



**Green Party of California
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Hosted by

The Green Party of San Mateo County

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Registration

Registration will be at our state party website <http://www.cagreens.org/registration/> If you don't have access to the web go to your local public library and ask them to help you register. If you have special needs please be sure to note them when registering.

Fees and Check-in

Fees are \$30 to \$60 sliding scale. Breakfast, lunch and snacks included.

On-site check in will be Friday at 3 PM - 6 PM; Saturday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Host Committee

Contact – (650) 366-6603

Meals

Please plan to join us for breakfast and lunch, both Saturday and Sunday. All four meals are included in the price of the Green Gathering. The food will be vegetarian or vegan, and should suit everyone's needs and tastes.

You are on your own for dinner. There are many excellent restaurants on and near Burlingame Avenue, a short walk from the Burlingame High School. There are other great restaurants a short walk from the San Mateo Caltrain station, one stop south of Burlingame Avenue. For other choices, talk with your homestay host or ask at your hotel.

General Information

Burlingame High School has beautiful tree shaded lawns and courtyards. Please bring lawn chairs, blankets, hats and sun screen. If you play a musical instrument please bring it too. We will have music at all meal and snack breaks.

Non-human animals are not allowed in the buildings. Please make arrangements for your animals before the meeting.

This is a drug free zone. That means no tobacco or alcohol.

Please look for, and use, the recycling containers.

There is an Olympic size swimming pool at the school. Suits are required. It will be open Saturday 12:30 PM to 5:30 PM and Sunday 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM. There is a change room with showers. Fees are \$3. for adults and \$2 for kids 2-17 and seniors. There is a lifeguard on duty at all times. Call them directly for more information 650/558-1295 or 650/558-7322

If you would like a table for your group's materials please let us know. There is a one time \$10 charge.

We welcome you to put up a poster about your issue. Please plan to bring an easel for it to sit on. No fee.

County Delegate Allocation

Find your county's delegate allocation in Appendix A.

Housing and Transportation

See Appendix B.

Hybrid/Electric Car Rally

If you have a hybrid or electric car please consider joining in our hybrid/electric car rally at noon on Saturday. Register for this on line. At 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM the rally will be followed by a panel of experts discussing the future of the automobile.

Schedule of Events

NOTES:

Times for events are subject to adjustment as the plenary date draws closer. Please check the plenary packet website www.greens.org/cal-cc/ for updates.

Shaded blocks indicate “official” Party business. The time schedule in the first column reflects the official business. Times for informational sessions and presentations is shown in brackets [] with the description of the event.

	Auditorium	Cafeteria	Location TBD
Friday			
3:00-6:00 PM	Registration/Setup	[3-5] IT WG	
6:00-7:30	GROW- Fundraising- Marla Ruzicka	CC Dinner	[6-7] Mike Wyman- Treasurer Training/ FPPC Rules
730		CC meets	
Saturday			
8:00-9:00 AM		Breakfast, Music	[8-5] Registration, Tabling, Posters (and Childcare if requested ahead)
8:30-9:00	New Delegate Orientation and Q & A (packets available at this time)		
9:00-9:05	Opening Ceremony		[9-5] KPFA Broadcast
9:05-9:20	Housekeeping	[9-10:30] YOUTH Update and direct action events-Antonia Juhasz from the International Forum on Globalization	
9:20-9:25	Consent Calendar- Missile Defense page 11		
9:25-9:35	Confirm Betty Traynor as Sec'y of State Liaison page 13		
9:35-10:20	Report from Reapportionment Ad-hoc WG page 14		
10:20-10:30	Announcements		
10:30-10:40		Snack, Music	
10:40-11:40	Proposal: ERWG - Election Code page 16	[10:40-12:00] YOUTH Campus Green info / organizing in California colleges/universities- by students who were in Chicago.	
11:40-11:50	Report- Update from Platform Comm – Peggy		
11:50-12:00	National Green Party Report – Jo Chamberlain page 19		
12:00-1:00 PM		LUNCH, Music	[12:00-1:30] Car Rally leaves/ returns
12:30-2:25	[1:30-2:30] Auto Panel Discussion		Working Group/Committee Session I Campaigns and Cand/ GROW/ Green Issues
2:30-2:40		Snack/ Music	

Auditorium

Cafeteria

Location TBD

Saturday
(Cont.)

2:40-4:30		[3:00-4:00] YOUTH CAUCUS - Anti Poverty; Boycott TacoBell, Exxon Mobil, - taken up by Campus Greens in Chicago	Working Group/Committee Session II International/ Finance/ Bylaws
4:30-6:00			GROW -- Building Your Green Local – Michael Borenstein GROW Local Organizing – Daniel Solnit
6:00-7:30		Dinner	
7:30-9:00	GROW-Alliance & Coalition Building – Medea Benjamin		[7:30-8:30] SFO Expansion – Sierra Club
8:30-midnight	“Meetings Anonymous” Outreach Ministries- Introductory meeting- hahaha)		

Sunday

8:00-9:00 AM		Breakfast	[8:00-2:00] Registration, tabling, posters
9:00-9:15	Housekeeping		[9:00-2:00] KPFA broadcast, (childcare if needed, with advance notice)
9:15-9:45	Proposal- Delegate Allocation -Jo page 20		
9:45-9:55	Report on National Campus Greens Gathering –Justin Moscoso		
9:55-10:10	Report from Hank Chapot, GPCA State Archivist		
10:10-10:20	Green Issues Consent Items Ameniaian Genocide page 22 UNWE page 24		
10:20-10:30	Announcements		
10:30-10:40		snack, music	
10:40-11:40	Report on Strategies for 2002-Campaigns and Candidates WG		[10:40-11:40] Energy/Global Warming – Dr. Donald Aitkin
11:40-12:15PM		lunch	
12:15-2:15			Working Group/Committee Session III Platform/ Clearinghouse/ ERWG [12:00-1:00] Working with the Media – Speaker Peggy Law [1:00-2:00] Candidate Training – Susan King/Warren Slocum
2:15-2:25	Evaluation		
2:25-2:30	Closing, cleanup!		

Workshop Information

In addition to the 5 GROW workshops (Tabling, Creating a new local/chapter, Fundraising, Consensus/meeting process, Networking / alliance building), there will also be 2 "student" oriented workshops:

1. Update and direct action events against the WTO/WB/IMF/FTAA and Rio+10 (South Africa, summer '02) with Antonia Juhasz from the International Forum on Globalization
2. Campus Green info and organizing (will be lead by students who were in Chicago) in California colleges/universities.

There may be a third revolving around an issue (Boycott TacoBell, Exxon Mobil, Anti Poverty - these were taken up by Campus Greens in Chicago), but this might be more of a "caucus" than a workshop (could be part of #2, considering we're pretty late in the game)

So, that being said, I'll work with Faramarz and the other students who were in Chicago to promote this at the college/university level. Of course the GROW workshops may have appeal to the students as well.

Justin "Justo" Moscoso

Important Announcement

C0-SECRETARY NEEDED: The Coordinating Committee of the GPCA seeks a co-secretary.

