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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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<http://cagreens.org/plenary/process.html>*

Also, if you are considering making a submission, please try to work with the following tentative deadlines in mind. Everything will go considerably more smoothly if you do:

*You submit your proposal to WG/SC for consideration and approval: December 15, 2004
 WG/SC submits your item to Agenda committee in final form: January 15, 2004
 Packet to CC: January 25, 2004
 Packet Published: February 1, 2005
 Plenary, approximate date: March 15, 2005*

(Which means it would be a good idea to discuss your submission with the appropriate WG/SC while you are here at the plenary!!!)

DISCUSSION/ACTIVITY – “The Greens Save America”

SPONSOR: CC / Plenary Planning Committee)

PRESENTER/CONTACT: Barrington Daltrey, 951/780-5131 / basd1@fastbk.com; and Peggy Lewis, pegola@greens.org

SUBJECT: Breakout groups will seek to determine what the GPCA can do to “Save America.”

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: Greens work best by working together. In this exercise, following a short presentation, breakout groups will help determine the three most important things the GPCA can do right now to save America.

PROPOSAL: As of Plenary Packet time, we don’t know who will be elected president. But, we do know it will either be George Bush or an equally dismal choice for America, John Kerry. Under either scenario, we have our work cut out for us. There seems to be no end in sight for endless wars, rapacious misuse of our natural resources and economic destruction of the middle and working classes.

Obviously, we have no choice. The Greens **MUST SAVE AMERICA**. Perhaps this is a daunting task, but every journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. That journey will start on the floor of the December GPCA plenary.

We believe every Green will take away energy, commitment and new ideas from this Plenary. (And to set aside any concerns that the GPCA might be “committing to” a course of action by this exercise, please note – while the results of the brainstorming sessions will result in Great Ideas, these are not decision items and will have no binding effect on the GPCA.) We hope, of course, that you will find the results valuable to your efforts as an active Green.

COMMITTEE DECISION: This is essentially a discussion item and no decision is involved. The exercise was unanimously supported by the Agenda Team and was approved for the Agenda by a vote of the CC.

TIME LINE: This is a plenary exercise and will be complete at the end of the plenary.

RESOURCES: None, other than the time and materials contributed by the presenters and those engaging in the discussion. This should be fun, so bring a friend!



DISCUSSION ITEM – Standing General Assembly

DISCUSSION: Permanent Standing General Assembly

SPONSOR: Coordinating Committee's General Assembly Ad Hoc Research Committee

PRESENTERS: Mike Wyman, Michael Borenstein, Jo Chamberlain, John Morton, Ken Smith, Steve Loeb, Jonathan Lundell, Jared Laiti, Evan Blickenstaff

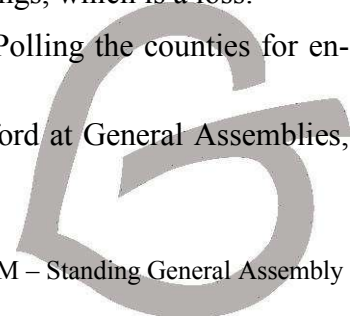
PROPOSED DISCUSSION: Should the Green Party of California (GPCA) work toward having a permanent Standing General Assembly (SGA)? If so, what would be its authority, responsibility, and composition?

BACKGROUND: GPCA achieved ballot status in 1992. By 1997, bylaws had been adopted to create the structure we have now, described in the following summary:

1. Registered Green voters in California (160,000 as of January 2004) are organized by county, with 38 of 58 California counties formally recognized by the state party as of June 2004.
2. County Councils, the essential Green Party entities, are directly elected every two years by local registered Greens, during the statewide primary elections.
3. A General Assembly is held at least two (but generally three or four) times a year. Each county sends delegates to the General Assembly, with the delegates (nominally 100) apportioned to the counties based on Green registration. The General Assembly is the final authority on state party decisions. The General Assembly is a transient body, reconstituted for each meeting.
4. The GPCA Coordinating Committee (CC) handles GPCA administrative matters between plenaries. It consists of 16 “regional representatives” who are chosen by a caucus of General Assembly delegates from each of 11 California regions (unless the active counties of the region select another process), and four at-large representatives who are elected by the General Assembly.
5. The General Assembly elects 13 delegates and 13 alternates to the Green Party of the United States (GPUS) National Coordinating Committee (composed of delegates from various states) for a term of 2 years.

PERCEIVED PROBLEMS WITH THE CURRENT STRUCTURE:

1. Even with four General Assemblies a year, we do not have time to address all the issues that come forward. General Assemblies have almost completely displaced Gatherings, which is a loss.
2. It is difficult to make policy decisions between General Assemblies. Polling the counties for endorsements and other policy questions has proven problematic.
3. Important but complex issues require more discussion than we can afford at General Assemblies, and must often be postponed without resolution until the next plenary.



4. Decision-making under the current system tends to be far removed from the general membership of the party, leading to limited involvement by most Greens.
5. A GA that meets 2-3 times per year cannot effectively interface with the GPUS. Though the decision to have the GA elect delegates directly helps ensure accountability to the GA, the GA is still not able to participate in any meaningful way in GPUS activities, or conduct day to day oversight of delegation activities.

PROPOSALS FOR A STANDING GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The Standing General Assembly Research Committee (SGARC - an *ad hoc* of the CC) is currently discussing the benefits and problems of various forms of a standing (on-going) GPCA General Assembly of delegates from the counties; specifically, how they would be chosen, how they would meet for discussions and votes, and how they would communicate with their constituents and with the other committees and officers of the GPCA.

The SGARC is looking to the GA of this plenary for responses and ideas on how to proceed with its work. To stimulate such a discussion, the committee offers two (of several) possible structures for a Standing General Assembly:

- ◆ SGA – ELECTED DELEGATE MODEL

This would create a Standing General Assembly of elected delegates, based upon the same or similar methods for electing the delegates from the counties to our existing plenaries. The SGA delegates could be elected anew for each plenary, or could be given a term (e.g., one year).

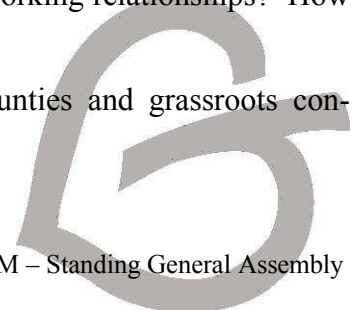
These delegates would meet on-line, in a manner similar to the GPCA Coordinating Committee, as well as face-to-face at plenaries, and perhaps other (regional?) meetings. They would be responsible for all policy decisions required of the GPCA, and would be able to vote between plenaries to respond quickly to important issues.

- ◆ SGA - COUNTY COUNCILOR MODEL

This would be similar to the Standing General Assembly indicated above, with the major difference being that the delegates to the GA would automatically consist of the currently elected county council members in each active county. These councilor/delegates would serve a term commensurate with their two-year county council terms, and would be responsible for both local and state party duties.

SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT A STANDING GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

1. Will delegates meeting on-line be able to form effective and democratic working relationships? How can delegates be held to fulfilling their duties?
2. How will delegates communicate with and be accountable to their counties and grassroots constituents concerning business done between plenaries?



3. Will the GPCA be able to maintain a decentralized decision-making process and grassroots focus as it develops more high-level structures?
4. What additional internal structures (accreditation, agenda, list management, etc.) will be needed to allow a SGA to function?
5. What will happen to the Standing Committees and Working Groups under the new SGA structure?
6. How should we modify the functions and membership of the GPCA Coordinating Committee to accommodate the SGA?
7. Is a Standing General Assembly the best solution for the problems cited above? Are there other solutions to make the GPCA more effective?
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The SGARC invites interested Greens to join this discussion at

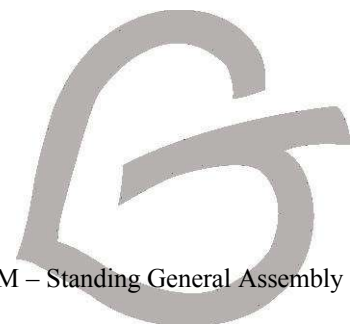
http://votegreen.org/mailman/listinfo/sga_votegreen.org.

For further information, please visit our web-based references to comments by SGARC members:

<http://lobitos.net/gpca/sgarc-jkl-0.1.pdf>

http://votegreen.org/pipermail/sga_votegreen.org//attachments/20041016/3be54a26/CommentsontheGP-CAStructureProposal-0001.doc

http://votegreen.org/pipermail/sga_votegreen.org/2004-October/000018.html



DISCUSSION ITEM – Establish a Committee to Reform National GPUS Democracy

PRESENTERS: Forrest Hill forrest_hill@comcast.net 510-459-0387; Peter Camejo 510-459-0614 and potentially Matt Gonzalez

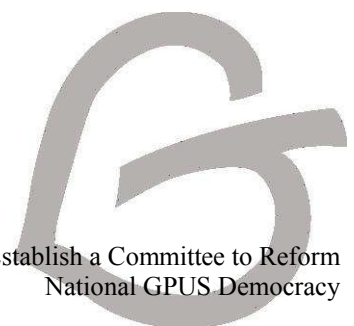
DISCUSSION ITEM: Establish a committee to explore ways to implement internal democratic reforms to the national governing bodies of the Green Party of the United States based on the principle of "one person one vote."

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: Within our national party (GPUS) conflicting views have emerged over the role of the Green Party in American politics. We hope some of these issues will be addressed at this plenary within the item called "The Greens Save America."

At the same time, the debate over how the Green Party should function politically has revealed some shortcomings in GPUS structure and process, which this requested committee would address. The committee would be authorized to explore options and make recommendations, but no action on the committee report would be taken until it is reviewed and either achieves consensus or is voted on by the General Assembly.

Most Greens assume the principle of "one person, one vote" is unquestioned within the Green Party, as our platform commits us to proportional representation and such reforms. However, current national Green Party practice is to allocate far more votes to smaller and newer states than their actual Green Party membership would suggest. Another way of looking at this is that big, well-organized states like California are relatively under-represented. Since many states in the country currently do not allow citizens to register as Greens, methods will have to be developed to ascertain the actual number of active Green Party members in these states in as objective a method as possible. These methods must be based on empirical evidence to insure that the true Green activity is fairly represented. We propose, then, formation of a GPCA committee focused on the following issue with respect to the national Green Party, GPUS:

* Non-proportional representation -- The current national party voting structure is not one Green, one vote. How might it be improved for more fair representation?



PROPOSAL – Establish Bylaws for the GPCA Media Standing Committee, following dissolution of former Communications Standing Committee

SPONSOR: Media Committee of the Communications Standing Committee

PRESENTERS: Erika McDonald, 415-337-1499, erikasf@aol.com, Tom Bolema, 661-943-0676, highdesertgreens@verizon.net

SUBJECT: Dissolve the Communications Standing Committee; Establish the Media Standing Committee of the GPCA

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: The Communications Standing Committee is made of three subcommittees, which address official GPCA communication tasks: Media, IT and Clearinghouse. The GPCA General Assembly created the Communications Committee by consensus more than two years ago. Since then, the three groups have grown to perform separate duties, budgets and workplans. They now have distinctly separate tasks and functions.

This proposal dissolves the Communications Standing Committee, and adopts amended bylaws 7-4.2 (below) for the Media Standing Committee. Bylaws 7-7 establish the Media Standing Committee. The Bylaws Committee reviewed and affirmed the drafting of these bylaws.

