

# Green Party of California

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This volume of the agenda packet contains the proposals that will be decided at the General Assembly. A second volume of the packet will contain the schedule, important announcements, and registration and logistics for the meeting.

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## **Consent Calendar Item -- Change of Budget Calendar to Fiscal Year**

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SUBJECT: Change of Budget Calendar to Fiscal Year

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:

Due to the election cycle and other work that needs to be done in the Fall of each year, The Green Party of California has not been able to follow the bylaws in regards to the Budget schedule as stated in the bylaws in section 7-2: Finance Committee.

The budget requests by the different committees usually cannot be prepared in time for the September 30th deadline for approval at the following Fall/Winter meeting, as stated in 7.2-4. Without these requests the Budget Committee is not able to create a budget proposal.

In the past few years, committees have shown themselves to be able to submit their proposals near the end of the year and, given the time that it takes to prepare a budget proposal for the General Assembly, their proposals have not been ready for presentation before that body until the Spring meeting.

If this proposal is adopted by the General Assembly, the Finance Committee plans to submit a future proposal to change from a one year budget cycle to a two year budget cycle. It is hoped that in doing this we will, in addition to following the Future Focus Key Value, help ensure that the Green Party of California complies with the bylaws.

PROPOSAL: That the bylaws in Section 7.2 relating to deadlines for the budget to be changed to "In a timely manner so that a budget proposal shall be presented to the General Assembly at the Spring meeting for approval."

COMMITTEE DECISION: The Finance Committee came to a consensus on this proposal.

TIMELINE: This change in the bylaws will go into effect when approved by the General Assembly.

RESOURCES: None foreseen

## **Proposal --USGP Nominating Convention – GPCA Delegate Direction**

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SPONSOR: GPCA Coordinating Committee

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SUBJECT: Delegate Selection for USGP Nominating Convention

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: At the September, 2003, plenary, the General Assembly consensed to:

“The assignment of GPCA delegate votes to any candidate, or how those votes may be redistributed under various circumstances at the convention, will be decided at the General Assembly immediately following the March 2, 2004 presidential preference primary election.”

Two proposals for distribution of votes have been presented, as well as 2 statements of other considerations. These are included. The General Assembly will decide the timing and method for the directing the delegates.

PROPOSAL: (There are 2 proposals, and 2 statements of other considerations)

**Proposal 1:** GPCA Presidential Nominating Convention Delegates Proposals (Continued From September 2003)

4. GPCA delegates and alternates to the June 2004 GPUS Presidential Nominating Convention must have been registered as Green Party members on and since February 15, 2004.

5. GPCA delegates and alternates to the GPUS Presidential Nominating Convention (hereinafter referred to as the "GPUS convention") shall be pledged and committed and are directed and expressly instructed to vote for the GPUS nominee(s) for President and Vice President as selected by the voters as their choice(s) in the GPCA Presidential Primary election.

A. In the event that multiple candidates receive votes in the GPCA primary, GPCA delegates shall be distributed in proportion to the primary votes received by each candidate as further described; except that in the event of the withdrawal of any candidate, GPCA delegate votes shall be reallocated in proportion of the votes received by the remaining candidate(s) -- excluding the votes cast for any candidate who has withdrawn.

1. In order for a candidate to have at least one vote from the GPCA delegation at the GPUS convention, the candidate must have received a minimum of the Primary Election votes equal to the percentage of

one divided by the total number of GPCA delegates authorized by the GPUS (e.g., if there are a maximum of 127 GPCA delegates possible, a candidate must have received a minimum of 1/127ths of the vote in the GPCA Primary Election).

2. GPCA delegate votes shall be controlled by these rules. In other words, GPCA delegate votes shall not be controlled or directed by any candidate.

B. At the first vote for nominees for U.S. President at the GPUS convention, GPCA delegates shall cast their votes as previously described. If there are additional rounds of voting, GPCA delegates shall continue to vote as previously described -- except that if a candidate withdraws or is eliminated from voting by GPUS rules, the proportions of GPCA delegate votes shall be adjusted as if those candidates had withdrawn before the GPUS convention.

C. In the event that the GPUS convention uses a form of ranked voting, choice voting or instant runoff voting, the GPCA delegate votes shall be allocated as previously described for first choice votes, and additional tiers of ranked or choice voting shall likewise reflect the proportions and rankings of votes received by each candidate in the GPCA Primary Election.

D. In the event that the only remaining candidates at any stage of voting at the GPUS convention did not appear as a candidate on the GPUS Primary Election ballot, the GPCA delegates are authorized to determine their votes by caucus and decision of the delegates.

E. After a nominee has been selected through a voting process at the GPUS convention, the GPCA delegates may, but are not required to, join in a vote or call for consensus of nomination by acclamation.

6. GPCA delegate votes for the GPUS nominee for Vice President shall follow the same procedures as delegate votes for selecting the GPUS nominee for U.S. President.

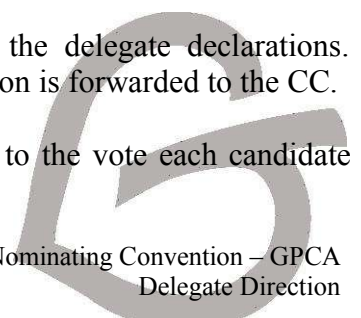
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Additional Comments: (A) This proposal does not expressly deal with the situation where the GPCA has less than its full number of delegates present for the Presidential nomination ballot at the GPUS convention. The proposed method could be adjusted in this circumstance to distribute GPCA delegate votes based on the total number of delegates present at that time. (B) This proposal does not deal with instructions to delegates regarding platform or other issues.

Warner (January 14, 2004)

## **Proposal 2: PROCESS FLOW SUMMARY**

1. Counties are allocated delegates based on the number of registered Greens in their counties.
2. Counties recruit delegate and alternate volunteers, and acquire from the delegate declarations. Delegates may be pledged to a candidate or unpledged. All delegate information is forwarded to the CC.
3. After the primary, the CC assigns delegates to candidates in proportion to the vote each candidate



received. Pledged delegates are assigned first, then unpledged delegates are assigned. If there are not enough delegates to fill all the slots, alternates may be solicited to act as delegates.

4. At the convention, delegates cast their first vote for the candidates to whom they are assigned. If subsequent choices are required, as in a ranked-ballot system, delegates will use their best judgment to represent the will of the voters who selected their assigned candidate in the Primary.

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## PROPOSED PROCESS DETAIL

*[This process continues from sections 1 and 2 of the delegate proposal that passed at the Sept 03 General Assembly.]*

3. GPCA delegates and alternates to the GPUS Presidential Nominating Convention must be registered with the Green Party of California at such a time as to be eligible to vote in the Green Party Primary Election preceding the Nominating Convention, and must maintain continuous party registration through the date of the convention. The County Council where the delegate or alternate resides will verify their registration status.

4. A person volunteering for delegate or alternate to the GPUS convention will sign one of the delegate declarations, which are appended below. The declaration will be submitted with the contact information described in section 1.4.

5. Once the delegate declarations have been submitted to the CC, delegates and alternates will be considered as a statewide pool for the purpose of assigning delegates to candidates.

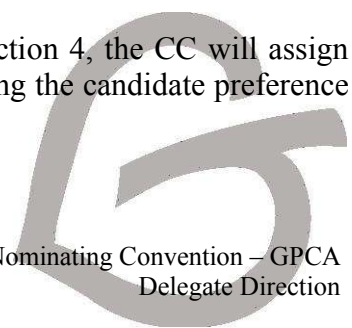
6. GPCA delegates to the GPUS convention shall be allocated to California Presidential Primary candidates as described here.

- 6-1. In order for a candidate to have at least one vote from the GPCA delegation at the GPUS convention, the candidate must have received a minimum of the Primary Election votes equal to the percentage of one divided by the total number of GPCA delegates authorized by the GPUS (e.g., if there are a maximum of 132 GPCA delegates possible, a candidate must have received a minimum of 1/132nd of the vote in the GPCA Primary Election).

- 6-2. The CC (or its designate in all subsequent references) will collect the delegate declarations, as described in section 4 above.

- 6-3. After the Primary Election the CC will ascertain the percentage of the total votes each candidate received. That percentage shall be used to derive the number of convention delegates to which each candidate is entitled by applying each candidate's percentage to the total number of delegates allocated to the GPCA.

- 6-4. After the CC has received all delegate declarations, as described in section 4, the CC will assign delegates to each candidates first from the pool of pledged delegates, following the candidate preference stated in the delegate declarations.



6-5. If the number of pledged delegates for a candidate is insufficient for the number of delegates to which the candidate is entitled, unpledged delegates will be assigned to the candidate. If the pool of unpledged delegates is insufficient for all candidates, the available pool will be allocated by the percentage of the total votes each candidate received.

6-6. If, after assigning all pledged and unpledged delegates, there remain open delegate slots, the CC will solicit alternates to change their declaration to that of a delegate. These delegates will then be assigned as described in section 6-5.

7. GPCA delegates at the GPUS convention shall cast their votes for Presidential candidates as described here.

7-1. For the first vote for a Presidential candidate, delegates shall vote for the candidate to which they are assigned.

7-2. If a delegate's assigned candidate withdraws from the race, or if subsequent votes are required for a ranked ballot or multiple-round voting, delegates will vote using their best judgment as to what the California voters who selected their assigned candidate would choose.

7-3. Candidates may make voting recommendations to delegates, but they cannot mandate or coerce any delegate to vote in a certain manner. Delegates may caucus to determine, collectively, how to vote. But no delegate shall be bound by that decision. The delegate's best judgment is to be the primary guiding principle.

8. Delegates will also vote on other issues that were presented to the GPCA for decision at the GPUS convention. Delegates will vote as directed by the GPCA General Assembly.

### **PLEDGED DELEGATE DECLARATION**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am a registered voter with the Green Party of California and reside in the county of \_\_\_\_\_. I was eligible to vote in the Green Party primary and will maintain my Green Party registration through the nominating convention.

I will attend the Presidential Nominating Convention of the Green Party of the United States and will perform the duties of a delegate at the convention, which will be held on \_\_\_\_\_. If, subsequent to signing this declaration, I find I am unable to attend the convention, I will notify the GPCA Coordinating Committee immediately.

I will vote for a presidential candidate in accordance with the adopted procedures of the GPCA.

My preference for a presidential candidate is \_\_\_\_\_ and I will vote for this candidate as my first choice at the convention.

If voting for subsequent candidate choices is required, I will use my best judgment to represent the California voters who selected this candidate.



\_\_\_\_\_ By placing an X on this line, I am attesting to be an alternate delegate. If needed, I will perform the delegate duties at the convention as prescribed in this declaration.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

### UNPLEDGED DELEGATE DECLARATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am a registered voter with the Green Party of California and reside in the county of \_\_\_\_\_. I was eligible to vote in the Green Party primary and will maintain my Green Party registration through the nominating convention.

