

# Green Party of California General Assembly

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## **Agenda Packet**

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# Schedule

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## SATURDAY

Minutes	Time	Item
	8:00	Breakfast/Registration
20	9:00	Delegate Orientation / Opening Ceremony
10	9:20	ACTION - Facilitators / Confirm Quorum
15	9:30	PROPOSAL - Confirm Agenda
5	9:45	PROPOSAL - Consent Calendar: Platform Planks
10	9:50	PROPOSAL - Approved Alameda GA Minutes
30	10:00	Strategy Plan - Presentation [CC]
85	10:30	Breakout Session #1 - Committees and Working Groups Finance; IT & Clearinghouse; Platform; Campaigns & Cand. #1
25	11:55	Finance Report and Funding Appeal [Finance Comm.]
60	12:20	** LUNCH **
75	1:20	PROPOSAL - Platform Planks [Platform SC]
90	2:35	Breakout Session #2 - Committees and Working Groups GROW; Electoral Reform; International Protocol
30	4:05	PROPOSAL - CC Safe Quorum [CC]
20	4:35	ELECTION - CC At-Large
	4:55	** END **

## SUNDAY

Minutes	Time	Item
60	8:00	Registration / Delegate Sign-in / Breakfast
20	9:00	Introduce Facilitators / Confirm Quorum
15	9:20	CONFIRMATION - Presidential Electors [J. Rands, State Liaison]
60	9:35	PROPOSAL - Ballot Initiatives [CCWG]
90	10:35	Breakout Session #3 - Committees and Working Groups Campaign & Cand. #2; Bylaws; Green Issues
60	12:05	** LUNCH **
20	1:05	ELECTION - GPUS Delegation
15	1:25	SC/WG Reports and Coco Intro
10	1:40	Next GA Location/Date - Request/Decision [CC]
120	1:50	Strategy Plan Discussion [CC]
	3:50	** END **

## **Proposal – Alameda GA Minutes**

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The minutes of the April 2008 General Assembly in Alameda County are presented for approval.

The minutes can be downloaded at <http://cagreens.org/plenary/archives/>. The common password is required for access.

Particularly, proposal presenters and the committees and working groups that sponsored the proposals should review the minutes.

## Proposal – GPCA Strategic Plan

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SPONSOR: GPCA CC

PRESENTER/CONTACT: Larry Mullen, Larry\_mullen@sbcglobal.net 559 227-0293

SUBJECT: Plenary time to brainstorm strategic plan

### BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:

The CC is charged with producing and maintaining a two-year strategic plan by bylaws. This plan must include a brainstorm session at a plenary for its development. This request satisfies the CC's obligation to hold a brainstorming session at a plenary prior to developing the plan.

### PROPOSAL:

The CC will present a format of a strategic plan agreed to by CC members and committee and working group Cocos at a retreat. The GA will brainstorm various suggestions in the context of the format. The CC will present a two-year strategic plan back to the GA by posting it on the web.

Special Event: [None/description of event]

Brainstorming session at the Orange plenary.

### TIME LINE:

The strategic plan process is introduced on Saturday morning. The brainstorming session for development of the plan is on Sunday afternoon.

All committees and Working Groups, as well as General Assembly participants, are asked to consider the plan development during the course of the General Assembly between the Saturday intro and the Sunday session.

RESOURCES: (personal, number of meetings, frequency of meetings, projected work hours, finances.) Flip charts, markers, overhead may be helpful

## Platform – Preliminary Test for Consensus

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

These ballots will be collected when you first register at the General Assembly. Using this form will help the plenary session move through the approval process more efficiently. Past experience has shown that trying to edit or rewrite planks on the plenary floor is unproductive. Counties have been notified that the proposed updates were available for review and comment on the GPCA web site. We appreciate any feedback. At the General Assembly, we will present any updates or new planks 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.



There are three individual planks being presented here.

*For updated planks, the objective of the Platform Working Group is to get approval of any 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.***



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 Platform co-coordinator:

Shane Que Hee  
 (310)208-1624.  
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### VOTE HERE

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

	YES	NO	STAND ASIDE
California Tax Reform (new)			
Green Science (new)			
Water (revised)			

**Comments**

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

County \_\_\_\_\_ Submitted by:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCERNS**

This space is for concerns or friendly amendments that relate directly to the approval of the proposed platform planks and any updates. Please provide specific wording for any changes.

**OTHER COMMENTS**

This space is for general comments about any plank that the Working Group can address in the future.

## Platform – California Tax Reform Plank

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**SPONSOR:** Platform Standing Group

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**SUBJECT:** **CALIFORNIA TAX REFORM** in the Social Justice & Livable Communities Section. Grassroots democracy, social justice and equal opportunity, feminism and gender equity, respect for diversity, and personal and global responsibility are the involved 10 Key Values of the GP.

### BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

**Economic and Tax Principles California Tax Policy;** The Green Party of California believes a sound community revenue and taxation system is rooted in a sustainable and equitable economic model that rewards individual and group contributions to the community and takes care of those who are incapable of caring for themselves.

Economic and tax policy must distinguish between land rent, labor wages, and capital interest, the only three factors of economic activity that can “pay” taxes in our money economy. An economic model is sustainable and equitable when the full amount of labor wages go to labor, capital interest goes to capital, and land rent goes to the community.

**Green Party Tax Principles:** The Green Party of California believes working people who earn income from their personal efforts should pay the least tax possible and the most tax should be paid by large landlords, large corporations, and land speculators, who merely collect land rent from owning or controlling land and natural resources. ~~the most tax.~~

The Green Party believes ~~since~~ small businesses are the heart of any local economy and they ~~small businesses~~ should pay little, if any, tax, and while the largest businesses should pay a their fair share of government revenue requirements.

The Green Party believes a tax system should be fair, simple, and easy to administer, using a large ~~revenue tax~~ base such as gross business receipts and gross land rents, so that tax rates can be very low. A revenue system using a broad tax bases, and low tax rates, and a credit system for any pass-through taxes paid by business suppliers for is an easy ~~method calculation~~ for every businesses compliance. It ~~and~~ is also a simple tax system for government to audit, which reduces the need for the IRS to a small fraction of its current size and saves taxpayers billions of dollars in reduced administrative costs. The need and opportunity for tax evasion are minimized with a broad ~~based-income~~ revenue base, low tax rate system.

Several states in the United States have imposed gross receipts taxes: Arizona - Transaction Privilege Tax (TPT); Washington - Business and Occupation Tax (B&O); Ohio - Commercial Activity Tax (CAT); Delaware - Business and occupational gross receipts tax rates range from 0.096% to 1.92%, depending on the business activity; New Mexico - The gross receipts tax rate varies throughout the state from 5.125% to 7.875%; Illinois - Illinois policy makers are considering a 1% gross receipts tax to increase the foundation level for Illinois public schools, as well as to fund a host of educational accountability initiatives. The tax is expected to generate enough revenue to replace the state share of the retail sales tax, corporate franchise taxes, and corporate income taxes. An editorial article in the *Chicago Tribune* called it "the best idea" for education funding reform; Mississippi - A 3.5% contractor's tax is levied on all commercial and non-residential construction and is calculated upon the total contract amount; New Jersey - 6% gross receipts tax on the retail sale of fur clothing; Texas – miscellaneous gross receipts tax for utilities in cities and towns of more than 1,000 population; West Virginia – 1.22-7.0% on natural resources use, health premiums, and recreational products like tobacco.

The Green Party believes working people should pay far fewer taxes by reducing and eliminating income taxes, payroll taxes, and sales taxes, and increasing taxes on ~~gross rental income~~, natural resources (such as the airwaves,

oil, and timber), pollution, and the gross receipts of companies. These business groups benefit who profit most from the significant government investments in the economy. Importantly, it is much easier to collect broad-based gross receipt taxes from businesses instead of having the government chase after workers and consumers. This taxation method creates a fair and competitive environment since every business has similar tax payment responsibilities and little opportunity for tax evasion. who benefit most from the significant state government investments made in the economy's infrastructure, transportation, schools and other municipal investments.