PROPOSAL: Establish Bylaws for the GPCA Media Standing Committee, following dissolution of former Communications Standing Committee. This proposal will also affirm the following Co-Coordinators for the Media Standing Committee:

Co-Coordinators: Erika McDonald, Tom Bolema

Alternate Co-Coordinator: Larry Cafiero

Section 7-7. Media Standing Committee

7-7.1 Duties and Authority

The Media Standing Committee is charged with facilitating all GPCA communications with media outlets. The Media Standing Committee will develop and distribute media releases that express appropriate GPCA positions in accordance with the GPCA platform; coordinate press conferences around significant party figures and issues; draft and distribute notifications of significant, newsworthy events relevant to party figures, platforms and growth. The Media Standing Committee serves under the direction of the General Assembly of the GPCA and the Coordinating Committee.

The Media Standing Committee assists local chapters of the GPCA to develop media resources.

7-7.2 Membership

The Media Standing Committee is a standing committee that will have up to 8 members, in accordance with bylaws 6-1.4. Co-Coordinators are selected in accordance with bylaws 6-1.9.

7-7.3 Ex Officio Members

The Green Party of California's Press Secretary and designated Spokespeople are ex officio members of the Media Committee.

7-4.2 Platform Research and Interpretation

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

COMMITTEE DECISION: The acting Media Standing Committee approved this proposal by consensus. The Bylaws Committee was also consulted, and approved the bylaws amendments by consensus.

TIMELINE: Proposal approval at next GPCA General Assembly; Media Standing Committee is ongoing.

RESOURCES: The GPCA General Assembly previously approved the Media Standing Committee budget and workplan. This proposal seeks no additional resources beyond existing GPCA procedure.

PROPOSAL – Separation of Bylaws and Procedure

SPONSOR: Bylaws Standing Committee

PRESENTERS/CONTACTS: Unidentified

SUBJECT: The Bylaws Standing Committee has begun the project of dividing the current bylaws document into two documents containing bylaws and procedures. Also, for review, a proposed definition of 'policy v procedure'. This is being pursued in accordance with the bylaws proposal that was accepted at the March 2004 General Assembly.

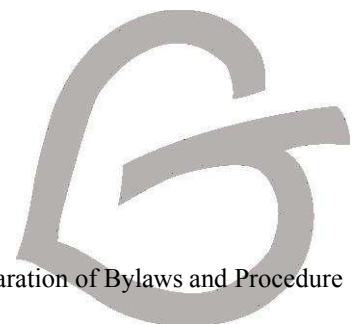
BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: We have made a first-cut and dividing Articles 1 thru 7. This is just a first attempt and further revisions will occur, but this should give everyone an idea what the documents will contain after the division. Also, for review, a proposed definition of 'policy v procedure'.

You can view the current work at

<http://cagreens.org/bylaws/projects/bylaw-v-proc/bylaws.pdf>

<http://cagreens.org/bylaws/projects/bylaw-v-proc/procedures.pdf>

<http://cagreens.org/bylaws/projects/bylaw-v-proc/definition.pdf>



PLATFORM – Revision to Secular Principles Platform Plank

SPONSOR: Platform Standing Committee

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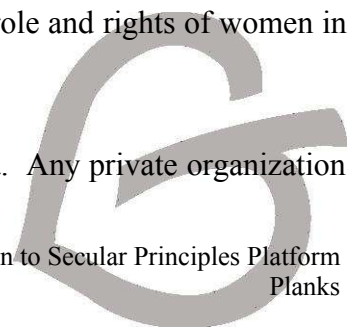
SUBJECT: Secular Principles in the Social Justice and Liveable Communities Section. Grassroots democracy, social justice and equal opportunity, feminism and gender equity, respect for diversity, and personal and global responsibility are the involved ten key values of the Green Party.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:

The United States Bill of Rights guarantees freedom of and from religion. We affirm the right of each individual to the exercise of conscience and religion, while maintaining the constitutionally mandated separation of government and religion, and believe that federal, state, and local governments must be religiously neutral, guaranteeing equal freedom to the religious and non-religious. Likewise, we support the prosecution of hate crimes based on religious affiliation or practice. An endorsement by the secular government of specific religious beliefs or practices contradicts the Bill of Rights.

The Green Party of California supports:

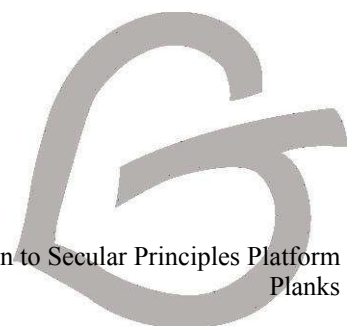
1. An end to discriminatory federal, state, and local laws against particular religious beliefs and non-belief. The United States Constitution states that there shall be no religious test for public office. This requirement should apply to oaths (or affirmations) for holding public office at any level, employment at all government levels, oaths for witnesses in courts, oaths for jury membership, and the oath for citizenship. All government laws or acts should have only a secular purpose.
2. The elimination of displays of religious symbols, monuments, or statements on government buildings and property, including public schools, as well as government websites, money, or documents.
3. The elimination of the politically and religiously motivated addition of "under god" from the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. An end to school vouchers, where public money pays for students in private religious schools.
5. An end to the governmental use of the doctrines of specific religions to define the nature of family, marriage, and the type and character of personal relationships between consenting adults.
6. An end to religion-based curricula in government-funded public schools. Religious doctrines such as creationism or intelligent design have no place in public school.
7. An end to the use of religion as a justification to deny children necessary medical care or to be subjected to physical and emotional abuse.
8. An end to the use of religion doctrines by the government to define the role and rights of women in secular society.
9. An end to the tax-exempt status of religious institutions.
10. A revocation of the Congressional charter of the Boy Scouts of America. Any private organization



that practices bigotry against certain religious beliefs and classes of people should not have Congressional endorsement nor have access to public property and funds.

11. An end to the governmental use of religious doctrines to determine United States domestic and international public policies regarding family planning and scientific research opportunities.

Note: In the finalized plank, the numbers would be replaced by bullets. The numbers are provided for ease of comment



PLATFORM – Health Care Platform Plank Revision

SPONSOR: Platform Standing Committee

PRESENTER/CONTACT: Bob Vizzard, Sacramento, TheVizz@aol.com

SUBJECT: HEALTH CARE in the Social Justice & Liveable Communities Section. The involved Ten Key Values of the Greens are Social Justice, Decentralization, and Community Based Economics.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: The current CAGP Healthcare plank is out of date and requires revision. A previous draft received comments at the March 27/28 2004 plenary of the CAGP. More revisions occurred after deferment at the June 5/6 plenary of the CAGP.

PROPOSAL: Every person has the right to adequate and affordable health care. Presently in California, 20% of the population is uninsured. Many more have insurance that is inadequate to pay for the care they need. Out-of-pocket costs, such as deductibles, co-pays and the cost of insurance increase every year. Many, especially among seniors, pay out of their pockets for large portions of their health care costs. America spends more per person for health care than any other nation in the world. Yet it ranks only 37th by WHO standards in quality of health care.

Therefore the CAGP advocates the following policies:

- ◆ [1] The CAGP endorses a Single Payer Universal Health Care system. This means health insurance coverage for ALL through a single insurance plan offered by the government, which would control the growth of health care spending through a simplified administrative structure, consolidated financing and purchasing, and statewide health planning. That system must offer a comprehensive benefit package, including complete medical, dental, mental health, pharmaceutical, chiropractic, vision, hearing, hospice, and in-home care. No necessary service can be left out. If co-pays and deductibles are included to finance the system, they must be reasonable and affordable. This system should also cover long-term care and the medical component of Workers Compensation. We support state or federal efforts that would establish such a system.
- ◆ [2] Everyone must have access to all necessary medical care. Preventive care is more effective, more humane and more cost-effective than treating people after they are already ill. Preventive care should be emphasized in the planning and financing of our health care system. We also support measures to assure adequate supply of primary care providers, nurses, and other allied health care personnel.
- ◆ [3] Care must be culturally competent. Our health care system must affirm rights to human dignity, personal choice, and privacy. It must practice respect for racial, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, age, disabilities, and other cultural needs/differences.

- ◆ [4] GPCA strongly supports a holistic approach to health care. Different philosophies of care, broadly characterized as conventional and alternative/complementary care co-exist and sometimes compete. Both have a role in a modern and compassionate health care system. We support funding for research for both conventional and alternative/complementary care. We support funding, under Single Payer, for modalities of care with proven benefit or widespread popular acceptance, such as Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine. We support access to a natural birthing alternative for all women. We support licensing and oversight of alternative/complementary care practitioners, identical to that for other health care professionals.

- ◆ [5]Health care resources belong to all of us. Health care costs now account for 15% of the Gross Domestic Product. Resources must be distributed fairly and used in an efficient and cost effective manner. Disparities between care for the wealthy and poor must end.

- ◆ [6]Until we get a Single Payer system, and as necessary afterwards, we support existing measures and programs that will increase access to high quality, cost effective medical services for all Californians.

- ◆ [7]The largest single unnecessary cost is the health-insurance system. In addition, profits for pharmaceutical and medical equipment companies, health maintenance organizations (HMOs), and for-profit providers are often unjustifiably high. The pharmaceutical industry, for example, has the highest profit margin of any sector of the economy. It is also heavily subsidized by tax breaks, special patent legislation and lucrative licensing arrangements by the federal government. We demand reasonable prices for all medical goods and services. We assume that Single Payer will bring costs for prescription drugs in line with what others in the world pay. This is accomplished through bulk purchasing. Until Single Payer is established, we support measures such as re-importation from Canada to reduce drug costs. We demand that if a drug is developed with public money, that the public receive a reasonable return on its investment. We oppose legislation to extend the patent of specific drugs just to maximize profits for a specific pharmaceutical company.

- ◆ [8]Hospitals, clinics and other care providers should try to develop management that is democratic and representative. People representing health care workers, consumers and other public interests should be included on the Board of Directors and other governing structures.

- ◆ [9] We demand that California's medical marijuana law be fully recognized and implemented by all the appropriate local, state, and federal jurisdictions. The federal government must not interfere with duly-enacted state laws on healthcare.

*Note: In the finalized version of the plank, the preceding numbers will be replaced by bullets. The numbers are given for ease of comment of the draft.



PLATFORM – Foreign Policy Platform Plank Revision

SPONSOR: PLATFORM STANDING COMMITTEE

PRESENTER/CONTACT: Chuck O’Neill, coneil@mindspring.com.

SUBJECT: Foreign Policy Section in the Peace and Non Violence chapter. The involved Ten Key Values of the Greens are non-violence, personal & global responsibility, and economic justice.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: The current CAGP Foreign Policy plank is out of date and requires revision. This is the first consideration at a CAGP plenary. Changes to the previous text are underlined.

PROPOSAL: The Green Party supports democracy and self-determination worldwide and promotes the U.S. ending its practice of economic and political colonialism. U.S. foreign policy should emphasize promoting other nations' self-sufficiency and self-determination, rather than ensuring security for overseas American business interests and the retention of military bases.

International business practices have taken advantage of countries lax environmental and safety standards and a needy labor force that is easily exploited. Such practices are often in conflict with local efforts to establish work place democracy, and to address environmental and safety problems.

The continuing establishment of bases and stationing of service personnel overseas heightens global tensions and tends to make the U.S. military a global police force. Together with economic leveraging, such military presence assures that self-serving U.S. businesses will encounter little resistance.

U.S. foreign aid programs under the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) have promoted U.S. development methods without adequately examining their feasibility, appropriateness or cultural implications for the host country. Aid is given in inordinately greater amounts to countries that are considered strategically important to the U.S.