Anyone who is interested in this position is encouraged to contact Michael Borenstein thebor@jps.net 530.622.6689 or Peggy Lewis pegola@softcom.net 916.448.5021

Working Group and Committee Agendas/Reports

Campaigns and Candidates WG Plenary Agenda

Co-Chairs:

Susan King (SF)
Orval Osborne (SLO))

I. Report on Strategy for Campaign 2002 - Local, Regional and State races.

Report Topics: (Written report will be available at the Plenary)

1. Identifying Greens who are running or considering running for which offices.
2. Merits of running for a local race versus running for a statewide race.
3. Merits of running selectively (only when we have identified campaign objectives and a strategy for attaining them) versus running a full slate of candidates
4. Arguments for and against a candidate endorsements committee (or process)

II. Initiative Endorsements

- A. Process for endorsing (or not) statewide initiatives: CCWG will establish a subcommittee to consider requests for GPCA endorsements of ballot initiatives. The subcommittee will develop an analysis of pros and cons for endorsement, and conformity with 10key values and platform. The entire CCWG will decide on endorsements. Timeline: in Spring 2002, we will need to make recommendations on initiatives appearing on the November ballot. (Proposed policy: the State Party will not take a position on local initiatives, unless there is no active local in the affected County.)
- B. Living Wage Initiative - endorse in concept (Tim Smith)
- C. CCWG definition of what it means for GPCA to endorse an initiative.

III. Training for candidates and campaign teams.

Mark Stout and Jane Kelly are reportedly planning on offering a campaign training in October, probably in the SF Bay Area. The CCWG wants to offer trainings throughout the state in the late winter and early spring. We should be able to offer them at the Plenary (or preferably a Gathering) following San Mateo.

IV. CCWG Winter retreat.

Play in the snow and plot to overgrow the world. This depends on interest level. Susan is the fun King, so contact her.

Green Issues Working Group Agenda

I. New Issues needing attention

- A. International
 1. The recognition of the Armenian Genocide
 2. Middle East Peace
- B. National Blue-Green Coalition- UNWE
- C. Other

II. Communication

A. Report on list serves

B. Making contact without a modem- we need work- regular conference phone call proposal

Be realistic- Demand the impossible!
or better yet... Be Impossible- Demand the realistic!

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Clearinghouse Committee Agenda and Report

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Clearinghouse Agenda

Reports:

website
phone
email
postal mail
materials
website

Clearinghouse Report – Feb 2001 through July 2001

Answered the following:

157 email
76 phone calls
17 letters
125 routed contact information to locals shipped
1430 Platform Summary Booklets
1900 Energy Postcards
2005 Buttons
78 Tote Bags
2420 Stickers

Information Technology and GPCA Website News:

New GPCA Website – <http://www.cagreens.org>

We have a new domain name, a new design and some really useful new content and capabilities on the GPCA website.

<http://www.cagreens.org/search> - Green Party Search Engine

Search within many Green Party websites. Web directory of Green & political sites organized by topic.

<http://www.cagreens.org/media> - CA Greens in the Media

Mainstream & independent sources. Submit your local news.

<http://www.cagreens.org/press> - GPCA Press Center

Press releases and press info. Submit your local press releases. Please add press@cagreens.org to your Green Party press release list.

<http://www.cagreens.org/elections> - CA Green Party Election Results & Office Holders

Submit your local results.

<http://www.cagreens.org/wg> - GPCA Working Groups and Standing Committees

Find out more about what each of our hard-working working groups is up to. Subscribe to working group listserves to participate in discussion.

<http://www.cagreens.org/internal> - Non-Public GPCA Info

Password protected. Please do not distribute this password to people who are not Green Party organizers.

Username: **gpca**

Password: **sunflowers**

<http://www.cagreens.org/structure> - GPCA Internal Structure

Learn more about how the GPCA is organized and affiliated.

<http://www.cagreens.org/youth> - Youth Outreach

Cast your IRV vote for the coolest Spice Girl and download words of wisdom from Nader, as remixed by the Beastly Boys.

New GROW working group site – <http://www.cagreens.org/grow>

This is a fantastic collection of documents, templates, training, links and other green party resources from the grow group. It includes information about party building, green party strategic plans and goals, working with volunteers, outreach and alliance building, issue-based organizing, electoral campaigns and how-to's on many useful Green activities. If you know of other great resources, please submit them for inclusion (use the form on the site).

New plenary section + online registration

<http://www.cagreens.org/plenary>

<http://www.cagreens.org/registration>

Please register for the plenary online.

All future plenary info and registration will now be posted in these permanent locations (instead of on a variety of sites, as it has been in the past).

New online contact database for locals & individuals

Our database of locals and volunteers is now being maintained online. Statewide announcements will be sent to the contact info from this list. Please take a quick peek and make sure the info for you and your local is included and correct:

<http://www.cagreens.org/contacts>
<http://www.cagreens.org/locals>

Sign up to be a sustainer

<http://www.cagreens.org/donate>

You can sign up online to be a GPCA sustainer or make a one-time donation.

Upcoming Website Plans

We have a new volunteer web team that's been working wonders! In the immediate future, we're planning to build a document library that will contain useful tabling literature, an action center for Green issues, new websites for all inactive and not-on-the-web-yet counties, a volunteer matching service, an orientation website for new Greens and new locals and a voter registration archive that tracks Green Party registration numbers and graphs them over time. If you'd like to help with the website efforts, fill out the website survey at: <http://www.cagreens.org/survey>

Coordinating Committee Web Site News

The web site at www.greens.org/cal-cc/ will fold into the <http://www.cagreens.org/internal> site described above in the near future. Until then, we have a need to establish password protection for the CC site.

I hope by now you are all familiar with the Coordinating Committee web site at www.greens.org/cal-cc/. This site is designed as an information resource for active Green Party members. As such, it was designed in a very plain format and contains the type of information counties and individuals might need to accomplish work within the party. Our public site at www.cagreens.org, on the other hand, is designed for the general public and contains appropriate information for that audience.

Naturally, we want anyone who is surfing the web looking for the GP to find our public site, not the CC site. The only way to prevent search engines from finding the CC site is to protect it with a password. So, we are planning on implementing password protection. This means when you log-on to the site, you will be requested to enter a password before you can gain access.

The password will be the same as the internal site described above:

Username: **gpc**

Password: **sunflowers**

We plan to implement this shortly after the Burlingame state meeting. If anyone has a concern about this, please contact me before the meeting.

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Survey for Website Services for Locals:

Which of these online services would you really love to have? Please return surveys to the clearinghouse, or throw caution to the wind and take the survey online at <http://www.cagreens.org/survey>

Yes No Secure online donations for your local, funds distributed by GPCA monthly or quarterly

Yes No Online registration service that you could use for local events, including online payment

Yes No Online statewide calendar of events, sortable by region and date

Yes No Online action center for green issues with action alerts

Yes No Monthly GPCA newsletter with recent media items

Yes No Online volunteer matching service

Yes No New dynamic website for your local where the content was submitted through webpage forms and stored in a database (no html or special knowledge required)

Yes No Green party specific website training sessions at plenary

Yes No Green party specific website training online

Yes No Webmaster announcement list for news about green party websites (not a discussion list)

What else would you absolutely love to see on the GPCA website? What would really help your local have a fantastic website? If you'd like to help with the website efforts, list your name and email below (no website development experience needed). Add any other feedback here:

Proposal: Resolution Against Missile Defense System

Presenter: State Coordinating Committee and Green Party of Ventura County

Contact: Pamela Meidell, P.O. Box 220, Port Hueneme, CA 93044, 805 985 5073, pamelam@atomicmirror.org

Subject: Opposing Ballistic Missile Defenses and Supporting Nuclear Abolition

Background and Purpose:

Greens in California have a particular responsibility to take action against the Bush administration's plans to deploy ballistic missile defenses because of the many facilities in our state that contribute to the systems' development. These sites include Vandenberg Airforce Base, primary test site for the systems; the Lawrence Livermore Nuclear Laboratory, research and development site; Naval Base Ventura County and the sea range between it and Kwajalein Test Site in the Marshall Islands, site of theater missile defense tests; as well as numerous contractors in private industry, such as Lockheed-Martin and Raytheon. Three of our ten key values (nonviolence, personal and global responsibility, and future focus and sustainability) also require us to take action.