The Green Party would support ~~is not opposed to~~ a Value Added type tax on the sale of goods, services, and rental income, allowing a credit against gross sales for salaries and wages ~~direct labor costs~~ paid to local labor, which would encourage local business activity and investment, and would help discourage companies from moving jobs overseas.

## GREEN PARTY TAX PROPOSALS

The Green Party supports:

### **1. Reduction and eventual elimination of all taxes on salaries and wages, replaced by graduated tax rates on gross rents, gross business receipts, and the use and consumption of natural resources ~~based taxes.~~**

Taxes on business "net income" should be eliminated and replaced with far lower tax rates on "gross income" earned from sales to California customers. This change will not only significantly reduce government expenditures to administer the current tax system, but will capture far more tax revenue from overseas companies and will benefit California companies who employ California workers and who invest in the local California economy.

The Green Party proposes a modest 1-3% graduated gross receipts tax to begin to replace the current business tax system, until determining which graduated tax rates on gross receipts are needed to offset all current taxes paid by California workers and businesses. To prevent any cumulative "tax on tax" issues on business purchases from their suppliers, we propose a tax credit for any gross receipts tax paid by the supplier, which is similar to the tax offset method used for value added taxes in other countries.

The Green Party also proposes a 10% tax on adjusted gross rent, phased in by 2% over a 5-year period. Each year 50% of the money collected will ~~would~~ be used to give a rebate check to each individual California taxpayer, and 50% ~~would~~ will be used to pay off outstanding state bonds. When the state bonds are finally paid, all of the tax proceeds from the tax on adjusted gross rents ~~proceeds would~~ will be rebated to individual taxpayers. Adjusted gross rent is the gross rents received by a landlord, less their direct costs for building maintenance, utilities, building supplies, and capital improvements to the property. Small landlords who receive less than \$50,000 of gross rents would be exempt from this tax.

### 2. Elimination of sales taxes.

Sales taxes are one of the most regressive taxes on working people and small businesses, especially for lower income individuals who pay a much higher percentage of their income on sales taxes. Moreover, because tangible personal property is primarily taxed and services are not generally taxed, a higher percent of sales tax is paid by poorer people who don't often use high-priced services. Instead, the Green Party supports a gross receipts tax described above paid by the largest businesses (that would be far less than the current 7.25% to 8.75% sales tax rate – perhaps only 0.5-2%) to offset the revenue lost from repealing state sales taxes.

### 3. Elimination of landlord and speculator loopholes from the existing tax system and redirecting these tax subsidies into building new limited-equity ownership housing within existing urban boundaries.

Currently the federal and state governments give hundreds of millions of dollars in tax subsidies to landlords and real estate speculators – interest write-offs, depreciation deductions, depletion allowances, capital gain exclusions, and a host of other loopholes, exemptions and exclusions. These loopholes are available ~~to~~ for investments in already-existing built assets; thus so these tax subsidies do not help produce anything new of value to society, but only serve to enrich landlords, speculators, and the banking industry. These tax subsidies also cause real estate and

commodity prices to be higher than they would be if they ~~tax subsidies~~ were eliminated, and ~~they~~ make it more difficult for families to afford a home.

Since California is not required to use the federal tax system, it can eliminate these landlord loopholes except to build new construction close to transit. This change to the current tax system will provide more home ownership opportunities, reduce the cost of housing, prevent urban sprawl, and bolster local businesses and transportation systems.

4. Implementation of a better ~~more robust and nuanced~~ approach to California property taxation that not only addresses ~~protects homeowners under~~ Proposition 13, ~~but ensures that owners of for all~~ business property – including residential rental property – ~~pay their fair share of government revenue requirements, regardless if the property is owned by a corporation, partnership, family trust, LLC or other entity.~~

The Green Party fully supports California Proposition 13 that protects homeowners from displacement caused by high property taxes, and supports property tax exemptions for small businesses that do not make a profit. The Green Party also supports a property tax system that reduces property tax to zero for improvements to the land to stimulate productive economic activity in exchange for a higher tax on the rental value of commercial land excluding any improvements made to the land. ~~makes a distinction between land (higher tax) verses improvements upon the land (low or no tax)~~ This property tax policy is ~~to be~~ consistent with Green Party values of ~~for~~ preserving land for public use, agriculture, and open spaces, while encouraging development to appropriate locations consistent with local community zoning controls.

5. Redirection from using bond financing to pay for necessary government goods and services to using a pay-as-we-go system using taxes on gross rents and gross receipts.

Bond financing is regressive, non-sustainable, and saddles our children and grandchildren with the debt from our public consumption, while transferring billions of dollars of interest payments from California taxpayers to the world's wealthiest individuals and companies. Other taxes such as those proposed above are far more just and sustainable than bond financing.

#### **Definitions:**

**Capital interest** is the periodic value, or one-time change of ownership value, of things made by human beings such as buildings, equipment, and factories.

**Labor wages** is that portion of value that remains after land rent and capital (tools, money or other things made by labor) have been compensated.

**Land rent** is the periodic market value of land after subtracting the enhanced value that labor and capital have contributed to the land. Land rent is the economic measure of the community value of the land, which takes into account geographic location, current zoning, mineral values, nearness to transportation, natural views, convenience and a whole host of other tangible and intangible factor

**COMMITTEE DECISION:** Versions were placed on the Platform listserve or discussed as appropriate on the following dates: 1. July 1 2006; 2. Sep 6 2006; 3. Sep 12 2006; 4. Oct 1 2006; 5. Jan 8 2007; 6. Feb 27 2007; 7. Discussion item at the Lake Tahoe Plenary of Sep 9/10 2006; 8. Informal comment at the Sonoma CCWG Retreat Feb 24/25 2007; 9. July 14 2007; 10. Discussion item at the Riverside Plenary of Sep 8/9 2007; 11. Routed to professional economists including Professor Gaffney after the Riverside Plenary of Sep 8/9 2007; 12. May 27 2008; 13. June 13 2008

**RESOURCES:** There is no comparable GPCA platform plank.

## Platform – Green Science Plank

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**SPONSOR:** Platform Standing Group

**PRESENTERS/CONTACTS:** Shane Que Hee, (310)208-1624, squehee@ucla.edu.

**SUBJECT:** Green Science in Ecology and Earth Stewardship. Ecological Wisdom, Community-Based Economics, Personal and Global Responsibility, and Sustainability are the involved 10 Key Values of the GP. This platform plank complements others such as: California Clean Air; Green Chemistry; Agricultural Products of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) and Cloned Animals; Water; Energy; Recycling; Biocides; Toxic Wastes; Wildlife; Workplace Safety; Creating the Right Incentives; and Creating the Right Measurement.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:** Science is any branch of study concerned with a body of observed reproducible, material, knowledge. Research is the process by which a science is created, and is comprised of deduction and induction. Green Science is the design, acquisition, and application of research and accumulated knowledge that considers sustainability among all earth systems, biota, and human beings, and for the search, appropriation, and exploitation of natural resources. It also should be extended to planets other than the earth, and other heavenly bodies as appropriate.

Today, most U.S. science is being developed by or for corporations, not by government-run or funded Universities. Corporations now include private universities. U.S. State universities are being increasingly corporatized, and their symbiotic links and responsibility to the taxpayer are therefore becoming weaker. Corporations enhance their profits without much regard for environmental health, human health, sustainability, or in many cases, accuracy. This is certainly true for multinational corporations in both developed and developing countries.