Of the foreign aid that the United States distributes, the majority is provided as military aid. This military aid is generally split between training foreign military officers and providing U.S. weapons to foreign governments. Both are basically cash handouts to our military industry and do nothing to bolster a foreign country's economy or living standards. The U.S. government's tradition of lax oversight of such aid results in it being used to wreak havoc on the local populace. Foreign aid is also commonly used to prop-up U.S. multinational corporations by using aid money to buy goods from these companies and then ship them to foreign countries. This is not only corporate welfare, but it also invites conflicts of interest in public policy as politicians are tempted to reward the companies that have supported their re-elections. It also creates a dependency of domestic corporations on foreign policy decisions. Most of all, it robs the recipient country of the opportunity to build up its own industry and become self-sufficient in meeting the needs being addressed by foreign aid.

The Greens believe in policies consistent with participatory democracy and global responsibility:

- ◆ 1. Insist that U.S. corporations maintain foreign business practices that don't jeopardize workers, damage their environment or interfere with their government, and a wage adequate for living.
- ◆ 2. Negotiate a General Agreement on Tariff and Trade (GATT) that promotes the economic development and self-sufficiency of recipient countries, rather than profitability for the G-8 countries. [see [International Trade Agreements](#) section above]
- ◆ 3. Reevaluate our government's aid practices (USAID, for example) by emphasizing appropriate-level

technologies, ecologically sustainable infrastructures and business projects, cultural sensitivity, and monetary aid consistent with countries' real needs.

- ◆ 4. Encourage U.S. cities to develop municipal foreign trade policies centering around local trade agreements, "sister city" arrangements, and cultural exchange programs.
- ◆ 5. Support and endorse United Nations (U.N.) conventions. We believe that the U.N. should be used for its intended purpose: it should act as an impartial, democratic, multilateral body to maintain world order. This will require some fundamental changes in the U.N. Charter, starting with the elimination of Veto Power for any member of the Security Council. The U.N. should have a U.N. Civilian Police Corps, and an independent source of financing that is not easily blocked by the whims of one or two national governments. The U.S. should help the U.N by paying its dues on time, abiding by all U.N. resolutions, and helping U.N. forces to maintain peace and enforce its resolutions. The U.S should not provide aid to any country not abiding by all U.N. resolutions nor should it take military action without the approval of the U.N.

An ideal U.N. should require that all nations be represented by an approved democratically selected representative or elected directly. At the same time, an effective U.N. requires participation by all the world's nations, including those governed by military dictatorships, plutocracies, theocracies, or various forms of democracy. The Green Party recognizes we do not live in an ideal world and that the U.N. will have to deal with undemocratic and recalcitrant nations. At the same time, without interfering in the internal affairs of its members, the U.N. should do what it can to promote democratic representation by its member countries. The U.N. should interfere in the internal affairs of its members only as an independent police force, as mediator when violent conflicts arise, as a provider of help after disasters, to solve refugee problems when needs are not clearly met, or to enforce U.N. resolutions.

- ◆ 6. Close all foreign military bases as soon as possible and clean up any toxic wastes left behind. Fair and responsible business practices would eliminate the need for such bases.
- ◆ 7. Military foreign aid should be discontinued. Any monetary foreign aid distributions should be provided as cash payments to foreign governments, or reliable non-government agencies. Recipient countries should have more authority in deciding how the money is spent, rather than simply using it to purchase U.S. domestic goods. All foreign aid should be based on the improvement of democracy and general living standards and/or to reduce overall suffering in the recipient country.
- ◆ 8. We support use of the International Criminal Court (I.C.C.) as better than war in solving problems in international relations. The I.C.C. provides an opportunity for fair and open trial of individuals accused of crimes against humanity. The I.C.C. includes most of the provisions of the U.S. Bill of Rights. Persons suspected of being terrorists should be tried as individuals in the I.C.C., and if guilty, they should be punished as individuals. No country should invade, occupy, bomb, or kill the people of another country because some international criminals reside or are located in that country. The U.S. Senate should ratify the I.C.C. treaty.

The numbers preceding each plank point will be replaced by bullets in the final version. The numbers are provided for convenience in discussing the plank content.



PLATFORM – Preliminary Test for Consensus

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 Ventura (Moorpark).

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 three individual planks being presented here.

These are updates to existing planks. *The objective of the Platform Working Group 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 Working Group.*

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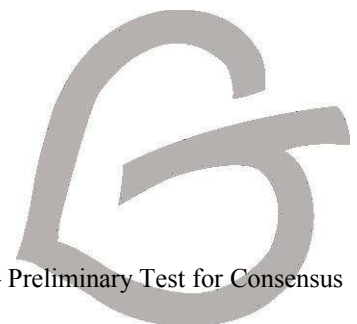
Each county may cast as many votes as is your allocation of delegates. Cast your full number of votes as YES, NO and STAND ASIDE for each of the three planks.

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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County _____ No. of Delegates _____

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Secular Principles			

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.)

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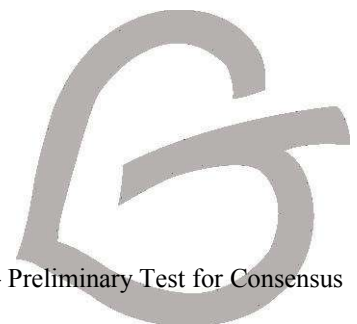
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CONCERNS

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.



PROPOSAL – Election of GPUS Delegates

SPONSOR: GPUS Delegation

PRESENTER/CONTACT: Nanette Pratini (pratini@ucr.edu, 951.686.5542) and Mike Wyman (mswyman@comcast.net, 415.785.3448)

SUBJECT: Elections to fill vacancies for GPUS Coordinating Committee Delegates and Alternates

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: There are currently 4 of 13 Delegate positions open (due to the resignations of Sara Amir, Alex Brideau, Ginny Case, and Bill Myers). In addition, there are 7 of 13 Alternate positions open (Sola Sarmiento and Sabrina Aller have recently resigned, the rest have been open for some time). As per Section 11-2.1 of the GPCA bylaws, approved at the Sacramento Plenary in June of 2004, these positions will be filled by an election of the General Assembly at the first Plenary following the vacancies. The election procedure will be the same one used to elect At-Large GPCA Coordinating Committee members (see GPCA Bylaws Section 7-1.7 and 7-1.8).

Candidates were recruited according to a plan adopted by the delegation and added to at the June 2004 Sacramento Plenary. This effort included contacting individuals suggested by members of the delegation, sending a recruitment announcement to the County Contacts lists, also forwarded to members of the Black Caucus and Lavender Caucus, and follow-up phone calls and emails to those who expressed an interest in the past. We received a total of 11 applications for Delegate, and 3 applications for Alternate Delegate.

Terms are for two years. Nominations and biographies have been actively solicited throughout the state for several months. Within our current procedures nominations will not be accepted from the floor. The existing delegation is allowed to recommend candidates to the GA, and has done so (see attached). Plenary delegates (and counties) are encouraged to carefully review the attached statements, contact the candidates directly if they so choose, and to make their choices seriously. Not all seats need to be filled if the GA does not feel there are enough qualified candidates. Full details of the election procedure will be forwarded by the election officials as soon as possible. It is likely that candidates who are not selected as Delegates may be allowed to run as Alternates if they so choose.

Since diversity of the delegation is a goal, we are providing the make-up of the current delegation as follows:

Delegates (9): four women, five men, three people of color, none self-identified LGBTQ; six north, three south.

Alternates (7): two women, five men; four people of color, three self-identified LGBTQ; five north, two south. (Note: this make-up will change if some Alternates are elected Delegates)

PROPOSAL: That the General Assembly elect up to four Delegates and up to six Alternates from the list of candidates attached.

The existing delegation (including alternates) made its recommendations based on statements it had received by the announced deadline of October 6th, 2004. These recommendations are attached at the end of the candidate statements. *The GA will be choosing from all the candidates, whose statements are attached, not just the ones recommended by the delegation.*

Following is a list of qualifications used by the standing delegation in its recommendations (in no particular order):

- Contributes to the diversity of the delegation
- (for Delegates) Experience and active participation as an Alternate
- Experience at the national level preferred, or at least at the state or local level, preferably recent
- Demonstrated track record of results and follow-through in Green activities (not just membership on a committee)
- An ability to work well with other Greens and with people of diverse backgrounds
- Independent thinking skills
- Leadership skills; able to communicate effectively with constituents

COMMITTEE DECISION: The current GPUS delegation discussed its list of qualifications and recommendations during our Oct. 6th teleconference. Most candidates were recommended by consensus, and a few were chosen by vote (2/3's threshold). The desired qualifications were combined from several statements made before and during the teleconference and do not necessarily represent the views of all members.

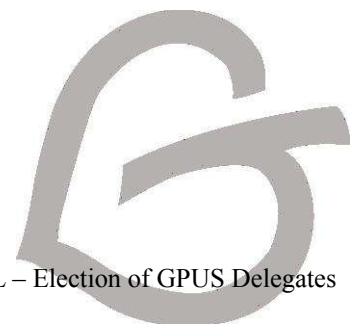
TIME LINE: This election will take place at the December 2004 Plenary.

RESOURCES: Printing costs for ballots and time commitment of the election officials to set up and run the elections.

Please see:

Attachment A: Candidates Statements

Attachment B: Standing Delegation Recommendations



Candidates Statements

(Attachment A to "Election of GPUS Delegates" Proposal: Candidate's Statements)

Candidates for GPCA Delegation to GPUS Coordinating Committee:

Tim Fitzgerald, DEL, Tuolumne, timkf@hotmail.com,
Leslie Bonett, DEL, Alameda, lesliebe@greens.org
Hank Chapot, DEL, Alameda, hchapot@igc.org,
David Silva, DEL, Tulare, greensurfer1@netzero.net
Devin Letzer, DEL, Los Angeles, devinletzer@notmyidea.com
Budd Dickinson, DEL, San Mateo, budd.dickinson@greens.org
David Cobb, DEL, Humboldt, cobbweb@greens.org
Kent Mesplay, DEL, San Diego, kentmesplay@presidency.com
Forrest Hill, DEL, forrest_hill@comcast.net
Peter Camejo, DEL, Sacramento, pmcamejo@comcast.net
Rebecca Markussen, DEL, Sacramento, heron25@backpacker.com
Sanda Everette, ALT, San Mateo, sanda@greensolutions.org
Judith Grant, ALT, Alameda, jgrant@greens.org
Michael Rubin, ALT, Alameda, RubinArnol@aol.com

(Note: some candidates for Delegate may choose to run as Alternates if they are not chosen as Delegates)

Statements/Biographies of Candidates (listed roughly in order of submittal):

Leslie Bonett

Request for selection as a Standing Delegate to the GPUS Coordinating Committee.

I have served as an Alternate Delegate to the CC since 2002, and as of July 2004 with an Active Voting Record of 28 Votes, compared to the highest CA Voting Record of 34 and 30 Votes, and exceeding the average of 23 Votes, according to the National Voting Page History. So I have participated in almost every vote as an Alternate/Proxy, and more than the "average" current Standing Delegates.

I have just been appointed member of the National Platform Committee and the Annual National Meeting Committee.

Since March 2004, I have increased my participation with the CA delegation, including the national delegates COO-list, the CA delegates list, teleconferences, and the March and June plenaries.

In June 2004 I cowrote the first National Bylaw Amendment Proposal presented by the State of CA, and copresented/collaborated with New Jersey and Illinois in getting it passed by the national delegation.

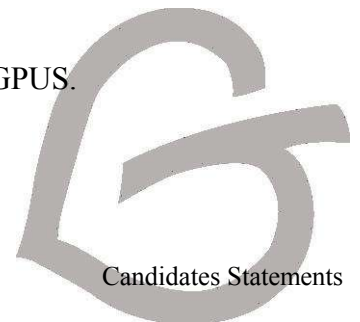
I have been registered with the Green Party of CA since 1992.

I was a delegate to the 2000 and 2004 Green Party Presidential Conventions.

I attended the 2001 Santa Barbara Annual meeting where the ASGP became GPUS.

I have attended at least one State Plenary per year since 1999.

