any officer appointed by the CC) who cannot fulfill their duties to the best of their abilities as described in these bylaws or operate in accordance with the 10 key values, shall resign by notifying the CC in writing. Resignation is implied whenever any of the following occur:

- a) the member moves out of the region they represent, or the state, if at-large;
- b) the member registers with any other political party;
- c) the member fails to maintain an updated, accurate voter registration;
- d) the member misses three consecutive General Assembly meetings or CC regular meetings without appointing a qualified alternate.

### 2. Recall Authority

The decision to remove a CC member (or any officer appointed by the CC) must be made by the constituent body empowered to elect the member or appoint the officer.

- a) The constituent body for appointees of the CC is the CC;
- b) The constituent body for at-large CC members is the General Assembly;
- c) The constituent body for regional CC members is the regional caucus of General Assembly delegates or an alternate body if designated according to Paragraph 7-1.4.

### 3. Recall Procedure

A CC member or any appointee may be removed from office if the member or appointee fails to resign as described in paragraph 1. The following recall procedure must be followed:

- a) A written statement from three active CC members (or three General Assembly delegates from the region represented by a regional CC member) must be presented to the CC and the individual in question specifying the cause for recall at least two weeks prior to a regular meeting of the constituent body.
- b) The CC may appoint a special committee to attempt mediation or non-binding arbitration. In any event, if a resolution agreeable to both parties is not reached by the day of the meeting of the constituent body, the CC shall facilitate a formal recall vote.
- c) If a formal recall vote is required, both parties shall be given equal time to make their case at a regular meeting of the constituent body where a quorum is present (regional caucus quorum is more than 1/2 of the total number of delegates allocated for the region). The recall proposal is a business decision requiring consensus or a 2/3 fallback vote to remove the member.

### 4. Quorum

A quorum of GPCA CC shall consist of 2/3 of the currently seated members. Proxy votes are not allowed.

### 5. Meetings

Regular meetings of the CC shall be held at least once a month, in person or by teleconference. 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 decisions made at a special meeting shall be treated as policy decisions for voting purposes.

# Bylaws Proposal: At-Large CC Election

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View bylaws work-in-progress at [www.greens.org/cal/bylaws/archive/](http://www.greens.org/cal/bylaws/archive/).

The following are some proposed bylaw amendments drafted by the Bylaws Committee to enable the CC election changes outlined in the proposal approved during the December 2000 Plenary.

Paragraph numbers have been temporarily assigned but are not part of the proposal -- they are subject to change in the final bylaws document. Strikeout text is deleted language. Underlined text is new language. Another more readable version, missing the strikeout text and the underlines, follows this proposal.

## SECTION 7-1. COORDINATING COMMITTEE

### ~~7-1.1 Membership and Term of Office~~

~~The State Coordinating Committee will be comprised of 20 voting members. Fourteen members will be selected to provide regional balance. 8 members will come from the largest regions (2 each), with regional size being calculated annually by number of registered green party voters on the 1st registration count after January 1st of each year. 6 members will come from the remaining regions (1 each). Members will also be balanced by gender, age, culture as much as possible and the committee will have 6 additional at large members who will be chosen with this balancing in mind. Voting members of the coordinating committee will serve a term of 1.5 years but shall not vacate their seat until the first business meeting of the General Assembly following the end of the 1.5 year term. In addition, the Liaison to the Secretary of State and the Treasurer shall be non-voting members of the State Coordinating Committee, and may not concurrently hold a voting seat on the Committee.~~

### ~~7-1.1 Membership~~

~~The Coordinating Committee shall be composed of up to twenty voting members including fourteen regional representatives and up to six at-large representatives. There are ten regions as determined by the General Assembly. Two regional representatives are allocated to each of the four regions with the largest number of registered green party voters, as determined by the Liaison to the Secretary of State, from the most current California Report of Registration available on January 1st of each year. One regional representative is allocated to each of the remaining six regions. Diversity and gender balance are encouraged through the election of at-large representatives. CC representatives are not eligible for the positions of Treasurer and Liaison to the Secretary of State.~~

### ~~7-1.1.1 CC Elections and Term of Office~~

~~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 three at-large seats and any expiring regional seats not filled by an alternate regional process (see selection of regional members, paragraph 7-1.4). 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.~~

### ~~7-1.2 Active and Inactive Regions~~

~~When a region becomes inactive, as defined in Section 5-4 of these bylaws, the Coordinating Committee seats which it is entitled to elect shall become at-large seats. If the region later becomes active, it shall be entitled to elect members to the next available seat(s).~~

7-1.3 Duties and Authority (no change)

7-1.4 Selection of Regional Members (no change)

7-1.5 Alternate Members (no change)

#### 7-1.6 Selection of At-Large Members

~~After the regional CC members have been chosen and announced to the General Assembly, whenever any of the At-large seats are vacant, the Coordinating Committee shall call for nominations and place the election of at-large members on the agenda of the General Assembly. Candidates shall submit an application to the CC at least two months prior to the election of at-large CC representatives. 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 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. The Coordinating Committee shall appoint three election officials to conduct the election in a manner consistent with the following specifications 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 to the General Assembly a full and detailed explanation of the voting procedure as outlined above. The election officials shall then conduct the election as described in Paragraph 7-1.6.1, Choice Voting, if more than one candidate is running or as described in Paragraph 7-1.6.3, Approval Voting, if only one candidate is running.~~

- ~~a) Approval Voting (moved to 7-1.6.3)~~
- ~~b) Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) (moved to 7-1.6.2)~~
- ~~c) Choice Voting (moved to 7-1.6.1)~~

##### 7-1.6.1 Multiple Seat Election: Choice Voting

~~When two or more at-large seats are vacant open and two or more nominees candidates seek office, a Choice Voting election shall be held. Each delegate will shall be provided a written secret ballot containing the names of the nominees seeking office candidates in random order. The names will appear in random order. The ballot shall also include a "No Other Candidate" (NOC) option. The delegates will rank the nominees shall vote by ranking the candidates along with the NOC option in order of preference. The ballots will shall be tabulated utilizing a "choice" voting system with fractional transfers and the use of a Droop threshold based on the number of vacant at-large seats a 1/4 threshold (a Droop threshold,  $1/(n+1)$ , with three open seats). No candidate shall be seated who does not cross the threshold before NOC. Choice Voting is the Single Transferable Vote (STV) form of proportional representation described in the International IDEA Handbook of Electoral System Design. (Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA). First published 1997. Second edition. Stockholm, Sweden). The Droop threshold is the percentage of votes equal to 1 divided by the number of vacant at-large seats plus one seat [ $1/(n+1)$ ]. No nominee will be seated who does not cross the threshold before NOC.~~

##### 7-1.6.2 Single Seat Election: Instant Runoff Voting

~~When only one seat is vacant open and two or more nominees candidates seek office, an Instant Runoff election shall be held. Each delegate will shall be provided a written secret ballot containing the names of the nominees seeking office candidates in random order. The names will appear in random order. The ballot shall also include a "No Other Candidate" (NOC) option. The delegates will rank the nominees shall vote by ranking the candidates along with the NOC options in order of preference. The ballots will shall be tabulated utilizing instant runoff voting. No nominee will candidate shall be seated who does not cross the threshold before NOC..~~

##### 7-1.6.3 Single Candidate Election: Approval Voting

~~When only one nominee candidate seeks office, an Approval Voting election shall be held. Each delegate will shall be provided a written secret ballot containing the name of the nominee candidate seeking office. The ballot will shall allow the opportunity to indicate a "yes" or "no" preference on the seating of the nominee candidate. The nominee candidate must receive "yes" votes on at least two-thirds (2/3) of ballots cast to be seated.~~

7-1.7 Liaison to the Secretary of State (no change)

7-1.8 Treasurer (no change)

# Proposal: Ancient Tree Preservation Act

## **Background**

The Ancient Forest Conservation Campaign (AFCC) is a coalition formed to place and carry an initiative on the November 2002 statewide ballot calling for the preservation of ancient trees and stands on non-federally owned lands in the State of California. "Ancient" is defined as trees that existed in the year that California became a state (1850).

The member groups of the coalition include: Earth Justice Ministries, the Episcopal Diocese of San Francisco, the Bay Area Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life, the Religious Campaign for Forest Conservation, the World Stewardship Institute, the Mendocino Environmental Center, Next Generation, Ancient Forest International, Rainforest Action Network, the Circle of Life Foundation and Voice of the Environment. Meetings of the coalition have also included representatives of the Planning and Conservation League, the Sierra Club, and Forests Forever.

## **Polling Conducted**

David Binder Research (San Francisco) conducted a statewide poll in September of 2000. The major conclusions were: 1) the term "ancient" resonates better with voters than does "old growth"; 2) people understand the connection between spraying herbicides in forests and water quality; and 3) the negative implications of clearcutting are not currently well understood by the general public.

For example, 60% of respondents (statewide voters who voted in any of the following: November 1996, November 1998, March 2000, or registered after March 2000) said that they would vote in favor of "a permanent ban on the logging of ancient forests." [45% Certain, 11% Might Change, 4% Lean] 62% of respondents said that they would support a measure "to ban the use of herbicides on timberland." [51%, 9%, and 2%] In contrast, only 46% said that they would support a ban on clearcutting. [38% 6%, and 2%]

We welcome you to view the complete results of the poll.

## **Background: Proposition 130**

This initiative would be the first major forest reform attempt through initiative since November 1990. The Forests Forever Initiative (Proposition 130) grew out of frustration with unsuccessful efforts throughout the '80s to end liquidation logging through the Legislature. Proposition 130 would have outlawed clearcutting and also banned the two-stage clearcuts called seed-tree and shelterwood harvests which the industry uses as a loophole around state rules limiting clearcuts. Proposition 130 would also have placed a moratorium on all logging of old-growth forests to allow time to consider public purchase and preservation of the most vital stands for wildlife.

Forests Forever would also have ended corporate control of the Board of Forestry and provided for substantial "no-cut zones" along fish-bearing streams. Proposition 130 added up to genuine forestry reform. The timber industry pulled out all the stops to defeat it, spending about \$30 million, including the hiring of Hill & Knowlton, the world's second largest public relations company. In the end, Proposition 130 was narrowly defeated.

## **Recent Efforts**

In January of 2000, a coalition of groups appealed to the Board of Forestry to stop the allowance of "exemption logging" (i.e., logging with a Timber Harvest Plan) for stands of ancient trees. Although it set up a committee to deal with the issue, no progress has been made to date.

In the last session of the state legislature, Assembly Bill 717 (Keeley-Santa Cruz) made its way through legislature. It contained provisions for a 2-year moratorium on clearcutting. The timber industry had their regular lobbyists as well as several highly paid "temps" roaming the halls of the Capital to ensure that this bill would be defeated. It was.

## **The Davis Administration**

When Gray Davis was a candidate for governor, he promised to ensure that "rivers are clean, wetlands are preserved and all old growth trees are spared from the lumberjack's ax." (AP, March 15, 1998). Unfortunately, he is not living up to that promise. In fact, it could be argued that more ancient trees have been cut under his watch than in many previous administrations. Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) recently released a disturbing report stating that Susan Kennedy, Cabinet Secretary and Deputy Chief of Staff for the Governor, was in a meeting with regulatory agencies (such as the Department of Fish and Game officials) telling them to "bend over backwards" to approve contested Timber Harvest Plans by the Pacific Lumber Corporation, the largest private land-

owner of unprotected ancient trees.