### **PROPOSAL:**

The Green Party advocates that products of scientific research, whether material (chemical, physical, and/or biological) or of the mind (inventions, patents) must be examined for their potential adverse human, environmental, and planetary health effects before they are exploited and commercialized. While such an initial examination may be imperfect, it is better than no examination. This process is analogous to an environmental impact analysis for a proposed new pesticide, or the safety of a new process for a food product.

The Green Party demands that:

1. Corporations that produce research products, whether in the United States or elsewhere, must be held financially liable for all adverse human health and environmental effects.
2. Corporations producing products from their research must disclose adequate and accurate information to regulatory agencies and the general public about potential hazards of the products to human health or the environment. Regulatory agencies must check the key corporate claims on human health and environmental effects. This is important for new foods, for foods produced by new processes, for new and old products produced by new processes, for organisms, for chemicals, for physical agents, for biological agents, for new inventions, and for new technologies, for example, nanotechnology, genetic manipulation, and “test-tube” living organisms including human “test tube” babies.
3. Governments and corporations must be required to fund research, development, education, and technical assistance in Green Science. Universities and schools must be required to develop courses on Green Science.
4. Governments and private enterprise are required to fund research into whether products of research have been absorbed into humans and into the flora, fauna (collectively called “biomonitoring”), and environmental media of ecosystems. Such monitoring is important for chemicals, physical agents, organisms, and biological agents.

5. The sale of research products that are prohibited outside the state and the United States should also be prohibited in California
6. Governments and private enterprise must support clean energy technologies, sustainability, and optimally efficient manufacturing processes that conserve energy and minimize environmental pollution.
7. Recycling and reuse should be optimized to minimize waste disposal volume.
8. Research products that are material that are not designed to be permanent should be designed to break down into non-toxic products after use.
9. Tracking data on research product use from production, recycling, and to disposal must be collected and analyzed.
10. Tax incentives, credits, low-interest loans, and awards should be provided to corporations who voluntarily incorporate Green Science into their production lines.
11. Adverse effects to all living things must be prevented. Such susceptible populations as the young, the old, females bearing offspring, and living creatures most exposed to chemical, physical, and biological agents may be sentinel populations of a problem.
12. Cost-benefit analyses for Green Science must take into consideration all known direct and indirect costs, as well as future expected environmental and human health impacts. Mental health effects, the effects of non-confidentiality, and impacts on the quality of life must also be included in adverse human health effects. Discrimination by corporations on the basis of research products (for example, personal genetic information, personal medical history, personal credit ratings, personal religious beliefs, personal philosophy, personal history, and personal information on the internet) must also be included. Multi-media effects must also be assessed for inventions that potentially impact communication, theater, and the arts. Research products should be assessed as to potential for dual use (normal commercial use and use as weapons of mass destruction). Such analyses should be part of any patent system.
13. The State of California is required to provide ongoing annual and five-yearly reports on the state of Green Science in California, and these reports must be accessible to the general public, for example, on the State of California website. Corporations and producers and marketers must also complete similar non-confidential reports for their products that are being tracked, and submit them to the appropriate Government agency.
14. Regulatory agencies when proposing new transport systems, routes, and cargoes, and new facilities such as municipal incinerators and waste disposal systems must include impacts on quality of life, live-ability of any affected areas, and public health as well as environmental, business, and governmental effects. Such items as proximity to schools, hospitals, and homes for the elderly should be considered in addition to the beneficial effects on trade and business. All research that went into the proposals must be up-to-date and available for public scrutiny.
15. Scientific experiments to assess effects on humans should begin with non-animal tests (“alternative tests”). The Green Party does not support animal testing. The sole exception is where animal model testing needs to be done before clinical trials.
16. Any private information of human research subjects must remain private. Such personal information, including genetic, medical, and scientific information, can be disseminated only when written permission to do so has been given by each subject.
17. All government and corporate risk, safety, and environmental assessments associated with use of the products of science and technology must be open to public scrutiny.
18. The human genome must not be manipulated using science to achieve target traits.

19. Entities that sponsor scientific research must share profits equitably from inventions/patents with the inventors/patenters. The Bayh-Dole Act passed in 1980, that requires researchers at public universities to patent their developments and bring them to market, should be repealed. This act allows researchers at public universities to patent their developments and license them to a company, and the royalties are shared between the researcher and university. This act has turned many university professors into for-profit entrepreneurs and universities into for-profit companies, that are no longer beholden to the public good. The current situation skews the research agenda into the direction of what is profitable, and this should be changed.

20. Governments (national, state, county, and municipal) should provide increased funding to public agencies and institutions to encourage more scientific research in areas that may not bring the greatest financial return but provide the greatest public good.

**COMMITTEE DECISION:** Drafts were posted on the Platform listserve: Draft 1, February 25, 2008; Draft 2, March 31 , 2008; Draft 3, May 21 2008 ; Draft 4, May 30 2008; Draft 5, June 13 2008

**TIMELINE:** This is the first General Assembly consideration of the plank.

**RESOURCES:** There is no comparable GPCA or GPUS plank. This platform plank complements others such as: California Clean Air; Green Chemistry; Agricultural Products of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) and Cloned Animals; Water; Energy; Recycling; Biocides; Toxic Wastes; Wildlife; Workplace Safety; Creating the Right Incentives; Secrecy; California Secrecy; and Creating the Right Measurement.

## Platform – Water Plank

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SPONSOR: Platform Standing Group

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SUBJECT: WATER in the Ecology & Earth Stewardship Section. Ecological Wisdom, Decentralization, Personal & Global Responsibility, and Sustainability are the involved 10 Key Values of the GP.

### BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

#### **Current Plank:**

Water is essential to all forms of life. The many roles water performs in the natural world deserve our respect and protection. A clean, safe supply of drinking water is of paramount concern to every California resident. Our existing surface and groundwater must be protected from pollution by agricultural and industrial wastes as well as runoff from our homes and roadways.

Cycles of intense drought and flooding have demonstrated the need to reorient our priorities in order to achieve a truly sustainable water policy. Over-development and poor planning have resulted in increasing rain-impermeable areas, which then compound the severity and frequency of flooding and pollution in regions downstream. We must begin to understand and apply a holistic "watershed approach" to managing our state's water resources. The principle of bioregionalism - living within the means of a region's natural resources - should give direction to future water policies.

Conservation (reduce, reuse, recycle) must be an essential part of any water policy. Water conservation also reduces energy consumption and pollution.

MTBE (methyl tertiary butyl ether) is a gasoline additive used to lower auto tailpipe emissions. It has leaked from underground tanks and has polluted drinking water supplies. As of 2001, about 1200 tank sites leaking MTBE lie within 1000 feet of California supply wells or on vulnerable drinking water aquifers serving millions of people.

The Green Party proposes to:

- Mandate water efficient appliances and fixtures be used in all new construction, and promote retrofitting of older buildings.
- Promote native landscaping and other drought resistant / climate-appropriate plants, in order to reduce the need for irrigation. Where irrigation is necessary, promote drip irrigation systems.
- Eliminate storm water pollution of our water resources through education of our citizens, enforcement of our laws and holistic watershed management. Promote storm water technologies that detain, treat, filtrate, and use storm waters near where it is collected.
- Promote the appropriate reuse of the "gray" and "black" waters we produce. Use separation techniques such as dual piping systems where pure water is used for drinking and washing, and reclaimed water is used for lawn watering and similar purposes.
- Mandate pre-treatment of industrial wastes to eliminate the presence of metals, solvents and other toxins in sewer water. This would reduce the cost of municipal treatment and encourage wastewater reuse.
- Promote passive and natural systems (such as wetlands) for water and wastewater treatment, where appropriate.