I served on the Green Party of Alameda County Council from 1999-2004.



I chose not to run for another term this year to put my green time/energy/resources into this presidential season, including the National Delegation. I'm active at local level of my Oakland chapter, which I helped establish and maintain.

I bring to the delegation diversity as a woman, a lesbian and a person with a disability, and am a member of the GPUS Lavender, Disability and Women's Caucuses.

Some of my goals as a national delegate are:

- 1) To serve the Green Party National Coordinating Committee as an active member and help our party grow, develop, help its membership to become an increasingly stronger voice on the American political scene, consistent with Green and my own personal values as an individual and to represent the various constituencies of GPCA;
- 2) To achieve 100% Voting participation of the 13 Standing Delegates, and develop and ensure participation standards for email lists, teleconferences, committees, etc.;
- 3) To orient and stay connected with the Alternate Delegates, who are eligible to vote anytime the delegation drops below its 13 votes, but some continue to be less than engaged;
- 4) To take on projects and develop proposals to refine the bylaws and activities of the Green Party of the United States;
- 5) To join Standing Committees of GPUS as need or opening arises.

Sincerely,

Leslie Bonett

Hank Chapot

Greetings.

Please accept my application for GPCA- Delegate to the National Coordinating Committee. My current involvement includes membership on the GPCA media committee, my work collecting, sorting and cataloging the California Green Archives which I founded in 1991(cagreens.org/archives/), and this fall, campaigning against proposition 62(Louisiana primary). The Archives is funded and endorsed by the GPCA and the Green Network. I have been an active participant on the national CC discussion list since the founding convention of the USGP in 2000 and was an observer on the national voting list until signing off last year. I've joined the Labor Greens to help "green" the labor movement through my position as media spokesperson for my Union, local 3299, AFSCME. Due to time, financial and physical constraints, and my belief that all good green leaders should take time off, I have avoided meetings for the past few years. I am on the Board of Directors of the non-profit Green Institute, but haven't heard from them lately. Historically, I am a founder of the San Francisco Green CoC, SF and California Green Parties, and was a member of the national CoC's and G/gpusa until the state party movement began to flourish. In the early 90's. I sat on the GPCA Organizing(later Coordinating) Committee, from 1991 until 94, where I established the first media committee and acted as the first northern California spokesperson. In 1992, I was elected and served two-terms on the Alameda County County Council and was the first partisan Green candidate in the Bay Area, standing for the 14th Assembly District in 1994, and again in 1996 and 98.

As an early member the Green Politics Network(now Green Network) working to establish a national party, I was one of the only California Greens supporting the Association of State Green Parties(ASGP)

in the wilderness years before California joined in 1998. As a member of the Green Politics Network, I coordinated the New Politics '94 conference in Oakland and was co-coordinator of Third Parties 96 conference in Washington DC and was one of the people who recruited Ralph Nader to the California ballot that year. One of my more notorious acts was to author the letter to the FEC opposing the G/Gpusa's false national committee filing in 1995 that held open the possibility of FEC recognition until the state parties were ready. My college degree is in Ecology and Systematic Biology and I believe I can reinforce the Green Party's commitment to the environment. My Union work helps me stay focused on Social Justice and Democracy issues. I am employed as a Gardener in UC Berkeley Grounds Department, enjoy excellent health and stamina and I would like to be officially recognized on the national Coordinating Committee. I am committed to open and regular communication with all local, national and international Greens.

Thank you for your consideration,

Hank Chapot

A few greens who know something about my work: Tony Affigne, John Rensenbrink, Annie Goeke, Linda Martin, Dee Berry, Ross Mirkirimi, Beth Moore Haynes, Cres Vellucci, Rebbecca Kaplan, Susan King, Mike Feinstein, Peter Camejo, Nikhilananda, Nanette Pratini, Laura Wells, Bob Marsh, Laura Livoti, Dan Hamburg, Greg Jan, Danny Moses, Charlene Spretnak, Steve Schmidt, Barbara Rogers-Hendricks, Gevnvieve Marcus, Barbara Blong, Betty Traynor, Don Eichelberger, John & Pam Selawsky, Judi Hirsch, Sheilah Weaver, Peter Kvalen

David Silva

Statement of Interest: I feel I can bring Historical Memory to the California Delegation and help California be more accepted by the rest of the GPUS. I am now fully retired and I now have a car and so am more able to fulfill the duties than when I served on past National Green Governing Boards and Caucuses. Also, I feel it is important to have rural California, rural gays and disabled rural medical concerns represented.

Political and Public Service BIO:

Experience, Spirit and Dedication:

- a. 1960 President of the Gardena Valley Youth for Kennedy.
- b. 1961 US Air Force Logistics Management for SAC and Vietnam buildup.
- c. 1965 Anti-war activist, housing for draft resisters
- d. 1967 Free Food Movement, Diggers Housing Coordinator L.A.
- e. 1967 Worked to get Peace and Freedom on the ballot. Captured stock film footage of most anti-war demonstrations on west coast.
- f. 1968 Delegate to founding PFP Convention and founder of Ecology Caucus of PFP
- g. 1968 Film crew for Paul Jacobs Senatorial and Eldridge Cleaver footage and editing crew for Bobby Kennedy California campaign.
- h. Worked for several years as pre-production budget scheduler for several film projects produced by Universal and Corey Allen.
- i. 1970 Established Ecological Films



- j. 1971 Organized Speakers Forum at L.A. City College. Became co-coordinator of McCloskey campaign in L.A.
- k. Promoter of Winter Soldier Campaign Film Screenings on College Campuses, working with Jane Fonda, Donald Sutherland, and John Kerry.
- l. Attended and graduated from UCLA in communication law.
- m. 1977 Attended People's College of Law and served on several committees of the collective and acted as Personnel Officer.

AFTER LAW SCHOOL:

- a. 1979 Veterans Legal Aid Advisor and Immigration Services.
- l. 1980 Coordinator of the SHINE Slate at L.A. College gathering together a black Muslim woman as school presidential candidate along with a Gay Latino male for Vice-President and a cabinet of environmental and social activists.
- m. 1980 Coordinated a campaign for Los Angeles City Council, 13th Councilmanic, L.A.'s first gay candidate.
- n. 1981 Worked as Accountant for M&M Advertising.
- o. 1982-1985 Worked in Beverley Hills Law Firm, Brown Weston & Sarno, representing celebrities such as The Jackson Five and several first amendment issue and entertainment law issues.
- p. 1983 After my lover died of AIDS I worked as the Housing Coordinator for the fledgling Aids Project Los Angeles.
- q. 1984 Moved back home to Tulare and worked for VOTING POWER, registering a record number of voters in a farm worker area of small communities.
- r. 1986-89 Became a Welfare Worker and a shop steward and then Vice-President of the largest union in the Central Valley, SEIU 535.
- o. 1991 moved to Santa Cruz and immediately put on Negotiation Team.
- p. 1992 Coordinated Voter Registration Drive for Jerry Brown Campaign in Santa Cruz. Elected in Congressional Caucus as Chair of the Brown Delegation from the Central Coast.
- q. 1993 Founding member of Regional Alliance for Progressive Policy. Worked on Strawberry Campaign and Environmental Justice issues.
- r. 1994 Campaign Manager for Green Candidate for Congress
- s. 1995. Organized the Labor Green Coalition and got Green Party sitting at the Coalition table for local candidate's endorsement.
- t. 1996 Treasurer of SEIU 415, largest union on Central Coast and served on the COPE and on the Personnel Committee.
- u. 1996 Ran for Santa Cruz City Council. Worked as Regional Rep for Green Party for three 18-month terms.
- v. 1997 Ran for County Council and elected three terms.
- w. 1996-2000 Coordinated campaigns of Green endorsed candidates and organized three city petition drives.



x. 2000 Fasted for five months and ten days to legalize sleep for homeless persons. 2003 After finishing CHEMO and moving back to home town organized a local and got it up and fully running in six months. We are running candidates for several District Elections.

Tim Fitzgerald

Tim Fitzgerald has been an organizer for Progressive politics most of his adult life. An Eagle Scout in high school, he pioneered scouting expeditions into the Sierra Nevada wilderness along the Muir Trail as a teenager. Later in College he pioneered first ascents in John Muir's famed Yosemite Valley.

In the late 60's he was 'point man' for a reorganization of his campus's governing apparatus at San Jose State, at one point being a key figure in the election of Harry Edwards (of Olympic Boycott fame) younger brother to student body Presidency.

The first decade out of college, he focused on neighborhood organization of the downtown community around San Jose State campus in his free time, only to be a candidate for San Jose City Council in 1982. He left San Jose, where he was born and raised, shortly thereafter to work in resorts in the Sierra's around Mammoth Mountain ski area, and Heavenly Valley in South Lake Tahoe.

He returned to San Jose State University to finish his education in the late 80's having already completed three degrees, (one a Masters) in the Social Sciences at SJSU. At that point he left the Democratic Party of Robert and John Kennedy and Jimmy Carter to join the Green Party of California, taking a seat in the County Council of Santa Clara County in 1992.

The first half of the 90's Tim was regional Co-Coordinator of the Monthly publication 'Green Consensus' a Bay Area journal, and Co-Coordinator of the State Platform Working Group in 1993, where he founded the State Economic Caucus to build a economic pillar in the Green Party.

In 1994 he was the candidate from San Jose for State Assembly, getting 8.2 % of the vote against an entrenched machine Democrat. His per cent of vote, in the year Newt Gingrich put a 'Contract on America' with a right wing sweep, was the largest for any third party partisan candidate in the State - at the State or local level. The next year he joined Gloria Purcell as Co-Coordinator of the Campaigns and Candidates State Working Group where he served during the Presidential election year of 1996.

In 1997, while Vice Chairperson of the City of San Jose's Disability Advisory Commission, he spearheaded a successful effort to preserve the Board and Care Community around the University Campus, against powerful Real Estate and Financial interests in the Community. He left San Jose for Mammoth Lakes, later that year.

When he arrived in Mono County, an as yet unorganized Green County, he set about to get recognition for the County Council he led in getting organized. He sat on the Mono County Mental Health Advisory Board as Chairperson, and fought in 2000 against the proposal in Sacramento to place another layer of authority over the emotionally ill, with an 'outpatient commitment' stipulation.

A champion of Civil Rights his whole life, he was a delegate to the National Convention in Denver in 2000 and in Milwaukee in 2004. He has campaigned for David Cobb this year, writing OpED pieces for the National Campaign, and since relocated near Sonora, California, where he teaches Economics at a local community College. He is the Executive Director of a WEB based 'think tank' at <www.i-sor.org>

Tim has been under contract with a New York Literary Agent since the mid 90's, and has recently complete work on a massive three volume 'Memoir' outlining his many exploits in political organization at the grass roots level. He would like to serve the State Party in a new capacity at the national level sharing

his experience and mending party alliances after the election in 2004. Disabled his entire adult life, he spreads a message of hope and understanding to the disadvantaged, underprivileged, and working poor. His book of 100 poems 'Letters to the Editor: Impressions from Idle Rock' has just been released by Authorhouse - a 'print on demand' publisher. It is available through Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble.

Tim Fitzgerald, timkf@hotmail.com

Sanda Everette

I have been a GP member for about 10 years. After voting Green in the last two presidential elections, I began getting more active. This past spring I was elected to my second term as a Green Party county councilmember and am functioning as co-chair. (You can read my bio for that election at http://www.smartvoter.org/2004/03/02/ca/sm/vote/everette_s/)

I have attended at least five state plenaries as a delegate or alternate. At plenaries, I have participated in GROW, Green Issues, International committee, and the state Women's Caucus. I attended my first national meeting in Washington, DC as an observer. I was a delegate to this past national meeting and convention. I participated in the woman's caucus; I attended some CC meetings and some meetings of the International committee as an observer. I supported Jo Chamberlain in her assembly race and am supporting Pat Gray for congress.