I will attend the Presidential Nominating Convention of the Green Party of the United States and will perform the duties of a delegate at the convention, which will be held on \_\_\_\_\_. If, subsequent to signing this declaration, I find I am unable to attend the convention, I will notify the GPCA Coordinating Committee immediately.

I will vote for a presidential candidate in accordance with the adopted procedures of the GPCA.

I have no preference for a presidential candidate and will vote with the pledged delegates for the candidate to whom I am assigned.

If voting for subsequent candidate choices is required, I will use my best judgment to represent the California voters who selected the candidate to whom I am assigned.

\_\_\_\_\_ By placing an X on this line, I am attesting to be an alternate delegate. If needed, I will perform the delegate duties at the convention as prescribed in this declaration.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

***Other considerations: (Not part of either proposal, these are comments and considerations we have received relative to the foregoing, from various Greens who have provided input.)***

1. We do not have enough information today to provide direction to our delegates. We will not have all the information by the March Plenary. Urging a decision without information is not a good way for leadership to act. Let's get busy collecting the information...ask our PresCom reps to push for the voting rules decision from GPUS. Ask other states who and when they will have their candidates decided and voted on -- then we can really evaluate the decision and make as a minimum an \*informed\* decision.

Now we aren't even informed.

2. Regardless of what methods or peculiarities GPUS eventually comes up with for a voting procedure, we need to get the recruitment and staging of delegates in California underway. If we wait until June (just a few weeks before the convention) to decide these basic issues, we will not have time to execute them in an orderly manner. The procedures we approve in March can be modified in June if need be. But if we have to organize and execute the whole delegate scenario just weeks before the convention, I find it doubtful that the Green voters in California will get adequate representation at the nominating convention. And this should be our primary goal. Let's go with what information we have and adjust our process later when more information comes in.

TIME LINE: To Be Determined by General Assembly (USGP Nominating Convention is June 23 – 28)

RESOURCES:



## **Proposal -- Nominating Convention Delegates to Be Registered Green on or Before 2/17/04**

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SPONSOR: Campaigns and Candidates Working Group

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SUBJECT: Proposal to require all CA Green party convention delegates to be registered Green by 2/17/04.

PROPOSAL:

Every CA delegate to the national Green Party presidential nominating convention in Milwaukee WI must have been continually registered with the Green Party since February 17, 2004. The voter registration deadline for the March 2, 2004 primary is February 17, 2004.

It should be incumbent upon each county to check the registration of their delegates before submitting the names to the Accreditation Committee (AC). The CA Green Party AC is empowered to spot check the delegate list and remove non-complying delegates from the list. The AC must also inform the local of this action and provide a timeframe for replacement delegates to be recruited.

Rationale: It is unethical for any person to participate in more than one party's primary in the same election. Since the Green Party nominates our presidential candidate at the convention, only those who are registered Green throughout the primary should be eligible to vote at the convention as a delegate.

Moreover, as many Greens are lured away from our party to the Democratic primary, those voters may feel compelled to use their delegate status at our convention to support running a weak candidate or no candidate at all to further bolster the Democratic nominee's position in the General Election.

TIME LINE: Counties will verify continuous registration before submitting delegate names

Consented to at the September 2003, plenary:

County organizations shall select delegates and their alternates no later than the last Monday in April, and provide their names and contact information to the GPCA CC by the first Monday in May.

RESOURCES: Time for counties to verify names with Registrar of Voters.



## Proposal – Text of Proposed Public Financing of Candidates Act

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\*\*\*the presenters request that questions and suggested amendments be sent to us prior to the March Plenary\*\*\*

SUBJECT: Public Financing of Candidates in California

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:

This proposal provides the Green Party of California with text for our position on public financing of campaigns in California. It will be used in discussions with legislators and organizations, and for inclusion in legislation by elected officials and initiative language.

Draft for the California Public Financing of Candidates Law

Sec. 1 Title

This chapter shall be known as the California Public Financing of Candidates Act of 2006.

Sec 2. The people of California declare our intent to create a Public Financing of Candidates (PFOC) system that will:

- A. Improve the integrity of California State government by diminishing the influence of special-interest money.
- B. Provide all constituents equal access to their representatives regardless of their ability to donate.
- C. Decrease and reverse the rapidly escalating costs of political campaigns.
- D. Save the taxpayers millions of dollars by avoiding legislative and regulatory decisions made on behalf of major campaign contributors.
- E. Promote freedom of speech and equal access for all candidates by mandating public debates and by funding media, mailing, and printing costs for all participating candidates.
- F. Replace paid signature gatherers with volunteers.

- G. Encourage participation of a greater number and diversity of candidates, giving voters more choices.
- H. Allow all citizens equal and meaningful participation in the democratic process by removing wealth as a major factor affecting whether or not a person becomes a candidate.
- I. Provide candidates with funding for competitive campaigns.
- J. Create equal funding opportunities for incumbents and challengers, freeing them from the incessant rigors of fundraising.
- K. Provide candidates with the option to be either publicly or privately funded.

### Sec. 3. Applicability of the Political Reform Act

A. Unless specifically superseded by this Act, the definitions and provisions of the Political Reform Act of 1974, Government Code Section 81000 et seq. shall govern the interpretation of the law.

B. The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) which already has regulation and enforcement powers for campaign finance and spending, will administer the Act. Additions to the FPPC will state that:

1. No more than two members of the FPPC shall be from the same political party. Parties shall be chosen in decreasing order of number of votes that the party's candidate received in the most recent gubernatorial election.

2. The five FPPC members shall be appointed in the usual way: two by the Governor and one each by the Secretary of State, Attorney General and Controller. The state organizations of the political parties shall present a list of recommendations from which the officials may choose a member for the FPPC. The lists will be used in the order that a political party's candidate for Governor placed in the last gubernatorial election.

3. FPPC members are appointed by elected officials to one four year term. When a vacancy occurs, or the commissioner's term expires, the same official that made the original appointment makes the new appointment.

4. The additional duties imposed on the FPPC by this Act include general administration of the PFOC process, education of candidates and voters, and the coordination of candidate debates. The FPPC will make every attempt to insist that the Federal Communications Commission reinstate the Fairness Doctrine for political information on the media. Funding to support these activities will come from the PFOC Fund.

5. The FPPC may change requirements on the number of signatures required if the number of candidates increases to such a degree that the financial security of the PFOC is threatened or if the expenditures might exceed the \$10.00 per registered voter per year can finance.

Sec. 4. Offices covered by the PFOC Act.

Governor, Attorney General, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Controller, Insurance Commissioner, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and members of the Board of Equalization, Assembly and State Senate.

Sec. 5. Qualifications for Public Financing of Candidates funds.

A. The candidates will gather a specified number of qualifying signatures accompanied by a \$5.00 endorsement contribution to the general PFOC fund from registered voters in the electoral district being contested. The number of qualifying signatures are:

Governor	\$15,000.00
Other Statewide offices	\$10,000.00
Board of Equalization	\$2,000.00
State Senate	\$1,000.00
State Assembly	\$500.00

B. Voter's rolls for each county in the district will be used by the Registrar of Voters of that County to verify signatures.

C. Only volunteers registered to vote in the district of the candidate may collect qualifying contributions – no paid collectors.

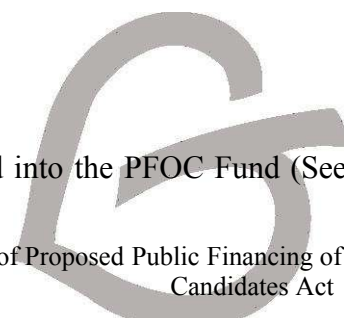
D. The only private donations PFOC candidates shall accept are seed money contributions.

E. PFOC candidates shall spend no personal funds for their campaigns, except for seed money before the signature gathering begins.

F. Maximum limits on seed money which may be used only before Primary period are specified below:

Governor	\$150,000.00
Other Statewide offices	\$100,000.00
Board of Equalization	\$25,000.00
State Senate	\$15,000.00
State Assembly	\$7,500.00

G. Unspent seed money at the time of the grant shall be paid into the PFOC Fund (See



Section 10).

H. A qualified candidate must not make seed money expenditures of more than a total of five hundred dollars of the candidate's personal money

I. Candidates must participate in at least one candidate debate arranged by the FPPC.

J. Seed money contributions are limited to \$100 per contributor. Only individuals may contribute seed money, not organizations or corporations.

K. All candidates shall maintain a single campaign account and file financial reports as required.

L. Candidates shall establish their party affiliation at least one year prior to applying for qualification as PFOC candidates, or they may run as party non-affiliated candidates

#### Sec. 6 Endorsement contributions

A. To qualify as an endorsement contribution, a contribution must be:

1. Made by a qualified elector, who at the time of the contribution is registered in the electoral district of the office the candidate is seeking and who has not given another qualifying contribution to that candidate during that election cycle;

2. Made by a person who is not given anything of value in exchange for the qualifying contribution;

3. In the sum of five dollars, exactly;

4. Received unsolicited during the qualifying period or solicited during the qualifying period by a person who is not employed or retained by the candidate and who is not compensated to collect contributions by the candidate or on behalf of the candidate;

5. If made by check or money order, made payable to the candidate's campaign committee, or if in cash, deposited in the candidate's campaign committee's account;

B. The endorsement contributions must be paid into the PFOC Fund and accompanied by a three part reporting slip that includes the printed name, registration address, and signature of the contributor and the name of the candidate being endorsed. Included must be the date of the contribution, and the printed name and signature of the solicitor.

C. A copy of the reporting slip shall be given as a receipt to the contributor, and the candidate's campaign committee shall retain another copy. Delivery of an original reporting slip to the Secretary of State shall excuse the candidate from disclosure of these contributions on campaign finance reports.

D. Volunteer campaign workers must do the gathering of these endorsements and contributions. This Act is designed to cut the cost of an election and to strengthen our democracy by

eliciting the active participation of the citizens. The volunteer signature gatherer must be registered to vote in the district of the candidate for whom they are gathering signatures.

E. Political parties may organize volunteers, but may not pay individuals to gather signatures.

**Sec. 7. Certification**

A. No more than one week after a candidate applies for Public Financing of Candidates benefits, the Commission shall certify that the candidate is or is not eligible. Unless, within that time, the commission denies an application and provides written reasons, the candidate shall be certified as a participating candidate. Eligibility shall be revoked if the candidate violates the requirements of this Act, in which case all Public Financing of Candidates funds must be repaid.

B. The candidate’s request for certification shall be signed by the candidate and the candidate’s campaign treasurer under penalty of perjury.

**Sec. 8. PFOC benefits**

A. Candidates who qualify for PFOC funds for the campaign:

1. Shall receive PFOC funds for the election, the amount which is specified in Section 9. This funding may be used to finance any and all campaign expenses during the particular campaign period for which it is allocated.