- Eliminate water subsidies for corporate agribusiness. Higher water prices give agribusiness incentives to conserve.
- Assist community organizations to monitor the use of local resources, and to oversee the enforcement of water quality regulations.
- Preserve and restore the state's natural water features - California's streams, rivers, lakes, bays, wetlands and groundwater aquifers – which are vital to achieving sustainable use of state water resources.
- Immediately ban the use of MTBE. Use ethanol which is produced from corn. Prevent future such sources of pollution. (See the Transportation plank for ways to reduce gasoline use.)

**PROPOSED REPLACEMENT:**

Water is essential to all forms of life. The Green Party calls for an international declaration that water belongs to the Earth and all of its species. Water is a basic human right! We face a worldwide water crisis. According to the United Nations, more than one billion people lack access to safe drinking water. If current trends persist, by 2025 as much as two-thirds of the world's population will be living with a serious scarcity of water.

In impoverished nations with poor public water infrastructure, the rich will have plenty while the poor will be left with little but polluted water, and short-term profits will preclude any concern for long term sustainability. We must oppose international efforts to privatize before the infrastructures become so established that it will be impossible to avoid a disaster of epic proportions.

Current expenditures have done nothing to reassure the public regarding the depletion of groundwater and continue to minimize the real costs of research and development to assure adequate supply to regions. Large water users need to begin to be appropriately charged for withdrawals that lower the water table. Many high-tech mega-corporations do not contribute their fair share for the cost of the infrastructure and development needed to meet the delivery of the resource to local residents. Private companies, who sell bottled water, do so at the expense of the hydrological systems of the neighboring communities, and as such should be required to report annually to the local communities and be held responsible for such withdrawals to local municipalities.

Urban planning decisions need to be based on a plan that integrates land use with water use. Political bodies, such as municipal water authorities, need to reflect more than the interests and concerns of real estate and development interests. We oppose private water banking because it prevents consistent bioregional public planning policies towards water withdrawals by private interests that seek to reallocate the resource where it is most profitable and avoid regional priorities for stakeholders. We support mandatory conservation requirements in urban areas, as needed, to assure the geological stability of aquifers and end aquifer depletions that are faster than their recharge.

We support the recognition of the principle that all stakeholders should be included in water-planning processes. We oppose disproportionate influence of major economic or political interests that will impact on others. We are opposed to the exploitation of another country's natural resources, whether water, oil or gold without fair and just compensation and review of the extraction process by those impacted.

We need strong local, state, national, and international laws to promote conservation, reclaim polluted water systems, develop water-supply restrictions, ban toxic and pesticide dumping, control or ban corporate farming, and bring the rule of law to transnational corporations that pollute water systems. Mining and depleting the present underground aquifers must be severely restricted. We encourage the use of wetlands, improving the utilization of updated technologies in treating water for pharmaceuticals and preventing the introduction of radionuclides and perchlorate into the surface and ground water. We support legislation that establishes and enforces standards beyond the Clean Water Act regarding the impacts of mining, quarrying and tunneling industry operations on available ground and surface waters and the regions impacted by the consequences of such mining operations. We encourage local municipal support for transitioning local economies away from high-tech industry, military bases and national laboratories that withdraw disproportionate amounts of water and pollute public waterways. We support the highest federal standards for the public water supply and federal funding support for water quality including for the local implementation of the arsenic standards.

New forms of international, bioregional, and community organizations, watershed/ ecosystem-based, must be created to monitor and equitably distribute the fresh water necessary for all life on our planet. Decisions about water must be based on an ecosystems approach. These decisions can be reached and considered appropriate when stakeholders themselves participate in the planning. Such planning processes, that are open and inclusive, need to be given the authority of their respective states to establish regional water plans, public welfare statements and defined water budgets using the science available and the demonstrated values held by stakeholders. We support the establishment of small, local water governmental entities to give local people control over the administration and management of their water. Water can only be managed in a sustainable fashion at the local level. The creation of such institutions would promote democracy and give people the opportunity to acknowledge and accept the responsibility all of us have to manage our water.

Climate change is demonstrating the need to reorient our priorities in order to achieve a truly sustainable water policy. We must begin to understand and apply a holistic watershed approach to managing our water resources. The principle of bioregionalism (living within the means of a region's natural resources) should give direction to future water policies and a new understanding of the need for revenues to invest in the public water infrastructure to guarantee supplies and increase efficiency. We oppose the disproportional political influences of the mining, timber, real estate and development industries, and work to support family farms, open space, the protection of water quality in our rivers and the preservation of old growth forests. We uphold the water and land rights established under the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo and the sovereign claims of Native American nations, pueblos, and tribes, as paramount to all other rights.

Conservation must be a component of any water policy. Water conservation also reduces energy consumption and pollution. Conservation needs to be utilized to reduce regional water consumptive use and not to redirect “saved” water for “new” users. The question of determining the public policy for conservation should include whether or not to make conservation measures mandatory or voluntary and should be pro-rated based on amount of use.

#### **PROPOSAL:**

The Green Party proposes that:

1. We need strong national and international laws promote conservation, reclaim polluted water systems, develop water-supply restrictions, ban toxic and pesticide dumping, control or ban corporate farming, and bring the rule of law to transnational corporations that pollute water systems. Mining and depleting the present underground aquifers must be severely restricted. WE ENCOURAGE THE USE OF WETLANDS, IMPROVING THE UTILIZATION OF UPDATED TECHNOLOGIES IN TREATING WATER FOR PHARMACEUTICALS AND PREVENTING THE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEOTIDES, MIXED WASTE, NUCLEAR WASTE AND PERCHLORATE INTO THE SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER. WE ENCOURAGE LOCAL MUNICIPAL SUPPORT FOR TRANSITIONING LOCAL ECONOMIES AWAY FROM HIGH-TECH INDUSTRY, MILITARY BASES AND NATIONAL LABORATORIES THAT WITHDRAW DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNTS OF WATER AND POLLUTE PUBLIC WATERWAYS. WE SUPPORT THE HIGHEST FEDERAL STANDARDS FOR THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY AND FEDERAL FUNDING FOR WATER QUALITY INCLUDING THE LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE STANDARD REGARDING ARSENIC LEVELS OF SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER.

2. Greens oppose the privatization of water and demand that the U.S. government pass strong laws with effective enforcement mechanisms to assure a safe and adequate supply of water for its citizens and all life within its borders.

3. New forms of international, bioregional, and community organizations, watershed/ecosystem-based, must be created to monitor and equitably distribute the fresh water necessary for all life on our planet. Decisions about water must be based on an ecosystems approach. THESE DECISIONS CAN BE REACHED AND CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE WHEN STAKEHOLDERS THEMSELVES PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING. SUCH PLANNING PROCESSES, THAT ARE OPEN AND INCLUSIVE, AND SHOULD

INCLUDE USERS AND SPECIALISTS INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES, HYDROLOGISTS, WATER MANAGERS, AGRICULTURAL USERS, URBAN RESIDENTIAL USERS, LOCAL BUSINESS USERS, AND HISTORICAL USERS. THESE ENTITIES NEED TO BE GIVEN AUTHORITY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE STATES TO ESTABLISH PLANS, USING THE SCIENCE AVAILABLE, AND THE DEMONSTRATED VALUES HELD BY STAKEHOLDERS. WE SUPPORT DULY-ELECTED REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY BOARDS THAT REPRESENT STAKEHOLDERS AND HAVE STAKEHOLDERS REPRESENTED ON AN ADVISORY BOARD.