In the rest of my life, I am a teacher, a social and political activist, environmentalist, permaculture designer, and co-creator of the San Mateo Ecovillage. We are creating a compost tea business and promote the 10 key values on the side of our van....I wrote an article about it for the summer Green Focus. I love to travel and am fortunate that my husband works for United. I think of myself as a planetary citizen. Because of this interest, I also hope to be able to join the International committee. I would also like to be part of California's standing delegation, initially as an alternate.

Since I have been an activist since the 70's, I guess I have earned an additional diversity factor as a senior. I look forward to retiring in the next year or two so that I can be a full-time activist. In September, I was elected as treasurer of the soon to be accredited National Women's Caucus.

Devin Letzer

My name is Devin Letzer and yesterday I received an email from the GPCA informing me that the National Party is recruiting from our state various for various positions. The message listed these emails as contact points for those of us interested in putting our names forward for these positions. So, that is what I am doing.

Beyond my own inquires into what the party is doing on a regular basis, I have little experience with my local or state party. I did attend this year's Campus Greens National Convention in Davis, Ca and I have attended fundraisers for David Cobb and Pat LaMarche and local congressional candidate Philip Koebel. In addition, I have worked with other greens at Peace Fresno on anti-war demonstrations. This year I was planning to get involved with the Campus Greens on my former campus of California State University, Northridge and look into what the San Fernando Valley greens. However, I cannot let slide the opportunity to put my energies forward in building a stronger, more stable national party. I've studied philosophy at Cal State, Northridge and I am now majoring in English at Ellis College at NYIT online so that I may have the flexibility to continue my studies while keeping free some time to get involved in building this party.

I have long looked for a means to put my passion and energy to work in furthering a social cause which I

could get behind totally and completely. In recent years I have been getting more and more empowered by what the Green Party is putting together. This summer, after having met David Cobb, Pat LaMarche, Kevin Donaher, Peter Comejo, Matt Gonzales and others, I am very committed to doing everything I can to ensure that this party becomes a real force in this country and the ideal alternative to the corporate "one-party" system we are currently held hostage by. Specifically, I am interested in either being a California delegate or working on one of the following committees: GPUS 2004 Presidential Coordination Strategy Committee , GPUS Merchandising Committee, GPUS Dispute Resolution Committee, or GPUS Communications Committee. If I get nominated to one of these positions it will assuredly be on the top of my list of priorities and at twenty-one I hope to inject some youthful vigor and hope to the movement.

Thank you for your consideration,

Devin Matthew Letzer, devinletzer@notmyidea.com

Follow-up Sept. 28th:

I understand being hesitant to appoint someone who has not had much experience working with green issues. However, what better way to form these working relationships than to jump right in! I have not had any experience to speak of working with local greens I have spoken with several about what they are working on/running for...among them Leslie Bonnet, national fundraising director for the Cobb/LaMarche campaign...Philip Koebel, congressional candidate for the greater Pasadena area...Shannon Anderson, steering committee for the National Campus Greens...and David Cobb. All of this amounts to nothing more than name-dropping though so the best I can offer to make my case is a couple of personal references who can attest to my commitment to green values and ability to work well with others: Michelle Rogers, California elector for Cobb/LaMarche, (559) 977-3678 and Vanessa Latin, (559) 259-9526.

Thank you very much for your communication and for your consideration. If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to ask!

Devin Letzer

Budd Dickinson

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SUMMARY

- ◆ Co-chair and Secretary of the GPUS Platform Committee
- ◆ Alternate delegate for 4 years
- ◆ A founder of the US Green Party and the CA GP
- ◆ PROFESSION: Energy Conservation Engineer
- ◆ 25 years of work experience in government or semi-public agencies.

Civil Rights Movement in the 1960's. Helped elect the first black mayor of a major eastern city,



Newark, NJ, 1970. Master of Public Administration, New York University. In 1974, I moved to CA. MA in Psychology (Humanistic), Sonoma State University, CA. Intern with Assemblymember John Vasconcellos' Self Determination Network.

Full-time volunteer for Mark Satin's New World Alliance, 1980-81. (Mark later wrote the 10 Key Values in 1984.) Involved in the Pro-feminist Men's Movement and the Anti-Nuclear Movement in the 1980s.

I was a delegate to the first 5 annual national Greens conferences, 1987-92, and was on the National Platform Committee for what is now G/GPUSA. Co-chair of GPUS Platform Committee, 2002-4 ; currently Secretary.

I was the founder of the San Francisco Greens in 1985. Helped to organize and coordinate the Greening of the West Conference, 1988, and was one of the founders of the California Green Party in 1991 (including being the second largest financial donor). Elected member of the Alameda County GP County Council, 1992-94, 1996-2003. Was a member of the CA GP Platform Committee, 1992-94, 1997-present (Coordinator 1997 to 2001). Member of CA state Coordinating Committee, 2001-3. Treasurer of the Hamburg/Amir Campaign for Governor and Lt. Governor of CA, 1998.

I have extensive election campaign experience, 1969-2000. I was the coordinator for Newark, NJ, for the 1972 McGovern Campaign. I worked in several Berkeley City Council & mayoral campaigns, 1986-96. Was a candidate for Berkeley City Council, 1998 (received almost 40%). Also was on the Berkeley Energy Commission, 1988-98.

David Cobb

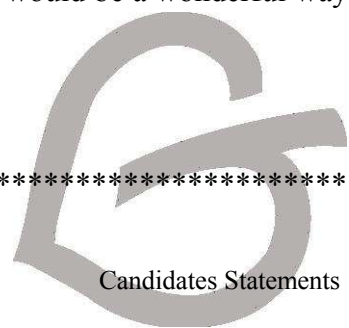
I would be honored to become a CA Delegate to the National Coordinating Committee, and demonstrate my real and continued commitment to Grow the Green Party at the State and National levels.

I have lived in Humboldt County a little over a year. Since moving to CA in 2003, I lecture and facilitate "Rethinking Corporations/ Rethinking Democracy" seminars and workshops across the country, exploring the social, legal and historical context of how corporations have become the dominant institution of our times; focusing on how corporations have become unelected governing institutions, and how we can provoke (and win) a nonviolent democratic revolution in response. I'm on the Steering Committee of Democracy Unlimited of Humboldt County, a citizens' group dedicated to contesting and challenging the illegitimate corporate usurpation of our Constitution and our government.

I grew up in San Leon, Texas, and worked as a construction worker before going to college. I learned up close and personal how the system is designed to prevent working class people from getting ahead; how working hard usually just got you calluses. Waiting tables to put myself through college, I received my law degree from the University of Houston Law School in 1993. I had a successful law practice until early 2000, when Ralph Nader asked me to manage the Green Party effort in Texas. I coordinated the ballot access drive in Texas that collected over 76,000 signatures in 75 days. I ran as a Green for Attorney General in Texas in 2002, and was the GPUS Legal Counsel until I started my presidential campaign. Of course I am currently the Green Party's Presidential Candidate, and I feel this would be a wonderful way to share and implement the knowledge and experience I'm gaining this year.

Most sincerely,

David Cobb, cobbweb@greens.org



Forrest Hill

Dr. Forrest Hill served as a national coordinator for the Nader/Camejo for president 2004 campaign. He has been a member of the Green Party for over five years. He has served on the coordinating committee of the GPCA, was a quad-chair of the Campaigns and Candidates Working group (where he continues to play an active role), is a member of the Finance and Campaign Support fund committees, and is an alternative delegate to the national party. Finally, he started the campus Green Party chapter at UC Davis, which is one of the largest chapters in the country.

Forrest Hill has over 10 years experience as an Environmental Consultant promoting water conservation and fighting to protect Endangered Species. He served as a technical advisor for the Nez Perce Tribe (Idaho) on water rights issues and developed biological models for government and state agencies to prioritize recovery plans for coho salmon.

Forrest was a co-chair of Ralph Nader’s Public Interest Research Group chapter in Mt. Pleasant Michigan from 1975 to 1978 There he wrote briefs educating the public about US foreign policy and environmental issues. He went to Nicaragua in the 1980’s to protest Reagan's contra war and to help coffee workers bring their crop to market.

Dr. Hill has edited several progressive newspapers and worked on third party campaigns since the late 1970’s, including Barry Commoner’s 1980 presidential campaign and Peter Camejo’s 2002 gubernatorial campaign. He helped the Davis Human Rights Commission pass a resolution opposing the USA PATRIOT Act and authored a resolution opposing the war in Iraq that was adopted by the Davis City Council.

Forrest received a joint Ph.D. in oceanography from M.I.T. and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. He worked as a research fellow at the Institute of Theoretical Dynamics at UC Davis, and has published over 15 scientific papers in peer reviewed journal.

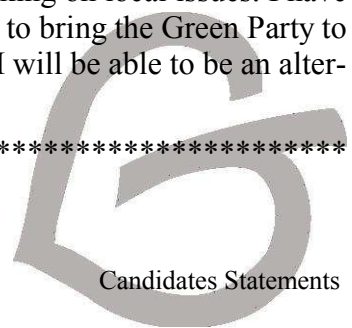
Judith Grant

I am interested in being a GPUS-CA Alternate Delegate because I would like to become more involved with the Green Party on a state and national level.

I live in the City of Alameda, in Alameda County. I re-founded the Berkeley Campus Greens and I am in the Lavender Caucus and the Disabled Caucus. I have worked with Leslie Bonett, Suzanne Baker, Bob Marsh, and "Khurshid Khoja" <khurshid_khoja@hotmail.com>, among others. I hope you will consider me for this position.

I am a graduate of Smith College in political theory and I currently work at UC Berkeley doing accounting (for the last 7 years). I am fascinated with politics, theoretically and practically speaking, and I identify with the 10 key values of the Green Party.

I have a disability and I am a lesbian, and I see the Green Party as a very inclusive, active group that is trying to make changes for the better for people not only in America, but also around the world. I would like to be more active with the Green Party on a national level, as well as working on local issues. I have worked on the Cobb/LaMarche campaign, and I have tabled at various venues to bring the Green Party to people in my community. I look forward to getting more involved and I hope I will be able to be an alternate delegate for the GPUS-CA. Thank you.



Kent P. Mesplay, Ph.D

I write to request support for my intent to become a California representative on the National Committee of the Green Party of the United States (GPUS). I would be honored to be selected by my state party (GPCA) to become a member of the GPUS Coordinating Committee (CC). Please vote for me. I would also accept the position of alternate delegate.

Biographical Sketch

Scientist, Artist, Engineer, Governmental Regulator, (Politician? Uggghhhh)

Occupation: Air Quality Inspector II, San Diego Air Pollution Control District

Education:

Ph.D., Biomedical Engineering (biomechanics / prosthetics)

Homeschooled first three years while in Papua New Guinea, then Boarding School

Green Party Activities:

Appointed to San Diego Green Party County Council, 1996

Helped with Nader campaign, 1995-1996

Presidential Candidate

Long-term Goals / Perspectives / Objectives:

A vastly demilitarized planet. Violence begets violence

Removal of lobbying / bribery from government

"A corporation is not a Person"

Basic Health Care is a human right

Energy Independence, with a backbone of efficiency and renewable energy (yeah, let's cut the petroleum subsidies and get free market forces working)

Instant Runoff Voting and other Electoral Reform to strengthen Democracy

Public Funding, only, for public servants and their campaigns and debates

Near-term Goals / Perspectives / Objectives:

Work more with my Local

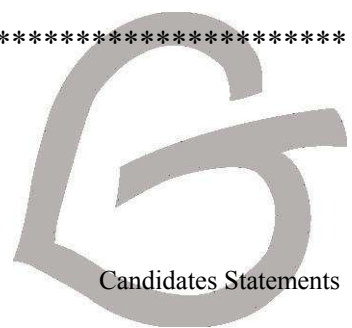
Continued Outreach to Latino and Native American Californian voters

Mend rifts and motivate Greens to support Green Party candidates

Pick me! Pick me! Pick me!