### **The Mattole**

As you read this, residents of the Mattole River area are defending several previously unentered timber harvest plans that have recently been approved after attempts in the Courts have failed to provide relief. These plans are the examples of what is so wrong with the Headwaters Deal: allowing the cutting of irreplaceable, ancient Douglas fir forests on extremely steep, unstable slopes. Now that the Pacific Lumber Company does not need to abide by the Endangered Species Act (as part of “The Deal”); habitat that never would have been able to be cut is now on the chopping block. Brave citizens are meeting loggers at the gates and surrounding trees in the plans. Several have been pepper-sprayed for attempting to keep these virgin forests standing.

### **Religious and Other National Support**

It has been said that when the civil rights issue reached the pulpits of this country, the issue gained new and substantial support. Several religious organizations have issued strong statements about our ancient forests and many support this effort in particular. We also know that a majority of Americans and people from around the world want to see an end to the cutting of our ancient forests. Many believe that is already illegal to cut an ancient tree.

### **Current Status and Timeline**

Our plan is to submit a draft to the Attorney General on or around July 1. (See draft text which is currently under review by a constitutional lawyer.) The Attorney General can take up to 2 months to provide the Title & Summary for the measure. The clock begins ticking when the Title & Summary are completed. We have 150 days to collect 419,260 valid signatures.

### **Conclusion and Request**

While our politicians promise us protection, our precious, ancient forests continue to fall. The Ancient Forest Conservation Campaign has formed out of a belief that it is time to take the situation in our forests back to the voters of California. We know that a large percentage of citizens believe that ancient forests should be preserved for the current health of our state and for future generations to enjoy. We can anticipate that timber corporations and their allies will put a significant amount of money into defeating any initiative that limits their ability to continue business as usual. (The industry spent approximately \$30 million in 1990 to defeat Prop. 130) We must raise sufficient funds to be competitive in the arena of public education where close elections are won and lost.

We request that the Green Party of California endorse this initiative effort and commit itself to assist with both signature gathering and campaigning for its passage.

Thank you for your consideration.

# **Ancient Tree Preservation Act**

D R A F T Rev. 01/02/01

This initiative would preserve ancient trees on non-federally owned lands in the State of California.

The People of California by Initiative Do Enact as Follows:

## Section 1: Title

This Act shall be known as the Ancient Tree Preservation Act. Section 2: Part 2, Chapter 10, commencing with §4742 is hereby added to Division 4 of the Public Resources Code to read as follows:

### Article 9 ANCIENT TREE PRESERVATION ACT

#### §4742. Findings and Declarations.

The People hereby find and declare all of the following:

- a) California's remaining ancient trees are a unique and irreplaceable natural treasure found nowhere else on the planet.
- b) Over 97% of California's ancient forests have already been destroyed. Because it is still legal to cut ancient trees in the state of California, it is imperative that we act now to save the remaining 3%.
- c) Numerous threatened and endangered species depend upon ancient trees for their survival.
- d) The accelerated industrial logging of ancient forests is now one of our most critical environmental emergencies.
- e) Science and common sense both dictate the need to preserve the remaining fragments of ancient ecosystems which are our repositories of biodiversity and knowledge.
- f) Ancient trees are especially valuable in ridding the air of carbon dioxide, a "greenhouse gas" that is released into the atmosphere when coal, oil and other fossil fuels are burned.

#### §4743. Purposes and Intent

It is the intent of the People of California that this Act be construed in light of the following primary objectives.

- a) To preserve all ancient trees in the State of California in the interest of conservation, both of soil and of the trees themselves, and for the benefit of present and future generations.
- b) To maintain the capacity of ancient trees to sequester carbon from the burning of fossil fuels.
- c) To provide habitat for wildlife species that are dependent on ancient trees.

#### §4744. Definitions

- a) "Ancient Stand" means any block of forest that has never been entered for commercial logging purposes. The site must also have been forested for longer than one (1) generation of trees (i.e. no stands that are initial prairie invasion). "Ancient Stand" also includes existing definitions such as late seral forest, late successional forest, mature forest, ecological old growth and ancient forest.
- b) "Ancient Tree" means any tree, which existed before California gained statehood in 1850. Determination can be made based on local, site-specific, historical knowledge and by examining diameter, growth form, crown structure, bark patterns and levels of mosses and lichens.
- c) "Buffer zone" means land that may not be classified as an Ancient Tree or Stand, but exists adjacent to an Ancient Tree or Stand and serves as an effective area of protection surrounding an Ancient Tree or Stand in which timber and other commercial operations must be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this Act.
- d) "Salvage" means removal of trees which are dead, dying, down or deteriorating.

#### §4745. Forest Practices

- a) Ancient Trees or Stands shall not be harvested on non-federally owned areas of the state.
- b) Buffer zones shall be maintained for each Ancient Tree.

A no-cut buffer zone with a radius of 50' (or 75' or 100') shall be maintained around each tree.

All buffer zones shall be flagged on the ground prior to pre-harvest inspection.

"Ancient Trees" may not be cut under the exemption clause.

"Ancient Trees" may not be salvage logged.

Immediately upon passage of this Act, any tree greater than 48" in diameter in any active or pending timber harvest plans shall be examined by an Registered Professional Forester (RPF) to determine if it meets the definition of an "Ancient Tree". If it does, it shall not be logged.

f) There shall be no use of the subject Ancient Trees or Stands and buffer zones that is otherwise detrimental to Ancient Trees, including, but not limited to mining operations, livestock grazing, or any use that would increase the risk of fire.

#### § 4746. Pre-Approval Site Inspections

a) Any employee or agent of any state agency participating in any timber harvest plan review may inspect the area in which timber operations are to be conducted. If any person refuses to allow any employee or agent of any such state agency reasonable access to the property and use of equipment necessary to make such an inspection, the plan shall be denied. Employees and agents of any such state agency may conduct inspections in order to exercise their authority to implement this Act.

#### §4747. Acquisition and Management

a) Agents of the State of California who are responsible for allocating monies, credits or other benefits, (such as conservation easements, gifts, purchases, leases, exchanges for other property of like value, transfers of development rights or credits, and purchases of development rights and other interests), for preservation of natural lands, (such as the proposed \$100 million Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit for fiscal year 2001, the monies earmarked for habitat conservation in Proposition 12, and/or the \$13 Billion Revenue Surplus from the 1999 tax year) shall give priority to landowners who are affected by this Act and shall provide practicable assistance to them in seeking said benefits.

b) Priority shall be given to establishing conservation easements and to solutions that are the most economical and sustainable.

c) Trees and stands protected and/or acquired pursuant to this Act shall be managed in perpetuity to preserve their integrity and value as ancient trees and stands and as habitat for dependent wildlife species.

#### § 4748. Fund Establishment

a) The Ancient Tree Preservation Fund is hereby created. All monies deposited in this fund shall be available for expenditure for the purposes of carrying out this Act and/or for watershed rehabilitation programs. The fund will be administrated by the Department of Fish and Game.

#### § 4749. Penalties and Enforcement

a) Any person and/or organization who conducts, orders or directs timber operations in violation of any provision of this Act shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount equal to or greater than three (3) times the fair market value of the tree in cases where a tree has been cut. In assessing the amount of the fine, the court shall take into consideration all relevant circumstances, including, but not limited to, the extent of harm caused by the violation(s), the nature and persistence of the violation(s), the length of time over which the violation(s) has occurred, and the corrective action, if any, taken by the violator. In addition to any other penalties imposed by law, the court may seize and confiscate the proceeds for the sale of illegally harvested trees. If said trees have not yet been sold, the court may order said trees confiscated and sold. The proceeds of the sale of trees pursuant to this subdivision shall be deposited into the Ancient Tree Preservation Act Fund.

b) For any violation of this Act not specified in subsection (a), and in addition to any other penalty provided by law, a civil penalty may be administratively imposed by any appropriate state agency, including, but not limited to the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) or the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF), in an

amount which shall not be less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), nor more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), for each violation of a separate provision, or for continuing violations for each day that the violation continues. Monies recovered pursuant to the section shall be deposited into the Ancient Tree Preservation Act Fund.

c) Any violation of the Forest Practices section of this Act shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), nor more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), and by imprisonment in county jail not less than six (6) months or more than one (1) year. In the event of a continuing violation, each day during which the violation shall continue shall constitute a separate violation.

d) It shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), nor more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), and by imprisonment in county jail not less than six months or more than one (1) year to willfully resist, delay or obstruct any person or agency charged with the responsibility under this Act to inspect, survey, or inventory lands. In the event of a continuing violation, each day during which the violation shall continue shall constitute a separate violation.

e) If the Board finds that the RPF has intentionally made any material misstatement in the filing of any timber harvesting plan, it shall take disciplinary action against him or her.

f) Any California citizen residing in the state for one (1) year or more shall have standing and may commence an action against any government agency charged with responsibilities pursuant to this chapter or Chapter 8 of Part 2 for a writ of mandate pursuant to Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 1084) of Title 1 of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure to compel said agency to carry out any duty imposed upon it under the provisions of this chapter. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, particularly Section 529 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the plaintiff in such an action shall not be compelled to post more than a five hundred dollar (\$500) bond as a condition of obtaining injunctive relief.

#### § 4750. Severability

a) The provisions of this Act are severable. If any provision of this Act or its application is held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

#### § 4751. Interpretation

a) To further the purposes of this Act, this Act shall be construed broadly.

# Coordinating Committee Election - At-Large Seats Candidates' Statements

## ***Justin Moscoso's Biography***

I write to you in request of my approval to the Coordinating Committee of the Green Party of California.

I first registered Green in 1994 after having enough with the “politics as usual” between both the Democrats and Republicans. I had realized that besides the rhetoric and a couple policy differences, the two parties were both in the business of keeping my view (Green Party) out of the political debate.

This past election cycle has strengthened my resolve to build the Green Party as I experienced first hand both the elation and frustration of building the party, running as a candidate and assisting with both Green Party Senatorial and Presidential candidates.

At this point I believe there needs to be a concerted effort to “follow through” with the party building efforts that were conducted not only for the founding of the state party in 1991, but those of the past election. Here in Marin, the Green Party registration jumped nearly 30% in the past year. These voters and many others still want to see the party grow and become a vocal player in the political process. I also believe that the election of a Green Party member to a partisan office could happen soon.

Below, please find my Green Party/Political Resume. I ask for your support.

Thank You,

Justin “Justo” Moscoso  
San Anselmo, CA, Marin County

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### **Justin “Justo” Moscoso**

Born in San Francisco - December 27, 1968

#### Education

B.S. Geology. Sonoma State University, 1994

#### Occupation

Program assistant for a private grant making foundation in Marin County

#### Political Action

Associated Student Gov't, Sonoma State University - Natural Sciences Representative (1991)

Fought the rezoning of ag/recreation land to accommodate “monster homes”

Worked against CA prop 21 (juvenile justice bill) - worked with local youth/students

Fighting expansion of Marin Municipal Water District's plan to divert more water from endangered Russian River (Sonoma/Marin)

Marin Delegate - Green Party Nat'l Convention, Colorado, June 2000

Candidate, US House - 6th District, Marin/Sonoma: 13,162 votes (4.7%), November 2000

County Council, Green Party of Marin

## ***Jo Chamberlain's Biography***

I am a candidate for election to a second term as an At-Large Representative to the GPCA Coordinating Committee. I have the support of my family and friends, as well as my local, the Green Party of San Mateo County. I am the tabling coordinator for the GPSMC, and an active tabler myself. I first served as an appointed member of my County Council and have been elected to a second term, which I am now serving.

As At-Large Representative I have contributed to the following activities:

- \* GPCA Clearinghouse
- \* Project 2000 wrap-up
- \* Fundraising Ad Hoc Committee
- \* Budget Committee 2001
- \* Association of Green Parties (ASGP) Proposal Working Group
- \* FEC Budget Working Group for the 2000 campaign

I have actively participated in every GPCA General Assembly and Gathering since becoming a Green Party member. During the 2000 campaign, in addition to Party activities, I was a delegate to the national nominating convention and was an active volunteer worker for the Nader campaign, routing and organizing campaign volunteers.