Cycles of intense drought and flooding have demonstrated the need to reorient our priorities in order to achieve a truly sustainable water policy. Over-development and poor planning have resulted in increasing rain-impermeable areas, which compounds the severity and frequency of flooding and pollution in regions downstream. We must begin to understand and apply a holistic watershed approach to managing our water resources. The principle of bioregionalism (living within the means of a region's natural resources) should give direction to future water policies. WE RECOGNIZE THE DISPROPORTIONAL POLITICAL INFLUENCES OF THE TIMBER, REAL ESTATE AND DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRIES, AND WORK TO SUPPORT FAMILY FARMS, OPEN SPACE, AND PRESERVATION OF THE OLD GROWTH FORESTS. WE SUPPORT INTEGRATION OF LOCAL INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE THAT PROMOTES ORGANIC AND NON-GMO AGRICULTURAL AND DAIRY PRODUCTION. WE SUPPORT THE FACILITATION OF THESE METHODS THROUGH FAVORABLE LOCAL MUNICIPAL TAX POLICIES AND SUBSIDIZATION OF INVESTORS, GROWERS AND DAIRY FARMERS SUPPORT.

4. Conservation must be an essential part of any water policy. Water conservation also reduces energy consumption and pollution. CONSERVATION NEEDS TO BE UTILIZED TO REDUCE REGIONAL WATER CONSUMPTIVE USE AND NOT TO REDIRECT "SAVED" WATER FOR "NEW" USERS. DEVELOPING NEW SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR INVESTING IN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONSERVING THE RESOURCE ARE CRITICAL IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE. WE SUPPORT THE USE OF MUNICIPAL IMPACT FEES IN GREENFIELD DEVELOPMENTS AND DEDICATED REVENUES FROM THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS TO PREVENT CATASTROPHIC SCENARIOS FROM OCCURRING.

To conserve water, the Green Party proposes to:

- Mandate water efficient appliances and fixtures be used in all new construction, and promote retrofitting of older buildings.
- Promote native landscaping and other drought resistant/ climate-appropriate plants, in order to reduce the need for irrigation.
- Promote drip irrigation systems where irrigation is necessary and other means to improve water use efficiency and recharge of aquifers.
- Eliminate storm water pollution of our water resources through education of our citizens, enforcement of our laws, and holistic watershed management. Promote storm water technologies that detain, treat, filtrate, and use storm waters near collection points.
- Promote the appropriate reuse of the "gray" and "black" waters we produce. Use separation techniques, such as dual piping systems where pure water is used for drinking and washing, and reclaimed water is used for lawn watering and similar purposes.
- Mandate pre-treatment of industrial wastes to eliminate the presence of metals, solvents, and other toxins in sewer water. This would reduce the cost of municipal treatment and encourage wastewater reuse.
- Promote passive and natural systems, such as wetlands, for water and wastewater treatment where appropriate.
- Eliminate water subsidies for corporate agribusiness. Higher water prices give agribusiness incentives to conserve.

- Assist community organizations to monitor the use of local resources, and to oversee the enforcement of water quality regulations.
- Preserve and restore the nation's natural water features (streams, rivers, lakes, bays, wetlands and groundwater aquifers) that are vital to achieving sustainable use of water resources.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Versions were placed on the Platform list serve or discussed as appropriate on the following dates: 1. April 11 2008; 2. June 13 2006

TIMELINE: This is the first General Assembly consideration of the platform plank.

RESOURCES: This is a revision of the current Water GPCA platform plank.

## Proposal – CC Safe Quorum

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SPONSOR: Coordinating Committee

PRESENTERS:

Christina Olague, <c\_olague@yahoo.com 415.921.4048,  
Michael Borenstein, <thebor@jps.net 530.620.6659,

PROPOSAL:

The CC shall continue to use 2/3rds of seated voting members as its convening quorum, as mandated in 7-1.3

The CC maintains decision making quorum provided that continuing attendance does not drop below more than 50% of total seated CC membership.

It shall be preferred that members notify to this list of any pending potential absences or of need for early exodus from the meeting forum.

PURPOSE:

To encourage each individual Rep's personal responsibility of participation to her/his regional constituency, and to maintain an unbroken decision making quorum that will facilitate:

- An active and continuing GPCA-CC membership presence maintaining the right to make decisions at its meetings.
- To assist members in leaving the meeting forum for family, work or other reasons, and not suffer the indignity of preventing fellow CC members the right to continue deciding our administrative matters.

This proposal does not affect CC voting procedures; its purpose is only to convene and maintain a decision making quorum.

BACKGROUND

The largest attendance possible makes for the best decisions. Work, family or personal obligations often keep members from attending or staying the course of a meeting.

A member's conundrum of not being able to attend, can be complicated by a dynamic of conscientiously leaving a meeting, ending a meeting, or in some way 'absenting' ones self from a meeting with the express purpose of breaking quorum. Thus blocking the CC from entering into or finishing its work.

Due to early meeting exits or absence, designed or otherwise, at times the CC has been disabled from maintaining a decision making quorum. This minority action of members has denied this CC the right to work and finish duties that we members were elected to do.

Bylaw background:

6-2.4, Gives committees a latitude to set internal procedure, within reason and while abiding by the general rules set by the GA

5-4.1, Show GA precedent for an 'opening quorum'.

5-4.3, Shows GA precedent for a lower but continuing decision making quorum different and lower than the opening quorum.

5-8.9k, shows precedent for an affirmative vote despite those who are not voting.

7-1.3, Sets CC quorum at 2/3rds.

6-2.3, Shows precedent for a lower threshold to maintain decision making authority among GPCA committees

Article 7- Shows GPCA-CC as a committee of the GA

E.G.

- With 20 CC members seated. 2/3rds quorum is 14. 50% of 20 is 10.
    - Decisions permitted with attendance of 11 or more.
    - Decisions not permitted with attendance below 11.
  - With 19 members seated. 2/3rds quorum is 13. 50% of 19 is 9.5.
    - Decisions permitted with attendance of 10 or more.
    - Decisions not permitted with attendance below 10.
  - With 18 CC members seated. 2/3rds quorum is 12. 50% of 18 is 9.
    - Decisions permitted with attendance of 10 or more.
    - Decisions not permitted with attendance below 10.
  - With 17 CC members seated. 2/3rds quorum is 12. 50% of 17 is 8.5.
    - Decisions permitted with attendance of 9 or more.
    - Decisions not permitted with attendance below 9.
  - With 16 CC members seated. 2/3rds quorum is 11. 50% of 16 is 8.
    - Decisions permitted with attendance of 9 or more.
    - Decisions not permitted with attendance below 9.
- etc.

RESOURCES:

Volunteer time to post final procedure onto CC website.

TIMELINE:

Immediate

## Election – CC At-Large Seats

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### At-Large Representative Green Party of California Coordinating Committee

Two applications for the open seats were received and are posted below.

#### Job Description

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

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

Specific duties:

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

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**ELECTION PROCESS (from bylaws)**

7-1.8 Choice Voting: Each delegate shall be provided a written secret ballot containing the names of the candidates in random order. The ballot shall also include a "No Other Candidate" (NOC) option. The delegates shall vote by ranking the candidates along with the NOC option in order of preference. The ballots shall be tabulated utilizing a Choice Voting system with fractional transfers and a Droop threshold,  $1/(n+1)$  (1/3 threshold with two open seats). No candidate shall be seated who does not cross the threshold before NOC. Choice Voting is the Single Transferable Vote (STV) form of proportional representation described in the International IDEA Handbook of Electoral System Design. (Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA). First published 1997. Second edition. Stockholm, Sweden).

7-1.10 Single Candidate Election: Approval Voting When only one candidate seeks office, an Approval Voting election shall be held. Each delegate shall be provided a written secret ballot containing the name of the candidate seeking office. The ballot shall allow the opportunity to indicate a "yes" or "no" preference on the seating of the candidate. The candidate must receive "yes" votes on at least two-thirds (2/3) of ballots cast to be seated.

## CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

### **Matthew Leslie for At-Large Member of the GPCA Coordinating Committee**

Name, Matthew Leslie

City, Fullerton

County, Orange

Contact information (714) 738-6165, mrl@greens.org

Please consider supporting me for an at-large position on the Green Party of California Coordinating Committee. My experiences include three full terms on the county council of the Green Party of Orange County, from 2002 - 2008. During that time I was twice elected Chair and once Treasurer. My tenure saw a significant increase in Green registration in our county. Though no longer serving on the council, I was recently recruited to serve as Secretary to the new council.