2. May receive additional PFOC funds to match any excess expenditures spent by a non-participating candidate up to 6 times the initial PFOC grant amount.

3. Shall make available for public inspection all bank accounts, campaign finance reports and financial records relating to the candidate’s campaign, either by immediate disclosure through electronic means or at the candidate’s campaign headquarters, in accordance with rules adopted by the FPPC.

4. Return all funds remaining in the campaign fund after the election to the Public Financing of Candidates Fund.

**Sec. 9. Public Funds for Candidates**

A. Initial PFOC grant amounts

<b>Office</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Total</b>
Governor	\$3,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$8,000,000
Attorney General	\$750,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,250,000
Treasurer	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000

Secretary of State	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000
Lieutenant Governor	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000
Insurance Commissioner	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000
Superintendent of Public Instruction	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000
Board of Equalization	\$125,000	\$250,000	\$375,000
State Senate	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$250,000
State Assembly	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$125,000

B. Candidates in contested primaries may elect to spend up to 2/3 of the total allotment on their primary campaigns.

C. Non-participating candidates must report campaign spending and independent expenditures benefiting them to the FPPC. If the total of those expenditures exceeds the initial PFOC grant for that office, that will trigger matching grants to the participating candidates. The total amount given to a participating candidate is capped at 6 times the initial PFOC grant amount.

D. If any non-participating candidate exceeds these caps, the FPPC shall issue a press release so stating, and notify all other candidates for that office.

E. Candidates unopposed in the Primary receive 40% of initial Primary funding and 100% of initial General election funding.

F. Party non-affiliated candidates receive 40% of initial Primary funding and 100% of initial General election funding.

G. Candidates unopposed in the General election receive no PFOC funding.

#### Sec. 10. Funding for the PFOC Act

A. A Public Financing of Candidates Fund managed by the FPPC will be established. The PFOC Fund will accumulate monies sufficient to provide for operation of the PFOC Act over a four year election cycle.

B. Resources for the fund

1. A voluntary \$5.00 check-off on the state income tax
2. Voluntary contributions collected by the candidate from their signature gathering for qualification.
3. Voluntary contributions to the PFOC Fund of up to \$500, which will be eligible for a tax credit on the CA income tax.

4. Unspent seed money and unspent campaign funds

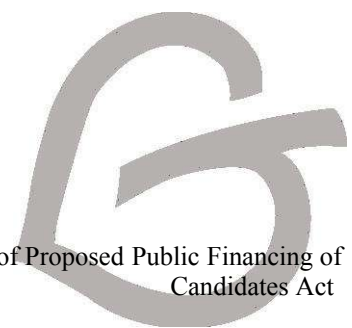
5. Fines levied by the FPPC

6. When a non-participating candidate's contributions exceed the PFOC grant allowance, a 10% assessment of the amount in excess of the PFOC grant allowance shall be paid from the candidate's campaign fund into the PFOC Fund.

7. Funds shall be appropriated by the legislature from the General Fund to cover all necessary expenses not covered by the above resources.

#### Sec. 11. Controlling the cost of PFOC

An overall spending cap will be set at \$10.00 per California registered voter per year.



## **Proposal -- Time line for Passage of Green Party Election Code Section**

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SUBJECT: Overview of Green Election Code

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:** The ERWG is planning on finishing an election code, and submitting it to the California Legislature sometime after January 2005. Prior to our submitting this to the legislature, the ERWG will seek General Assembly consensus on the Green election code sometime in late 2004.

**PROPOSAL:** The ERWG wants to present our time-line for getting a California Green Party election code section passed by the state legislature. This presentation will give a bullet point overview of the election code that will be presented in full later in 2004.

**COMMITTEE DECISION:** The ERWG consensed to empower an election code sub-committee to work on the draft. The ERWG created this proposed timeline for passing the election code.

**TIMELINE:** This presentation will need 15 minutes. It can occur on either day of the plenary.

**RESOURCES:** This election code involves a sub-committee of five: Warner Bloomberg, Chris Collins, Gerry Gras, Chris Page, Jim Stauffer.

This group has a mailman list [gpca-erwg-ed@cagreens.org](mailto:gpca-erwg-ed@cagreens.org).

It will require a twice a month teleconference. ([freeconference.com](http://freeconference.com))

It will require a two day gathering for completion of the EC. (in mid-2004)

There is a GA proposal empowering the ERWG to create this EC.



## Proposal: GPCA Budget for FY 2004

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**PURPOSE:** To provide a financial plan for the administration and funding of the Green Party of California for Fiscal (Calendar) Year 2004.

**PRESENTERS:** GPCA Budget Committee

**ORIGINATING GROUP:** GPCA Coordinating Committee. (The budget proposal passed the GPCA-CC by consensus.)

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**SUMMARY:**

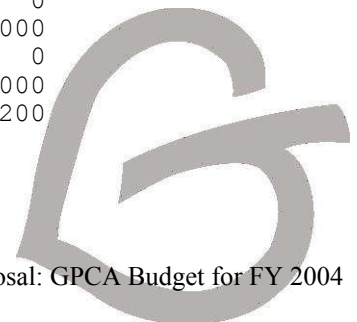
For FY 2004 the Coordinating Committee is recommending that the General Assembly accept a deficit spending plan for the GPCA for the key presidential election year of 2004.

The Budget plan for 2004 would allow expenditures of \$162,667, and projects revenues of \$134,800. This would leave a deficit of \$27,867 at the end of calendar year 2004. The deficit would have to be made up from existing funds on account. This would reduce our net worth from \$92,777 as of January 1 to a net worth of \$64,910. The Budget Committee and the CC have agreed that the GPCA needs at least this much on reserve to maintain our operations going into 2005.

New in the budget this year are funding allocations for a press secretary, a campaign support coordinator and a lobbyist. (For details on these positions, please see the work plans on the GPCA website at: <http://cagreens.org/finance/internal/index.html> )

The Finance Committee expects to come back to this body sometime in the coming year with a change in this budget. The changes that would be requested would reflect the addition of a direct mail campaign to our fund raising plan for this coming year.

SUMMARY TABLE:	Tier One	Discretionary	Tier Two
EXPENSES			
GPCA-CC:	7970	1000	6500
TSR Office:	10575	3750	6000
CSF:	7500	20000	0
GPUS Delegation:	3730	500	0
National Convention:	12000	0	0
Finance & Fundraising:	51560	0	5000
Media Subcommittee:	7695	0	0
IT/Website Subcommittee:	3032	1000	4000
Clearinghouse:	11390	2800	18200
Platform SC:	1060		
Bylaws SC:	830		
International Protocol:	500	500	



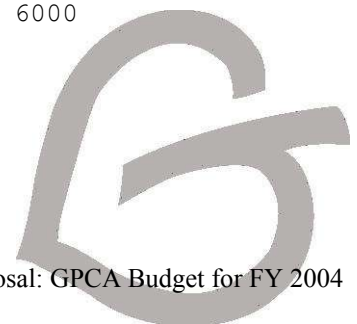
C&CWG:	15250	11000	28500
Electoral Reform WG:	14000	0	35000
Green Issues WG:	2100	2500	0
GROW:	6675	15625	8625
Green Focus:	6800	3000	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>162667</b>	<b>57675</b>	<b>111825</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Total Fundraising:	125800	0	
Chapter Dues:	1000		
Clearinghouse:	8000		
<b>TOTAL REVENUE:</b>	<b>134800</b>		
<b>NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>-27867</b>	<b>-57675</b>	<b>-111825</b>

Suggested Staff Priorities:

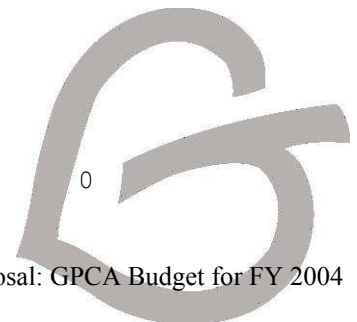
1. Fundraiser
2. Lobbyist
3. Press Secretary
4. Campaign Support Coordinator

BUDGET DETAIL -----

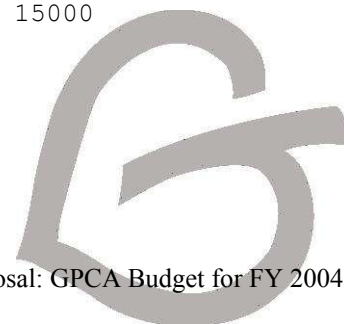
EXPENSES	Tier One	Discretionary	Tier Two
<b>COORDINATING COMMITTEE</b>			
Phones			
monthly teleconferences	300		
emergency calls	90		
ad hoc committee calls	180		
Legal fees	2500		2500
Insurance	1000	1000	
Co-co phones (\$25x3x12)	900		900
Co-co travel (\$25x12)	500		300
Retreat	1000		500
Plenary dinners (\$100x3)	300		
CC hardship travel	500		500
Supplies and copies	100		
CC voting page			1800
Mediation and Ethics	0		
Plenary Committee	600		
<b>Total CC:</b>	<b>7970</b>		<b>6500</b>
<b>TREASURER'S OFFICE</b>			
Bank Fees	125		
Merchant Fees	1500		
Postage	1000		
Software	750	750	
Supplies	200		
Treasurer's stipend	6000		6000
Data entry	1000	3000	
<b>Total Treasurer's Office:</b>	<b>10575</b>	<b>3750</b>	<b>6000</b>
<b>CAMPAIGN SUPPORT FUND</b>			
Initiatives	1000		
Local		1000	
State		1000	
Local races			



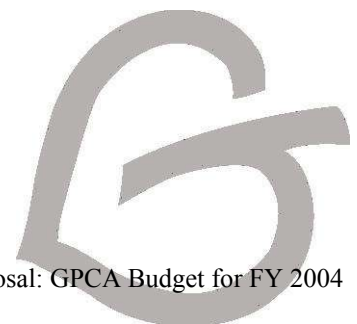
Campaign support	3500	3000	
Assembly races			
Campaign support	1500	7500	
Congressional races			
Campaign support	1500	7500	
Total CSF:	7500	20000	0
GPUS DELEGATION			
Travel stipends	2500		
Teleconference	80		
Long distance	150		
Web services	500	500	
Caucus room	500		
Total GPUS Delegation	3730	500	0
NATIONAL CONVENTION			
Meeting room	2000		
Travel stipends	10000		
Total National Convention	12000	0	0
STANDING COMMITTEES			
FINANCE COMMITTEE			
Teleconferences	250		
Postage/printing	100		
Total Finance Committee:	350		
FUNDRAISING SUBCOMMITTEE			
Printing/mailing			
3 Resolicitation mailers	12600		
3 CSF mailers	3000		
Legacy mailer	3000		
Events			
2 major events	6000		
2 strategy meetings			5000
12 house parties	2500		
Revenue sharing	9380		
Mail permits	250		
Fundraiser stipend	12480		
Travel	1000		
Plenary participation	1000		
Total Fundraising FSC:	51210	0	5000
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEES			
MEDIA SUBCOMMITTEE			
Teleconferences	270		
Bacon's list	500		
Fax-Email distribution	300		
Phone reimbursement	150		
Cell phone stipend	75		
Press conference	200		
Videotaping	100		
Travel for trainers	100		
Press Secretary stipend	6000		
Total Media Subcommittee:	7695	0	0



