

Minutes of the Green Party of Santa Barbara County Council Meeting of May 26, 2004

IN ATTENDANCE: John Foran, Nancy Broyles, Consuelo Delgado, Leo Raabe, Dave Wass, Bud Boothe, Harley Augustino, Rich Kaplan (minute-taker), Art Schwartz, and Sri Subramanian

The meeting began at 7:05

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Art Schwartz reported that there was an article in the January 3, 2004 issue of *Mother Earth* stating that 1-2% of elk and deer raised in game farms were infected with mad cow disease.

MINUTES of May 12 accepted with one amendment: the council had NOT accepted the double option as part of its convention strategy.

AGENDA Items

I. Harley Augustino of PUEBLO asked the SB GP Council to support SB-10 – a state bill that would permit illegal immigrant to gain driver's licenses. PUEBLO is part of a state-wide coalition supporting the bill, and PUEBLO will have a press conference June 5 announcing the principles that they believe should guide the legislation. (See sheet describing the principles.)

There was much discussion over whether the Green Party should support PUEBLO. The central objection, raised by AS, was that the principles did not insure that the bill would not become a means for governmental gathering of information on illegal immigrants.

DW too queried whether there shouldn't first be some overall plan for how to address the issue of illegal immigrants before supporting such specific proposals as that of PUEBLO.

The Council voted 5-2 to endorse the PUEBLO principles.

II. Sri Subramanian spoke about the SB GP web-site, saying the content was relatively unchanging and that there were many possibilities for adding content. The Council need only give him new material, and he would post it. Also a new contact email address was needed.

NB said the web-site address should be publicized.

LR suggested using the web-site as an outreach tool.

JF said post the Green Scene immediately on the web. The Council agreed.

Other suggestions included detailing the working groups on the web and posting council meeting minutes.

A policy was proposed and adopted of having all Council members as the only ones authorized to give Sri material for posting.

### III. Events and meetings to plan for

A. It was proposed that anyone who wanted to could join in the leafleting at the “Day After Tomorrow” film on Memorial Day weekend. Flyers could be obtained online from Moveon.org and Green Party material could be photocopied onto the back.

B. Nancy Broyles discussed a June 13th green potluck fundraiser for Green Party members. She has made postcards announcing Green events that will be mailed. There will be a \$10 fee charged for the fundraiser. The event will start at 4 p.m. and will have debates and possibly a speaker. The council will discuss more details and a menu at the June 9 meeting.

C. Summer Solstice. Because the Solstice conflicted with the schedules of so many council members, it was agreed to not buy table space this year.

D. June 5-6 Sacramento Plenary Proposals (Foran) and Santa Barbara Plan (Wass)

The Council agreed that tabling materials should be purchased at the Plenary.

DW argued in support of the Council pursuing the “Santa Barbara Plan” (see May 12 meeting) and circulating information about the plan at the Plenary and possibly prior to other Green Party County Councils in the state.

A proposal for Santa Barbara’s delegates to the Sacramento Plenary and the Milwaukee Convention to pursue a no presidential candidate plan was rejected by a vote of 3 yes and 4 no.

A proposal was made for Santa Barbara’s delegates to advocate for either of two positions: 1) no presidential candidate, or 2) a Green Party presidential campaign that followed a state-by state-strategy, actively campaigning and contesting only those states that could be considered safely Democratic or Republican. This proposal passed on a vote of 6 yes and 1 no.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. with other business on the agenda postponed to the next meeting. The council quickly set to work folding copies of the Green Scene.