During my first tenure on the GPOC council Orange County hosted its first ever GPCA General Assembly in 2003 in Fullerton.

I served on the GPCA Coordinating Committee first as alternate, then as representative representing the region of Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties.

Other GPCA committees and appointments included:

- Liaison between the GPCA CC and the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group
- Endorsement (Poll) Coordinator for the CCWG, facilitated five statewide polls for the GPCA
- Voting member of the Finance Standing Committee
- Member of the Campaign Support Fund Committee
- Member of the Budget Committee
- Member of the GPCA CC Accreditation Committee
- Attended twelve General Assemblies between 2001 and 2008

My current positions outside of the Green Party include:

- Founding and present board member of the Santiago Creek Watershed Preservation and Restoration Project (Orange/Santa Ana).
- Professional exhibitions director for a non-profit cultural arts center in Fullerton.
- Member of Friends for a Livable Fullerton, a collection of residents promoting sustainable, affordable, and responsible development in Fullerton.
- Founding member of the North Orange County Bicycle Advocacy Coalition.

I will work for a Coordinating Committee that sees its most important task as coordinating the working groups and standing committees of the GPCA. I will strive to represent the Greens of California as a member of the Coordinating Committee for the purpose of growing Green registration, fostering and supporting Green candidates,

and developing and disseminating Green positions on legislative and other measures and issue of statewide, national, and global importance. I will also continue to serve on the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group.

Thank you for your consideration.

### **Linda Salas for At-Large Member of the GPCA Coordinating Committee**

Name Linda Salas

City Indio

County Riverside

Contact information 760-625-5129 cell, 760-347-3483, lalita1082002@yahoo.com

Please feel free to use these questions in preparing your application:

1) Please list any prior or current positions, related experience, and/or personal and professional skills within of the Green Party that you have, that apply to this position.

- Part of the organizing committee for the GreenFest event in Palm Desert, 2005 GA Rep for Riverside, attended 2 plenaries on the GROW Committee

2) Please list any prior or current positions, related experience, and/or personal and professional skills outside of the Green Party that you have, that apply to this position.

- Board member of the Desert ACLU and Chair of the Speaker Meeting Committee. The last meeting held was on ACLU's stand on Universal Health Care.
  - Member of MAPP, an organization dedicated to upholding the California medical marijuana law. I've attended most city council meetings in the Coachella Valley to urge them to stop closing dispensaries giving legal access to medical marijuana patients.
  - Assisted Donna Charpiet, Penny Newman and David Fick by participating in fund raising events to support efforts to stop the Eagle Mountain dump issue to protect the Joshua Tree National Park and Desert Communities from century of Los Angeles' trash
- 3) Please describe your vision for serving as GPUS Delegate including addressing the job description for GPUS Delegate.
- Will be prepared to assist CC/SC/WG co-coordinators as needed.
  - Will assist, or take a leading role of a regional representative as absences, emergencies, and workloads dictate.
  - Will attend GPCA-CC meetings, teleconferences, voting sessions, and GPCA General Assemblies. Inform co-coordinators of impending absences or scheduling changes in a timely manner, so that any necessary adjustments may be made promptly
  - Encourage personal responsibility, and cultivate greens, by actively recruiting and training GP members who indicate interest in future GPCA-CC regional rep or at-large rep, standing committee or working group positions.

## Presentation – Presidential Electors

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PRESENTER: Jane Rands, Liaison to the Secretary of State

Presidential electors are the 55 individuals from California who are entitled to vote in the Electoral College. The number of electors is based on each state's total representation in Congress: California's two United States Senators and 53 members of the House. Each qualified political party chooses its electors in a manner provided by statute.

Each party must select a slate of electors, but only that slate from the party whose candidate wins the election in California votes in the Electoral College.

Until the GPCA gets its sections of the elections code adopted by the legislature, we are required to generally follow the Peace and Freedom Party's code:

Peace and Freedom Party: The state convention nominates electors, of whom 50% shall be women and 50% shall be men. The party chair certifies the list to the Secretary of State. § 7843

The lists of electors must be filed with the Secretary of State by October 1, 2008. Per § 6901, the Secretary of State then notifies each elector of his or her nomination.

Practically, this is an honorary position, but it provides an opportunity to honor and outreach to various categories of individuals who probably hear from the GPCA too little -- e.g., past activists; financial donors; elected officials.

## Proposal – November Ballot Measures

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SPONSOR: Campaign & Candidates Working Group

PRESENTER: Warner S. Bloomberg III CCWG Coordinator (San Jose, CA, 408-295-9353, wsb3attyca@aol.com)

SUBJECT: General Assembly of Delegates Positions of November 2008 Ballot Measures

### BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:

GPCA Bylaws, Section 9-1.1, provide that the state party may take positions opposing or supporting statewide ballot measures, and Section 9-1.2 provides that the General Assembly of Delegates shall decide the process for endorsement or opposition. Revised policies and procedures for County Polling were adopted at the April 2008 (Berkeley, Alameda County) plenary. Those procedures provide that, where a plenary occurs during a County Polling period, consideration of those ballot measures shall be placed on the plenary agenda for decision, if possible, by the GPCA General Assembly of Delegates. Where the plenary fails to take a position on any ballot measure, then the County Polling continues to attempt to reach a decision by that method. Where the plenary delegates reach a decision on any measure, that decision controls and becomes the state party position upon adoption at the state meeting. The GPCA can take a position to support, oppose or have no position on any ballot measure. Where an 80% decision threshold is not met, the default is for the GPCA not to have a position.

At the time this description was written (mid July), the period for collecting reports on ballot measures had not been completed. It is intended that those reports will be published as an addenda to the agenda packet after they have been completed in the beginning of August. As of this writing, the following is a list of measures certified by the Secretary of State. It is possible for the California legislature to approve additional measures before the Secretary of State's publication deadline, although the legislature previously has added measures even after that deadline.

### Propositions that are on the November 2008 General Election Ballot

California Secretary of State, Debra Bowen, has assigned these Proposition Numbers for the November Election:

Prop. 1: High Speed Rail -- SB 1856: Safe, Reliable, High Speed Passenger Train Bond Act for the 21st Century

Prop. 2: Treatment of Farm Animals. Statute.

Prop. 3: Children's Hospital Bond Act. Grant Program. Statute.

Prop. 4: Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy. Constitutional Amendment.

Prop. 5: Nonviolent Offenders. Sentencing, Parole and Rehabilitation. Statute.

Prop. 6: Criminal Penalties and Laws. Public Safety Funding. Statute. (Anti-Gang Penalties; Runner Initiative)

Prop. 7: Renewable Energy Requirements Statute

Prop. 8: Limit on Marriage. Constitutional Amendment. (Gay Marriage Ban)

Prop. 9: Criminal Justice System. Victims' Rights. Parole. Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

Prop. 10: Bonds. Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Renewable Energy. Statute.

Prop. 11: Redistricting. Constitutional Amendment and Statute.

[http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections\\_j.htm](http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_j.htm)

**PROPOSAL:** The General Assembly of Delegates will consider November 2008 ballot measures to determine if consensus or an 80% decision threshold exists as to positions to support, oppose or have no position on those measures at the August 2008 state meeting in Orange County.

**COMMITTEE PROCESS:** Not applicable.

**TIMELINE:** Adoption of GPCA positions of ballot measures at the next plenary at Dana Point, Orange County, CA, August 2008, or continuation of County Polling on the remaining measures.

**RESOURCES:**

Time and energies in creating and presenting ballot measure reports. Costs for producing paper copies of reports for General Assembly of Delegates. Media Committee time and energies publicizing any positions.