I was elected as an ASGP Representative in December 2000. As one of your ASGP Representatives I am working for a strong, vibrant national Green Party. ASGP is currently planning to file for FEC national committee status in late spring. I fully support this action. GPCA is the largest member of ASGP and we hold a special responsibility to help those states that do not yet have ballot access. We also have a financial responsibility to help expand our national Green Party, and I support fundraising activities to meet that goal.

I believe in a strong, well-organized State Party. This can only be achieved if the locals are strong and successful too. That is why I have helped organize the current fundraising program, where net proceeds from fund appeals are shared 50-50 with the locals. If re-elected to the CC, I will emphasize party building through increased registration, regional and local Green Party development, and fundraising. I support continued joint fundraising efforts with locals, working to increase the number of sustaining contributors, and the development a secure statewide accessible database of volunteers and contributors.

My commitment extends from budget committees to tabling to protest in the streets of Seattle. I ask for your support. If you would like to discuss my goals and ideas for the our party, please contact me at 650-726-1949 or [joc@pobox.com](mailto:joc@pobox.com).

# Working Group and Committee Reports and Session Agendas

## ***Campaigns and Candidates***

2002 Overall: We should run a candidate for Governor and Lt. Governor, both to protect ourselves and to point out the many flaws of the Davis regime, particularly around the energy issue. This will be an excellent opportunity to promote our message. Strong top of ticket may also help locals running for various offices around the state.

We have a Green candidate for Secretary of State (Larry Shoup from Alameda) and maybe Peter Camejo (Contra Costa Co. Green, CEO of Progressive Assets Management, a progressive investment firm) for Controller are waiting for word on whether or not Harvey Rosenfeld will switch to Green (from Decline to State) and run for Insurance Commissioner.

We have not received reports from other sub committees (Attorney General, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Controller, Insurance Commissioner), and have very few reports from locals re: 2002 races, which are too far off for most of us to do a complete analysis.

### **General Comments:**

Ross Mirkarimi: We need to focus on how we run races as much as who we run. Strategy for this campaign is key.

Tom Leavitt: Candidates running as Greens should be expected to support the Green Party platform. They should run on a common theme, so that every impression or media piece we generate builds on all the previous ones. They should be generous in mentioning their fellow candidates... we should run as a party, not a collection of individuals like the Democrats and Republicans.

### **2001 races:**

San Francisco: Municipal Utility District (MUD) directors (5), Public Defender, City Attorney, Treasurer. Ross Mirkarimi is considering running for Treasurer. Don Eichelberger is the first green to step up to run for MUD Director, with more to come.

Los Angeles: City Attorney, LAUSD School Board, Board of Trustees, City Council and Mayor) as well as a Congressional race to replace the late Julian Dixon. Ralph Cole for LAUSD and Nancy Pearlman for Los Angeles community college district. Julian Dixon's seat - one of the organizers of the South Central Greens, Donna Warren.

### **2002 Statewide Constitutional Offices:**

Governor/Lt. Governor: (Gray Davis D, incumbent will be running against?? Reps, including actor Arnold Schwarznager; Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante)

Report from Tom Leavitt: Yes, we should run in this race. We should consider finding candidates from among the leaders of progressive organizations - farmworker organizers, peace community activists, civil rights leaders, human rights workers, progressive businesspeople who have strong organizational skills, track records, and a resource base to pull staff and volunteers from. Medea was an ideal candidate in that regard.

Attorney General: (Bill Lockyer, D incumbent vs. ???) No report

Secretary of State: (Bill Jones R, incumbent vs. ???)

Larry Shoup reporting: We should run a Green in this race, Larry is stepping forward to run. A central place to begin a large scale, popular campaign to respond to the current crisis by promoting more electoral democracy in our state is the office of Sec. of State, on the ballot in 2002. The Sec. of State is Californiation officer. Therefore this is a key place to raise and fight for the issues of instant runoff voting and proportional representation, as well as more accurate and easy to use computerized voting systems.

The Sec. also administers many provisions of the Political Reform Act of 1974, the main purpose of which is to assure full disclosure of campaign and lobbying activities. So a Green campaign for Sec. of State would also involve raising and fighting for real and enforceable campaign finance reform and much stricter controls, even a ban, on lobbying activities. Since the Sec. of State also charters corporations, this should logically also be a part of the campaign, we should stress the need to review corporate charters on a regular basis (say every 5 years), and promote the

need for a specific legal process to decharter corporations proved guilty of abuse of their public trust. Finally, our candidate could advocate for the re-enfranchisement of large numbers of poor people and minorities denied the right to vote due to their being caught up in the class and racial bias of the present criminal injustice system.

Treasurer: (Phil Angeledis D, incumbent against ???)

Mike Wyman reports: No to running a Green in this race. Phil Angelides, the incumbent democrat, is a super Treasurer and a leader in the fight for socially responsible investing for the state of California. He is as green as you can get without quitting the Democrats entirely. He will probably face a well-funded Republican campaign against him, and if he is re-elected it will probably be by the slimmest of margins. Accordingly, running a green against him raises some serious concerns. There are times to be spoilers, and times to support other progressives. This is one of those times.

Controller: (Kathleen Connell, D incumbent)

Mike W reports: Kathleen O'Conner, the incumbent Controller, has been leading the fight for socially irresponsible investment and has fought Angelides every step of the way. Peter Camejo has indicated he may run for this seat. No confirmation yet.

Insurance Commissioner: (Tren ?? replaced Chuck Quackenbush, R)

This seat is vulnerable since the Chuck Quackenbush scandal. Rumor has it Harvey Rosenfeld of Prop 103 fame (currently in the news with PG & E protests) may turn Green and run. No confirmation yet. No report from sub committee either.

Superintendent of Public Instruction: (Delane Easton D, inc.) No report.

Board of Equalization (4 districts): Greg Jan report:

Generally speaking, the Board of Equalization (BOE) is just about the most obscure partisan office that exists in California. Finding Greens to run for the BOE is certainly not a priority, given the obscure nature of the office. However, if we happen to have one or more very active statewide candidates who will happen to be addressing taxation issues, then BOE candidates could be a nice complement to our statewide candidate(s). Only one green has ever run: Glenn Bailey, from Los Angeles -- he received about 4% of the vote back in 1998.

#### **Local Races:**

Assembly/State Senate/Congress:

Congress/ Assembly District 1 (Mendocino, Humbolt): Dan Hamburg reporting: I think the Assembly race is the most winnable in the state, especially given that there will be no incumbent running. It 's a district that could actually split three ways if the Republicans put up a serious candidate (which I think they would if the Greens ran a serious candidate).

I doubt that Mike Thompson (CD 1) is beatable but I think we could put a scare into him and give lots of people-- perhaps as many as 20%--an opportunity to vote for someone they support. Dan indicated he might run for this seat...

#### **Municipal races:**

Chico: planning on running Green for every office both municipal (Treasurer-Tax Collector, Auditor, County Supervisor, Sheriff-Coroner, County Auditor, District Attorney, City Council) and AD, SD, CD.

San Diego area: Robert Nanninga for Encinitas City Council in 2002

## **GROW (Grass Roots Organizing Working Group) Report and Agenda:**

- I. Report Overview
- II. Meeting Agenda
- III. 2001 Budget
- IV. Local Organizing Needs and Plans Survey
- V. Outlines of GPCA Owners' Manual and Green Organizers' Handbook

### **I. Report Overview**

The mission of the Grass Roots Organizing Working Group is to facilitate coordination and communication between local organizers and groups, and to provide resources for collaboration, skill sharing, and training to promote the strategic growth and diversity of the Green Party of California.

To that end, we are working on several projects:

- 1) Sending out a GROW Local Organizing Needs and Plans Survey.
- 2) Making an updated version of the Green Party Owners' Manual available, and a new Green Organizers' Handbook.
- 3) Setting up workshops for skills development.

We hope to have as much feedback as possible for the GROW survey, so please be sure to take a moment BEFORE coming to the plenary to fill it out with your input. If possible, please submit it in advance to Dave Shorey <dshorey@jps.net> by email. We would like to present the results of the survey at the end of the plenary, so your participation is crucial.

Finally, our GROW Group website is at <http://www.greens.org/cal-grow/> - we hope it is a useful resource for organizers.

Many thanks,

Beth Moore Haines and Faramarz Nabavi  
GPCA GROW Co-Coordinators  
Dave Shorey  
GPCA GROW Secretary

### **II. Meeting Agenda**

- 1. GROW Local Organizing Needs and Plans Survey
- 2. Need for new GROW co-coordinator
- 3. GROW budget
- 4. Green Party Owners' Manual
- 5. Green Organizers' Handbook
- 5. GROW webpage
- 6. Media
- 7. GPCA growth plans
- 8. GROW phone conferences
- 9. GROW workshops

### **III. 2001 Budget**

- 1. 20 GP Owner's Manual (GPOM) binders, with copies, at +/- \$6 each- 120.00
- 2. 20 GPOM floppy discs to distribute, at +/- \$1 each- 20.00
- 3. 20 GPOM writeable CD's at +/- \$1 each- 20.00
- 4. Postage to send any of the above to new counties-100.00
- 5. GROW/CC rep gas expenses for travel to new counties: (up to) 100 miles/mo. x .33/mi x 12 months = \$396 x 2

- (one stipend each to fund No Cal/So Cal)- 792.00  
 6. Video workshop production/purchase/copying/distr.- 248.00  
 7. Phone conference call costs- 200.00  
 8. Materials for organizing workshops - 200.00

2001 GROW Estimated Budget Total=1700.00

#### **IV. Local Organizing Needs and Plans Survey**

\*\*\*PLEASE HAVE YOUR RESPONSES READY UPON ARRIVAL AT THE APRIL 2001 PLENARY IN SACRAMENTO SO WE CAN PRESENT THE RESULTS FOR DISCUSSION\*\*\*

(Or email your responses in advance to dshorey@jps.net, or mail to Beth at PO Box 2235 Nevada City, CA 95959)

NAME:  
 COUNTY:  
 LOCAL:

##### A. Needs Section

1. What are 5 items you feel are essential to organizing a new local?
  
2. What information did you discover/create that would have made it easier to organize your local?
  
3. What have been some of the obstacles to increasing both voter registration and the number of active participants in your area? Please explain.
  
4. Which types of how-to workshops would you be most interested in, rating from 1 (highest) to 10 (lowest)?
  - a) Tabling/voter registration
  - b) Printed materials development
  - c) Coalition-building with other groups and communities
  - d) Database/communications management
  - e) Meeting process and consensus
  - f) Fundraising
  - g) Green activities (plant trees, education, protests)
  - h) Managing volunteers
  - i) Setting up new locals
  - j) Other(s) - please specify:
  
5. What types of materials or information would like to be able to obtain from GPCA or GROW?
  - a) GPCA Owner's Manual
  - b) Videotapes of GROW workshops
  - c) General literature and GPCA platforms
  - d) GPCA press releases and announcements
  - e) Green promotional items e.g., buttons, bumperstickers, shirts, caps, hats, etc.
  - f) Other(s) - please specify:

6. Any other items that would be nice for new or existing locals to have?

## B. Plans Section

1. Name 6 local annual events (fairs, festivals, concerts) where GP tabling might be appropriate.
2. Name at least one potential or existing "tabling coordinator" for your local/county GP.
3. What is your current total voter registration? Green voter registration? GP Percentage of total?
4. What is a realistic goal for a one-year increase in your local GP percentage?
5. How many new Greens per day/week/month are needed to reach your goal?
6. How many new Greens per event would you need to reach your goal?
7. How many extra days per month/year of tabling would make your goal possible?
8. Which types of feedback/communication with GPCA and other GP locals/counties would be useful? How frequently?