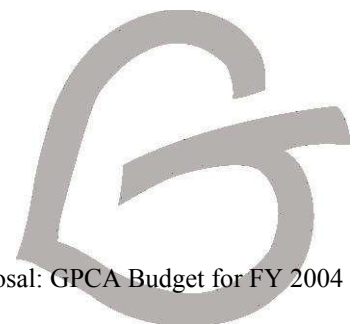
IT/WEBSITE SUBCOMMITTEE			
Server hosting (pair.com)	480		
Server hosting (Cameron)	1200		
Server tech support	300		
Domain name registration	52		
Contract tech assistance	1000	1000	2000
Content development			1000
Contingency for projects			1000
<b>Total IT/Website Subcttee:</b>	<b>3032</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>4000</b>
CLEARINGHOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE			
Mailbox/postage	1600		
Mail forwarding	800		
Phone	800		
Materials	2500		5500
Literature			8000
T-shirts			3000
Office supplies	250		
Office space	1200		
Coordinator stipend	3600		
ISP	140		
Sales taxes	300		
Online store			500
Inventory control, programming & development	200	2800	
Maintenance			1200
<b>Total Clearinghouse</b>	<b>11390</b>	<b>2800</b>	<b>18200</b>
PLATFORM STANDING COMMITTEE			
Phone/teleconference	200		
Meeting/Travel	500		
Postage	60		
Webwork	300		
<b>Total Platform SC:</b>	<b>1060</b>		
BYLAWS STANDING COMMITTEE			
Copying/postage/supplies	200		
Phone	180		
Meeting/travel	200		
Programs/webwork/misc	250		
<b>Total Bylaws SC:</b>	<b>830</b>		
INTERNATIONAL PROTOCOL			
<b>Total International Protocol:</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>	
WORKING GROUPS			
CAMPAIGNS AND CANDIDATES WG			
Campaign support and outreach			
Staff stipends	6000	7500	
Absentee voter mailer		10000	15000
Initiatives	1000		
Grassroots (e.g. phone banking)	1000		
Presidential campaign	1000		
Forums/workshops			
Campaign training	1500		
Strategy forums	1000		



Recruitment			
Candidates	500		
Campaign staff	250		
Administrative			
Teleconferences	500		
Travel (retreat)	1500		
Media outreach			
Web/IT support	1000	1000	6000
Total CCWG:	15250	11000	28500
ELECTORAL REFORM WG			
Lobbyist	12000		35000
Materials	500		
Teleconferences	100		
Gathering	1000		
Travel	400		
Total ERWG:	14000	0	35000
GREEN ISSUES WG			
Conference & co-co calls	500		
Regional convergence gatherings		1000	
Postage	300		
Copying	300		
Travel stipends	1000		
Coalition support	500		
Literature & materials	1000		
Total Green Issues WG:	2100	2500	0
GROW WG			
Teleconferencing	200	1000	
County council support (MB)	500	1500	
Tabling/voter registration (DB)	1500		2000
Video production (DT)	700		1000
Diversity outreach (FH)	500	1825	3325
Engage database project (FH)	250	3000	2000
Speakers/entertainers bureau (FH)	500	2800	
Convergence events (RO)	1000	1500	
Campus Greens outreach (RO)	500		300
Literature/promotions (RO)	525	4000	
Website (RO)	500		
Total GROW:	6675	15625	8625
GREEN FOCUS			
Publication	6400		
Subscription maintenance	400		
One-time donor mailing		3000	
Total Green Focus	6800	3000	0
TOTAL EXPENSES:	162667	61675	111825
PROJECTED REVENUES:			
FUNDRAISING			
2003 continuation	1300		
3 retention appeals	18000		
3 CSF mailers	5000		



Events			
2 \$10K events	20000		
12 \$1000 events	12000		
Personal solicitations			
10 major x \$1000	10000		
50 small major x \$200	10000		
Sustainers			
CSF	1500		
Founding donors	16000		
New sustainers	15000		
Unsolicited online donations	2000		
GPUS revenue sharing	10000		
Locals/national sharing	0		
Green Focus subscriptions	5000		
Legacy	0		
Total Fundraising:	125800	0	
CHAPTER DUES	1000		
CLEARINGHOUSE REDEMPTIONS			
Materials	5000		
Platforms	500		
Newspaper	2500		
Total Clearinghouse Revenues:	8000		
TOTAL REVENUE	134800	0	0
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-27867	-61675	-111825



## Platform – Proposal Re Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Gender Expression

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SPONSOR: Platform Standing Committee

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SUBJECT: SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY AND GENDER EXPRESSION (SO/GI/GE) in the Social Justice & Livable Communities Section. Grassroots democracy, social justice and equal opportunity, feminism and gender equity, respect for diversity, and personal and global responsibility are the involved 10 Key Values of the GP.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: The current CAGP Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Rights platform is out of date, and requires revision/renaming. The Los Angeles LGBT Greens 1st drafted a plank in 2001, and revised it in 2003 after input from the National/California Lavender Greens. Input from the Fullerton CAGP Plenary Dec 6/7, 2003 is included.

PROPOSAL: The GPCA believes that every human being is inherently worthwhile. Drawing on our Key Value of Respect for Diversity, we respect, value and celebrate people of all genders and sexual orientations. Freedom of expression in the areas of love, romantic partnership, sexuality, gender identity, gender expression, and body/genital integrity is essential for the dignity of the individual, and for the development of society. People who differ from "normal" are still branded as deviant, discriminated against, and made into objects of hatred and fear. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Queer (LGBTIQ)\* people bear the brunt of this discrimination. Rigid views of gender and sexuality negatively affect everyone's freedom in one of the most important and intimate areas of our lives. The GPCA believes that any form of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or body/genital integrity is unacceptable. We unequivocally support equal rights, full inclusion for LGBTIQ people, and all loving and caring relationships between committed, consenting adults.

The Green Party of California advocates the following actions:

A. **Support LGBTIQ Families.** 1. **Pass** California legislation for same gender marriage with the same legal rights as heterosexual marriage; 2. **Enact** California and federal legislation for legal recognition of the rights of LGBTIQ parents in child custody cases; 3. **Guarantee** same-gender partners the same rights under immigration law as for heterosexual married partners; 4. **Allow** LGBTIQs equal

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\***Definitions:** **L=Lesbian:** female to female sexual attraction and desire; **G=Gay Male:** gay male to gay male sexual attraction and desire; **Bisexual:** Sexual attraction and desire for both males and females; **Transgender:** a person who perceives him- or her- self as having a gender different from the gender assigned at birth; **Transsexual:** someone who has begun to live openly as the gender he/she perceives him/her-self as; **Intersex:** a person born with sex chromosomes, external genitalia, or an internal reproductive system that is not considered "standard" for either male or female; **Queer:** a label used to denote any of the permutations of the human sexuality and gender spectrums; **Gender:** Being male or female; **Sex:** intimate relationship with another person involving the genital areas.

opportunity to adopt children and serve as foster parents; 5. **Pass** legislation to protect LGBTIQ youth from verbal abuse by parents, teachers, clergy, and other adults; 6. **Provide** social service programs for the special needs of senior and young LGBTIQs, and LGBTIQ families; 7. **Recognize** the rights of multi-partners who are raising children by including the multipartners in the CA “domestic partners” registry.

**B Promote Tolerance and Acceptance to Eliminate Anti-LGBTIQ Hatred:** 1. **Establish** school sex education curricula that include study of SO/GI/GE; 2. **Support** positive LGBTIQ identities at all levels of the education system; 3. **Enforce** safe-school laws and programs to protect LGBTIQ youth from abuse; 4. **Affirm** that all acts of nonconsensual sexual intercourse are acts of violence toward the non-consenting party; 5. **Include** LGBTIQ sensitivity training in all trainee programs, e.g., the teacher certification process, schools, the workplace, in police training, and social service providers; 6. **Promote** positive images of LGBTIQ youth; 7. **Establish** LGBTIQ youth centers, schools, and LGBTIQ youth counseling for LGBTIQ youths continuously harassed at public/private schools; 8. **Foster** positive visibility of LGBTIQs in the arts, the sciences, and culture; 9. **End** censorship to allow free homoerotic and LGBTIQ-positive expression; 10. **Build** some safe single-occupancy unisex washrooms; 11. **Provide** competent counseling in SO/GI/GE; 12. **Fund** research, development, and education to find cures, prevent, or treat AIDS (AIDS/HIV plank) and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and that feature SO/GI/GE in the arts, culture, and the basic/applied sciences.

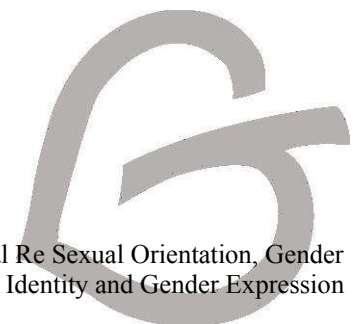
**C. Support of Personal Rights.** 1. **Demand** adherence of all nations (including the United States) to the United Nations (UN) Charter on Human Rights provision for individual rights, with recognition by the UN of international LGBTIQ organizations; 2. **Recognize** the rights of transgender persons:(a) **Reassign** legal gender status when the transgender person desires that, regardless of genital status. (b) **Cover** the medical procedures by personal insurance. (c) **Allow** costs for persons without means for the appropriate gender reassignment medical procedures and for counseling, to be placed on Medicaid. (d) **Support** the right of individuals to competent medical or other professional care when changing their bodies cosmetically, chemically, or surgically. 3. **Recognize** the rights of intersex persons: (a) **Permit** them to determine their own sex, gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation. Intersex persons shall not be subject to surgery to “correct” their sex or gender (unless they request it) on the basis of chromosomal sex, genitalia, assigned birth sex, or initial gender role. (b) **Affirm** that the parent’s distress of the intersex new-born not be treated by surgery on the child. Medical personnel must not make unilateral decisions to opt for immediate surgery of the intersex newborn. (c) **Allow** intersex newborns to mature sufficiently to be able to choose their own gender identity and gender expression. (d) **Establish** a registry to allow sex workers (“prostitutes”) to receive free at least annual medical screening including for STDs (also AIDS/ HIV). (e) **House** transgender and intersex prisoners based on their gender identities, and provide their counseling, hormonal and physical transformation needs if requested.