## Election – GPCA Delegates to the National Committee

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### ***Election of GPCA Delegates to the National Committee of the Green Party of the United States***

There are three candidates running for seats on the delegation. Their applications are posted below.

Paraphrasing from the GPCA bylaws, the GPCA selects delegates who are voting members of the National Committee of the GPUS. These delegates are authorized to cast the full number of votes allocated to the GPCA to represent GPCA positions on matters before the GPUS. (On July 4, 2007 the number of votes allocated increased from 13 to 42, capped at 21% of the national body.)

GPCA delegates to the GPUS take part in the on-line discussion of proposals before the GPUS NC and vote on those proposals. They participate in monthly teleconferences and are encouraged to attend delegation meetings at State General Assemblies. They are expected to attend the GPUS National Committee Annual National Meeting. They are encouraged to participate in GPUS committees. They are responsible to the GPCA General Assembly (GA) and the GPCA Coordinating Committee (GPCA CC). Alternate delegates are encouraged to participate in all meetings, teleconferences, and votes, and to serve on GPUS committees.

Elections will be held on Saturday August 23, 2008 at the General Assembly using Ranked Choice Voting. Though there are three people running for all open seats, it is **IMPORTANT** to rank everyone that you find acceptable, so that all candidates can reach and pass threshold. If you don't rank everyone, we risk not filling all of our delegate seats and not increasing our number of alternate delegates, and disappointing people who have volunteered to represent you to GPUS. **PLEASE RANK ALL CANDIDATES** (unless you know something we don't know, that someone who has applied is not suitable for this role.)

#### **Application for Member, Delegation to Green Party of the United States**

Name: Marnie Glickman

City: Fairfax

County: Marin

Contact information: 415-256-9960, [marnie@greenchange.org](mailto:marnie@greenchange.org)

1) Please list any prior or current positions, related experience, and/or personal and professional skills within of the Green Party that you have, that apply to this position.

2008 Elected representative to the GP-US International Committee from the Green Party of California

2008 Candidate for the Marin County Green Party Council (elections take place in late July 2008)

2008 Elected representative of the GP-US to the Global Greens Conference in Sao Paolo, Brazil

2004 Elected co-chair of the GP-US

2001-8 Elected representative to the Green National Committee from the Pacific Green Party of Oregon

2001-8 Elected representative to the GP-US International Committee from the Pacific Green Party of Oregon

2001-8 Elected representative to the Global Green Network from the GP-US

2004 Member of the GP-US fundraising and finance committees

2003 Member of the GP-US coordinated campaign committee

2) Please list any prior or current positions, related experience, and/or personal and professional skills outside of the Green Party that you have, that apply to this position.

2007-8 Executive director, Green Change

Green Change is a national political organization for people with Green values. For more information, go to [www.greenchange.org](http://www.greenchange.org).

2001-7 Consultant, Commercial Alert

Commercial Alert is a national non-profit organization committed to protecting communities from commercialism

2004 Received J.D. from Lewis and Clark School of Law

2000 Finance director, Nader 2000

1994-9 Political fundraiser for various progressive candidates

Skills: Fundraising, online organizing and fundraising, training, writing, campaign development and management

3) Please describe your vision for serving as GPUS Delegate including addressing the job description for GPUS Delegate.

My top priority is making sure that the GP-US is fiscally healthy and spends its money to help secure ballot lines, register voters and help its candidates win elections.

Additionally, I will:

- Represent the interests of all California Greens.
- Monitor and participate in the national committee votes and affairs listservs.
- Participate in all national committee votes.
- Help educate California Greens about the GP-US.

### **Application for Member, Delegation to Green Party of the United States**

Name: Gary Ruskin

City: Fairfax

County: Marin

Contact: 415-256-9960, gary at greenchange.org

1) Please list any prior or current positions, related experience, and/ or personal and professional skills within the Green Party that you have, that apply to this position.

2008 Candidate for the Marin County Green Party Council (Elections take place in late July 2008)

2004 Trainer at the Pacific Northwest Green Campaign School

2) Please list any prior or current positions, related experience, and/ or personal and professional skills outside of the Green Party that you have, that apply to this position.

1998-2007 Executive Director, Commercial Alert

Ralph Nader and I co-founded Commercial Alert. Its mission is to protect children and communities from commercialism. For more information, see our website at [www.commercialalert.org](http://www.commercialalert.org).

1993-2007 Director, Congressional Accountability Project

Ralph Nader founded the Congressional Accountability Project. Its mission is to oppose corruption in the U. S. Congress. For more information, see our website at <http://www.congressproject.org>.

#### General Experience:

I have been quoted hundreds of times in major newspapers across the country, such as the New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, USA Today, and the Wall Street Journal. I have appeared scores of times on national TV news programs on ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox and CNN.

I have written articles published in the Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, The Progressive, The Nation, Alternet, Multinational Monitor, Ode, Mothering, Roll Call, and the American Teacher, among other publications.

I have testified before congressional committees regarding issues such as congressional ethics, reducing corruption in Congress, and the proper compensation levels for top government officials.

#### Education:

Masters in Public Policy, Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government

Bachelor of Arts in Religion, Carleton College

#### Skills:

Media, writing, research, training, message and policy development, lobbying, political strategy and tactics.

3) Please describe your vision for serving as GPUS Delegate including addressing the job description for GPUS Delegate.

If elected, I would be honored to represent California Greens in the U.S. Green Party. I'd especially like to use my experience to help: (1) introduce management controls and baseline measurements to improve the internal accountability, efficiency and professionalism of our party, (2) the Green Party to get more media coverage, (3) our party recruit the best candidates possible to run for elective office; and, (4) all of our state parties maintain and improve ballot access.

### **Application for Member, Delegation to Green Party of the United States**

Name: John Paul 'Jack' Lindblad

City: North Hollywood, CA 91605

County of Los Angeles

Contact information (phone 818-785-2724 /email [jplindblad@gmail.com](mailto:jplindblad@gmail.com))

1) Please list any prior or current positions, related experience, and/or personal and professional skills within of the Green Party that you have, that apply to this position.

2008 Candidate for Assembly 39th District, California.

2008 National Committee Alternate Delegate.

2008 Presidential Delegate.

Attending July 2008 Chicago National Convention.

2006-2007 Delegate to GPCA plenaries. Attended May 2007 San Francisco GPCA plenary.

Jack Lindblad was the Los Angeles County local host committee liaison to CCWG (Warner Bloomberg, Coordinator, Campaigns and Candidates Working Group) for the August 2007 scheduled event: 'Candidates Training and Strategy Workshop, GPUS Presidential Candidate Forum,' sponsored by CCWG, California Media Committee and Los Angeles County Greens.

Member, Green Party County Council; County of Los Angeles; Senate District 20 2006-2008 (Northeast San Fernando Valley.) Reelected for 2008-10 term.

Top Priorities:

\*Stop Global Warming\* - Deployment of strategies and tactics to reduce and cope with climate change and promote a healthy environment.

\*Clean Money\* - Banning of all corporatist lobbying and campaign spending with implementation of public financing of elections.

\*Single-Payer Health Care\* - Guaranteed quality universal single payer healthcare for all. \*100% Amnesty\* - Ensure Human Dignity and full, fair Immigration rights for all.

\*Green Party growth\* - Advancing the number of elected offices held by Greens.

2) Please list any prior or current positions, related experience, and/or personal and professional skills outside of the Green Party that you have, that apply to this position.