Thanks,

Kent



Peter Miguel Camejo

The Green Party is going through a difficult period internally. Externally the opportunities are quite good given rightward shift of the Democratic Party and its capitulation to the pro-war, pro-corporate forces. (The announcement by a keynote speaker from the national Democratic Party convention that he favors military strikes against Iran and Pakistan is only the latest evidence of a shift that is already underway.) Our opportunities are especially favorable in California.

Internally we need to assure all Greens that their views are respected and that the Green Party welcomes political diversity. To do this we must make sure our internal rules are based on one person one vote with every Green member on an equal standing.

To achieve this we must all work together and achieve a consensus on internal democracy. As we did during the recall election, I tried at the last National Convention to achieve a consensus compromise, to keep the California Green Party unified and turned outwards not inwards. This year will be difficult for us as the Green Party's vote formally falls over 80% from 4 years ago and we lose ballot status in states such as Alaska and Connecticut.

We must stop the logic of Greens in one faction declaring themselves the Party and trying to declare those who disagree expelled as has happened in one state. To do this we must work together, with special commissions representing the different views in the party seeking solutions. Our leadership bodies must represent all views in the party as proportional to the membership as possible. I am committed to work to achieve consensus and unity by working to develop a fully democratic process and keeping our party independent of the two corporate parties.

From the Official Biography:

Peter Miguel Camejo (64) is a financier, businessman, political activist, environmentalist, author and one of the founders of the socially responsible investing movement. Camejo is Chair of the Board of Progressive Asset Management of California an investment firm he founded in 1987. The firm specializes in "socially responsible investing" using investments for economic, social, and environmental transformation as well as to empower the true owners of corporations – the stockholders. In his book, "The SRI Advantage," (2002) Camejo shows how investing in this manner can actually result in greater profit for investors.

Mr. Camejo is a first generation American of Venezuelan decent who was born in 1939 in New York. He has fought for social and environmental justice since his teens. He marched in Selma, Alabama with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., rallied for migrant farm workers and was active against the war in Vietnam. He was admitted to MIT after receiving a perfect score on the Math SAT test. He attended UC Berkeley where he studied history. In 1967, after winning a student council election at UC Berkeley he was suspended for "using an unauthorized microphone" protesting the Vietnam War. When he was 20 he competed in the Olympics in Italy as a yachtsman.

Mr. Camejo has worked to defend the rights of workers and Latinos and other immigrants in the United States. In 1976, twenty-eight years ago, he ran for President as a socialist. His most recent run for office was as a Green Party candidate in the gubernatorial recall election in California. His participation in the debates in that election resulted in him speaking to a worldwide audience.

For the last two decades he has brought his sense of economic, social and environmental justice to investing. He created the Eco-logical Trust for Merrill Lynch, the first environmentally screened fund of a major firm. His current firm allows investors to screen for: corporate governance, environmental performance, employee relations, product liabilities, militarism and weapons, nuclear power, genetic engineering, repressive regimes and alcohol/gambling-/tobacco. His firm also empowers investors teaching them

how to influence the direction of the corporations they partially own through their shares. His firm also has a community investing program so investors can provide financially underserved communities with needed access to capital for the betterment of their business and communities.

Mr. Camejo, from 1999 to 2002, served for three years as a county-appointed trustee of the three billion dollar Contra Costa County Employees Retirement Association. In the early 1990s, he was appointed by the Lt. Governor of Hawaii to be an advisor to the Hawaii Capital Stewardship Forum.

Active in the environmental movement, Mr. Camejo has served as a member of the Board of Directors of EarthShare in the early 1990s – a coalition of over 40 major environmental groups—and on the Council for Responsible Public Investment which he founded. He also helped form the Environmental Justice Fund, to finance and unify environmentalists of color. Mr. Camejo is married and has two children. He is the author of "The SRI Advantage- Why Socially Responsible Investing Has Outperformed Financially," "Racism Revolution Reaction 1861-1877," (1976) as well as other books.

Mr. Camejo was the Green Party Gubernatorial candidate in the 2002 election and the recall election in 2003. In 2004 he accepted the position of Vice Presidential candidate with the independent campaign of Ralph Nader. More info available under www.votecamejo.org or www.votenader.org.

Rebecca Markussen

My name is Rebecca Markussen and I am a twenty-nine year old Caucasian woman. I am a Sociologist, by trade, and finished my M.A. in Sociology, with an emphasis in Rural and Environmental Change, in May 2002. My roots are in Missouri, have lived in Montana, and currently reside in California.

While my political resume extends back to October 2000, the bulk of my work has been done since October 2003. While attending graduate school in Missoula, MT, I helped the local Greens to promote the Ralph Nader/Wiona LaDuke presidential ticket. After the election, my political involvement subsided until October 2003 when I started volunteering for the Green Party of Sacramento County, CA. My first outing with the Sacramento Greens was to attend Peter Camejo’s gubernatorial election night party in San Francisco, CA. Shortly after that night, I started retrieving and distributing the CA Green Party’s mail to the State Treasurer, Mike Wyman, and others. In March 2004, I represented the County as a delegate at the State Plenary, which was held in San Francisco, CA. When the County was asked to host the June 2004 State Plenary, I was an integral member of the Host Committee. Finally, I attended the Green Party’s Nominating Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin as a California delegate.

My training as a Sociologist has tinted the way that I view politics. I tend to pay attention to the relationship between societies and societal groups. I am sensitive to social inequalities: economic, gender, ethnic, and religious; and support policies that foster local and/or regional economies. I am environmentally conscious and advocate for the adoption of alternative energy sources. I believe in universal health care and the protection of workers’ rights. While this is not an exhaustive list of my leanings, I hope that it will give you a taste of my political orientation.

Michael Rubin

I am asking to be considered for the position of GPUS-CA alternate delegate. My name is Michael Rubin. I have been registered Green since 2003, but have been volunteering on Green Party campaigns since Ralph Nader's run in 1996. This past summer I was a member of the Alameda County Council for 3 months as a proxy for a member who was on an extended vacation. I was a delegate to the Milwaukee



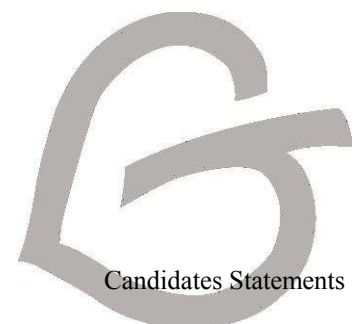
convention.

My hope is, should I be selected, to be a bridge between the Party and the labor movement. I have 30 years experience in the labor movement.

Currently, I am the Assistant Regional Director for the Bay Area Region of CSEA, Ca. State Employees Assoc.-S.E.I.U. Local 1000. I am already involved with the national Labor Greens. I would like to bring more union people into the Party and I have some ideas about how to make the Party more attractive to them. I am also interested in improving the national structure to avoid a repeat of the mess in Milwaukee.

Greg Jan can be contacted as a reference.

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Recommendations of the Current GPUS Delegation

(Attachment B to “Election of GPUS Delegates” Proposal)

The following candidates are recommended by the delegation for the position of Delegate:

Leslie Bonett, Alameda

Peter Camejo, Sacramento

David Cobb, Humboldt

Budd Dickinson, Alameda

Forrest Hill, Alameda

Kent Mesplay, San Diego

The following candidates are recommended by the delegation for the position of Alternate Delegate:

Tim Fitzgerald, Tuolumne

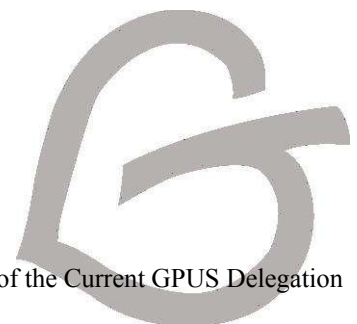
Judith Grant, Alameda

Rebecca Markussen, Sacramento

Devin Letzer, Los Angeles

Michael Rubin, Alameda

Sanda Everette, San Mateo



UPDATE – Green Election Code Section

SPONSOR: Electoral Reform Working Group

PRESENTER/CONTACT: Chris Collins, 674 10th St. #14, Oakland, CA. 94607-3671, (510) 444-2298

SUBJECT: Responses on General Assembly questions regarding the Green Election Code.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: The ERWG presented for comment, a draft Green Election Code section to the General Assembly at the last plenary. The ERWG wishes to bring an EC section to the General Assembly on which consensus can be obtained. To begin preparation for a final draft, we here respond to all of the dozens of questions and requests for clarification given us by the General Assembly at the most recent plenary.

PROPOSAL: The following are responses from the subcommittee. Additional email comments received by the ERWG before the plenary are also included. Comments and responses have been organized by the applicable draft code sections. General comments precede the discussion of specific sections.

General issues for continued discussions:

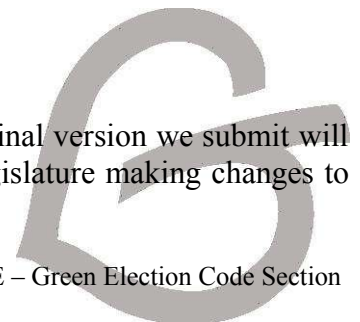
- Why IRV in presidential primary if we do proportional representation (PR) allocation for delegates?
- NOC/NOTA resolution requires reviewing the Court of Appeal decision re NOTA in *GPCA v. Jones* (1995) 31 Cal. App. 4th 747, 37 Cal. Rptr. 406.
- Matters raised in Numbers 2 and 5 require global changes.
- Matters raised in Numbers 11 and 24 include a need to develop Bylaws and procedures for selection of delegates to the national party presidential nominating convention.
- Question 44 raises the question of what are the appropriate procedures for removal of county councilors, other than the automatic removal sections.

The following are the questions presented on the draft election code, and our proposals in response.

1. When will we be submitting the final version of this? When do you plan to put this in front of the legislature?

(Michael Borenstein, El Dorado County)

Response: We were aiming for introduction to the legislature in 2005. The final version we submit will have gone through a General Assembly first. But we must anticipate the legislature making changes to



what the GA had approved.

Presidential Primary Sections

2. Whole document: Use "her" before "him". Clarify whether we are using Choice Voting or IRV.

(Jo Chamberlain, San Mateo County)

Response: Assuming this question relates to 6965, presidential primary, it appears to be in error by calling for "choice voting" using STV. We propose allowing voters to rank candidates in the presidential primary for the purpose of directing delegate votes during subsequent voting rounds at the nominating convention. The SoS would be required to count only 1st choice votes in the Primary, but would report to the GPCA the entire detail of the ranked votes. As to the order of her/him, that is an acceptable editing request.

3. Can "Decline to State" voters vote in our elections?

(David Marin, Contra Costa)

Response: As written, our Elections Code section restricts voting to registered Greens only. This should be changed to reference the section of the general Elections Code (which applies to all parties) that allows the party choose, election by election, whether to allow Decline to State voters to vote in the Green primary.

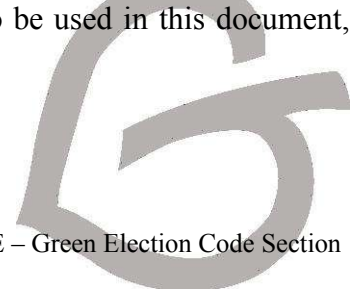
4. Make sure we comply with state law with respect to NOTA, voters with criminal records, etc. We also need to be concerned about our image if we allow those with criminal records to register Green. Etc.