Proposal:

See resolution below.

Time line:

Locals are encouraged to pass their own version of this resolution, and to organize or support an action on October 13, 2001.

Resources:

Time needed at the plenary on the consent calendar, time needed by locals to familiarize themselves with the resolution and pass it and plan an action.

Here is the resolution with language for the Green Party of California:

OPPOSE BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSES

FIND LOCAL CONNECTIONS

SUPPORT NUCLEAR ABOLITION

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GREEN PARTY OF CALIFORNIA RESOLUTION

Opposing Ballistic Missile Defenses and Supporting Nuclear Abolition

Approved by State CC in Sacramento on April 28, 2001

Presented to State Plenary in San Mateo on September 22, 2001

We, the Green Party of California (locals can put their own names here), in partial fulfillment of three of our ten key values (nonviolence, personal and global responsibility, and future focus and sustainability) agree the following resolution:

WHEREAS current US plans to deploy national and regional ballistic missile defense (BMD) networks are

fundamentally incompatible with the current Green Party of California platform.

WHEREAS, California is home to Vandenberg Airforce Base, the major test site for ballistic missile defense tests.

WHEREAS, ballistic missile defenses cannot provide security.

WHEREAS, deployment of ballistic missile defenses will undermine long-standing arms control agreements, including the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty, and the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaties (START I and II)

WHEREAS, missile defense systems are extraordinarily expensive and have not been proven to work in an operational environment,

WHEREAS, US efforts to deploy missile defenses are perceived by other countries to create increased offensive and war-fighting capabilities.

WHEREAS, ballistic missile defenses will provoke rather than prevent the proliferation of ballistic missiles, contributing to regional conflicts and arms races.

WHEREAS, ballistic missile defenses do not provide a solution to the risks of the Nuclear Age, but rather multiply its uncertainties, complexities and instabilities.

WHEREAS, the deployment of missile defenses and the militarization of outer space are inextricably linked and the weaponization of space must be prohibited.

WHEREAS, the problems associated with missile defenses require that the international community work together to make effective use of diplomacy, trade and assistance, and new mechanisms to control and reduce existing and potential ballistic missile proliferation.

THEREFORE to address the most immediate and dire missile threat,

WE RESOLVE:

To support the best alternative to ballistic missile defenses: the complete abolition of all nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction, and the international control and disarmament of all their delivery systems.

To demand the United States proceed with deep cuts to the US nuclear arsenal and the de-alerting of nuclear weapons -- promised by President George W. Bush during his campaign -- in order to move toward the total and unequivocal elimination of nuclear arsenals, to which the United States, Russia, and other nuclear weapons states are obligated under binding and repeated international commitments.

To preserve the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty, which prohibits the US and Russia from developing and deploying a national missile defense network, until a more comprehensive international framework can be established.

To prevent the weaponization of outer space through international agreement, and in compliance with the Outer Space Treaty.

To support cooperation among all states and peoples, and oppose the demonization of particular countries and peoples.

To redefine "security" from the military dimensions of national interests to the sustainable fulfillment of human and environmental needs.

The Green Party of California (locals can put their names here) affirms that these measures, and not the deployment of missile defenses, constitute the way toward the elimination of nuclear arsenals to which the nuclear weapons powers are committed, and which the overwhelming majority of the world's peoples and governments expect.

[Once your local supports such a resolution, please notify Bruce K. Gagnon, Coordinator, Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space, PO Box 90083, Gainesville, FL. 32607, or email: globalnet@mindspring.com. And visit the Network's website at: <http://www.space4peace.org> for lists of upcoming events and ways to take action. The Green Party of California supports the upcoming October 13 International Day of Action Against the Weaponization of Space and encourages all locals to organize and support local actions on this day.]

Proposal: Reaffirm Liaison to the Secretary of State

Proposal

It is time again to reaffirm Betty Traynor as the Liaison to the Secretary of State for a two-year term. She was confirmed by the General Assembly on April 29, 2000, taking over this office from Michael Monnot our previous Liaison. This office comes up for confirmation in odd-numbered years. If confirmed by the General Assembly in September 2001, Betty will serve this term only. She is actively seeking an assistant(s) who would be willing to be placed in nomination for the office in 2003.

Background

Betty Traynor is a co-founder of the Green Party in San Francisco and member of its County Council. She also served on the state Coordinating Committee as Bay Area regional rep for a two-year period.

The Liaison to the Secretary of State is the official contact of the GPCA with the State of California and with other organizations. The primary state work is done with the Secretary of State's office. Any official filings, such as the names of electors for the Green Party candidate for U.S. President, are coordinated by and executed by the Liaison to the Secretary of State. The Liaison needs to keep in contact with the Secretary of State's office to be aware of any official deadlines that the Party must meet. The Liaison is responsible for contacting the Secretary of State's office on the behalf of the GPCA or that of any county, as requested. For example, the matter of Choice Voting for county council in the March primary will require the Liaison to work with the Secretary of State's office to facilitate its implementation.

The Liaison may also be called upon to write official letters to county Departments of Election on behalf of a local Green Party or county council to assist them in some way, for example, in securing voter registration records. The Liaison is responsible for calculating the delegate numbers for each plenary using the latest official figures of Green Party registrants from the Secretary of State's office. The Liaison is also an ex officio member of the GPCA Clearinghouse Committee.

Discussion: Report on Apportionment Ad Hoc Working Group

Contact: Jo Chamberlain, joc@greens.org

8 August 2001

Background

The GPCA Coordinating Committee (CC) has set up a reapportionment working group to study the method by which we choose CC seats.

At present, all 58 counties, active or not, are assigned to 10 regions. The four largest regions (by Green registration) each has two CC seats; the remaining six regions each has one CC seat, and there are six CC seats elected at large, for a total of 20 CC seats.

Region	Greens	CC Seats	Greens/Seat
Bay Area	53,145	2	26,572
Los Angeles	25,314	2	12,657
Sac/Sierra	13,996	2	6,998
ORSB	9,956	2	4,978
Santa Barbara	9,244	1	9,244
San Diego	8,570	1	8,570
Central Coast	8,520	1	8,520
North Coast	8,216	1	8,216
Central Valley	3,806	1	3,806
Northeast	870	1	870
<hr/> TOTAL	141,637	14	10,117

The allocation formula together with the region definitions results in a fairly egregious violation of a principle of one-green-one-vote. Moreover, the range of size of the regions (870 to 53,145) and greens/seat (870 to 26,572) makes such proportionality impossible. Consequently, the working group has been looking at redistricting (that is, redefining the regions themselves) as well as reapportionment.

In discussing various options, it became clear that there was no single "right" answer to the redistricting question, so rather than bring a proposal to the San Mateo General Assembly, the working group, in consultation with the CC, has chosen to present a range of issues and options, with the intention of stimulating discussion, and of bringing a specific proposal to the following General Assembly. No decision will be made on this issue during the San Mateo meeting.

Proposals range from a redistricting that preserves the present general structure, but with regions better balanced in size, to approaches using a smaller number of regions (2-6) with multiple seats per region, elected with choice voting, to a single statewide "region", with all seats elected at large, but with choice voting. Several of these proposals will be presented in a poster session at the General Assembly meeting. A panel discussion and a web site with additional information is also planned.