## V. Outlines of GPCA Owners' Manual and Green Organizers' Handbook

### A. GPCA Owners' Manual

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Acknowledgments, copyright, ordering info

#### 2. TEN KEY VALUES & PLATFORM

Original Ten key Values (question form)

Revised Ten Key Values

Platform Summary

Party Goals and strategies

#### 3. HISTORY & ELECTORAL RESULTS

Brief history - Europe, US, California origins

General info - GPCA

Election results, officeholders

#### 4. CONTACT LISTS & INTERNET

Coordinating Committee & Working Groups

County Contacts

Websites, online access, etc.

#### 5. STRUCTURE & BYLAWS

State Party structure, county councils

Registration by county, delegate allocation

State bylaws

#### 6. CONSENSUS

Intro, differences from majority rule, prerequisites

How Consensus works

Green Party Consensus process - step by step

#### 7. FACILITATION

Facilitation guidelines

Other process tools

#### 8. MEETINGS & PROPOSALS

Proposals: placement on agenda

Suggestions for passing a proposal

## Consent Calendar

### 9. Bibliographies, handouts, misc. other stuff

#### B. Green Organizers' Handbook

##### 1. Long-term development

- a. strategic planning
- b. meetings
- c. events
- d. websites
- e. database management
- f. issue-based organizing
- g. direct action
- h. materials development
- i. materials procurement

##### 2. Political campaigns

- a. preparing local candidates
- b. preparing local initiatives
- c. volunteer recruitment and management
- d. house parties
- e. other fundraising
- f. coalition work
- g. media

##### 3. Get Out The Vote (GOTV)

- a. tabling
- b. phone banks
- c. precinct walking
- d. mailings
- e. email
- f. posters and signs

### ***Electoral Reform Working Group***

Continued work on the proposal for the proposal on creating a Green Party section of the state elections code, with the goal of presenting the proposal at the September plenary and introducing the bill in Jan 2002.

Created an IRV listserv for Greens interested in networking on IRV possibilities. To subscribe, send an email to [gpcv-irv-request@greens.org](mailto:gpcv-irv-request@greens.org) with the word, subscribe, in the body of the message. You can also subscribe to the WG listserv by sending a similar note to [gpcv-erwg-request@greens.org](mailto:gpcv-erwg-request@greens.org)

The agenda of the Electoral Reform WG meeting will be:

1. March 2002 county council elections
2. Preparation of proposal on Green Party elections code bill
3. IRV strategizing (possibly separate meeting held at same time based on numbers present)

## ***Platform WG Report and Agenda***

1. Questions and answers about what's happened with the platform update so far.
2. Continued discussion, re: what the 2002 platform should be.
3. Work commitments from those in attendance.

See discussion items for General Assembly schedule on page 4.

## ***Clearinghouse Standing Committee (CSC) Report Feb 2000 to Feb 2001***

The CSC is the communications and materials distribution center for the GPCA. During the past year we responded and achieved the following:

- Received and answered 992 phone calls and notified caller's local
- Wrote 199 letters and notified writer's local
- Wrote and sent 35 IRV Brochures with letters and notified contributor's local
- Routed 43 contributor names to their locals
- Responded to hundreds of email messages
- Updated our website
- Set up online contribution
- Created election results tracker
- Created media database
- Listed all CA green websites in search engines
- Updated state wide contact list
- Created an Information Technology sub-committee

Shipped the following to locals and contributors:

- 150,000 Tri-fold Brochures
- 200,000 Door Hangers
- 100 Tote Bags
- 8000 Platform Summary Booklets
- 25 Project 2000 orders
- 2400 bumper stickers
- 3200 buttons

## **AGENDA**

IT Group - Rick Aguirre

Contact Group - Ginny Case

Materials Group - Vangee Oberschlake/Jo Chamberlain

Communications Group - Jim Stauffer/Peter Stoddard/Jo Chamberlain

Website - Kendra Markle/Cameron Spitzer

Offices/Staff - Mike Feinstein/Jo Chamberlain

## ***Proposed Bylaw Committee Agenda***

### 1. Review of current bylaw proposals

The GA will have considered the current proposals.

Is there anything else we need to do?

Floor amendments, clarifying language.

### 2. Voting Threshold, General Assembly discussion/poll proposal

This has been postponed several times now.

What do we need to do to get this moving?

### 3. Bylaws clean-up

Review the current suggestions.

### 4. Committee workplan

### 5. Committee Co-Coordinator election

## ***Proposed Agenda For Finance Committee Breakout Session***

### A. Direct Mail Discussion

1. What is the new "Joint County/State Mailer" model?

2. How successful has it been?

3. How may our county participate?

### B. "Peace Chest Campaign"

1. How do we raise money for campaigns and candidates in 2002?

2. How do we build up a "Peace Chest" large enough to provide real help for our candidates and campaigns?

3. How do we decide how the money is spent if we raise it?

### C. Future Seminars

1. What financial and fundraising skills are going to be needed in the coming election cycle?

2. How do we increase the general level of skills needed for local parties, and both local and statewide campaigns?

### D. Other Business

# Appendix A: Treasurers' Stuff

## ***State Dues Policy***

Dear Delegates,

In January of 1999, the GPCA plenary decided to assess dues from each chapter in order to help the state defray its costs of operations.

The amount of dues to be paid was set at 10% net of the expenses of fundraising, or \$5 per month, whichever was greater.

Since that time, many questions have arisen from delegates and new chapters about the dues policy and what it entails.

What follows is a series of questions and answers designed to address the issues raised most often.

Mike Wyman  
Treasurer, GPCA

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Q:** Do we have to pay dues?

**A:** Our dues structure is essentially a form of voluntary taxation. No one can enforce the dues regulation against chapters that, for whatever reason, are not paying. But if you approve of the job we're doing at the state level, and you're not flat broke, why not make your approval known with a check? It enables us to keep doing the job we're doing, and it's a great way to encourage us to greater and greater efforts.

**Q:** Does the state really need these dues?

**A:** Yes. Though we are well on our way to the blessed day when the state party can operate comfortably without a dues structure, we are not yet financially self-sustaining. When we are, we can and will revisit the dues policy.

**Q:** Where does the money go?

**A:** The bulk of our work at the state level is in support of the locals. We provide coordination and communication, maintain the clearinghouse, maintain the website, plan and execute statewide meetings, and provide the fruits of our labors to locals, including lists of contributors and volunteers. During election years we provide party materials, like doorhangers, and run advertisements promoting candidates, when possible.

**Q:** How do we calculate dues?

Minimum dues are calculated at the rate of \$5 per month, or \$60 per year.

If a chapter raises more than \$50 in a month, or more than \$150 in a quarter, or more than \$600 in a year (net of fundraising expenses), its assessment is 10% the amount of money raised.

**Example:** If a fundraising mailer costs \$1000 and takes in \$2000, your dues to the state would be \$2000 minus \$1000 times 10%, or \$100. You would not calculate from the \$2000 amount, which is the gross. (This prevents dues from being assessed against a chapter which spends \$1000 on a fundraiser but only raises \$500. If the chapter loses money on a fundraiser, it pays no dues.)

**Q:** What if we have a fundraiser for a federal candidate?

Money raised for a federal candidate should not be included in any dues assessment. However, if you hold a fundraiser that raises money for a federal candidate or campaign, as well as for your local, the money raised for the local should be included in your dues calculation.

**Q:** How do we calculate expenses in a joint Federal/State fundraiser?

If half of the money you raise goes to the local, then subtract half of the expenses from the money raised for the local. Do not subtract the entire expenses of a joint Federal/State fundraiser from the revenue your local receives when making your dues calculation. This would be regarded as a contribution in kind to the Federal candidates from the state party, and would have to be reported to the Federal Elections Commission by both the local and the state parties.

To save ourselves the added complication, calculate expenses in proportion to the percentage of the "take" which goes to the local.

Q: How do we report dues payments to the FPPC?

A: They are reported as expenditures/contributions to the State Party. You will need our FPPC number when you report them. Our FPPC number is 921-909.

\*\*\*Note: Please send your own FPPC number along to the state treasurer as soon as you receive one. We will need it for reporting your dues/contribution.\*\*\*

THANKS in advance for your dues payment. It makes all the difference in the work we are doing at the state level.

Any other questions, feel free to address to:

Michael S. Wyman, GPCA treasurer, in care of mswyman@home.com

**Dues Report Form**

**MONTHLY DUES REPORT AND CALCULATION FORM**

Month(s) \_\_\_\_\_ 2001

County or local: \_\_\_\_\_

FPPC Number (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer Or Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Money raised in Months Covered      \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Multiply by 10 %                              \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Number of Months Covered              \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- D. \$5 times number of covered months    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please remit B or D, whichever is greater.

Make your check out to the Green Party of California and send it to:

Green Party of California  
PO Box 2828  
Sacramento, CA  
95812

[GPCA FPPC #: 921-909]

## **STATE INSURANCE POLICY**

### INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

The state Green Party has taken out an insurance policy which can be used by locals to cover local events as well.

The policy is with First Financial Insurance. (Policy No. F0181Q513018) The policy is a liability only policy. It does not provide coverage for damages to property, nor does it cover the sale of alcohol at an event. The coverage is \$1,000,000 per event and \$2,000,000 statewide.

Coverage is available to any local in exchange for a small, annual donation. (See donation schedule below) Once the donation has been made, the contracting local must fill out and submit an event form FOR EACH EVENT they wish covered. (A copy of the event form has been included in this package.)

Your check should be made out to the Green Party of California and sent to:

PO Box 2828, Sacramento, CA, 95812.

The completed event form should be mailed or faxed to:

Mike Wise Insurance  
25 Bellam Blvd. Suite 250  
San Anselmo, CA, 94901  
phone: 415-258-9912  
fax: 415-457-1021  
wiseins@concentric.net

Our agent, Mike Wise, will mail or fax a proof of insurance to you upon receipt of your completed form.

### DONATION SCHEDULE

\$150 chapters:

Alameda, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz

\$100 chapters:

Contra Costa, Marin, Sacramento, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Ventura

\$50 Chapters:

All other chapters.

INSURED \_\_\_\_\_  
EFFECTIVE DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PRODUCER CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE CODE \_\_\_\_\_

### SPECIAL EVENTS APPLICATION

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|                      |      | <input type="checkbox"/> PARTNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> JOINT VENTURE  |          |
| STREET ADDRESS       | CITY | STATE  | ZIP CODE |

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| 2. ADDRESS OF EVENT         |
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| 5. DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EVENT (ATTACH ADVERTISING, BROCHURE, ETC., IF ANY) |
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| 6. EVENT WILL BE HELD: <input type="checkbox"/> INDOORS <input type="checkbox"/> OUTDOORS                      | 8. CROWD CONTROL TYPE:   | NUMBER: |
| 7. SEATING WILL BE:<br><input type="checkbox"/> RESERVED SEATING<br><input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL ADMISSION | <input type="checkbox"/> USHERS  | _____   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE SECURITY<br>ARMED <input type="checkbox"/> UNARMED <input type="checkbox"/> | _____   |
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| 9. APPLICANT'S EXPERIENCE IN CONDUCTING EVENTS OF THIS OR SIMILAR NATURE (NUMBER, DATES, ETC.) |
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| 10. ANY CELEBRITIES TO BE PRESENT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO | IF YES, PROVIDE NAME(S) |
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**SPECIAL NOTE:**  
**THIS FORM IS NOT AN INSURANCE POLICY OR AN INSURANCE CONTRACT**  
Your agreement to these terms DOES NOT create an insurance contract or an insurance agreement. These terms MUST BE accepted by the insurance company before there is any insurance contract or insurance coverage.