(Ken Kohler, Stanislaus County)

Response: Regarding who can register Green, that is not addressed in the code section, for just the reasons Ken states. Regarding NOTA, there is no state law against it -- but in 1995 a Court of Appeal ruled that NOTA, as used in that case, could not be used in primaries for state offices. We will review that decision and try to design our code sections to alleviate the court's concerns. It should not be an issue in the presidential primary, which is simply an advisory vote to assist the state party in choosing and instructing the delegates to the national convention.

5. The minutes of our most recent county council draft form have just come out, but here's what they've mentioned. The term "central committee" is bothersome to us in LA county, and I think that there is an effort to redefine them as county councils. However, this term continues to be used in this document, we'd like to see that removed.

(Kevin McKeown, Los Angeles County)



Response: We will review our text to make sure this edit has been done. Some reference to "central committee" is needed to be clear that we are using "county council" instead.

6. I would like to see some language stating that if the Secretary of State has some information s/he wants to share with the GP, s/he should put it in a letter and send it to our Liaison for inclusion in the next GPCA plenary.

(Tian Harter, Santa Clara)

Response: Instructions to our Liaison as to what s/he should do with the information provided by SoS should come from the GP, probably in the form of bylaws, rather than in the Elections Code.

7. Does the Elections Code provision include GP use of state buildings for meetings once a month? Currently, we are included under the P&FP parts of the Elections Code.

(Larry Mullen, Fresno)

Response: See draft Section 7950.

8. Using Ranked Ballot Voting doesn't really apply to IRV situations, why do we have that language in the presidential primary section?

(several questioners)

Response: Now that we've thought it over, we are having continuing discussions about whether we want ranked ballot voting -- but not instant runoff voting -- reported as results in the presidential primary. As occurred in 2004, we are not actually choosing one candidate in the primary, but rather assisting the state party to choose and instruct delegates to the national convention.

9. There is a side mention in section 6964.6 that all this applies to other offices as well. That is presumably what we want, so why not make the whole section general?

(Jonathon Lundell, San Mateo County)

Response: Section 6964.6 would say that we want to have NOTA on the ballot in every primary. The primaries other than president are handled in the general Elections Code. To get NOTA on the ballot, we want to include it here. We will consider whether there should be a separate section for elections for these other offices.

10. In an IRV election, is NOTA the right term? I would think it would be NOC (No Other Choice).

(Jonathon Lundell, San Mateo County)

Response: That would be correct, but at this time we are not intending to use IRV in presidential primary elections, so NOTA is what we want.

11. Re: 6960.5, We do not have the Bylaws referred to in this section. We must implement those first. Also, we should specify that this is a nominating convention, since we also have off-year conventions.

(Jo Chamberlain, San Mateo County)

Response: We adopted procedures for the 2004 convention. The intent is to propose those as permanent procedures. We'll specify "nominating convention:" National nominating convention delegates shall be selected as provided for in the Bylaws and procedures of the Green Party and pursuant to the rules of the Green Party of the United States.

12. No filing fee.

(Jonathon Lundell, San Mateo County)

Response: Fixed.

13. Re: 6961, Could we expand on this? It sounds like the Secretary of State has too much leeway.

(Jo Chamberlain, San Mateo County)

Response: This is the standard SoS language (applicable to all parties) that allows the GPCA to just tell the SoS who our presidential primary candidates are and have them accepted for the ballot. Without this, our candidates would have to go through the petitioning process.

14. Is the timing for nomination papers specified elsewhere, other than in Section 6963.5?

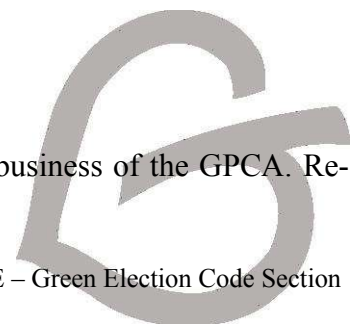
(Jonathon Lundell, San Mateo County)

Response: See Article 4 for the turn-in date. The earliest date to pull papers is not specified. We believe that the take-out date is set by the elections department, because it also was not in the P&FP code section. We will try to confirm that.

15. Concern that this gives Liaison to the Secretary of State absolute power.

(Michael Feinstein, LA)

Response: We still think instructions to our Liaison should be the internal business of the GPCA. Re-



member that having the SoS put accepted candidates on the ballot saves them from having to circulate petitions. It also prevents the state party bureaucracy from being able to block candidates from being on the ballot.

16. Regarding NOTA, we can and should do this. Basically, "tabulated" = "counted" and we must nail down the terminology. Allow no loopholes.

(Kevin McKeown, Los Angeles County)

Response: The word 'counted' has been added. See below.

6964.5: Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in addition to the name or names of a candidate or candidates designated to appear on the ballot of the Green Party presidential primary election, there shall also be listed as an alternative voting selection the statement "None of the Above," which shall be placed as the last voting option following the names of the other candidate or candidates. Every vote for "None of the Above" shall be processed, tabulated, counted, and reported in the same manner as the votes for all other candidates who appear on the ballot.

17. Regarding the legality of NOTA, the issue with this in the past arose in the scenario in which NOTA would have a plurality but not a majority (i.e., add up all of the votes for actual candidates, and they constitute a majority). We need to get advice on this, and also on nailing down the "tabulated" terminology. NOTA could not win in a plurality; our court case had a ruling that said if 55% of voters vote for a candidate, then the majority would want a candidate and thus NOTA would fail.

(Michael Feinstein, Los Angeles County)

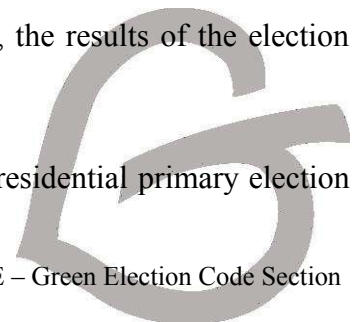
Response: The word 'counted' has been added; see question #16.

Add proposed Section "6964.7"

6964.5: Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in addition to the name or names of a candidate or candidates designated to appear on the ballot of the Green Party presidential primary election, there shall also be listed as an alternative voting selection the statement "None of the Above," which shall be placed as the last voting option following the names of the other candidate or candidates. Every vote for "None of the Above" shall be processed, tabulated, counted, and reported in the same manner as the votes for all other candidates who appear on the ballot.

6964.7: In the event "None of the Above" receives a majority of the votes, the results of the election shall be reported as having no winning candidate.

6965: Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, the Green Party presidential primary election



also shall use ranked ballot voting and votes, including votes for "None of the Above", shall be counted using Choice Voting, the Single Transferable Vote (STV) form of proportional representation, using the Droop threshold (one divided by one plus the number of seats) and fractional transfers as described in the International IDEA Handbook of Electoral System Design (Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance[IDEA], second edition, Stockholm, Sweden: pp.83-84).

18. Choice voting is appropriate for elections that fill multiple seats. For our primaries, that'd only be the case for the State Board of Equalization. All the other offices want IRV, not Choice.

(Jonathon Lundell, San Mateo County)

Response: There is agreement that this is correct. "Choice" works for a single seat as well as multiple seats. "Choice" with a single seat and IRV are synonymous. The threshold is--- $(\text{votes}/[\text{seats} + 1]) + 1$ vote --- With a single seat the threshold is $(\text{votes}/2) + 1 = 50\% + 1$ vote. The IDEA doesn't use IRV and "Choice" clearly defined. The section is left the same.

6965. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, the Green Party presidential primary election also shall use ranked ballot voting and votes, including votes for "None of the Above", shall be counted using Choice Voting, the Single Transferable Vote (STV) form of proportional representation, using the Droop threshold (one divided by one plus the number of seats) and fractional transfers as described in the International IDEA Handbook of Electoral System Design (Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance[IDEA], second edition, Stockholm, Sweden: pp.83-84).

24. 6975.5. I'd strongly recommend a reference to our Bylaws and procedures. It's likely to change over time, and we don't want to have to go through this again to adapt.

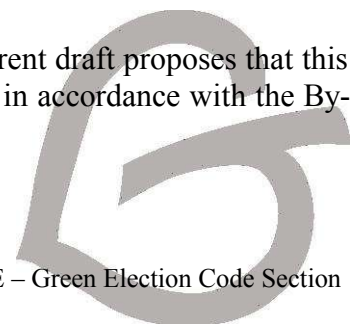
(Jonathon Lundell, San Mateo County)

Response: Agreed. The question is going to be whether the state government lets us use our Bylaws for these things. This question applies to several clauses that rely on our Bylaws rather than the Election Code.

25. 6975.7. No, for a lot of reasons. This raises the question, though, of whether we want to specify IRV for the presidential primary. IRV does not really rank its results; order of IRV elimination is not a particularly good measure of overall preference rank, and it certainly doesn't give proportional results for allocating delegates.

(Jonathon Lundell, San Mateo County)

Response: JL comment already included in draft of Elections Code. The current draft proposes that this section will state that "GPCA delegates to the national convention shall vote in accordance with the Bylaws of the GPCA and the GPUS".



Green Party Organization

These are comments on the Green Party organization code sections.

26. Re: 7878, We should specify a threshold or formula here; It needs to be stated or referred to elsewhere.

(Jo Chamberlain, San Mateo County)

Response: Apparently Jo is referring to the threshold of how many votes a county council candidate must receive to win a seat. That is addressed in another section.

27. Re: 7879, "The county council will have the total elected members to which it is entitled." This seems like an empty statement. What's the point? With regard to the last sentence, we should specify the Method of Equal Proportions as the means by which seats are allocated to districts.

(Jonathon Lundell, San Mateo County)

Response: We agreed that the sentence was not clear and needed to be rewritten. We did not agree that we should be specific about how seats are allocated between districts.

28. Re: 7879, The last part of this section (starting with "However, county Green Parties...") deals with letting counties set their own CC size. This should probably be split out from the rest of 7879, and moved before 7878, which describes the default CC size (and uses a really bizarre formula, IMO). In SF, the default formula only gives us 9 members, vs the DCCC which has 25! We lose a lot of bar fights with them as a result.

(John-Marc Chandonia, San Francisco County)

Response: The "However, county Green Parties..." paragraph is now repeated in both sections. 7878 addresses size; 7879 addresses method.

Discussion: Need to specify how rounding is handled when allocating to districts.

Jonathan Lundell also had a concern about the need for the sentence, "The county council will have the total elected members to which it is entitled." I'm not sure why that's needed either.

7878. The number of members of county councils to be elected in a county shall be three if the county has less than 150 registered Green Party voters. Otherwise, the number of members of the county council to be elected shall be the greater of: a) The number seven, or b) The integer nearest the resulting quotient obtained by dividing 100 times the number of Green Party registered voters in the county by the number of Green Party registered voters in the state.

However, county Green Parties may choose to modify the size of their county council by notifying the State Coordinating Committee who shall in turn notify the Secretary of State no later than 135 days prior to the direct primary election.

7879. Members of County Councils shall be elected from one or more multi-member districts using Choice Voting, the Single Transferable Vote (STV) form of proportional representation, using the Droop threshold (one divided by one plus the number of seats) and fractional transfers as described in the International IDEA Handbook of Electoral System Design (Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance ([IDEA], second edition) unless an election official certifies in writing that the cost of compliance with Green Party bylaws or the Green Party section of the state election code exceeds \$1 per registered voter or the per voter cost of the Democratic or Republican primary, in which case election officials shall work in good faith to achieve the spirit of the Green Party bylaws and the Green Party section of the state election code using alternative or provisional means, such as allowing Greens or election workers to count ballots by hand or delaying counting of Green party ballots until after all other election results have been certified. Multi-member districts shall conform to the county boundaries or recognized jurisdictional boundaries of districts within the county in accordance with Green Party bylaws.