A summary of the proposals can be found at <http://lobitos.net/gpca/apportionment/>

Questions to consider:

1. What is the optimum size for the CC? What is a reasonable minimum number of members necessary to ensure a representative and productive body? How many before we have too many cooks in the kitchen?
2. How important is the principle of one-green-one-vote? Are registered Greens the best measure of representation at the CC level?
3. What is the role of a regional representative? If it includes active communication with locals, how can this be achieved? Is there a better way to facilitate communication between the state organization and the locals?
4. The present method of many regions with 1-2 seats each guarantees a degree of geographic diversity, but cannot achieve proportional representation within regions. At-large seats, intended at least in part to achieve diversity, have not, for the most part, attained that goal. How can we achieve better diversity at the CC level? Are multi-seat districts and PR voting part of the answer?
5. Proportional Representation, through such progressive voting methods as IRV and choice voting, are avowed goals of the Green Party. How important is it for us to use those methods internally?
6. What kinds of diversity are important to us? Some possibilities: gender, ethnic, economic class, age, bioregion, urban/rural, more-or-less-radical, direct-action-vs-political.
7. The principle of "proportional representation by geography" is somewhat at odds with the principle of "proportional representation by political opinion." Which do we consider more important when determining CC representation? Is there an acceptable compromise? If not, which principle should take precedence?

Proposal: Create a Green Party Section of the State Elections Code

PRESENTER: Electoral Reform Working Group, August 16, 2001

CONTACT: Caleb Kleppner, 415-824-2735, calebk@fairvote.org

SUBJECT: Creation of a Green Party section of the state elections code

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:

When the Party gained ballot status in 1992, there was no legislation that controlled Green Party elections (primaries and county council elections). The state required us to adopt bylaws from one of the existing parties, so we chose Peace and Freedom's. We made some changes to these bylaws and actually went to court to establish the principle that our bylaws, and not state law, control our elections. This litigation allowed us to use None of the Above (NOTA) in our gubernatorial primary in 1994.

Unfortunately, the state later appealed this decision, and although the courts upheld the principle that our bylaws control our elections, the courts ruled that the burden on registrars of using NOTA was too great, which allowed them to disregard our bylaws.

We later adopted a bylaw that gives county Green Parties the option of using proportional representation to elect their county councils, and several counties attempted to implement this provision. In all cases, registrars refused, claiming that there were no provisions to do this.

This is why we need to create state law that clarifies the party's right to control our elections and that explicitly legislates our right to use choice voting for county council, NOTA and IRV in primaries and any other provisions the party judge to be important for our functioning.

PROPOSAL:

Preamble: The Green Party of California has adopted bylaws that the Secretary of State and country registrars have refuse to comply with, claiming state law does not allow it; and

In December 2000 in San Diego, the Green Party reached consensus in support of creating a Green Party section of the state elections code;

Implementation of choice voting for county council elections and instant runoff voting and NOTA for primary elections would advance strategies for both internal party building and electoral reforms leading to an electoral system more aligned with the Ten Key Values

Resolution: Therefore GPCA decides:

- 1 .To **attempt to pass legislation** to create a Green Party section of the state elections code with the provisions listed below.
- 2 .To **empower the Electoral Reform Working Group** to seek a state legislator to draft and introduce this legislation and to negotiate final bill language subject to oversight by the coordinating committee.
- 3 .To **direct the Electoral Reform Working Group** to coordinate with any other political parties wishing to establish sections of the state elections code.

Provisions: The Green Party of California wishes to include the following provisions in legislation to create a Green Party section of the state elections code:

- 1 .Allow counties to use choice voting to elect county councils.
- 2 .Give GPCA the option of using instant runoff voting (IRV) and None of the Above (NOTA) in primary elections.
- 3 .Specify that nominations for Green Party of California candidates for President and Vice-president of the United States, and other federal and state partisan offices, **occur by primary election and not a convention.**
- 4 .Require **all candidates for county council to appear on the ballot.** Under current practices, if a race for county council is not contested, the registrar is not obligated to place the candidates on the ballot. This would repeal the “sufficiency “ clause, which says that if there are not more candidates for county council than seats, the registrar is not obligated to place the candidates on the ballot.
- 5 .**Elastic clause:** (a) Any aspects of Green Party elections that are not specified in this section shall be controlled by the bylaws of the Green Party of California. (b) If an election official certifies in writing that the cost of compliance with our bylaws or the Green Party section of the state election code exceeds a particular amount – such as \$1 per registered voter or the per voter cost of the Democratic or Republican primary – then election officials shall work in good faith to achieve the spirit of the bylaws using alternative or provisional means. Such provisional approaches shall include but are not limited to: allowing Greens or election workers to count ballots by hand, delaying counting of Green party ballots until after all other election results have been certified, and so forth.
- 6 .**Green Party nominees for partisan office** are not automatically candidates for county council. Under the Peace and Freedom section of the elections code, partisan nominees are automatically elected as members of the county council.
- 7 .Any needed **housekeeping provisions** of the Peace and Freedom section of the elections code relating to presidential nominations (Division 6, Part 1, Chapter 4), central committees (Division 7, Part 5) and elections of central committee members (Division 15, Chapter 6, Article 5).
- 8 .**Other provisions that the plenary deems important.**

Directions to ERWG: The Green Party instructs the Electoral Reform Working Group to seek a state legislator to draft and introduce this legislation as soon as possible. If political necessities dictate modifications to the bill, ERWG shall be guided in negotiations by the spirit of this resolution along with the general strategies of the party and the ten key values. Any negotiated changes to the legislation shall be subject to final oversight and approval by the coordinating committee.

Coordination with other parties: The Electoral Reform Working Group shall coordinate with any other political parties wishing to establish sections of the state elections code. The Libertarian Party, in particular, is interested in pursuing this legislation.

PASSING THE BILL: It’s clear that the legislature may not pass the bill if we get it introduced even though there is the tradition of passing party rules. However, in practical terms, we don’t have better options. Currently, registrars are violating our bylaws and the case law that upholds our right to control our elections through our bylaws. At this point, we can either appeal the most recent court decision on our use of NOTA or we can attempt to pass legislation. Litigation would be expensive and might not succeed. Legislation would be inexpensive and might succeed. If it doesn’t, we can still resort to litigation if it ever seems promising or necessary. We are also working to get a legal opinion showing how state laws does not prevent the Riverside County registrar of voters from implementing choice voting for county council in 2002.

TIME LINE: Upon reaching consensus on the desired contents of the Green Party section of the election code, the ERWG will seek a member of the legislature to draft and introduce this legislation in the 2002 session with hoped for implementation in the 2004 primary.

RESOURCES: If the plenary adopts the proposal, the plenary will not have to spend additional time on it, and the state party will not expend money on the project.

The ERWG will work to find a sponsor, submit a specific legislature proposal to the Legislative Counsel and shepherd the bill through the legislature. ERWG will keep the CC appraised of the progress of the bill, and if significant modifications to the bill occur, the CC will be responsible for deciding whether to withdraw support.

By convention, the legislature defers to members who wish to introduce legislation changing party rules, so there is a reasonable chance that the bill will pass. In addition, the Secretary of State's office will likely be supportive, since there are no guidelines under current law for certain aspects of Green Party election. Creating this section of state law will make the Secretary of State's job easier. Of course, there are no guarantees the legislature will pass the bill, but if the bill is not passed, we strengthen our legal argument that our state bylaws control our election.

Report: ASGP/GPUS

Contacts: John Strawn
Jo Chamberlain

The Green Party of California hosted the historic meeting of the Association of Green Parties on July 27-29, 2001, as it voted to file with Federal Elections Commission for national party status as the Green Party of the United States. The Green Party of Santa Barbara provided us with a beautiful location called Casa de Maria, a retreat which was both tranquil and fully contained. The entire event was well organized and professionally managed. Saturday night we were fortunate to have a line up of outstanding speakers which included Media Benjamin, Jeff Gates, Professor Sandoval, Tony Affigne and Jello Biafra.