## Appendix B: Delegate Allocation

### *Delegates To The April 2001 State General Assembly*

| Active Counties | # Greens     | %Greens in Active Counties | Initial Count (1) | Correction (2) | # Delegates |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Alameda         | 13,077       | 9.66                       | 9                 |                | 9           |
| Butte           | 1,953        | 1.44                       | 2                 | -1             | 1           |
| Calaveras       | 217          | 0.16                       | 1                 |                | 1           |
| Contra Costa    | 4,002        | 2.96                       | 3                 |                | 3           |
| Del Norte       | 99           | 0.07                       | 1                 |                | 1           |
| El Dorado       | 927          | 0.68                       | 1                 |                | 1           |
| Fresno          | 1,266        | 0.94                       | 1                 |                | 1           |
| Humboldt        | 5,259        | 3.88                       | 4                 |                | 4           |
| Imperial        | 95           | 0.07                       | 1                 |                | 1           |
| Lake            | 377          | 0.28                       | 1                 |                | 1           |
| Los Angeles     | 24,014       | 17.74                      | 17                |                | 17          |
| Marin           | 4,046        | 2.99                       | 3                 |                | 3           |
| Mendocino       | 2,499        | 1.85                       | 2                 |                | 2           |
| Merced          | 225          | 0.17                       | 1                 |                | 1           |
| Monterey        | 1,523        | 1.12                       | 2                 | -1             | 1           |
| Napa            | 754          | 0.56                       | 1                 |                | 1           |
| Nevada          | 1,643        | 1.21                       | 2                 | -1             | 1           |
| Orange          | 5,552        | 4.10                       | 5                 | -1             | 4           |
| Placer          | 1,082        | 0.80                       | 1                 |                | 1           |
| Riverside       | 1,940        | 1.43                       | 2                 | -1             | 1           |
| Sacramento      | 5,046        | 3.73                       | 4                 |                | 4           |
| San Bernardino  | 2,292        | 1.69                       | 2                 |                | 2           |
| San Diego       | 8,812        | 6.51                       | 6                 | -1             | 5           |
| San Francisco   | 13,216       | 9.76                       | 9                 |                | 9           |
| San Joaquin     | 675          | .50                        | 1                 |                | 1           |
| San Luis Obispo | 2,170        | 1.60                       | 2                 | -1             | 1           |
| San Mateo       | 3,409        | 2.52                       | 3                 | -1             | 2           |
| Santa Barbara   | 3,765        | 2.78                       | 3                 |                | 3           |
| Santa Clara     | 6,039        | 4.46                       | 5                 | -1             | 4           |
| Santa Cruz      | 6,780        | 5.01                       | 5                 | -1             | 4           |
| Solano          | 966          | 0.71                       | 1                 |                | 1           |
| Sonoma          | 6,412        | 4.74                       | 5                 |                | 5           |
| Stanislaus      | 565          | 0.42                       | 1                 |                | 1           |
| Ventura         | 2,951        | 2.18                       | 3                 | -1             | 2           |
| Yolo            | <u>1,736</u> | <u>1.28</u>                | <u>2</u>          | <u>-1</u>      | <u>1</u>    |
| TOTAL: 35       | 135,384      | 100.00                     | 112               |                | 100         |

The above count is based on the registration report from the CA Secretary of State's office, as of October 10, 2000 (latest figures available from the Secretary of State's office as of 3-19-01).

Total Green Registrants: 138,734 (active plus inactive counties)

Any county becoming active before the meeting will be entitled to one delegate.

Delegate selection formula is in the Bylaws of the CA Green Party, Section 4-2.2, a)-f).

1) From Section c)...the total number of Green registrants in the active counties shall be added together. Each active county with 4.99% or less of the total shall be assigned one delegate, plus one additional delegate for each whole percentage number of the total achieved. Active counties with more than 4.99% shall be assigned a delegate for each whole percentage number of the total achieved.

2) From Section e) If after (c) above, more than 100 delegates have been assigned, then one delegate shall be removed from each county with more than one delegate, beginning with the county with the lowest fractional percentage, then the next lowest, and so on until only 100 delegates remain.



## **Appendix C: CC Job Descriptions**

### ***At large Representative Green Party of California Coordinating Committee***

#### ***Job Description***

The duties of the Green Party Of California - Coordinating Committee (GPCA-CC) At-Large Representatives include:

All activities to do with maintaining a pro-active role as a voting member of the GPCA-CC, not limited to and including GPCA bylaws Art.7 Sec.1.3.

1. Specific duties:

At-large GPCA-CC positions supplement the tasks of the CC beyond those required of regional representatives. Those tasks of brief, intense or sustained work periods, such as: agenda committee, database updates, maintenance of rosters, ad-hoc committees, etc. At-large rep. should be prepared to assist CC/SC/WG co-coordinators as needed.

2. At-large CC positions supplement regional rep. positions as needed. To assist, or take a leading role of a regional representative as absences, emergencies, and work-loads dictate.
3. Provide pro-active guidance and assistance to ad-hoc committees, SCs and WGs and locals whose organization is in need of support, restructuring or is malfunctioning.
4. Attend all GPCA-CC meetings, teleconferences, voting sessions, and GPCA General Assemblies. Inform co-coordinators of impending absences or scheduling changes in a timely manner, so that any necessary adjustments may be made promptly
5. Be attentive to, and participate if necessary, in the GPCA-CC listserv at a minimum of twice a week. Those participating without online capabilities will require additional communication effort (shared computer, library computer, telephone).
6. Inform the GPAC-CC co-coordinators when communication is interrupted, e.g. computer failure, vacation, resignation, so that any necessary adjustments may be made promptly.
7. Maintain a working knowledge of the GPCA bylaws and platform, and perform Coordinating Committee duties accordingly.
8. Encourage personal responsibility, and cultivate truly interested greens, by actively recruiting and training GP members who indicate interest in future GPCA-CC regional rep or at-large rep, standing committee or working group positions.

**Regional Representative  
Green Party of California Coordinating Committee**

**Job Description**

The duties of Green Party Of California - Coordinating Committee (GPCA-CC) Regional Representatives include:

- All activities to do with the facilitation and maintenance of active status (GPCA bylaws Article 4), of the counties in the region.
- All activities to do with maintaining a pro-active role as a voting member of the GPCA-CC, not limited to and including GPCA bylaws Art.7 Sec.1.3.

Specific duties:

1. Activate periodic regional meetings, and/or regional caucus at GPCA General Assemblies.
2. Solicit the organization of inactive counties, and provide pro-active guidance and assistance to counties seeking active status.
3. Provide pro-active guidance and assistance to counties whose county organization is in need of support, restructuring or is malfunctioning.
4. Attend all GPCA-CC meetings, teleconferences, voting sessions, and GPCA General Assmeblies. Also to maintain participation in GPCA-CC tasks and committee work. Appoint a standing alternate to attend/vote in case of an unavoidable absence. It is preferable that the alternate is an ongoing position (GPCA bylaws Art.7 Sec.1.5), and will assist in the regional reps. duties.
5. Be attentive to, and participate in if necessary, the GPCA-CC listserv at a minimum of twice a week. Those participating without online capabilities will require additional communication effort (shared computer, library computer, telephone).
6. Insure the flow of information between the GPCA and counties.
7. Help maintain GPCA databases regarding both active and inactive counties, e.g. county contacts, bylaws, county councils, etc.
8. Inform the GPAC-CC co-coordinators when communication is interrupted, e.g. computer failure, vacation, resignation, so that any adjustments necessary can be made.
9. Maintain a working knowledge of the GPCA bylaws and platform, and perform Coordinating Committee duties accordingly.
10. Encourage personal responsibility by actively recruiting and training GP members who indicate interest in future regional rep or at-large GPCA-CC positions.

## Appendix D: Restructuring Proposal

Submitted by the ad hoc Restructuring Working Group, April 2000 General Assembly.

### ***Background/Process:***

For many years, concerns have been expressed about the performance of our statewide working groups - inconsistent and shifting membership/participation/leadership/institutional memory, leading to little continuity from state meeting to state meeting and inefficient, underachieving work overall.

In September, 1998 the Coordinating Committee (CC) began a discussion about addressing this issue, along with the need for better long-term scheduling on the state level. In February, 1999 the CC appointed a 'Future Focus' group within the CC (Nancy Broyles, Linda Martin, Mike Feinstein), to make recommendations about a process. After trying unsuccessfully to get membership with full regional representation, an ad hoc Restructuring Working Group became established with the following members: Linda Martin (San Diego), Mike Feinstein (Santa Monica), Lisa Rizer (Emerald Region), Jim Guthrie (San Luis Obispo), Nanette Pradini (Riverside) and Lucy Colvin (San Francisco) who chairs/coordinates the ad hoc RWG.

In formulating the following proposals, the Restructuring Working Group has taken into consideration the dialogue and results of the prior effort to restructure the GPCA in 1992/1993; the Goals and Strategies Work Plan passed at the San Diego Plenary 1996; the brainstorming session from Orange County Gathering Spring 1999; the Santa Barbara plenary RWG informal written poll of goals and priorities; numerous input we have received from Green Party locals and individual members and a RWG presentation to the November State Coordinating Committee Retreat. There was overwhelming input concerning the need to streamline the Green Party of California's structure to enable our efforts to be less dispersed and more focused on the goals and priorities of the GPCA and to find structural ways to make Working Groups, Standing Committees, the State Coordinating Committee and the Plenary Body more accountable to its goals, strategies and work plans.

The acute need for restructuring can be seen in the poor performance of Project 2000. In September 1997, the GPCA state Plenary agreed to make Project 2000 its primary focus, authorizing it to hire staff and raise funds through direct mail solicitations. Now, more than two years later, this critical initiative has collapsed due to a lack of funds, inadequate support and supervision by the CC, and little support from the membership. Without a consistent ongoing efficient program of voter registration, outreach and fund-raising, the GPCA could soon find itself wiped off the ballot just like the Peace and Freedom Party. The demise of Project 2000 presses us to urgently consider significant restructuring efforts that will help us focus our energies on the GPCA's consensed goals and programs.

This Restructuring Proposal addresses the very identity of the GPCA. Currently, we look very much like a band of individually honorable and important efforts that don't work well in concert: well-intentioned endeavors that stray far afield from the GPCA's goals and priorities. The Restructuring Proposal is aimed at helping us push the Green agenda and be an effective political party through disciplined focus on consensual priorities.

What this proposal recommends is that we agree that the GPCA is first and foremost a political party. That is our unique contribution to the Greening of the country and the planet. We spread the Green message best when we are tabling and registering Green voters at street fairs and on street corners; when we are running credible articulate platform-based candidates who engage the public and the media with the green perspective on the issues of our times; and when we are pushing the envelope on electoral reform, endeavoring to open up our political system to achieve grassroots democracy and a Greener world.

### ***Proposal Body:***

The current "Standing Committees" (aka, Working Groups) structure will be changed as follows:

**STANDING COMMITTEES:** 5 Standing Committees whose members will be appointed by the State Coordinating Committee. The Co-Coordinator will be one State CC member and one other member of said Standing Committee. At the Spring 1999 Orange County Gathering there was a lot of agreement amongst participants that it would be helpful to separate the requirements of committees that deal with internal Party business from those that are more externally focused. These Standing Committees deal with the internal matters of the party. They will be small (5 to 7 members) and not open to new members at plenary sessions. Appointments will be made based on county input and Green Party individual members desire to serve. The main criteria is that the person has attended State Plenaries

for at least a year and has knowledge of the California State Green Party by-laws and operating procedures.