However, county Green Parties may choose to modify the method of selecting their county council by notifying the State Coordinating Committee who shall in turn notify the Secretary of State no later than 135 days prior to the direct primary election. The county council will have the total elected members to which it is entitled. If election is by districts, the number to be elected for each district will be the number for the proportion of registered Green Party voters in that district.

29. Re: 7884, "one of the Above"? Regardless, I think the proper term for a multi-seat choice election is No Other Candidate (NOC), not NOTA.

(Jonathon Lundell, San Mateo County)

Response: The text reads "None of the above..." However, NOC/NOTA is a document wide general issue.

30. Re: 7887, We say "up to seven", and later "number of members of a county council". But a county council can be as few as three, and as many as, what, 15? Presumably we mean the latter.

(Jonathon Lundell, San Mateo County)

Response: Suggested new wording: 7887. Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, each sponsor is entitled to sponsor as many candidates as there are seats in the district. No sponsor is allowed to sponsor more candidates than there are seats in the district.

Also this raises the question of what to do if a sponsor does exceed the limit. Is the sponsor completely



disqualified or partially disqualified or ? The subcommittee agrees that this issue is not to be resolved here.

31. Re: 7889, NOC again.

(Jonathon Lundell, San Mateo County)

Response: The response to 29 also applies here.

32. Re: 7890, " __th__ ": what's the second blank for?

(Jonathon Lundell, San Mateo County)

Response: The first ____ is for a number; the second _____ is for a "Supervisory", "Assembly" or "Congressional" district as applicable in counties so large that county council members are elected in multi-seat districts (e.g., San Francisco and Los Angeles counties).

33. Re: 7892, July 20: I'm guessing that this was copied from old language dating from when we had June primaries. We should probably be saying something like "the 20th day of the month following the primary election". Also, NOC. And we should be consistent in capitalizing "Liaison" here and in the other code sections.

(Jonathon Lundell, San Mateo County)

Response: We are going to rewrite this section to refer to 45 days after the primary election; but also check with the Secretary of State's office.

34. Re: 7892(c), What is special about the date of July 20?

(Jo Chamberlain, San Mateo County)

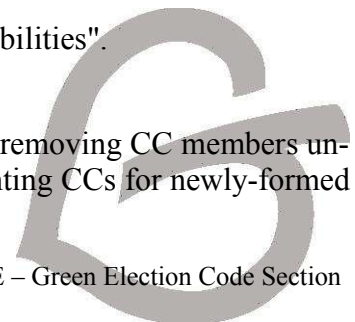
Response: See Response to 33, above.

35. Re: 7901, "shall the responsibilities"??

(Jonathon Lundell, San Mateo County)

Response: This text was previously corrected to read "shall have the responsibilities".

37. Re: 7920, Removing county council members: I would say nothing about removing CC members until there's a process for that, but JS is talking about electing rather than appointing CCs for newly-formed



counties, if we move in that direction, I'd like to see that applied here.

(Michael Feinstein, Los Angeles County)

Response: GPCA Bylaws 3-2.1 and 3-2.2 provide for recognition of new county organizations by the General Assembly and provide for an interim recognition by the Coordinating Committee after a process described in Bylaw 4-1.22. Under the terms of this Bylaw, the same procedures apply where no County Council members are elected in an organized county. County Council members can be disqualified by leaving the Green Party or by violating local county bylaws, or by moving from the applicable county (see Bylaw 4-1.1).

Proposed Revised Section 7920. The Green Party state coordinating committee shall have power to recognize, as provided by Green Party bylaws and pending confirmation by the General Assembly, county council members in the following counties: (a) Counties in which the voters have not elected one or more members of a county council in the preceding primary election. (b) Counties in which all members of a county council have become disqualified from holding office. County council members described by this section shall meet the qualifications otherwise required for county council members. County council members confirmed under this section shall be reported to the applicable county elections officials. County council members confirmed under this section shall have the same authority and responsibilities as elected county council members.

38. Re: 7930, Instead of specifying 50% female / 50% male electors, specify "at least 50% women".

(Kevin McKeown, Los Angeles County)

Response: This is an editing request -- Proposed Revised 7930: "...as the state is entitled, at least half will be women. ..." [Note: GPCA Bylaws encourage but do not require gender balanced county councils.]

39. Re: 7941, It says no person may be in a county council unless they're registered Green in a recognized Green Party local. We would like to have an exception for those who can't otherwise register. We should allow non citizens, youth and those with a criminal record to register Green. [Note: Another delegate objected to this proposal, suggesting it's illegal, but the question of appointed local county council members may be a different issue from who can run for election (or vote).]

(John-Marc Chandonia, San Francisco County)

Response: The state constitution (Article II) sets requirements to register to vote: US citizen, CA resident, 18, mentally competent, not in prison or on parole. EC 8001 requires candidates for county council to be registered with the party. Therefore, non citizens are probably legally ineligible to be elected to county councils, but it might not be illegal to appoint a non citizen to a vacancy on a CC. It is unlikely that the GPCA could get an exception to this. But maybe it could be handled locally. A Local could define their governing body to be the elected county council plus others that it appoints.

40. Re: 7943, Implies that a county council member can register Decline to State (DTS) and keep his/her seat.

(Jonathon Lundell, San Mateo County)

Response: The Elections Code requires candidates to be registered with the party with which they seek an office. We should modify 7943 as follows: Any member of a county council who changes their voter registration to be no longer affiliated with the Green Party shall automatically be removed from office upon such registration.

41. Re: 7943, Who makes the decision about removal of members of county councils? Recall election? Other method? We'd like to have language allowing how a person can be removed from office. GPCA Bylaw 4-1.1 also provides for disqualification for violation of a rule of the state plenary.

(John-Marc Chandonia, San Francisco County)

42. Re: 7943, And recalling of a county councilperson, the recall procedures need to be done somewhere other than in our Bylaws.

(Jo Chamberlain, San Mateo County)

43. Re: 7943, Also, we need to define the procedure for removal of county council members.

(Jo Chamberlain, San Mateo County)

44. Re: 7943, Recall elections are only allowed for paid elected positions. We should develop our own process for removal of county council members.

(Michael Feinstein, Los Angeles County)

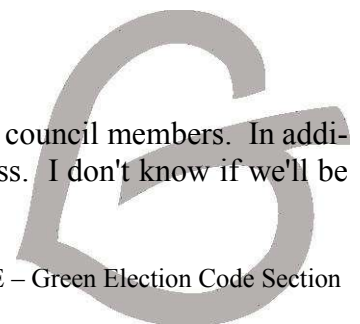
Combined Response: A county council member automatically disqualifies themselves if there is a change of party registration or county of residence. A county GP's bylaws presumably describe situations and procedures for ending a term of office before the next primary election. See 40. above for proposed revision.

45. Re: 7943, What happens to those registered as "Decline to State"?

(Jo Chamberlain, San Mateo County)

Response: Will edit to deal with DTS. See 40. above.

46. Re: 7943, We must make sure we have due process for removal of county council members. In addition to the question of what body does this, there's the question of due process. I don't know if we'll be



able to fit all this in this one document, but I think it's imperative that we do.

(Greg Jan, Alameda County)

Response: We have provisions for automatic removal from office (7942/3). It may be tricky to develop internal removal procedures for publicly elected/appointed offices. There are minimum provisions for county bylaws in the GPCA Bylaws. Local county GP's can put specifics for other grounds for disqualification in their local bylaws and handle situations that may arise locally.

47. Re: 7943, This issue of whether we let DTS voters vote in our primaries. I'm quite confused about what this proposed code says. Also, if we decided to change this, would we have to go back to the legislature or do it at a plenary?

(David Marin, Contra Costa County)

Response: Will edit to include DTS. See 40. above.

48. Re: 7945, This repeats 7920 language. Do we really need to say it twice?

(Jonathon Lundell, San Mateo County)

Response: It's not exactly the same; but close enough. The subcommittee agrees to delete Draft Section 7945.

49. Re: 7951, All meetings of the "committee," it should probably say meetings of the "county council." And the words "which shall be" deleted.

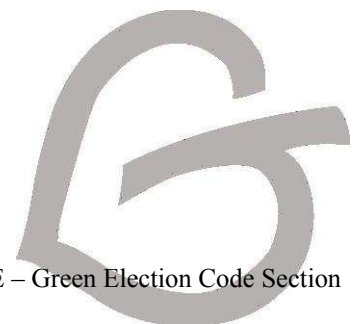
(John-Marc Chandonia, San Francisco County)

Response: Change text to read: All meetings of the county council shall be held in quarters which shall be accessible to persons with disabilities.

However, after discussion in the subcommittee, we decided this section should be removed entirely since it's more of an internal decision and not something we need codified in law.

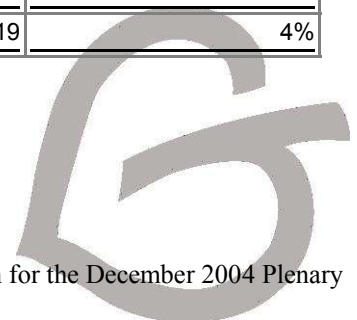
COMMITTEE DECISION:

The ERWG Election Code subcommittee consensed on these responses.



DELEGATE Allocation for the December 2004 General Assembly

County	Registered Greens (1)	% of Ttl	Delegates	Previous Registered (2)	Registration Change Since Previous
Alameda	14,920	9.7%	9	15,233	-2%
Butte	2,620	1.7%	2	2,596	1%
Calaveras	340	0.2%	1	334	2%
Contra Costa	4,596	3.0%	3	4,483	3%
El Dorado	1,109	0.7%	1	1,043	6%
Fresno	1,737	1.1%	1	1,844	-6%
Humboldt	4,836	3.2%	3	5,091	-5%
Imperial	129	0.1%	1	141	-9%
Lake	478	0.3%	1	458	4%
Los Angeles	27,322	17.8%	16	27,242	0%
Marin	3,790	2.5%	2	3,846	-1%
Mendocino	2,508	1.6%	2	2,592	-3%
Mono	139	0.1%	1	140	-1%
Monterey	1,387	0.9%	1	1,478	-6%
Napa	969	0.6%	1	941	3%
Nevada	1,647	1.1%	1	1,663	-1%
Orange	8,077	5.3%	5	8,065	0%
Placer	1,318	0.9%	1	1,306	1%
Riverside	2,774	1.8%	2	2,577	8%
Sacramento	6,007	3.9%	4	5,816	3%
San Bernardino	2,910	1.9%	2	2,721	7%
San Diego	10,992	7.2%	7	10,878	1%
San Francisco	14,398	9.4%	9	15,039	-4%
San Joaquin	926	0.6%	1	935	-1%
San Luis Obispo	2,374	1.5%	1	2,476	-4%
San Mateo	3,976	2.6%	2	3,967	0%
Santa Barbara	3,235	2.1%	2	3,411	-5%
Santa Clara	7,460	4.9%	4	7,148	4%
Santa Cruz	5,348	3.5%	3	5,754	-7%
Shasta	535	0.3%	1	524	2%
Solano	1,118	0.7%	1	1,109	1%
Sonoma	6,888	4.5%	4	6,831	1%
Stanislaus	793	0.5%	1	743	7%
Tulare	542	0.4%	1	519	4%



County	Registered Greens (1)	% of Ttl	Delegates	Previous Registered (2)	Registration Change Since Previous
Ventura	3,325	2.2%	2	3,445	-3%
Yolo	1,798	1.2%	1	1,815	-1%
TOTAL ACTIVE	153,321	100.0%	100	154,204	-1%
STATE TOTAL	156,914			162,354	-3%

(1) As of Sept 2004
(2) As of Feb 2004

For more statistics, see
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