We had good turn out by California greens. Thank you all for attending and showing your support for the national Green Party organization.

The Campus Greens were represented as delegates from some member states, gave a report of their current activities and plans for the future and held a reception on Sunday afternoon. They will be holding their founding convention Aug 9 - 12 in Chicago. Justin Muscoso will be our liaison to the Campus Greens and will provide a report at the San Mateo County GPCA State Meeting.

Important decisions included: approval of a budget and fundraising plan, filing with FEC for national party status, new delegate allocation based on Congressional Districts rather than two per state, and election of Steering Committee members: Jo Chamberlain - CA, Ben Manski - Wisconsin, Anita Rios - Ohio, Tom Sevigny - CT, Secretary Nathalie Paravicini - TX, Treasurer Robbie Franklin - TX with one seat still open and to be filled at the next meeting of the GPUS Coordinating Committee.

The allocation of delegates based on Congressional Districts was developed over three years of work by the ASGP Transition Committee. Delegates were given three options with various weighted voting and a fourth option to stay the same with two votes per state. The option selected by a 2/3rds vote was for GPCA to receive 13 delegates maximum. GPCA's two delegates voted for the option that would have given us twenty votes with four delegates carrying five votes each. That option failed. After two days of negotiations and several stressful hours of floor discussion we succeeded in getting weighted voting for our delegates. Each of our delegates can carry a total of two votes. The reason for using weighted voting is that sending 13 delegates to Maine next January or elsewhere in the United States two or three times per year is very costly and could result in our not being able to utilize our potential voting power. By having weighted voting we can send half the number of delegates and use our full voting power.

Now we need to see how many Congressional Districts in California have active Green Parties, then divide by four to see how many delegates we can have. We then need to elect delegates and alternates to represent us. Your current delegates John Strawn, Jo Chamberlain and alternates Mike Wyman and Beth Moore Haines were elected to two year terms in December of 2000. The criteria used in selecting them was how active they have been in their local, state and national Green Parties; quality of their leadership and speaking skills; ability to work successfully in a committee structure; access communication technology such as phone, fax and email; and the ability to travel with a minimum or no financial support from GPCA. If you would like to be a candidate for GPUS delegate position please talk with your current delegates to get a better understanding of all the duties involved and submit your biography at the next GPCA Plenary currently planned for January 2002.

Proposal: General Assembly Delegate Allocation

Proposed by the Coordinating Committee
Contact: Jo Chamberlain, joc@pobox.com, 650-726-1949

Background

During several previous General Assembly meetings, the delegate allocation formula defined within the bylaws resulted in an unfair allocation for some counties. The CC is supporting the following bylaw change to address this problem.

This proposed allocation change will yield nearly the same result as the current method -- the difference is primarily a more consistent and mathematically justifiable rounding method.

Proposed bylaw language:

4-2.2 Delegate selection formula

a) The General Assembly of the Green Party of California shall consist of at least 100 delegate seats. Each active county organization shall have at least one delegate seat.

b) No sooner than twelve weeks and no later than six weeks before the opening of each General Assembly meeting, the Liaison to the Secretary of State, or another individual designated by the Coordinating Committee, shall obtain the most recent Report of Registration from the Secretary of State, and the Coordinating Committee shall determine, based on the relevant articles of these bylaws, which county organizations are currently active.

c) Once this determination has been made, 100 delegate seats shall be allocated to the active counties using the method of equal proportions, and the counties shall be notified of their allocation.

d) If, after the allocation of delegate seats has been made, but before the opening of the General Assembly, additional counties are found by the Coordinating Committee to be active, the newly active counties shall be allocated one delegate seat each. In this case, the General Assembly will have more than 100 delegate seats.

Proposed appendix to bylaw document:

The following is NOT a bylaw amendment and does not require General Assembly approval. It is included with this proposal for information only\

Definition of Method of Equal Proportions

The Method of Equal Proportions is a method adopted by the U.S. Congress to fairly allocate the House of Representatives seats among the states which is easily adapted to fairly allocate GPCA General Assembly delegate seats among the active counties.

To fairly allocate the 100 delegate seats, we must first decide on a good measure of "unfairness" and adopt an allocation method which minimizes this measure.

The Method of Equal Proportions is based on minimizing the "relative difference" between the "representation" of any two counties, where "representation" is the number you get by dividing the county's registered Greens by the number of seats allocated to the county. The seats are allocated such that transferring a seat from any county with more than one seat to any other county does not reduce the ratio of the higher representation to the lower representation.

There are two different ways to perform this method. Both are equivalent and will yield the same results. We'll call one the "ranking method" and the other the "rounding method".

The Ranking Method:

In this method, a series of "priority values" are calculated for each county. First each county is allocated one seat then the priority values are ranked in order and the remaining seats allocated one by one to the counties from the highest priority value to the lowest until all seats are allocated.

To calculate the priority values, first a series of "multipliers" are obtained by calculating the reciprocal of the geometric mean for the integers 2 through 20.

$$1 / [\text{square root of } n(n-1)]$$

where n is an integer from 2 to 20

The priority values are obtained by multiplying the number of registered Greens in each county by these "multipliers." Each county should now have a series of priority values which determines the order in which seats are allocated.

The Rounding Method:

In this method, each county's allocation is determined by dividing the number of registered Greens in each county by a special "divisor" and rounding any fractions by using the geometric mean (rather than the usual arithmetic mean or average).

The geometric mean is calculated by obtaining the square root of the product of the two whole numbers on either side of the fractional number obtained above. If the fractional number is less than the geometric mean, round down to the nearest whole number. Otherwise, round up.

The divisor will either be equal to or near the number obtained by dividing the total number of registered Greens (in active counties) by 100 (the total number of seats). This divisor is adjusted until the total number of seats allocated using this rounding method is exactly equal to 100.

Proposal: Affirmation of the Armenian Genocide

Presenter: Green Issues Working Group

Proposal

The Green Party of San Diego County calls upon the Green Party of California and upon the Association of State Green Parties of the United States to recognize the Armenian genocide. Furthermore, the Green Party of San Diego County requests that the Association of State Green Parties condemn the current government of Turkey for its constant denial that the Armenian genocide ever took place, to prevent further acts of genocide and crimes against humanity by other nations.

RESOLUTION OF THE GREEN PARTY OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY IN RECOGNITION OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

On the occasion of the 86th anniversary of massacres perpetrated by the Turkish Ottoman authorities in 1915, which started a systematic and brutal campaign of mass executions and deportations resulting in the deaths of 1.5 million Armenians between the years 1915 and 1923, and as a result of which many Armenians were uprooted from ancestral lands, the Green Party of San Diego County recognizes and condemns the genocide committed against the Armenian people, and joins Armenian-Americans and human rights advocates in commemorating the first genocide of the 20th century.

In accordance with Green Party's stand against institutionalized acts of violence and in support of human rights and justice, and considering the UN convention of 1948 on the prevention and the punishment of the crime of genocide, the Green Party of San Diego County recognizes the horrific crimes perpetrated against Armenians as constituting genocide and believes that the recognition of the Armenian Genocide is a necessary condition for the prevention of similar crimes against humanity that may occur anywhere in the world.

Background

"I am confident that the whole history of the human race contains no such horrible episode as this. The great massacres and persecutions of the past seem almost insignificant when compared to the sufferings of the Armenian race in 1915."