**D. Ban Discrimination on the Basis of SO/GI/GE:** 1. **Pass** federal, state, and local government legislation to outlaw discrimination; 2. **Allow** LGBTIQ people to be open in all governments, corporations, associations, and organizations; 3. **Penalize** perpetrators of violence and injustice towards LGBTIQs (e.g. by reparations), and to establish, expand, actively enforce, and amend all anti-discrimination and anti-hate crime laws to include protection; 4. **End** arrest, criminal prosecution, or other negative treatment of mutually consenting LGBTIQ adults and persons of legal age of consent in private by any local/state/federal/foreign government, corporation, association, or organization; 5. **Repeal** the Defense of Marriage Act; 6. **Repeal** the Knight Amendment (Prop 22 “Californians for Protection of Marriage”); 7. **Amend** existing domestic partnership/civil union

legislation to include the same legal rights as opposite gender marriage; 8. **Promote** a federal constitutional amendment and a California Initiative to outlaw discrimination; 9. **Resist** moves to ban LGBTIQ same gender marriage in the state and federal spheres by constitutional amendments or initiatives; 10. **End** police entrapment of, and selective police/magistrate enforcement of “indecent” laws for, LGBTIQs; 11. **End** tolerance of prison rape, and of the discrimination that sexual and gender role non-conformers suffer in prisons and security institutions.

TIME LINE:

RESOURCES:



## **Platform – Proposal to Update the Health Care Plank of the GPCA Platform**

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SPONSOR: Platform Standing Committee

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SUBJECT: Updated Health Care Plank

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: To update the Health Care plank of the GPCA Platform

PROPOSAL: HEALTH CARE

All people have the right to adequate and affordable health care. This includes both preventive care and high quality medical treatment when they are ill.

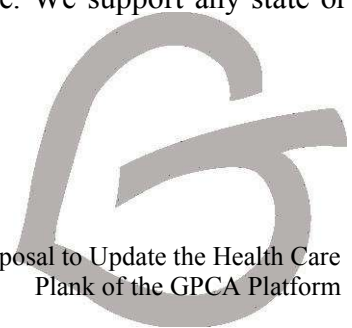
Many are uninsured. Many more have insurance not adequate to pay for the care they need. Many more, especially among seniors, pay large portions of their basic income for needed services. In spite of that, America spends more per person for health care than any other nation in the world. This is because many of the health care dollars are going for needless and expensive administration and unjustifiable profits.

There must be equal access to all necessary care based only on medical need. Preventive care is more effective, more humane and more cost effective than treating people after they are already sick. Preventive care must always be emphasized. Principles of human dignity, personal privacy and respect for racial, ethnic, gender and other cultural needs must be built into the health care system. Control of the system should reflect the Green principle of decentralized democracy.

Different philosophies of care, broadly characterized as conventional and alternative or complimentary care co-exist and sometimes compete. Both have a role in a modern and compassionate health care system. We must work to understand and define those roles. Health care resources belong to all of us. They must be distributed fairly and wisely.

The Green Party of California advocates the following

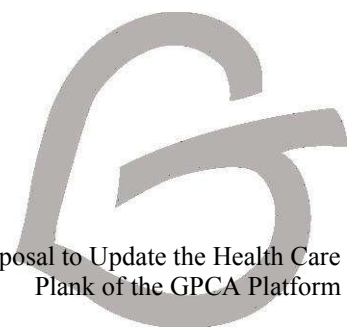
- We support a Single Payer Universal Health Care System. That system must offer a comprehensive benefit package. This must include complete medical, dental, mental health, and vision benefits. No necessary service can be left out. This system should also cover long-term care and the medical component of Workers Compensation Insurance. We support any state or federal effort that would establish such a system.



- Until we get a Single Payer system, and as necessary afterwards, we support any measure or program that will increase access and quality or lower cost of medical services to the people of California.
- Alternative and Complimentary Care deserve a place beside conventional care. We support research to make clear what that role is. We support funding for alternative care that has proven benefit. We support licensing and oversight of alternative care practitioners, the same as for other health care professional.
- Profits for Drug and Medical Equipment companies are too high. Costs of many other goods and services are driven up by needless administration and high profit margins. We demand reasonable prices for all medical goods and services.
- Hospitals, Clinics and other care providers should try to develop management that is as democratic as possible. Workers', consumers' and other public interests should be included in the governing structure.

TIME LINE: Immediate replacement of current language

RESOURCES: Time required to update platform on-line



## **Proposal – Bylaws Amendment to Create Rules & Procedures Process**

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SPONSOR: Bylaws Standing Committee

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SUBJECT:

Establish a process for approving rules and procedures submitted by standing groups of the GPCA.

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

When the party first started, the bylaws document was the “catch-all” for any official paper the GPCA produced. This has become unwieldy as the party has grown, and the bylaws have come to include many internal procedures for our growing number of committees. This, in turn, has caused us to spend an inordinate amount of plenary time on passing bylaws. Attendees began complaining about this.

Responding to plenary attendees’ concerns, the Coordinating Committee asked the Bylaws Committee to find a way to minimize the amount of plenary time we were consuming with bylaws proposals. Accordingly, the Bylaws Committee brought a proposal to the May 2003 General Assembly that described the concept of dividing the current bylaws into two documents: bylaws and rules/procedures. In general, bylaws define the GPCA organization while rule/procedures describe the “how to” of conducting internal business. This proposal also included an outline of an easier process to implement rules/procedures. This proposal passed with an 81% vote. (See page 32 of the May 2003 agenda packet for the original proposal).

The first task Bylaws accomplished for this project is the process proposed here for approving rules/procedures, based on the outline in the May 2003 proposal. The process was submitted at the Sept. 2003 General Assembly and was rejected. We received comments on substantive issues, but the feedback it also led us to believe that we did not communicate this proposal in a context or manner that made sense to non-bureaucrats at the county level of our organization who did not know the background or history of this effort. We have incorporated the substantive suggestions and are presenting it again here with what we hope is a clearer explanation.

### **PROPOSAL:**

A flow chart summarizing the process and the exact bylaws language are on the following pages. A hypothetical example of how Article 5 of the current bylaws document might be split into bylaws and procedures is available at <http://cagreens.org/bylaws/example.html>.

The proposed process for adopting internal rules and procedures is intended to reduce the amount of floor time in the General Assembly needed for approval. Floor time is saved by requiring the Bylaws and Coordinating committees to perform a review and analysis before advancing the rule/procedure to the General Assembly. Since these two committees are most responsible for our internal operations, they are best qualified to review and amend the rule/procedure to ensure its operability. Counties are notified and invited to join the process at this point.

Approval by the Bylaws and Coordinating committees allows the rule/procedure to be implemented on

an interim basis. The rule/procedure is then presented at the next General Assembly for ratification. Minimal time will be scheduled for discussion. The General Assembly can decide that it wants to review the rule/procedure as a full proposal, which means a full discussion on the floor. That will most likely have to occur at a subsequent meeting. The General Assembly must then decide if the rule/procedure should stay in affect or be rescinded until it is again presented for approval.

**COMMITTEE DECISION:**

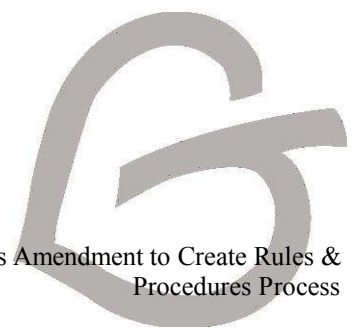
This proposal has the consensus of the Bylaws committee members. Observers of the committee have concerns and recommendation for other proposals. These are included at the end of this form.

**TIMELINE:**

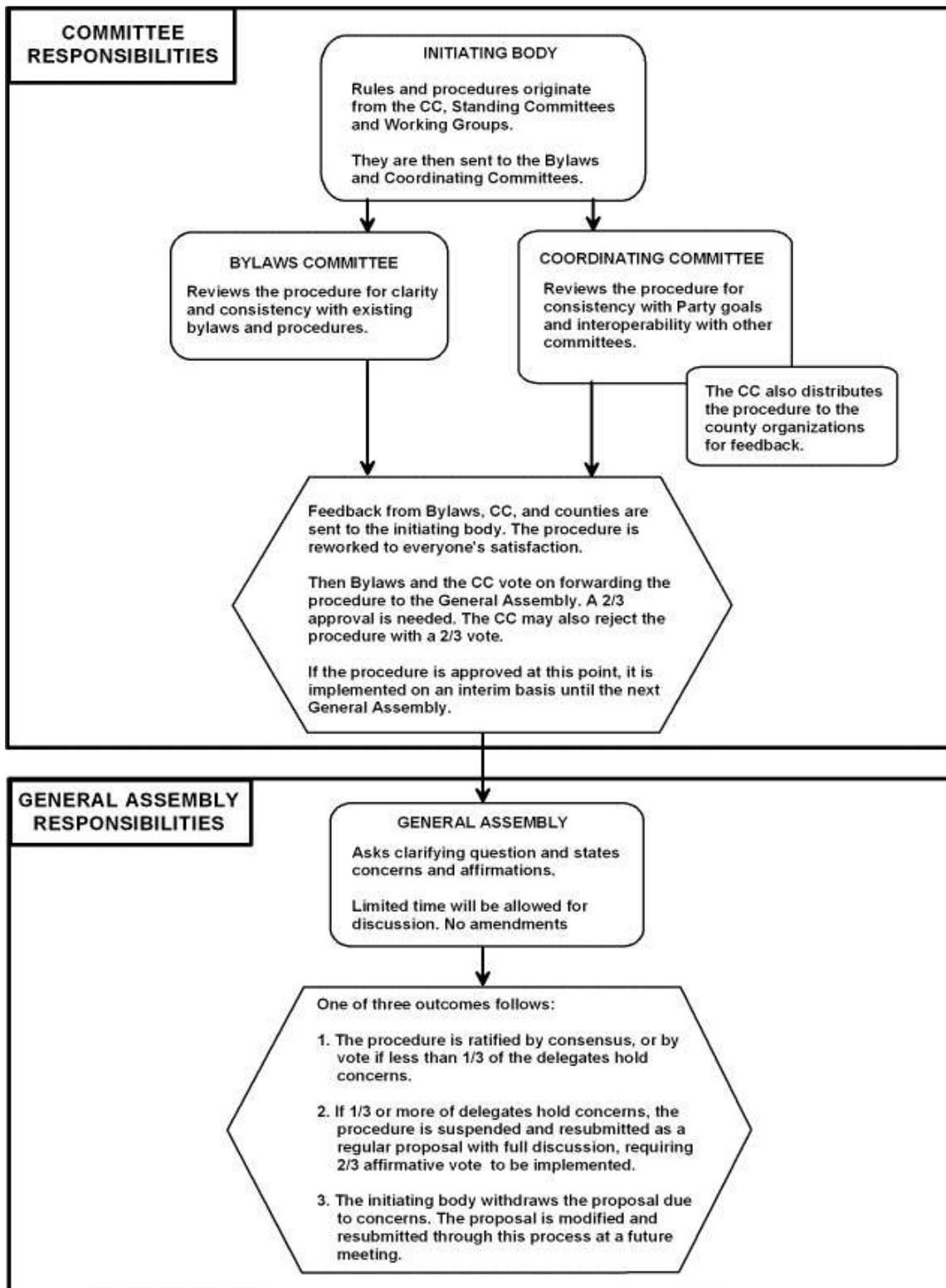
Implement this procedure immediately. This allows the project of dividing the current bylaws document into ‘bylaws’ and ‘rules and procedures’ documents to proceed.