Appointments will be made yearly by a nominating subcommittee of the CC. Nomination suggestions will be formally requested from the locals by providing them with the mission statement for each committee, the previous years' work plan and the "bio" form that will be filled out by any potential nominee. The committee then will review and submit the nominations to the CC who make the selections. A commitment of a 2 year term will be requested and members can serve more than one term. New membership will be staggered to ensure Standing Committee continuity.

Standing Committees submit proposals they desire to be considered by the GPCA General Assembly to the Plenary Agenda Committee. The Agenda Committee will consider and prioritize proposals based on GPCA's Goals and Priorities.

Bylaws: Purpose: To be the official conduit for changes to the GPCA Bylaws for the plenary body to vote on. To formulate and prepare and to work in conjunction with other SCs and WGs to formulate and prepare any Bylaw changes to the GPCA Bylaws to be voted on by the plenary body so that any changes are in concordance with the languaging and the content of the GPCA Bylaws; to provide the official interpretation of the Bylaws for the GPCA; and to provide the official delegate count for each plenary to be sent with the plenary packet.

Finance: Purpose: To work with the GPCA treasurer to oversee the financial operations of the GPCA as the yearly GPCA Goals and Strategies plan defines them to be. This includes working with the treasurer to: collect county dues to the GPCA and any other monies allocated to the GPCA; ensure the allocating and disbursing of funds to WGs, SCs, and the CC per their yearly workplans; provide quarterly financial reports to the CC; provide an annual budget report to the plenary; to provide any official reporting required by the State of California; and to be the official conduit for fundraising done by and for the GPCA.

Platform: Purpose: Responsible to keep the official platform for the GPCA and ensure that copies are available for distribution; To identify issues not in the platform and to suggest and formulate platform planks with substantial input from appropriate experts in the field; to provide the final language for any additions and changes to the platform that will be submitted to the plenary; advise the CC and the Media Spokespersons on taking positions on any issue or initiative relative to the state platform.

International Protocol: Purpose: To network with and handle the administration and hosting of international Greens.

Clearinghouse: Purpose: Responsible for archiving all GPCA documents, maintaining database, website, returning communications received by phone, email, and postal mail. In addition to appointed members and CC Co-coordinator, membership on this committee would include the Liaison to Secretary of State. Appointed members would include a web master.

**WORKING GROUPS:** 4 Working Groups whose membership will be open to any Green Party member interested in working to develop the California State Green Party in each particular area. To be an active decision making member of each Working Group a Green Party member must have attended one previous Working Group session as stated in the current by-laws. Each Working Group will have a liaison from the State CC. Working Group Co- Coordinators will be chosen from the active Working Group members.

Working Groups submit proposals they desire to be considered by the GPCA General Assembly to the Plenary Agenda Committee. The Agenda Committee will consider and prioritize proposals based on GPCA's Goals and Priorities.

Voter Registration & Outreach/Organizing Locals: Purpose: To facilitate coordination of locals into statewide efforts to register Green Party voters and do public outreach through tabling; provide training for county locals in tabling; to be a resource for organization of locals; maintain and develop key literature piece for tabling efforts; maintain list of registered Green Party voters statewide; publish a statewide GPCA newsletter; engage in direct mailings statewide to Green Party membership for purposes of fundraising and membership outreach.

Campaigns and Candidates: Purpose: To educate Green Party members about our electoral strategy with an emphasis on local initiatives that open up the system and local candidates who can win; to identify key political campaigns in which Green Party activists can play a pivotal role; to educate Greens about the importance of running credible candidates in strategically chosen races and avoiding poor candidates and unconstructive races; where appropriate, to identify registered Greens who would make credible candidates; to promote regional strategies for winning cam-

paigns so that Greens avoid spreading resources too thinly; to train Green Party activists in methods of waging political campaigns either for candidates or for issues; and to raise money for Green Party campaigns.

Electoral Reform: Purpose: to educate Green Party members, the public and the media about electoral reforms that will open up the political system, including Proportional Representation, Instant Runoff Voting, and public financing of elections; to identify strategies for enacting these reforms such as promoting the use of Proportional Representation for County Council elections; to encourage Greens to initiate or support successful local campaigns for electoral reform; and to advise GPCA of internal party voting mechanisms and electoral policy

Green Issues: Purpose: To identify current issues and events for which the GPCA or its platform has no position; to sponsor debate of issues that may impact the platform; to sponsor resolutions on current issues to be passed by the GPCA plenary body; when appropriate, to interface with the Platform Standing Committee and with candidates whom are running for office as Green Party members; and where appropriate, to build coalitions with other organizations.

The State Coordinating Committee will remain an elected body with regional and open seats as stated in the GPCA by-laws. The GPCA will have Co-coordinators, meet monthly for teleconference as long as finances permit and post the GPCA CC minutes on-line for all working groups and Green Party members to have access to.

CAUCUSES: Prime time needs to be devoted for Caucuses during the plenary. Youth, Women, and Men's Caucuses can work with appropriate WG/SC to develop proposals. Proposals for the General Assembly can not be directly submitted by Caucuses to the Plenary Agenda Committee.

Goals and Strategies: The Working Group previously known as Goals and Strategies will become a function of the State Coordinating Committee. The purpose of the Goals and Strategies function is to articulate the priorities and goals of the GPCA; formulate sensible focused strategies to achieve the goals and priorities that realistically utilize and reflect GPCA resources; and to make sure that the GPCA provides the structure for adequate follow through to achieve these goals and strategies. The CC will use the following process to formulate goals and strategies. The CC will establish a two year "strategic plan" using input from a "brain storming" plenary session and draft work plans (see below) from the Working Groups. This will be formally presented and affirmed at the subsequent state plenary. The two year work plan will be reviewed and refocused by the CC and presented to the plenary each year. Included as part of the strategic plan, the CC will develop a two-year schedule, including potential agenda items, for the General Assemblies and Gatherings, with input from each WG work plan. The schedule would be revised each year and flexibility would still remain on content, date and location of General Assemblies and Gatherings.

Ecology Working Group, Social Justice Working Group and the International Working Group: These working groups will now be consolidated under the Green Issues Working Group. The international networking aspect of the current International Working Group is now the International Protocol Standing Committee. The Green Issues Working Group will interface with the platform Standing Committee and with candidates whom are running for office as Green Party members when necessary. The rationale for combining these groups is simply the need to consolidate our resources and energy towards building a viable political party instead of dispersing ourselves across numerous issues that arise. The issues Working Group can help to determine those issues that should be prioritized by the Green Party of California towards this purpose.

Education and Media Working Group: The work of this Working Group will be subsumed under the work of the three California State Green Party Spokespersons. The WG will remain dormant until there are the resources and leadership to make it a viable Working Group.

Proposed Policy pertaining to Both Standing Committees and Working Groups:

Each Working Group (WG) and Standing Committee (SC) Co-Coordinator will compile a physical notebook, containing each WG/SC Statement of Purpose, information about that WG/SC membership, meeting minutes from all WG/SC meetings, and other important documents of that WG/SC. Have this notebook at every state meeting. The RWG will provide notebooks and dividers for each WG/SC.

Each Working Group and Standing Committee Co-Coordinator will file meeting agendas and minutes with the Coordinating Committee Secretary and post the minutes to the Working Group internet list in a timely fashion.

Each WG/SC will prepare a yearly work plan to go along with any budget submissions. The work plan will identify

what the goals are of the WG/SC for that year, and what, if any proposals it would want to bring forward for a vote of the General Assembly, and when. The goals of the work plan should be congruent with the WG/SC Statement of Purpose and the Goals and Strategies of the GPCA.

All WG/SC will prepare their agendas in advance for state meetings, including the assigning of time for items, and have this printed in the agenda pack. The content of the agenda items would arise from the work plans. Specific time would still be reserved for party members seeking to raise new agenda items. This advance planning would help the meetings run better, as people will know what to expect and can prepare, and time won't be wasted the way it is now in setting the agenda on-site. With the amount of time needed becoming more clear, this will also give the CC more flexibility in setting overall agenda times, as some WG may have different needs, rather than the 'one time fits all' that we currently have.

In addition to meeting face-to-face at state meetings, each WG/SC shall meet and hold at least one annual, regularly-scheduled phone conference for its active members.

If the coordinators or co-coordinators of a WG/SC are not going to be able to attend a plenary or a gathering where their group is meeting they need to designate an Acting Coordinator to stand in for them at the meeting. They need to notify the CC and WG/SC via email about this.

To make the GPCA and its WG/SC and General Assemblies MORE VISIBLE and ACCESSIBLE It is proposed to establish an ad-hoc working group to update the Green Party Introductory/Organizational manual compiled by Daniel Solnit. There shall also be a web version of the manual. In addition to updating the current information in Solnit's manual, others have suggested an organizational chart and more graphics and charts.

PLENARY: Need to establish a formal plenary structure that reflects our goals and priorities and 2 year work plan. Instead of using the previous plenary as a blueprint it is imperative that each plenary start fresh, looking at the work and planning for it logically. We need to prioritize and try to think of ways to keep people around for the second day instead of cramming the important business all into the first day's agenda.

## Appendix E: Directions and Housing

### **Directions To The Secretary Of State Building**

1500 11th Street (at "O" Street)

#### **By Car:**

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| From the South: I-5 North Take the "Q" street exit Continue on "Q" Take a left on 10th street See Below for Parking Information                  | From the North: I-5 South Take the "Q" street exit Continue on "Q" Take a left on 10th street See Below for Parking Information                   |
| From the East: (Hwy. 50) 50 to Sacramento I-80 to San Francisco Take the 10th street exit Right on 10th street See Below for Parking Information | From the West: I-80 to Sacramento I-5 North Take the "Q" street exit Continue on "Q" Take a left on 10th street See Below for Parking Information |

You can use surface parking. Many garages close at 5:30 pm. Saturday and Sunday the surface parking lot for the building will be open all day and evening at "O" between 10th and 11th street.

Secretary of State and Golden State Museum (GSM) are next to each other. The museum is located at 1020 O Street.

#### **From The Airport:**

To arrange for a pick up at the airport please contact Ali Moezzi (916-985-2460) or email at moeali@yahoo.com. Please include your flight numbers (inbound and outbound) and date and time of your flights. A donation to the transportation fund will be greatly appreciated.

Take interstate 5 south Exit on the j street exit, and follow j to 9 th street,

Turn right on 9th,

Turn left on n street and turn right on 11th

The SoS building is one block down 11th.

#### **Greyhound Bus Terminal is at 715 L Street.**

Go 3 blocks south and 4 blocks east and you will be at the sos.

City bus lines 5, 6, & 38 stop right next to the SoS building.

#### **Light Rail Service**

Light Rail Service is on K Street and stops right in front of the sos at the archives plaza stop.

**By Transit:**

Get off at the Archives Plaza Regional Transit (RT) Lightrail Station. You're at "11th" & "O". Contact RT at 916-321-BUSS for specific directions from your location.

***Sacramento County Green Party office***

(Location for the Friday Evening Facilitation Training) is at 1010 J street.

***Housing and Hotels*****Home Stay**

To arrange a home stay please call or email Bill Noren (916)-485-5337 or preferably [wildbill@earthlink.net](mailto:wildbill@earthlink.net). Please call early or we might not be able to find you a host in time.

**Union Hotels**

Hotel Employees, and Restaurant Employees Local 49 Have contract with these businesses, and proudly recommends them.