Henry Morgenthau, Sr.
U.S. Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire

April 24, 1915

April 24 symbolizes the beginning of an organized campaign by the Young Turk government to eliminate the Armenians in the Ottoman Empire.

During the second half of the nineteenth century, the Armenian population of the Ottoman Empire became the target of heightened persecution by the Ottoman Turks. These persecutions culminated in a three decade period during which the Armenians were systematically uprooted from their homeland of 3,000 years and eliminated through massacres or deportation.

Sultan Abdul Hamid's brutal reign ended in 1908 when a coalition known as the Young Turks came to power and established a new constitution. Initially there was tremendous support for the new rulers who promised many reforms and appeared to favor fraternity among the various nationalities within the empire. However, by 1914, the triumvirate of Young Turk dictators, Talat, Enver and Jemal Pashas, had adopted pan-Turkism as a nationalist ideology and set out to Turkify the country's minorities, beginning with the Armenians. Before World War I, they had already declared that the war would create an opportune time to pursue a final solution to the Armenian Question. These premeditated, well-planned decisions were put in effect and deportations and exterminations started under the Ottoman Government's order and supervision.

The Pattern of Persecution: 1894-1923

- * 1894-1896 -- 300,000 Armenians massacred during the reign of the Ottoman Sultan Abdul Hamid II.
- * 1909 --30,000 Armenians massacred in Cilicia, Armenian villages and city quarters looted and burned.
- * 1915-1923 -- 1,500,000 Armenians perished, and 500,000 survivors were exiled from their homes in Ottoman Turkey.

At the beginning of World War I, there were some 2,100,000 Armenians living in the Ottoman Empire. Since the Armenian Genocide, fewer than 100,000 declared Armenians reside in Turkey.

Armenian Genocide Reaffirmation

A growing number of countries and multinational organizations, including the European Parliament and the United Nations, now recognize and reaffirm the Armenian Genocide as historical fact. In 1995 the Russian parliament adopted a resolution on the Armenian Genocide; in 1996 the Canadian House of Commons and the Greek Parliament also adopted similar resolutions. The Lebanese Chamber of Deputies followed in 1997 and in 1998 the Belgian Senate, French National Assembly and the Council of Europe all passed resolutions that reaffirmed the Armenian Genocide. Now members of U.S. House of Representatives are working diligently to ensure Congressional Affirmation of the Armenian Genocide in the year 2000.

View statements by Congress (www.aaainc.org/record/Congress_list.htm) and the Armenian Assembly (www.aaainc.org/record/genocide_statement.htm) on the 84th Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide.

Visit the web site of the Armenian National Institute (ANI) to learn more about the Armenian Genocide.
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Announcement: Unifying Network Of Workers And Environmentalists

We are writing to you because of your record of struggle for working class people and against the toxic social and environmental effects of profit-driven global capitalism. We believe that the time has come for a new level of organization.

We suggest to you that the earth is gripped in a crisis of unprecedented severity, that the reign of capitalism threatens the ecological foundations of human and other life. At the same time the working class majority in the U.S. and elsewhere continue to suffer deterioration of their conditions of work, health, housing and legal and civil rights. We see both of these interconnected crises as stemming from a corporate-ruled, world-dominating capitalism, crushing working class people internationally while despoiling, poisoning and appropriating for profit our natural heritage.

We believe that this unprecedented crisis requires an unprecedented response: a party of those struggling to defend our multi-cultural working class against a predatory economic system, united with those struggling to preserve elements of earth's natural heritage against the same predatory system.

We believe that the electoral component of this working class/environmental party can bring out the latent majority of working class and environmental voters and defeat the parties of globalized profit. We believe this is especially vital in this extreme crisis because of the destructive effects of the U.S. government in the world. We need to give the majority something to vote for, so we can compete against the capitalist parties. And, regardless of the outcome of a given election, we need a party to fight for our future and our earth's future.

We believe the answer must be a multi-cultural class-based party with an electoral platform of defending working class people and the natural environment on all issues, and a year-round program of social and environmental activism.

We are calling on you to join us at the dreaming stage and helping us into the planning stage.

Our organization is UNWE, the unifying network of workers and environmentalists. We are bringing together an Advisory Committee of people known for their leadership on working class and environmental issues. Simply by endorsing this new and powerful tool of unity, the Committee will stimulate a discussion of what can be done to realize it. We invite you to evaluate our idea – for a multi-cultural working class/environmental party with an activist and an electoral component – in light of the global and national conditions we will face in coming years. If you agree with this direction, we ask you to add your name. Advisory Committee membership means that you are on record in support of the UNWE goal. It also means you have a standing invitation to advise and/or participate in UNWE, if you so choose.

Please reply by email to UNWEcandoit@yahoo.com , or call (925) 687-6638.

7/7/01

Discussion: Currently Registered Greens

Presenter: Caleb Kleppner
Electoral Reform Working Group

This is a possible minor bylaw revision that Sup. Matt Gonzalez and Richard Winger suggested, to allow all registered Greens to run for office, overriding the state law that says you have to be registered for a whole year, or some other long period. The bylaw should say something like, "Notwithstanding the Election Code, it is the policy of the Green Party that any voter currently registered with the Green Party may run in Green Party primary elections."

This should be a quickie. It's mainly designed to give us standing in what Gonzalez and Winger both believe to be a slam dunk legal case to establish that the Green Party, not state law, controls our elections. I would think this should get 15 minutes, and should be referred to the Bylaws committee and the CC for presentation. (The Supreme Court has thrown out laws that require people to be registered voters to run for office on the same grounds, so our bylaw is a very mild assertion of our rights - in fact, we could, if we wanted to, allow *anyone* to run in Green Primaries, but I doubt we'd want to do that.

Passing a bylaw amendment to allow all registered Greens to run for office creates a conflict with state law, which says you can only run for office if you've been registered Green for 6 months (or something like that, depending on whether you were previously decline to state or in a different party). Once the state violates that bylaw, we can sue them, and according to the Supreme Court, it is unconstitutional for a state to place limits on who can run for office, so we stick a finger in the eye of the state and reassert our rights as a political party.

Report: Fundraising Ad Hoc Committee

Contact: Jo Chamberlain

The Fundraising Ad Hoc Committee has been very busy since our last report in April 2001. We have continued to solicit sustainers and contributors through mailings, events and personal solicitations.

MAILERS

Two mailings have been done. We sent to Marin, Orange and San Mateo in the Spring and to the Sacramento/Sierra Region in the summer.

Our spring mailing lost money. (The first time we have failed to pay for the expenses of a mailing out of the mailing itself.)

Early returns from the summer mailing indicate that we will be able to pay for the summer mailing.

SUSTAINERS

Our spring mailing did not emphasize sustainer recruitment and brought in only six sustainers.

In order to boost the return of sustainers we included a special sustainer appeal in our Sac/Sierra mailing, and mailed a special sustainer appeal to our "retention" list (our list of previous contributors).

Early returns from the summer mailing indicate that we have increased the level of sustainer response with this mailing.

Prior to the summer mailing, we signed up 50 monthly, quarterly and annual sustainers who have pledged nearly \$9000 per year in contributions.

DIRECT MAIL PARTICIPATION

We encourage your local to consider participating in joint mailings with us.

The basic arrangements are:

- The local provides current registrar's list of registered Green Party members, a one page two sided insert about your local's activities, follow up phone banking after the mailing, and received 50% of income after expenses.
- GPCA provides funds to do the mailing, a one page two sided fund appeal letter, an action postcard, a return envelope, a list of returned unopened addressees, and the Treasurer manages the returns.