**RESOURCES:**

None beyond normal committee efforts.



# Flow Chart of Rules/Procedures Approval Process



## Bylaws Language

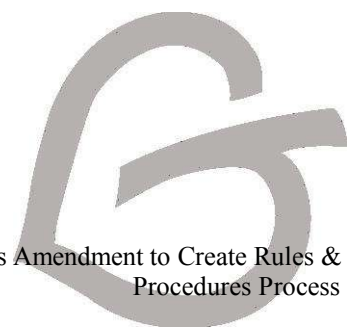
Background: This bylaws article was originally presented at the September 2003 (San Diego) General Assembly, where it received a little over 70% of the plenary vote, short of the 80% required for a bylaws amendment. The format has been changed to move the rationale sections to a parallel column, and a minor numbering error has been corrected.

The substantive change is a simplification of the General Assembly portion of the process in 11-2.4.

<b>Article 11. Rules and Procedures</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Section 11-1. Status of Rules and Procedures</b></p> <p>Rules and procedures shall have the force of by-laws, except that where a rule or procedure conflicts with these bylaws, the bylaws shall take precedence. Rules and procedures may be overridden by a 2/3 vote of the General Assembly.</p>	<p>We need a variety of rules and procedures, but the full-blown process of amending the bylaws is expensive in terms of plenary agenda time, and diverts the attention of the General Assembly from more immediate and "relevant" matters. On the other hand, internal rules &amp; procedures developed by committees now have no force beyond the committee. The new process defined here provides us with a more efficient way of promulgating our working rules and procedures without demanding large amounts of plenary time, but while still providing a review process by the General Assembly and county organizations and by affected committees and working groups.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Section 11-2. Adoption of Rules and Procedures</b></p>	
<p><b>11-2.1 Initiation of rules and procedures</b></p> <p>Rules and procedures shall be initiated by the Coordinating Committee or by any other Standing Committee or Working Group of the General Assembly ("initiating body"). A proposed rule or procedure shall be submitted by the initiating body to the Bylaws Committee and Coordinating committee for review and possible amendment using the process described in this Article.</p>	<p>While requiring less plenary time, this process still requires substantial work by various committees. Requiring that proposed R&amp;Ps be sponsored by a committee or working group provides a (relatively low) hurdle that any proposed R&amp;P must pass before formal review is initiated. The CC, as the day-to-day central committee of the party, is in a good position to distribute the proposal as required. Regional reps are expected to inform their counties of new proposals (see 11-2.2(b)).</p>



<p><b>11-2.2. Review and approval of rules and procedures</b></p>	
<p>a) The Bylaws Committee shall review the proposed rule or procedure for clarity and internal consistency, to minimize ambiguity, and for consistency with these bylaws and with existing rules and procedures.</p>	<p>Early drafts of procedures tend to be ambiguous, and can benefit from another set of eyes. The Bylaws Committee has experience in writing and interpreting rules, and can also determine whether a proposed R&amp;P conflicts with our bylaws or with existing R&amp;Ps.</p>
<p>b) The Coordinating Committee shall solicit feedback from each county organization through the regional representatives and county councils, and from affected Standing Committees and Working Groups through their co-coordinators.</p>	<p>The process should be as inclusive as is practical. Because new R&amp;Ps are likely to affect other committees and working groups, they should be aware of new proposals as appropriate.</p>
<p>c) The initiating body shall review any proposed changes for consistency with the intent of the proposed rule or procedure.</p>	<p>We want to make sure that, as revised, the proposed R&amp;P still accomplishes what it was intended to accomplish.</p>
<p>The review process shall continue until the Bylaws Committee, the Coordinating Committee, and the initiating body have each approved the final version by a 2/3 vote, or until the proposal is withdrawn by the initiating body, or is rejected by a 2/3 vote of the Coordinating Committee. If the proposed rule or procedure is approved, it shall take effect immediately, or at such time as is specified by the proposed rule or procedure.</p>	<p>This needs to be an iterative process. For example, if the CC introduces a change, the change needs to be reviewed for bylaws consistency. The CC can (and should) reject a proposal altogether if it's clear that it can't be passed. The 2/3 majority provides a reasonably high threshold, but not so high as a bylaws chance, which requires 4/5. The Bylaws Committee reviews the proposal before it goes out to the counties so that we don't waste the delegates' time with (say) inconsistencies that can be cleared up in advance.</p>
<p><b>11-2.3. General Assembly clarifications and concerns</b></p> <p>Once approved, new rule or procedure shall be placed on the agenda of the next General Assembly such that agenda notification requirements can be satisfied. A limited amount of agenda time, but no less than 15 minutes, shall be allocated for each new rule or procedure. The agenda time shall be used to request clarification and to express concerns or affirmations. No amendments, excepting those for the correction of errors, shall be in order.</p>	<p>This is not a decision item, or rather the only decisions are the ones listed below. If few or no concerns are raised, the excess time can be returned to the rest of the agenda, which can always use it. But we need enough time that the plenary body has time to communicate its concerns.</p>

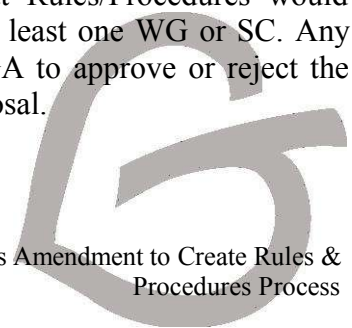


<p style="text-align: center;"><b>11-2.4. Ratification of rules and procedures</b></p> <p>At the end of the time period, the General Assembly shall be polled for outstanding concerns. If 1/3 or more of the delegates present, as determined by the most recent quorum count, request that the rule or procedure be taken up by the General Assembly, the rule or procedure shall be suspended and placed on the agenda of the current (time permitting) or next General Assembly, where it shall be treated as a business item, subject to the standard consensus-seeking process, with a 2/3 vote fallback.</p> <p>If the rule or procedure is not withdrawn, and polling of the General Assembly results in fewer than 1/3 of the delegates with outstanding concerns, the rule or procedure is ratified, and shall remain in effect until amended or revoked by this process.</p> <p>In summary, the rule or procedure may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) be withdrawn by initiator,</li> <li>b) be suspended pending full consideration by the General Assembly, or</li> <li>c) remain in effect until amended or revoked.</li> </ul>	<p>County organizations, through their GA delegates, need to be able to make a case for unresolved concerns. On the other hand, allocating enough agenda time for a full consensus-seeking decision defeats the purpose of R&amp;Ps altogether. We have instead a compromise that gives voice to concerns, and a relatively low threshold to refer the proposal to a full consensus-seeking process. Because it's possible (though unlikely) that time could be found to do this at the same GA, delegates should be prepared for the full consensus-seeking process. More likely, consideration of the R&amp;P would be put off until the next GA.</p> <p>The county review may be performed by the county council or they may designate some other body. But since the county council chooses the GA delegates, we assume that there is adequate communication between the group doing the original proposal review and the delegates reviewing the proposal at the GA.</p> <p>The agenda time is limited because no changes are being made at this point, and because the delegates have already been involved in the review process described earlier.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Section 11-3. Amendment or revocation of rules and procedures</b></p> <p>Rules and procedures shall be amended or revoked through the same process as approval of new rules and procedures.</p>	

### Additional Requests and Recommendations:

**From Coby Skye, [coby@greens.org](mailto:coby@greens.org)**

PROPOSAL: Allow any county council or any petitioning group of at least 20 registered green party members to propose a new Rule/Procedure or propose the modification or repeal of an exiting Rule/Procedure, subject to the same affirmation process by the GA that Rules/Procedures would otherwise require. Furthermore, all such proposals would be reviewed by at least one WG or SC. Any WG or SC may review the proposal and make a recommendation to the GA to approve or reject the proposal, with recommendations included in the agenda packet with the proposal.



**From Barrington Daltrey, basd1@fastbk.com**

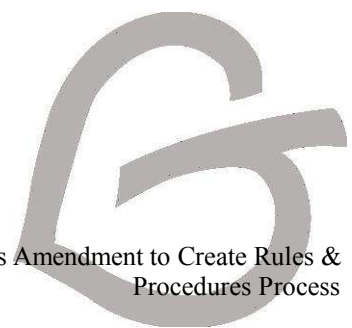
Without modifying any of the existing text, I offer the following two amendments, which "expand" access to the General Assembly. They do not "take away" any of the existing access by SC/WG/CC. Responding to the objection that this might cause a "time burden" on the General Assembly, obviously the General Assembly may amend the Rules & Procedure bylaw later if it perceives a problem exists. We should not "pre-emptively" solve non-existent problems -- and I suggest these provisions would be seldom (if ever) invoked. But they would exist as a safety valve and provide a level of comfort to people who have access and due process concerns (such as myself).

1. Any County Council may have a proposal to adopt or revoke a rule or procedure placed on the General Assembly agenda by passing an appropriate resolution. Any SC/WG (or the CC) may review and comment on the proposal.
2. Any group of 20 or more registered Greens may have a proposal to adopt or revoke a rule or procedure placed on the General Assembly agenda by signing an appropriate petition. Any SC/WG (or the CC) may review and comment on the proposal.

To put this in perspective, it remains actually *more restrictive* than the procedure to propose a bylaw, since any of us acting individually can propose a bylaw amendment.

**From San Diego County Council**

San Diego requests that the Bylaws Committee develop definitions for procedures vs. Policy.



## Platform – Preliminary Test for Consensus

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*Active counties are responsible for approving all proposed updates to our platform. To expedite the approval process, we are asking each county to record your vote on this form before the General Assembly in Sacramento.*

These ballots will be collected when you register at the General Assembly on Saturday morning. Using this form will help the plenary session move through the approval process more efficiently. Past experience has proven that trying to edit or rewrite planks on the plenary floor is an unproductive exercise. Counties were notified on February 26 that the proposed updates were available for review and comment on GPCA web site. We received numerous responses and greatly appreciate this feedback. At the General Assembly, we will present the updates and address any serious concerns as time allows, but we do not intend to engage in lengthy discussions. Such discussions are more appropriate for a Platform Working Group meeting.

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There are two individual planks being presented here.