CAPITOL PLAZA HOLIDAY INN, 300 J Street, Sacramento  
Full Service Hotel Phone# 446-0100

CLARION HOTEL, 700 16th street, Sacramento  
Full Service Hotel Phone# 444-8000

GLODEN TEE INN, 3216 Auburn Boulevard, Sacramento  
Full Service Hotel 482-7440, 972-1170, 483-1861

HILTON HOTEL SACRAMENTO, 2200 Harvard, Sacramento  
Full Service Hotel 922-4700

HOST AIRPORT HOTEL, Sacramento Airport, Sacramento  
Full Service Hotel 922-8071

RADISSON HOTEL SACRAMENTO, 500 Leisure Lane, Sacramento  
Full Service Hotel 922-2020

SUTTER HOUSE BEST WESTERN, 1100 H Street, Sacramento  
441-1314

## **Hotel, Motel, Hostel Options In Downtown Sacramento**

### **Cheapest**

American Youth Hostel 900 H St. 916-443-1691 \$15.00/night (member)  
\$18.00/night (non-member) Call early for reservations

### **Cheaper**

Acienda Motel 626 16th St. 916-441-5214 \$45-60 (advertises free @ G St Cable/HBO)

Desert Sand Inn 623 16th St. 916-4447530 up to \$65 (advertises a pool)@G St

Econo-Lodge 711 16th St 916-443-6631 \$59-89 (the \$89 is for @H St 2rms w/3 beds)

Continental b/f, HBO/Cable, Hairdryers, Shampoo, Some w/frig, AAA approved

Quality Inn 818 15th St. 800-228-5151 \$65-75 (free coffee, a pool) 916-444-3980 near Construction

Travel Lodge 1111 H St. 916-444-8880 \$79-single&double (Continental b/f)

Vagabond Inn 909 3rd St. 916-446-1481 \$76-88 @J St (Continental b/f) near old Sac.

### **More Expensive**

Best Western 1100 H St. 916-441-1314 \$105-115(Continental b/f)

Capital Park Inn 1530 N St. 916-443-5789 \$105-129@16th St

Clarion Hotel 700 16th St 916-444-8000 \$109-single&double

Holiday Inn 300 J St 916-446-0100 \$112-159 (kids eat free, 800-465-4329 AAA & AARPDiscounts)

Hyatt Regency 1209 L St 916-443-1234 \$150+ 800-233-1234

In terms of the proximity of the downtown hotels to the Secretary of State Building on 11th St and O St., most of the hotels, motels and the hostel are a good 10 blocks away, more for some, less for others. So many people will probably still need to drive/car-pool back and forth to the Plenary Meeting.

### **Very Cheap Diggs in West Sacramento**

Just not as close as downtown, so you'll need a car to get back and forth. There are four Best Value Inns on West Capital \$39/1bed & 45/2beds (all have HBO And some 3 bed units. Cable, pool,& more)

Old Town Inn 826 West Capital 916-371-6171

Economy Inn 1261 W Capital 916-371-6933

Continental Inn 1432 W Capital 916-371-3660

Siesta Inn 1731 W Capital 916-372-4195

Also, there is a toll-free number for lodging on West Capital: advertised as \$39 or less 1-800-372-rsvp or (916) 372-west

The lower the address on West Capital the closer it is to downtown. So Old Town Inn is closer than the others.

**COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
Green Party of California

Mar 24 2001

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| <u>LA Region</u>                                    |  |   | Out-date |
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# Post -Restructuring Standing Committee and Working Group Coordinators

Green Party of California

March 24, 2001

**Standing Committee Coordinators, plus 5-7 appointed/affirmed members listed (please confirm!)**

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**Green Party General Assembly  
San Diego, Dec 2000**

***Saturday Session Notes for 12/2/00***

**I Minutes of last general assembly**

Discussion: It is everybody's personal responsibility to review the URL of notes in preparation for statewide plenaries and come prepared.

Linda Howard was added as facilitator for one section

Notes CONSENSSED as amended.

**II Consent Calendar**

A Clearinghouse budget- CONSENSSED

B Coordinating Committee at-large seat- CONSENSSED

C Energy resolution- One concern raised- NOT CONSENSSED- went back to working group

**III Update on Restructuring Plan- Lucy Colvin**

The Plan was passed in Berkeley last April, and the current structure proposal was reviewed:

- Discussion:
- Coordinators of standing committees and working groups were introduced.
- Q. How do people get involved in standing committees?  
A. People can take part in all discussion as non-voting members of the committee.
- Q. re: adding more caucuses?  
A. There are no restrictions on establishing caucuses. Anyone can inform the body that they are forming a caucus and seek participation.
- By-laws do not yet reflect the restructuring. By-laws WG is working on this. Next general assembly will pass by-laws language.
- Medea wants to form a Diversity caucus, to help build diversity in the party.
- The youth caucus has no age limitations.

**IV Treasurer's report**

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Treasurer packets have been distributed to 21 county locals, giving info on the party budget, dues policy, state-wide ads, contact lists and other info.

Separate state and federal accounts have been set up to make reporting easier.

Report: Party doing OK- \$20,000 in account is enough for rent, some staff and mailings.

August mailing brought in \$24,000 on a cost of \$6000.

Donor lists will be made available to the locals.

Next mailer will be to 16,000.

Discussion:

- Q. re: insurance for GP events?  
A. State GP has an insurance policy that locals can pay \$50, 100 or 150 to join, depending on the size of the event.
- Q. Do FEC and FPPC have different questions to contend with?  
A. Questions mostly from us to them. Routine audits will be expanded in 2000-2001. The board is made up of Democrats and Republicans, who do not like the Greens. He feels ready for audits.

## V Report on Campaigns and Candidates- Mike Feinstein

GPCA grew 35% this election, making us clearly the third largest party in the state. We are also the fastest growing of all parties. Our candidates did better this cycle of any other alternative candidates, as well as doing better than in the '96 and '98 cycles.

[www.greens.org/elections](http://www.greens.org/elections) carries all the information.

### A National Races:

1. Medea Benjamin for Senate- The media blackout and exclusion from the debates were the major problems encountered. Sugg. Future work to open the debates commission. Locals were greatly energized. There needs to be a statewide strategy to identify locals that need help. This evolved during the campaign, but it needs more front loading.

- There was good diversity outreach to labor, Latinos, women and youth. A good follow-up plan is needed, and is being worked on.
- DiFi spent 50 times more money and got 17 times more votes.
- Good success at raising funds was greatly due to the focus from the beginning to raise \$1000 per day.
- There are not many rich people in this movement. Individual donors were given a picture of where their money was going. This helped build campaign strategies.
- Direct mail to Greens and other lists were successful.
- House parties were especially easy to set up and their future use is encouraged.
- Everyone interested in this should read Kim Kline's "Fundraising for Social Change"- a "must read" available at [Chardonpress.com](http://Chardonpress.com), and socially conscious bookstores.
- Follow-up thank you's are very important.
- House parties and donors were always encouraged to take some concrete actions.

### 2. Nader for President

a. So. Cal- Woody Hastings- Personal goal of 7% of the vote was not met, but it was still a good campaign. 3-4% in some So. Cal areas. The main goal was to set up new locals. Relative strengths were identified on a map, and "red dot" areas were targeted.

- More work is needed on voter registration.
- Also need better outreach to minority communities, including more literature in non-English.
- The volunteer base expanded dramatically, and the Super Rally was very positive.

b. No. Cal.- Susan King- Nader did very well in No. Cal- there is a very strong Green presence there. From San Luis Obispo northward there were 44 coordinators in 33 regions. Central valley was hardest to organize, and was largely on its own, but for the great work of Mark Stout in Fresno.

Bay area organizing was especially strong, with many locals setting up storefront operations- Sacramento's is still going. The existing infrastructure was used, and it was discovered that it was strong. Vast growth was achieved quickly.

- SF got 10% of the vote for Nader. Big growth of new Greens and bigger meetings.
- \$7.7 million was raised, largely in California. Nader and Medea campaigns worked well in tandem.
- \$90,000 was raised at the Oakland super rally. It was one of the smallest rallies, but raised one if the largest amounts.
- Many locals created great outreach materials- made necessary by lack of support from the State. Seemed

to work out well, overall.

Why store fronts?

Better exposure- Many who just dropped by to inquire have stayed involved.

The state party did a good job on door hangers and voter guides.

## B Statewide races

1. Sara Amir, Assembly- Got 10% of the vote, largest of all alternate parties, despite lack of resources and increased job responsibilities due to a promotion at the EPA. Issues raised included chromium-6 pollution, campaign finance reform- opponent raised heavy money from developers, and spent over \$650,000 on his campaign. Good sign distribution, and Lynn Serpe's TV ad was great.

2. Gloria Purcell, Assembly- Her 9.7% vote was the highest alternative party total for any partisan office in San Mateo County. Observations:

- It is good to get your volunteer base in place early.
- Lawn signs is a coordination project all its own.
- She raised \$14,000.
- Vol. Turn-out was good, but not enough due to the physical size of the district.
- She plans to issue a timeline she is working on to act as a guide for anyone who is considering running.

3. Justin Moscoso- US House of Reps, Marin- Raised \$1100 and got 13,000 voted. Increased Green registration from 2800 to 4000. Goal was to build the party, which was successful. He is planning to run for other offices.

4. Chuck Reuter, State Assembly, Riverside- Huge district, one of most conservative. Still got avg. 4.4% of the vote. It is important to early on build good relationship with the press.

## C Local and municipal races-

- Some losses were unexpected because too many Greens and Progressives ran and divided the votes.
- Money early in the campaign is better than late.
- Bob Nanamaya is "being groomed". Says people like the open, inclusive style he advocates.
- Rebecca Kaplan- The state party needs to help local candidates. Cannot currently win with just Green voters- need to reach out for other constituencies. Need to identify ways to go up against the Dempubs and still get people to vote for us. The issues we espouse get cross-over voters. She is being approached, even in defeat, to write editorials and serve on local boards.
- Good groundwork was laid in these elections for next time.
- Mike Feinstein got the second-highest vote total ever received in Santa Monica for a City Council seat. His was a very professional campaign, and was listed on many slate cards. Ran on his record of accomplishment. Is strong in his values, but is known to be willing to listen and incorporate people's input. Will be appointed Mayor of Santa Monica on 12/12.
- Matt Gonzalez- Running for the board in SF. SF is an iron-clad Democratic city, and it will not be an easy race. He renounced his Democratic registration for Green in protest of the Greens being shut out of the debates, the death penalty and other reasons. Many hit pieces have already been issued by Brown and others. (Update: In the course of the general assembly, several thousand dollars were raised for Matt's campaign, and organizers from around the state were planning to go to SF and help with his campaign. Matt won his district with almost 10,000 votes, twice the vote received by his opponent.)

## VI Two-year Work Plan- Mike Feinstein

It has been discovered through experience that our organization needs to be tightened up. There was a haphazard process of proposals and decision-making. It was decided to incorporate longer-term planning.

- Planning incorporated electoral deadlines.
- Organizing groups set up goals and timelines.
- CC spoke with group coordinators to try and incorporate their input.
- Each year, GP will update and discuss a two-year plan.

- Will help locals plan plenaries further in advance.

#### Questions and clarifications:

- Sacramento will host its general assembly on 4/28-29. Not as listed in the agenda packet.
- Goal is set of 2 plenaries and 2 skills sharing conferences each year.
- Locals have not shown interest in hosting these. Humboldt has made some friendly amendments.
- Flexibility is intact. We can always vote to suspend the by-laws, when it becomes necessary.
- Several locals are planning regional and local gatherings. They are free to do so. If they want these incorporated in to the two-year plan, they need to contact the CC.