### **Biographical Highlights**

Occupation: Architect - Private Practitioner:

- Responsible for project budget determination, analysis and adherence. All projects have been profitable and delivered on-time.
- Master of Architecture, Texas A&M University with an Outpatient Healthcare Facility thesis.
- Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Design, University of Washington.
- Pioneered a mix of services which defined Diagnostic and Treatment Ambulatory Outpatient Surgical Medical Centers with MRI Facilities as a new building type. Employed innovative day-lighting techniques integral to the building design. Jack's work has included religious campus planning and revitalization of existing commercial centers to foster pedestrian-friendly, transit-oriented, mixed use sustainable urban environments
- Testified as expert witness in forensic consultations.
- Taught at Woodbury University, contributes to professional journal articles and has been listed in the Who's Who Registry.
- Featured panelist on "Healthcare Interiors that Work" at the Pacific Design Center's Healthcare Forum in Los Angeles in 1987.

- Exhibitor of the Aspen Medical Center at Association of Western Hospitals Convention in Anaheim California in 1986.
- Consultant to Veterans Administration, developed 250,000 square foot Sepulveda California VA Outpatient Diagnostic and Surgery Center concepts into preliminary and design development physical modeling presentations. Defined and input comprehensive parameters into a successful run of a Texas A & M University computer energy audit in 1980.
- Evaluated a major computer complex (from a building envelope perspective) in a premiere application of the State of California 1st Generation Energy Standards in 1978.

**Social Justice and Community Activism:**

- Candidate for Pacifica's foundation radio station KPFK Listener-Sponsor Board in 2007.
- Participant, May 2006 Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley Immigration Rallies.
- Elected Member, Green Party Los Angeles County Council; Senate District 20 2006-2008 (Northeast San Fernando Valley)
- Participant in rallies and demonstrations for the impeachment of the Bush regime.
- Participant in San Fernando Valley-based vigil demonstrations against the US war in Iraq.
- Co-organizer, Media event to increase public awareness of the detrimental community impact of long-vacant, blighted, building code-compromised 13 story Panorama Towers.
- Participant, "Conflict Resolution Training-Mending Human Relations" sponsored by L.A. City Human Relations Commission, National Conference for Community and Justice.
- Co-author and presenter, award-winning Panorama City Urban Design Assistance Team Study for developing of a sustainable historic commercial area in cooperation with the Los Angeles City Council and Planning Department.
- Coro Southern California Neighborhood Leadership Development Program Graduate, 2003
- Served as an initiator of the Panorama City and Valley Glen Neighborhood Council formations.
- Active member in the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley Livable Communities Council.
- Candidate of the Peace and Freedom Party for the 24th US Congressional Seat in 1992.
- Organizer of San Fernando Valley-based weekly vigil demonstrations against the US-led Iraq invasion in 1991.
- Organizer of 'Censorship in Corporate Media' on-site demonstrations against local media outlets of corporate-owned ABC, CBS, and NBC initiated during the media spin build-up to Gulf War I in 1991.
- Candidate of the Peace and Freedom Party for the 42nd California Assembly Seat in 1990.

**Environmental Activism:**

- Workshop participant/presenter of Los Angeles Citywide General Plan Framework for the Van Nuys-North Sherman Oaks District.
- Featured in California Centers Magazine as an advocate for compact shopping and business environs along the 16-mile Ventura Boulevard Corridor.
- Workshop participant of Paolo Soleri's energy-efficient, sustainable city (arcology) prototype in Arizona.
- Co-presenter on "Artist-Owned Live/Work Space as Catalyst for Central Business District Recovery."

- Featured speaker representing the advocacy group 'Fans of the Sepulveda Basin' at US Army Corps of Engineers Hearings on saving the Sepulveda Dam Basin Wilderness Area in 1992.
- Featured speaker at Amgen Headquarter on holding Big Tobacco financially accountable for runaway health care costs associated with smoking in 1992.
- Featured speaker at Los Angeles Valley College's Earth Day Event in 1991.
- Organizer, Low-cost Jitney Service for the San Fernando Valley in 1990.

3) Please describe your vision for serving as GPUS Delegate including addressing the job description for GPUS Delegate. Because there are an expanded number of delegate and alternate positions allotted the California delegation and it is in the interest of all Greens in California to be fully represented, I am interested in serving in the process that the GPUS is engaged in, promoting our party's Ten Key Values, and especially in advancing the number of partisan and nonpartisan offices in local and state governments.

## **Report – Bylaws Committee on CC Elections Bylaw Proposal**

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Dear GA,

At our Alameda plenary, the CC Elections Bylaw Proposal was withdrawn by the presenters on the condition that it be submitted to the Bylaws Standing Committee for review and editing to include concerns raised during the GA discussion, and then resubmitted at the Orange County Plenary.

The Bylaws Standing Committee has met and discussed the proposal in question, but hasn't completed its review and editing. This has been due to a lack of human resources to complete the work and the difficulties we encountered with coordinating our efforts with the County Council of the GP of Alameda County, the originator of the proposal.

We therefore request that the CC Elections Bylaw Proposal be carried over until the plenary after the Orange County plenary, in the hopes that we can complete the assigned work by that time.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

Linda LeMaster  
Michael Wyman

For the Bylaws Standing Committee.

## GA Delegate Allocation

County	Greens	%	Delegates	Change from GA April 08	% Change in Voter Registration	Registration GA April 08	Seats	% CA Registered Greens
Alameda	11,004	9.7%	9		-5.37%	11628	9	9.72%
Butte	1,727	1.5%	2		-14.80%	2027	2	1.70%
Calaveras	293	0.3%	1		-4.87%	308	1	0.26%
Contra Costa	3,608	3.2%	3		-4.30%	3770	3	3.15%
El Dorado	937	0.8%	1		-2.60%	962	1	0.80%
Fresno	1,557	1.4%	1		-4.83%	1636	1	1.37%
Humboldt	3,217	2.8%	3		-5.49%	3404	3	2.85%
Kern	689	0.6%	1		-2.41%	706	1	0.59%
Los Angeles	23,290	20.5%	20		-4.30%	24336	20	20.35%
Marin	2,455	2.2%	2		-15.05%	2890	2	2.42%
Mendocino	2,019	1.8%	2		-1.08%	2041	2	1.71%
Monterey	1,101	1.0%	1		-7.48%	1190	1	1.00%
Napa	835	0.7%	1		2.08%	818	1	0.68%
Nevada	1,183	1.0%	1		-6.92%	1271	1	1.06%
Orange	7,830	6.9%	7	added 1	-2.91%	8065	6	6.74%
Placer	1,264	1.1%	1		-4.17%	1319	1	1.10%
Riverside	2,548	2.2%	2		0.31%	2540	2	2.12%
Sacramento	4,769	4.2%	4		-3.91%	4963	4	4.15%
San Benito	130	0.1%	1		-7.80%	141	1	0.12%
San Diego	7,735	6.8%	6		-4.09%	8065	6	6.74%
San Francisco	9,964	8.8%	8	lost 1	-7.02%	10716	9	8.96%
San Luis Obispo	1,613	1.4%	1		-2.66%	1657	1	1.39%
San Mateo	3,243	2.9%	3		-4.28%	3388	3	2.83%
Santa Barbara	1,914	1.7%	2		-3.24%	1978	2	1.65%
Santa Clara	4,611	4.1%	4		-1.91%	4701	4	3.93%
Santa Cruz	3,605	3.2%	3		-6.39%	3851	3	3.22%
Shasta	485	0.4%	1		-0.82%	489	1	0.41%
Solano	776	0.7%	1		-7.62%	840	1	0.70%
Sonoma	5,012	4.4%	4		-6.39%	5354	4	4.48%

Tulare	481	0.4%	1	-4.18%	502	1	0.42%
Ventura	2,532	2.2%	2	-6.15%	2698	2	2.26%
Yolo	1,280	1.1%	1	-3.40%	1325	1	1.11%
TOTAL	113,707	100%	100	-4.91%	119,579	100	100.00%

CA SoS Report of Registration May 19, 2008

CA SoS Report of Registration Jan 2, 2008

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