These are updates to existing planks. *The objective of the Platform Standing Committee is to get approval of these updates, not to revisit all of the existing content. Please encourage those in your county that wish to work on content to become active members in the Platform Standing Committee.*

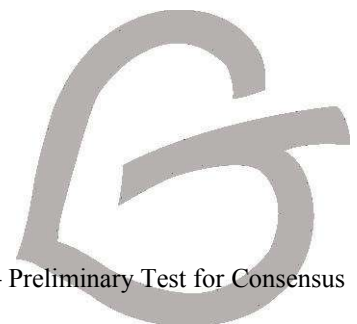
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Each county may cast as many votes as is your allocation of delegates. Cast your full number of votes as YES, NO and STAND ASIDE for each of the three planks.

If you have concerns or other comments, please write them in the "comments" area. We would like to distinguish between concerns that directly relate to approval of the updates, and other comments that relate to larger or more general aspects of the planks that can be addressed in future updates.

Also, we would appreciate hearing concerns before the General Assembly. You can send them to the coordinators:

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**VOTE HERE**

County \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Delegates \_\_\_\_\_

	YES	NO	STAND ASIDE
Health Care			
Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity And Gender Expression			

**Comments** (Use additional sheets if necessary and mark them with your county's name. Please provide contact information if you want the Platform group to reply.)

County \_\_\_\_\_

**Submitted by:**

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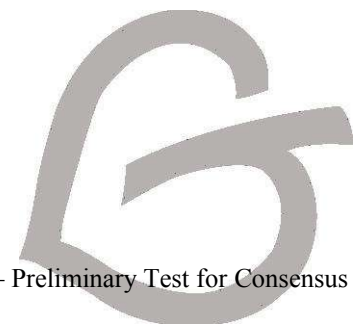
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**CONCERNS**

*This space is for concerns or friendly amendments that relate directly to the approval of the proposed updates.*

**OTHER COMMENTS**

*This space is for general comments about any plank that the Working Group can address in the future. Also include here any minor edits or grammatical corrections.*



## Candidate Endorsement Proposal

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### SPONSOR:

Campaigns & Candidate Working Group (CCWG)

### PRESENTERS:

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SUBJECT: GPCA endorsement of candidates

### BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:

There are several Green candidates running for legislative office who are interested in receiving the endorsement of the GPCA after the March primary.

The endorsement process approved at the Fullerton Plenary required partisan candidates to obtain the endorsement of the Green county organizations in their electoral district and to fill out a candidate questionnaire. Questionnaires were posted at [www.greencampaigns.org/Questionnaire.html](http://www.greencampaigns.org/Questionnaire.html) and the counties were then polled to see if there were any concerns about the state endorsing a particular candidate.

Ten out of the seventeen candidates running for legislative office in 2004 have already received state endorsements. Of the remaining seven candidates, four were involved in contested primaries and therefore not eligible for endorsement until after March 2nd.

Unfortunately, the interim endorsement procedure approved at the Fullerton Plenary expired on March 1, 2004. For this reason, candidates who were unable to participate in the endorsement process before this deadline will be considered for endorsement during the San Francisco plenary.

### PROPOSAL:

The CCWG requests that the General Assembly consider endorsing Green candidates running for partisan office, who have not yet received the endorsement of the GPCA as of March 1, 2004. A list of these candidates, along with links to their web sites, can be found at [www.cagreens.org/ccwg](http://www.cagreens.org/ccwg).

### COMMITTEE DECISION:

The CCWG agreed by consensus to place the endorsement of candidates on the plenary agenda.

### FURTHER INFORMATION:



The following candidates have been endorsed pursuant to the „polling“ endorsement process approved at the Fullerton plenary. They are listed here for your reference:

Assembly Candidates

Warner Bloomberg AD 23

John Crockford AD 29

Tom Hutchings AD 33

Adrienne Prince AD 37

Congressional Candidates

Pat Driscoll CD 5

Larry R. Mullen CD 19

Stuart Bechman CD 24

Philip Koebel CD 29

Tom Lash CD 46

Gary M. Waayers CD 50

TIMELINE: Immediately

## Biographies re Candidates for At-Large Regional Representatives

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### *Tim Fitzgerald – Mammoth Lakes, CA*

I am a six year resident of Mammoth Lakes, CA. Before that I lived my entire life in Silicon Valley. I joined the Green Party of California in 1991. And served a full term on the first County Council of Santa Clara County. While on that body, I became the Co-Coordinator for the Bay Area Green Consensus, the States first monthly news publication.

The next year, in 1993 I left the Green Consensus to Co-Coordinate the State Platform working Group which I led for a year. During that time we founded a State Economic Caucus which met periodically to create a Economic Pillar in the Platform - which had none. In 1994, I ran for State Assembly from San Jose's East side, getting the highest per cent of vote for any partisan third party candidate on the state ballot that year - 8.2%.

In 1995, I joined Gloria Purcell as Co-coordinator of the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group - a position I held for almost two years. I removed to Mammoth Lakes because I could no longer afford the high cost of living in San Jose, and to assume a position as adjunct faculty with a fledgling Community college in Mammoth to teach Social Science Subjects.

In 2000 I left Cerro Coso Community College to work as a free lance writer hoping to publish what was eventually a two volume Memoir - 'Quest' of my work in the trenches as a grass roots organizer for thirty years in San Jose.

For the Last three years I have laboured in Mammoth Lakes to found a Green Party of Mono County, whose blessings from the State CC we have just gotten. I have always been active in the community, in the last decade having served at one point as Vice Chairperson of the City of San Jose Disability Advisory Commission as a consumer - for a term of four years, and later as Chairperson of the Mono County Mental Health Board, from which position I joined the fight to oppose state legislation in 'out patient commitments' for the disabled. There too, I served for four years.

I am a 57 year old single male, with four degrees. All from San Jose State University in the Social Sciences - at both the Graduate and undergraduate level. In 1998, Soon after re-locating in Mammoth, I led the fight on the internet to mobilize Green Support across the country to oppose Yosemite Valley redevelopment plans. A movement that won overwhelming success in Washington DC a year later with Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt's capitulation to the Green Party of California's demands.

I would like to bring my thirty odd years experience as an organizer to the services of the State Party, having first started mobilizing my friends and neighbors as a Civil Rights worker in San Jose State campus shortly after Tommie Smith, a fellow student on the campus, led the protest at the Mexico City Olympics. We were successful in ending discrimination in Housing in the community, and won many victories for non-violence in the area in the intervening years.

Also as an undergraduate, I nearly singlehandedly re-organized the College Governing process at San Jose State, and In 1982 I ran on that reputation in the first District Election for City Council in San Jose, and know how to run campaigns. I have been on the ballot locally for minor offices several times. As

an educator I hope to share my knowledge and skills with my fellow Greens.

As the plenary often seems to be wandering in its sense of direction since 2000 I think we need to re-activate the 'Goals and Strategy' Working Group, to resume the excellent work begun by Ross Mirkirimi and others. I never participated in this group, but would be willing to do so. Also, I think as a practical matter, the Plenary as a matter of course, should delegate more day to day decisions to the Coordinating Committee, thus freeing up Plenary sessions for debate and decisions on policy matters where by to guide the State Organization, which seems to be the true nature and purpose of the plenary.

Tim Fitzgerald  
Mammoth Lakes, CA.

### ***Jared Laiti -- Santa Rosa, CA***

A Green voter since I was eligible to vote, I was born and mostly raised in Sonoma County in the North Bay Area. I am a political science student and I work at a group home for developmentally disabled adults. Having an interest in politics from a young age, I begin to become active politically in High School around campus issues. Last semester I helped found the Sonoma State University Campus Greens, the only currently active Campus Green organization in Sonoma County. I attended the recent first statewide conference of the Campus Greens, where we laid the foundation for future statewide, Green youth organizing. I look forward to continuing to help build a viable political alternative. I oppose the 'safe-states' strategy and any other form of capitulation to either of the two major parties. I also feel it is important for our party to take a strong stand against capitalism, as this is the underlying cause of our system's resistance to democracy.

Please contact me for further information at [JaredL@sbcglobal.net](mailto:JaredL@sbcglobal.net)

### ***Magali Offerman – San Diego, CA***

Magali Offerman has been a member of the Green Party of California since 2000. She was first elected to the GPCA Coordinating Committee (CC) as an At-Large member in May of 2002. She serves as a Co-Coordinator of the Campaigns & Candidates Working Group (CCWG).

Magali is beginning her involvement at the national level of the Green Party. She is an interim State Associate to the GPUS Coordinated Campaign Committee (CCC) and volunteers for the Presidential Campaign Support Committee (PCSC). Approval for membership in the CCC and PCSC is pending.

Although the majority of her Green Party activities are related to electoral campaigns, Magali also works to encourage the participation of members who need financial assistance to stay involved in state party work and members from minority groups. Her recent efforts have been focused on the reactivation of the Petra Kelly Fund. During her two year term, she has focused on promoting democratic and transparent processes within the GPCA leadership, encouraging diverse points of views, and encouraging new leadership in the CC and its committees.

Before her involvement with the Green Party she organized events and group projects for local emerging artists. Her work experience involves business management.



Magali was born and raised in Lima, Peru. She is a naturalized U.S. Citizen. She has been married for 11 years to Thomas with whom she has three loving children.

Magali Offerman can be reached at (858) 243-3378 and [magali@sdgreens.org](mailto:magali@sdgreens.org)

### ***Chuck Reutter -- Sun City, CA***

**Accomplishments:** Played a major role in forming the Green Party of San Bernardino County, organized Green Party chapters in Hemet, Southwest Riverside County, Banning, Moreno Valley, Coachella Valley, and I am helping to reorganize a Downtown Riverside chapter. I have served on the Riverside County Council for 3 terms. I have been involved in organizing two musical festivals to promote our Green Party. I have been a registered Green since October, 1996. I helped form a Southwest Chapter of Health Care For All. This group is in favor of a universal health care system.

**Community Work:** I am a member of the Board of Directors of Riverside County Community Access Center and the purpose of this organization is to empower people with disabilities. I have been on this board since 1997. I am on the Board of Directors of the Menifee Valley/Sun City Community Fund and the purpose of this organization is to raise funds for the non-profits in the Menifee, Sun City and Quail Valley area. I am an active member of the Sun City Friends of Animals, Inc. and the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice. The CCAEJ was organized by Penny Newman, a well known environmentalist.

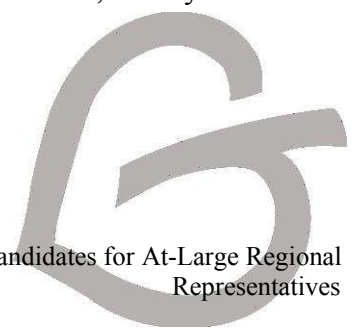
**Employment:** I am a Computer Systems Manager of an HP3000 computer and have been with my employer since January of 1991. I work the night shift and my hours change from time to time as needed by my employer.