#### Affirmations and Concerns:

- A friendly amendment was offered that plenaries should always incorporate a section involving direct actions, like voter registration, petition gathering, etc. – This was deferred to the Grassroots Organizing WG.
- Desire was expressed that an anti-racism workshop be incorporated in to the Sacramento general assembly in April.
- We should be able to incorporate skills sharing with plenaries.
- It is good, but does not go far enough. More specific goals and longer timeframe- 50-100 years. – This was deferred to the Coordinating Committee to consider under Goals and Strategy.
- It's a good start- better than no plan at all.
- We need to set out a better ideas of who we are- We should have a Mission Statement, to give us more unity of purpose. Sugg. We work on this at next 2 plenaries.
- We need to identify more time at plenaries for people to get outside together and do activities.
- GROW (Grassroots Oranizing Working Group) might take up ways to incorporate more outside group activity.

#### Responses to concerns- Mike:

- The process of restructuring helped identify our priorities. Working groups were given wider leeway to make proposals. We can visit a mission statement at future plenaries. Flexibility exists for opening ceremonies. As for direct action ideas, these should come from Working Groups or Host committees. Decisions on this will vary depending on time constraints to make decisions.

CONSENSUS reached, with amendments as stated.

## **VII By-laws changes re: CC at-large seats- Decision item:**

Addressing diversity on the state coordinating council. Proposal summary:

Rationale- Attempt to tighten up regulations on how CC members are chosen- Has been too haphazard, and little threshold for advance election notice. Often, nominations were taken from the floor of the general assembly, which eliminated input from the locals. This aims to stop that, and give more advance information about candidates before elections.

#### Clarifying questions:

- There is no implementing language, yet. If the proposal is approved, it will go to By-laws for language.
- Statements are aimed at giving locals a chance to make informed decisions. If we need to, we can vote to suspend the by-laws and allow nominations from the floor, if the situation calls for it.
- If the elections are regular, more qualified people are likely to come forward in advance.
- Diversity is better served by not self-selecting at plenaries.
- Q. re: 2-year election cycles.
- Better to fit state election cycles

#### Concerns and affirmations:

- A qualified affirmation: What are options if diversity is not reflected in nominations?
- Offered a friendly amendment that the CC is dedicated to an ongoing commitment to diversity.

2 other friendly amendments:

- That elections be held the first general assembly of every year for staggered seats, and
  - Filling vacancies, whether to keep vacated seats open for the entire term, or to fill them at each election?
- Reply: The amendment for the elections to be held at the first general assembly was accepted. The amendment on vacancies will be revisited at the next general assembly.

No unresolved concerns expressed. CONSENSUS reached.

### **VIII Green Party section in the State Election code- Caleb Klepper**

Our by-laws control our elections, but the state overturned our NOTA provisions.

Our by-laws call for our local county councils to be elected using Instant Run-off Voting (IRV). State election code will not allow that, so we need to identify a state legislator willing to carry legislation which will allow this. Work has been done to identify provisions we want or do not want incorporated. (See packet for background)

Discussion and clarifying questions:

- GP originally adopted the P&F by-laws, which caused us problems.
- Q. re: PR of what?
- At-large and multi-member districts will use choice voting.
- Concern that allowing “Decline to State” voters to vote in out primaries could open us up to raiding.
- Disallowing decline to state voters to vote could open us up to the allegation that we are not really as open as we claim. We need to develop a PR message on this.
- Conventions reduce “raiding”, but might make us look too insular, with only a choice few able to make decision.
- Would like to see non-citizens be allowed to vote in our primaries- Argue for inclusion.
- Seems this could be done by initiative.
- Primaries are non-binding, so candidates are, de facto, by convention.
- We can choose how we want to choose (primary or convention).
- A more general bill could be sought, such that “by-laws of each party shall control each party’s elections”, and not differentiate ourselves from others and isolating ourselves.
- Clarification: Choice voting and IRV are sometimes used interchangeably.
- NOTA and IRV apply only to GP elections, not open primaries.
- This session is more for focussed discussion of these ideas by the body, and self-education, and not for adoption here.
- There is no clear process for how a presidential candidate is chosen, but provisions could be incorporated.
- We cannot generalize the danger of us being “taken over”. Our process should remain as open as possible. That level of democracy needs to be protected.
- We need to be sure there is no “money in lieu of signatures” provision.
- Requirements for running as a green would be general, i.e. length of registration, length of residency, etc.
- NOTA in primaries is very important.

Concerns:

- Q. Why not support for conventions?
- Primaries are more democratic and inclusive.
- We need to beware that conditions we place, such as only “registered Greens” would have precluded Nader from running.
- This issue needs to set up a timeframe for getting feedback and coming to closure on this.
- We need to stay aware that any way we implement this, through legislation or initiative, has problems.
- A straw poll was taken on people’s preference for signatures, primaries and conventions for choosing

candidates.

- Concern that wider issues, i.e. IRV, need to be focused on.
- We are not here to select provisions we want just to consider our options.
- Caleb's proposal is to adopt this proposal in spirit and send it back to the WG for more fleshing out.
- We need to write the code we want and give the state elections office power over it.

PROPOSAL: That the Green Party Election Code is important, and we instruct the Election Reform Working Group to take this input and come back to the next general assembly with specific provisions on which we can test for consensus.

4 unresolved concerns noted. All stood aside. CONSENSUS reached.

## **IX ASGP Continuing Affiliation**

2 proposals:

- Reaffiliate with ASGP
- Delegate representation, if above passes.

### **A Reaffiliate with ASGP**

- This proposal is a product of our maturation. There are currently 31 state parties represented in ASGP. At 140,000, CA is the biggest of the state parties, and possibly the world. 2 years ago, we voted to affiliate with ASGP, and revisit the decision after the 11/00 elections.
- The Boston Agreement between ASGP and G/GPUSA has been incorporated in to the proposal.

Concerns and Affirmations:

- General concern that Green strength has been at the grassroots, while other third parties have tried to build from the top and fallen. We should be strong enough not to build from "Presidential PR" tactics.
- The Boston Agreement seems vague- What are we really saying?
- More communication will help locals all over the country not "reinvent the wheel".
- It was suggested that CAGP should join both ASGP and G/GPUSA, and help merge them, and allow G/GPUSA to operate within the party as individual members.
- If we affiliate, how will we be able to assure locals that resources will not be taken away from local campaigns by national campaigns?
- Increased party membership relates to having parties sanctioned at the national level.
- This schism needs to be resolved before the next presidential election.

Replies to concerns:

- Conflicts between ASGP and G/GPUSA stem from a belief that there is no coordination between the two groups. There are, in fact, interlinking board members on both.
- We are being asked to accept the spirit of the Boston Agreement and be willing to work out the specifics of what the association means.
- We are called on to have this filing ready by 4/1/01.
- National body will vote on the merits between now and then, and how work on the details will continue.
- Local organizing need not be affected. Lots of locals need nurturing, but if they collapse, can't lay the blame on too much top-down organizing.
- ASGP respects locals and is democratic in its process.
- As for presidential elections, it is not even clear we will have a presidential candidate in four years. Nader's candidacy was the result of a lot of work by the Candidate Outreach Committee.
- National strategies will go on, and we should be involved.
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- Test for consensus on reaffiliation with ASGP. One unresolved concern of Lerner that we are not also reaffiliating with G/GPUSA. Stood aside. CONSENSUS.

- B Proposal re: ASGP Representation- Proposal to affirm two representatives and two alternates.
- ASGP is looking at various operating structures that incorporate Proportional Representation. This proposal would allow people to be chosen now, with the understanding that it might need to be revisited when changes occur.
  - A questionnaire was distributed to get feedback. Contact John Strawn.
  - Questions and Concerns:
  - Concern expressed that the nomination process was not more widely noticed. We need to expand how people can be involved.
  - Affirmation: More candidates don't always mean better ones.
  - Concern that many people cannot participate because of financial constraints. A friendly amendment proposed that a fund be set up to help with this.
  - We need to work on how CC forwards information to locals and how delegates are selected to open it up more.
  - Rebecca Kaplan is willing to convene discussion of this. Perhaps a newsletter?
  - Local responsibility requires people to find those things out. The info was out there.
  - We need to be sure that we, as delegates, carry word back to the locals.
  - As regards funding, we used to have the Petra Kelley Fund to help offset costs of delegates. It has been depleted, and we need to find ways to keep it funded.

PROPOSAL to affirm Jo Chamberlain and John Strawn as ASGP Representatives, and Beth Moore Haines and Mike Wyman as alternates. It will be open to more representatives if ASGP decides to expand.

CONSENSUS with no unresolved concerns.

### ***Sunday Session Notes for 12/3/00***

#### **X Campaigns and Candidates Strategy 2002**

- A Affirmation of Co-Chair- Susan King was nominated and confirmed as co-chair with Orvil Osborn of the C&C working group.
- B Susan reviewed the list of issues that are before the working group which might trigger initiative or other kinds of campaigns:
- Death Penalty Moratorium- Issues working Group
  - IRV- C&C WG
  - Ancient Forests Conservation Campaign- Dan Hamburg is looking for support
- C Other discussion:
- C&C WG coordinates information and offers resources to strategic campaigns, campaign handbook.
  - Larry Shoop- Secretary of State is a strategic office. Financing and structure are two issues we face that Sec of State has oversight. Political Reform Act of '74 on campaign spending, corporate charters, reinfranchisement of ex-cons, etc.
  - He proposed a grassroots campaign for Sec of State. Need to :
  - ID candidates
  - Create working groups in locals
  - ID other ways to impact the democratic process.
  - A suggestion was made for a youth bike trip in 2002 to raise the issues.
  - Peter Camejo- Winner-take-all elections force us on the attack, often against possible allies. We need to shift the issue of spoiler on the Demreps. We should run on our pure platform, not as an instrument to spoil. We should not run as spoilers, but if it happens, it happens. But it should not be our goal.
  - Mike Feinstein- We need to anticipate some unconnected Greens putting forth a slate we are not in agreement with.
  - Harvey Rosenfeld is considering running as a Green for Insurance Commissioner- He is now "Decline to State".

- Effort will be made to spread our efforts far and wide, and invite potential candidates to contact us so we can assess them.
- Lucy Colvin- Legislation-“Spoiler strategy” also known as Running for Success. New Mexico and Arizona are closer to political reforms like IRV due to their spoiler roles. The strategy is to target specific races to “spoil” by dividing the progressive vote, and get progressive Dems and Reps to support our reforms.
- The Electoral Reform WG wants to put IRV on the ballot. A committee has been formed.
- With new redistricting, it offers new opportunities for challenging seats.

## **XI Affirmation of Working Group Coordinators and co-coordinators:**

Platform- Pam Hitchcock, Mike Henley

Green Issues- Don Eichelberger, Michele Delehanty\*

Electoral Reform- Caleb Klepper, Jeanne Roseneger (sp?)\*

Campaigns and Candidates- Orville Osborn, Susan King\*

International Communications- Mike Feinstein, Pamela Meidell\*

GROW (Grassroots Organizing Working Group) - Beth Moore Haines\*, Faramarz Nabari\*

By-laws- Rick Newbury, co-chair being confirmed in the WG

\* Indicates newly affirmed

## **XII Evaluation:**

- Good attendance on Sunday- People stayed
- Need more break time
- Four major items of business were passed- Good job
- The ice breaker on Saturday night was good- Helped us get to know each other. More of that needed.
- This general assembly had the best energy of any in recent memory.
- Continuity from Working Groups to ongoing actions needs work.
- We should be able to add to the agenda.
- The panel on the campaigns was good. It would be good to incorporate such activities in to all plenaries.
- It was good that we raised so much money for Matt Gonzales’ campaign.
- Need better wall writing materials- Black boards do not show up well.
- We should have a standardized form for evaluations.
- Better visual aids are needed- More overhead projections, etc.
- Separate rooms for breaking in to working groups is needed.
- More time is needed for discussion.
- More working group time needed.
- People seem to be trusting the process more.
- Need vegan food available
- Good that a working group retreat was planned.