General Assembly Summary Report

May 2009, Venice LA

The Coordinating Committee wishes to thank everyone for attending the General Assembly in Venice. We also want to give a hardy 'thanks' to the hosting committee and to the CC for a difficult job well done. Complete minutes of the General Assembly will are posted on the GPCA website at www.greens.org/plenary/archives/. Minutes are usually posted within 30 days after the meeting. Note that the common GPCA login/password is required to view the minutes until they are approved at the next General Assembly.

The May 2009 General Assembly formally commenced at 9:30 AM with quorum established by 37 delegates from 8 regions in attendance

Next State Meeting
To be determined. Sonoma County has tentatively volunteered to host the next General Assembly, contingent on finding an adequate facility. Their target date for the meeting is October. They will advise the CC when a facility as been found.

Summary of Decisions

Saturday, May 16
1. Challenge to LA delegates credentials – New delegates proposed
   Resolved by vote – not accepted   Yes: 7  No: 29  Abstain: 6
2. Consent calendar – Confirmation of GPCA officers
   Current officers proposed for another term: Jane Rands, Liaison to the Secretary of State; Jeanne Rosenmeier, Treasurer.
   Accepted by consensus with one stand-aside concern.
3. General Assembly agenda proposed
   Resolved by vote – not accepted   Yes: 15  No: 24  Abstain: 3
4. Alternate General Assembly agenda proposed
   Resolved by vote – accepted   Yes: 31  No: 8  Abstain: 2  Not Present: 1
5. GPCA annual budget proposed
   Accepted by consensus with one stand-aside concern.
6. Report on ballot measures
   Campaigns and Candidates Working Group reports that the county polling to determine GPCA positions on ballot measures concluded successfully, so no decision is needed from this meeting. GPCA recommends NO on all ballot measures.

7. Discussion item – LA/Alameda restructuring proposal
   Decision on this item on Sunday.

Sunday, May 17

8. Announcement from IT Group – Annual password change
   The common password used for access to internal party pages will change after this General Assembly.

9. Delegate credential dispute – Contra Costa County
   County members present proposed themselves as delegates.
   Accepted by consensus.

10. New/revised platform planks
    Platform committee proposed four planks:
    - Public Education – Accepted by consensus with friendly amendments and a stand-aside concern
    - Violence in Society – Accepted by consensus with friendly amendments
    - Water – Not accepted. Bring back with revisions
    - California Elections – Not accepted. Bring back with revisions

11. LA/Alameda restructuring proposal
    Proposes CC be elected from two at-large districts rather than from regions. Lengthy discussion with numerous concerns and amendments.
    Amended to a proposal to establish a committee to form a proposal for the next General Assembly.
    Accepted by vote – Yes: 36  No: 7  Abstain: 3

12. Discussion – Restructuring
    Proposes electing CC from mixed system of regions and at-large seats.

13. Discussion – Restructuring
    Proposes to restructure LA region into autonomous Locals.

14. Discussion – LA county bylaws
    Proposes that LA bylaws are non-compliant. Specific problem with CC rep elections.

Closing ceremony at 3:40 PM