**Issues:** We seem to have a serious communications issue between the GPCA-CC and our locals and I would work hard to overcome these issues. We need to come up with a way for Greens in counties where electoral districts cross county lines and find ways for these Greens to work together. We need to lift the burden of expenses off the shoulders of our delegates and regional reps and develop a way we can finance the expenses of attending Green Party state-wide meetings.

**Coordinating Committee Work:** I volunteered for a position on the CC where I can help our CC and Green Party of California shortly after the General Assembly elected me to finish out the term of a CC member who resigned. The GROW working group's liaison to the CC agreed to move on to other projects and I was open to filling this position and was elected by the CC membership to fill this position on Monday, January 5, 2004.

**Chuck's statement to the General Assembly:** I want to continue to work for our Green Party as a member of the Coordinating Committee as a Green dedicated to seeing our Green Party of California grow. I could not have asked for a more fitting position than GROW's liaison to the CC. So, I ask you to return me to the CC for the entire two year term. Thank you.

**Contact:** Chuck Reutter, [chuckr@pe.net](mailto:chuckr@pe.net)



## Working Group and Standing Committee Agendas

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### ***Campaign & Candidates Working Group***

#### Plenary Agenda

- I. Recruiting local candidates for office (45)
  - a. Review offices and kinds of seats up for election Nov. 04
  - b. Recruiting women and candidates of color
  - c. Brainstorm for recruiting candidates
  
- II. Supporting candidates for office (45)
  - a. Campaign Support Fund guidelines- find reps to CSF from CCWG
  - b. Recruit CCWG liaisons for each region (again, with feeling!)
  - c. Brainstorm suggestions of ways we can support candidates at all levels
  
- III. Endorsement process for Nov initiatives (30)

### ***Grassroots Outreach Working Group (GROW) Plenary Meeting Agenda:***

Mission Statement: "To facilitate coordination and communication between local Green Party organizers and groups; and to provide resources for collaboration, skill sharing, and training in order to promote the strategic growth and diversity of the Green Party of California."

#### Current Projects:

- Green Focus Newspaper
- Voter Registration & Tabling
- Campus Greens Network
- Consolidated Database [Engage!]
- GROW Website (organizing resources) [www.cagreens.org/grow/](http://www.cagreens.org/grow/)
- Diversity Outreach
- Video Production
- County Council Support
- Convergence Planning
- Literature & Promotions

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1. Introductions / Overview of GROW (15 mins)
    - mission
    - projects
    - participation & communication (email, teleconferences, plenaries)



2. Fill Positions vacancies: (30 mins)

(Ask volunteers to step forward; Group consenses to affirm)

- GROW Co-coordinators
- Literature & Promotions
- Diversity Outreach
- Campus Greens
- Convergence Planning

3. Voter Registration Drive Kick-off (15 mins)

(April 1st to December 31st) The focus will be on inviting back Greens who may have re-registered Democrat for the March primaries, asking Decline to State voters to take a stand and support the Green Party with registration and continued tabling/outreach, into more diverse areas of our communities.

4. Discussion topic: How can GROW better accomplish its mission? (15 mins)

- In what ways is GROW doing a good job and how could GROW improve?

5. Subgroup breakout session: (30 mins)

(allow small groups to meet, discuss, and plan how to move each of these projects forward.)

- Green Focus - Karine Megerdoomian or Laura Wells
- Voter Reg/Tabling - Dee Brady
- Campus Greens - (?)
- Consolidated Database [Engage!] - Fred Hosea
- Website - Coby Skye
- Diversity Outreach - (?)
- Video Production - Danny Truxaw
- County Council Support - Michael Borenstein
- Convergence Planning - (?)

6. Subgroups report back to large group (15 mins)

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***GROW Informational Item for Plenary Packet:***

**NOT JUST ANOTHER REGISTRATION DRIVE 2004**

Last year's five-month "Stand Up and Be Counted" voter registration drive proved to be successful on many levels. It increased awareness of a greater need to get out and table and outreach in our communities, and it encouraged activist to seek out more venues and greater regular tabling opportunities. Finally, it helped increase our voter registration numbers and spread our Green message.

2004 Voter registration contest will be longer; eight months (Officially April 1st to December 31st). The focus will be on inviting back Greens who may have re-registered Democrat or Decline-to-State for the March primaries, asking Decline to State voters to take a stand and support the Green Party with



registration and continued tabling/outreach into more diverse areas of our communities.

> With the registration drive, we want to strongly encourage our activists to not just table/outreach in the usual spots, but perhaps try different neighborhoods and venues in our communities. Maybe take a different approach.

We at GROW want to make sure the momentum stays from the previous drive to continue to support the party and the many candidates during this campaign year. Last year we had opportunities through a lot of anti-war rallies and such, but this year with the election, we may find more folks searching and interested in an alternative political choice. We want to have our activists out their ready to give the information. We want to keep the energy level high and positive.

Additionally, with this registration drive we want to advocate the benefits of analyzing tabling events and locations and promote better statistical tracking on a local level.

Tabling/Voter outreach is fun, and often lighthearted, but it is also serious grassroots level work that should not be ignored. It is the most basic work we do and one of the most successful ways for the Green Party to fuse with local communities across the state.

How will it work?

GROW's Tabling/Voter Outreach team again recognizes that each community/area knows what works best for them on a local level. However, we will be encouraging monthly and quarterly increased activities by identifying days/dates/opportunities and asking counties/locals to use these dates as additional tabling opportunities. We X-Mozilla-Status: 0009 and locals to pledge time (e.g. Table at least twice a month, table every Sat for 2 hours at the farmers market).

A newsletter will go out quarterly with tips and information on tabling. There will be success stories and perhaps even examples of situations that did not turn out well. Communication will be much stronger than last year with the tabling contacts throughout most counties already in place.

Finally, rather than keep the potential successes a secret, we'll be reporting throughout the campaign where people/areas stand in the contest with the hope that people will feel more encouraged and resolute to continue.

The prizes will again be modest, but reflect a genuine appreciation for our volunteer activists.

## ***GIWG Proposed Plenary Agenda- March, 2004***

### **I. Overview of current efforts**

#### **A.. Old Projects**

1. Universal, Single Payer Health Care
2. Minimum Wage Initiative
3. Peace and Non-violence
4. GPCA Endorsement of the Tikkun resolution- Orville Osborn Chris Page



5. Corporate Personhood/Corporate hegemony
6. Project to organize an exchange of programs for Public Access TV- Tomas Steinman

B. Emerging Issues- Suggested by contact person, but not being coordinated

1. The low-income strata of the population remain with no representation.- Kalmran Alavi
2. Proposed Green Party platform for national rent control- Tom Dickerman
3. Attempts by the Justice Department to clamp down on peaceful dissent by filing criminal charges against a group for the nonviolent actions of its followers. Steve Zeltzer- Labor liaison
4. Protecting Medical Use of Marijuana rights- Chuck Reutter
5. Support for legislation from animal organizations banning the tethering or chaining of dogs in California-Chuck Reutter

II. Issue Group Break Out session- Interest group discussion of projects we can sustain past the elections. How can we not be pushed around by events to be reactive, but have a more proactive agenda? Do we have the resources? Look at list serves, teleconferences- identify what resources we have to help make things happen. What more do people think we need? Begin a work plan with a Mission, goals and specific steps needed to reach them

III.Report-back- next steps- Identify and assign tasks

IV.Adjourn

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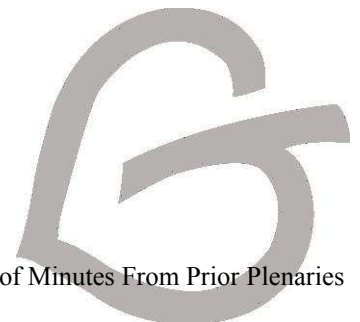
## URLs For Review of Minutes From Prior Plenaries

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Minutes from Sacramento and Fullerton are being posted to the GPCA website for your review as part of the approval process. Some additions and corrections remain at this time and also if you find errors that need to be addressed please let Barrington Daltrey [green@fastbk.com](mailto:green@fastbk.com) (re Fullerton) or Stuart Bechman [sbechman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sbechman@sbcglobal.net) (re Sacramento) know about your changes.

Sacramento Minutes: [http://cagreens.org/plenary/archives/agendas/0305Min\\_Sac.pdf](http://cagreens.org/plenary/archives/agendas/0305Min_Sac.pdf)

Fullerton Minutes: [http://cagreens.org/plenary/archives/agendas/03129Min\\_OC.txt](http://cagreens.org/plenary/archives/agendas/03129Min_OC.txt)  
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## Delegate Allocation for March 2004 Plenary

County	Registered Greens (1)	% of Ttl Delegates	Previous Registered (2)	Registration Change Since Previous
Alameda	15,847	10.0%	9	17,433 -9%
Butte	2,679	1.7%	2	2,890 -7%
Calaveras	333	0.2%	1	320 4%
Contra Costa	4,532	2.9%	3	4,602 -2%
Del Norte	144	0.1%	1	145 -1%
El Dorado	1,057	0.7%	1	1,085 -3%
Fresno	1,837	1.2%	1	1,832 0%
Humboldt	5,201	3.3%	3	5,482 -5%
Imperial	145	0.1%	1	138 5%
Lake	524	0.3%	1	519 1%
Los Angeles	27,456	17.3%	15	29,105 -6%
Marin	4,110	2.6%	2	4,354 -6%
Mendocino	2,765	1.7%	2	2,784 -1%
Merced	303	0.2%	1	300 1%
Mono	138	0.1%	1	128 8%
Monterey	1,493	0.9%	1	1,566 -5%
Napa	941	0.6%	1	955 -1%
Nevada	1,806	1.1%	1	1,941 -7%
Orange	8,027	5.1%	5	7,661 5%
Placer	1,304	0.8%	1	1,336 -2%
Riverside	2,583	1.6%	2	2,633 -2%
Sacramento	6,181	3.9%	3	6,235 -1%
San Bernardino	2,678	1.7%	2	2,666 0%
San Diego	10,883	6.9%	6	10,590 3%
San Francisco	15,979	10.1%	9	14,698 9%
San Joaquin	928	0.6%	1	937 -1%
San Luis Obispo	2,544	1.6%	2	2,538 0%
San Mateo	4,078	2.6%	2	4,308 -5%
Santa Barbara	3,480	2.2%	2	3,932 -11%
Santa Clara	7,232	4.6%	4	7,168 1%
Santa Cruz	6,248	3.9%	4	6,301 -1%
Shasta	544	0.3%	1	570 -5%
Solano	1,119	0.7%	1	1,126 -1%
Sonoma	7,477	4.7%	4	7,482 0%
Stanislaus	726	0.5%	1	704 3%
Ventura	3,461	2.2%	2	3,481 -1%
Yolo	1,867	1.2%	1	1,995 -6%
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE</b>	<b>158,650</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>161,940 -2%</b>
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>162,354</b>			<b>165,722 -2%</b>

(1) As of Jan 2004  
(2) As of Sept 2003

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