**Net Worth Statement
As of 8/20/01**

GREEN PARTY of CALIFORNIA

All Accounts 8/16/01

Acct	Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
California Green Party	23,817.08
GPCA Federal Account	5,201.76
SF Account (Closed)	0.00
Ukiah Account (Closed)	0.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	29,018.84
TOTAL ASSETS	29,018.84
LIABILITIES	
Credit Cards	
Loan Account	0.00
Turtle Island LOC	-100.00
TOTAL Credit Cards	-100.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-100.00
OVERALL TOTAL	29,118.84

Cash Flow Report - Stat e1/1/01 Through 8/20/01

Green Party of California
8/16/01

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Category Description		
INFLOWS		
Donation:		
FA2000	Major	2,100.00
	FA2000-Other	4,684.99
TOTAL FA2000		6,784.99
FA2001:		
	AC	1,575.00
	Butte	50.00
	Calaveras	25.00
	CCC	15.00
	EDC	105.00
	FC	70.00
	LAC	790.00
	Marin	3,490.00
	Mendo	50.00
	Merced	10.00
	Napa	25.00
	NC	415.00
	OC	310.00
	Orange	2,140.00
	PC	245.00
	SanMateo	2,333.00
	SBC	30.00
	SC	755.00
	SCC	155.00
	SCruzC	185.00
	SDC	350.00
	SFC	485.00
	SLOC	125.00
	SolC	25.00
	Sonoma	215.00
	TC	125.00
	VC	50.00
	Yolo	50.00
	FA2001-Other	693.00
TOTAL FA2001		14,891.00
Major		1,500.00
Sustainer:		
	AC	155.00
	BC	15.00
	Butte	15.00
	CCC	300.00

Inflows Continued

	LAC	490.00	
	MC	381.00	
	MeC	25.00	
	NC	130.00	
	OC	125.00	
	SBC	125.00	
	SC	350.00	
	SCC	25.00	
	SCzC	163.00	
	SDC	15.00	
	SFC	730.00	
	SJC	10.00	
	SMC	435.00	
	SoC	50.00	
	Stan	160.00	
	StC	25.00	
	VC	25.00	
TOTAL Sustainer			3,749.00
Donation-Other			814.90
TOTAL Donation			27,739.89
Dues:			
	County	3,273.34	
	Dues-Other	10.00	
TOTAL Dues			3,283.34
Sales:			
	BSB	826.55	
	Buttons	306.90	
	Insurance	849.00	
	Platforms	921.00	
	Postcards	35.00	
	Shipping	156.75	
	ToteBags	538.50	
	Sales-Other	1,019.05	
TOTAL Sales			4,652.75
TOTAL INFLOWS			35,675.98

Category Description

OUTFLOWS			
	BankCharge	309.30	
	Dining	94.72	
	Freight	249.33	
	GiftsGiven	5.00	
	IndependentContractor	620.00	
	Insurance	465.00	
Mailing:			
	FA2000	15,063.00	
	Mailing-Other	5,237.70	
TOTAL Mailing			10,300.70
	Misc	16.00	
Postage:			
	Clearinghouse	513.36	
	MailForwarding	383.37	
	NPBMFee	125.00	
	Treasury	378.22	
TOTALPostage			1,399.95
Printing:			
	FA2001	6,120.19	
	Platforms	2,276.04	
	Printing-Other	197.69	
TOTAL Printing			8,593.92
	Reimbursement	210.00	
	Rent	3,102.00	
Tax:			
	Sales	833.13	
TOTAL Tax			833.13
Utilities:			
	Telephone	677.28	
	Utilities-Other	313.20	
TOTALUtilities			990.48
Vendor:			
	Buttons	639.00	
	Printing	420.00	
	Shipping	51.37	
	ToteBags	1,200.00	
TOTALVendor			2,310.37
	UncategorizedOutflows	25.00	
	TO TurtleIsland LOC	220.00	
TOTAL OUTFLOWS			29,744.90
OVERALL TOTAL			5,931.08

Appendix A – Delegate Count

For The September 2001 State Plenary

Active Counties	# Greens	%Greens in Active Counties	Initial Count (1)	Correction (2)	Delegates
Alameda	14,163	10.32	10	-1	9
Butte	1,952	1.42	2	-1	1
Calaveras	231	0.17	1		1
Contra Costa	4,115	3.00	4	-1	3
Del Norte	115	0.08	1		1
El Dorado	941	0.69	1		1
Fresno	1,359	0.99	1		1
Humboldt	5,013	3.65	4	-1	3
Imperial	96	0.07	1		1
Lake	416	0.30	1		1
Los Angeles	25,314	18.44	18	-1	17
Marin	4,131	3.01	4	-1	3
Mendocino	2,534	1.85	2		2
Merced	239	0.17	1		1
Monterey	1,550	1.13	2	-1	1
Napa	772	0.56	1		1
Nevada	1,623	1.18	2	-1	1
Orange	5,464	3.98	4		4
Placer	1,109	0.81	1		1
Riverside	2,059	1.50	2	-1	1
Sacramento	5,110	3.72	4		4
San Bernardino	2,433	1.77	2		2
San Diego	8,474	6.17	6	-1	5
San Francisco	12,627	9.20	9	-1	8
San Joaquin	679	.49	1		1
San Luis Obispo	2,279	1.66	2		2
San Mateo	3,497	2.55	3	-1	2
Santa Barbara	3,797	2.77	3		3
Santa Clara	6,398	4.66	5		5
Santa Cruz	6,837	4.98	5		5
Sonoma	6,486	4.73	5		5
Stanislaus	591	0.43	1		1
Ventura	3,168	2.31	3	-1	2
Yolo	1,672	1.22	2	-1	1
TOTAL (35)	137,244	100.00	114		100

The above count is based on the registration report from the CA Secretary of State's office, as of February 10, 2001 (latest figures available from the Secretary of State's office as of 8-8-01).

Total Green Registrants: 141,637 (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 B – Transportation and Housing

TRAVEL

RAIL – If you have the time, please consider taking the train to the Green Gathering! Getting there really is half the fun! You can catch a train to the Bay Area from almost any part of California. For information, call 1-800-USA-RAIL.

Amtrak drops you off at San Jose (Diridon) Station, from which Caltrain will get you to our venue at Burlingame High School. Its about an hour ride north from San Jose. You get off at Caltrain at Burlingame Avenue, stay on the east side of the tracks, and walk a block north---thru old growth trees and green grass---to our venue, Burlingame High School. There, you can connect with your homestay host or take our shuttle to your hotel

AIR – Most air carriers can get you to the San Francisco Airport. Call them directly, get your ticket from AAA or another travel agent, or look them up on their website. For best prices (a month in advance) you might try www.cheaptickets.com, www.expedia.com, or other websites.

From the SF airport, take the airport shuttle to Caltrain, Millbrae Avenue Station. Then, get on Caltrain Southbound for two stops. Get off at Burlingame Avenue Station, cross to the east side of the tracks and walk a block north to Burlingame High School.

If you are staying at a hotel, you can take the hotel's shuttle from the airport to your hotel.

DRIVING – BEFORE you decide to drive, consider the wear and tear on you and your car, the chances of accident or delay, your depletion of a non-renewable fuel resource and ESPECIALLY your emissions of carbon dioxide, the green house gas that is causing most of our global warming.

If you MUST drive, here's how to get to our venue: Take 101 Freeway to Burlingame-Broadway Exit. Go West about a block. Turn left on Carolan Avenue, before the railroad tracks. Go about a mile south to the Burlingame High School.

LOCAL MASS TRANSIT – Caltrain runs north from San Jose and south from San Francisco (4th and Townsend.) Most trains stop at Burlingame Avenue station. On weekends, trains typically run about once an hour each way, until about 11 PM. For detailed schedules go to www.caltrain.com

Muni Buses connect with Caltrain in San Francisco, and VTA buses connect with Caltrain in San Jose. In San Mateo County, we have SamTrans Buses. SamTrans connects with Caltrain (and our venue) at the Burlingame Caltrain Station. For Samtrans map and schedules, go to their website, www.samtrans.com.

WHERE TO STAY

Of course you can stay anywhere you wish, when you come to the Green Gathering. If you live in the Bay area, you may choose to stay at home, and commute---but consider the time required and consider your greenhouse gas emissions! You may also wish to stay with friends in the Bay area.

HOMESTAY – Another great option is the HOMESTAY. This is a great way to get to know some fellow Greens better. Greens in San Mateo County are volunteering to take you into their home for the weekend. Let us know if you are interested in a homestay by calling Tom Dickerman at 650-992-3963. He will put you in touch with a homestay host. From there, you will need to make your own arrangements: will your host be driving you to and from the Gathering? Will you drive your own car, or take public transit? Can you tolerate their dog or cat?

HOTELS – If you need your privacy, and you can afford it, a hotel may suit you. There are many hotels in the area, and most have free shuttles to and from the airport. In Burlingame there are nine hotels---all about two miles from the Burlingame High School. We have been able to get a group rate at the Park Plaza Hotel: \$79. per night, including room tax, for a double room. If you are interested in this option, please call the hotel directly at 650-342-9200, to make your reservation. Be sure to tell them you are with the Green Party of California, to get the group rate.

Staying at the Park Plaza will be an opportunity to stay near other Greens! >From the Park Plaza you could actually walk the 1.2 miles to the Burlingame High School venue, if you have time. We also expect to have our own shuttle to get you between this hotel and the High School.

If you are traveling as a single, and would like to find a partner with whom to share a room, please call Tom Dickerman at 650-992-3963. Tom will see if he can find you a roommate to meet your needs.

The Park Plaza is at 1177 Airport Boulevard, just Southeast of the Broadway-Burlingame exit from 101 Freeway. It is a Union hotel.

All other hotels near our venue are shown below:

Vagabond Inn-Airport, 1640 Bayshore Hwy., Southeast of the 101/ Millbrae Exit. 650-692-4040. Non-union. About \$90. per room, incl. tax, double occupancy.

Doubletree-SFO Airport, 835 Airport Blvd., a half mile East of the 101/Broadway-Blgme. Exit. 650-344-5500. Non-union. About \$103. per room, incl. tax, double occupancy.

Westin Hotel, 600 Airport Blvd., Southeast of 101/Broadway-Blgme. Exit. 650-692-3500. Union. About \$113. per room, incl. tax, double occupancy.

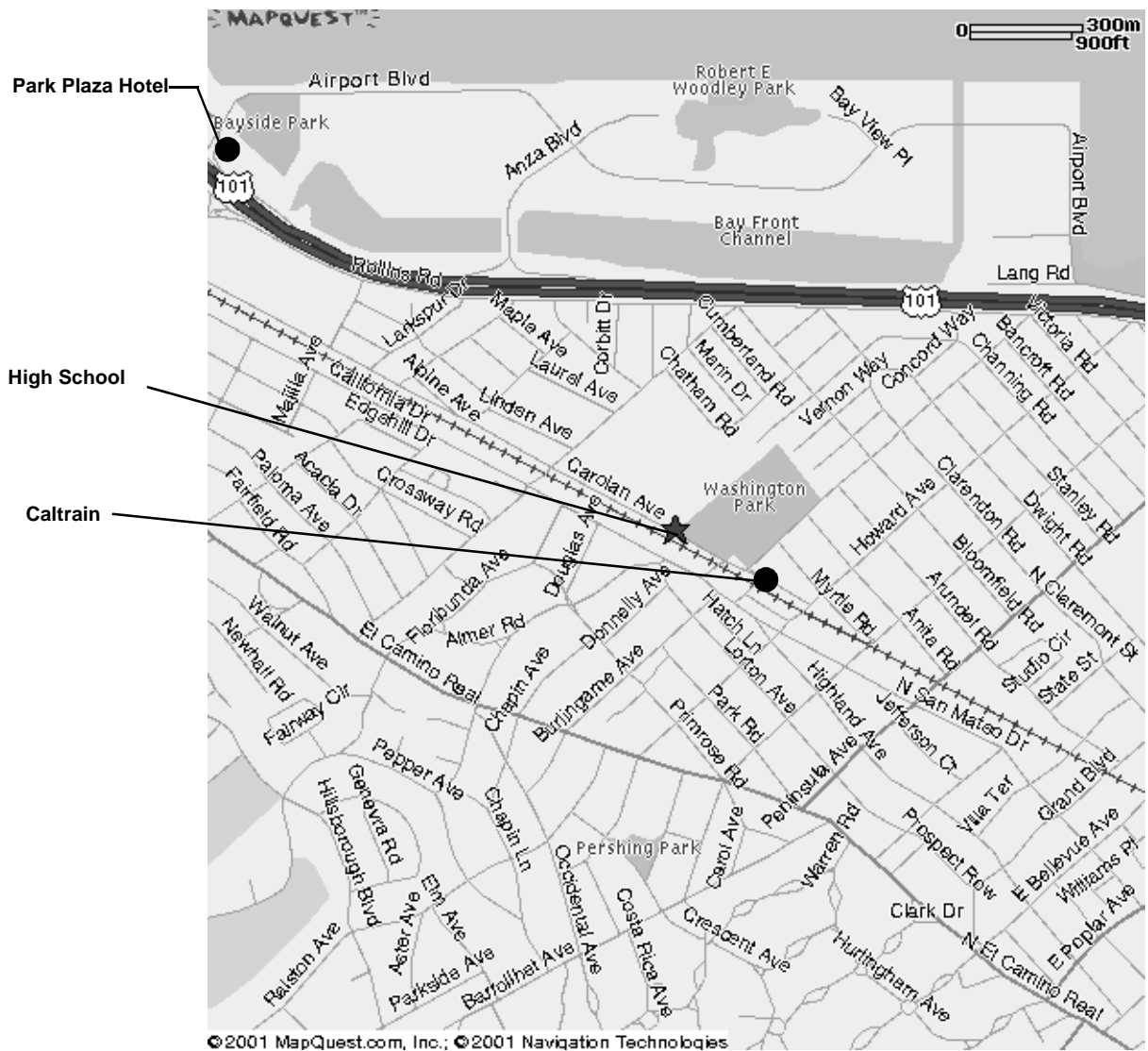
Sheraton Hotel, 600 Airport Blvd., a half mile East of the 101/Broadway-Blgme. Exit. 650-340-8500. Union. About \$105 per room, incl. tax, double occupancy.

Red Roof Inn, 777 Airport Blvd., East of 101, Millbrae Exit, 650-342-7772. Non-union. About \$140. per room, incl. tax, double occupancy.

Embassy Suites Hotel-SFO, 150 Anza Blvd., East of Broadway-Blgme. Exit. 650-342-4600. Non-union. About \$155. per room, incl. tax, double occupancy.

Ramada-S. F. Airport, 1250 Old Bayshre Hwy just E. of 101Broadway-Blgme. Exit. 650-347-2381. Non-union. About \$180. per room, incl. tax, double occupancy.

Hyatt Regency Hotel-SFO, 1333 Bayshore Hwy. just NE. of 101Broadway-Blgme. Exit. 650-347-1234. Non-union. About \$270! per room, incl. tax, double occupancy.



Burlingame

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