

Minutes of February 11, 2006

Green Party County Council

In attendance: Council members: Bud Booth, Sandy Stites, David Wass, Nancy Broyles; guests: Everett Heath, Ed Rincon. Leo Raabe joined us later.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

The Council acknowledged and thanked Sandy for her hard work as Treasurer and at the Saturday table. We also appreciate the large amount of money and memberships obtained at the table.

It was agreed that all mail related to space issues be referred to Bud Booth to determine whether the Council should consider it.

Minutes were approved with the one correction that the Mayor's assistance is named Hackett, not Feinstein.

Bud announced a demonstration to be held against Colin Powell when he appears here 2/17.

It was agreed that the GP will give Reining in Corporate Power \$50 as a co-sponsor of the 2/15 forum.

Details for the meeting with Peter Camejo 3/19 at Nancy's house were finalized.

The County Council formally endorsed the proposal by RICP for city financed campaigns. The GP name may be used as a co-sponsor.

David asked that we all consider joining city and county commissions and boards.

The County split was discussed. There is much disagreement on this issue among Council members. No position will be taken.

The State GP is circulating two petitions to raise the minimum wage. We are circulating the one for \$8.75 per hour with COLAs.

We decided not to push the County to have publicly financed campaigns until after the City puts it on the ballot.

Leo proposed, and the Council passed, a "remote voting" procedure for items that must be acted upon before a scheduled meeting. It follows:

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**This resolution regards the official polling practices of the County Council of the Green Party of Santa Barbara County. In this resolution, the term "remote vote" shall be used to refer to any official vote of the council which is not conducted in a regular meeting where most of the participants are present. Remote votes are votes taken by means of personal communications (phone, email, individual conversations) between members.**

***First Clause***

**Remote voting shall be reserved for procedural issues of a timely nature which cannot wait for the next full meeting of the Council. Remote voting shall not be used for contentious issues which deserve the full Council's in-depth attention.**

***Second Clause***

**The remote voting process shall not be conducted so as to include protracted arguments for or against any particular position. A remote vote will be conducted with the full knowledge of all participants. A remote vote will be limited to a simple polling accompanied by the balanced reporting of relevant information. Relevant information, when required, shall be limited to the positions of all known factions, as well as providing whatever background information may be necessary to informed decision making.**

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There was an extensive discussion about GP forums and how to market them and the GP. We will meet as a committee of the whole to plan and publicize a forum. The meeting will be 2/25 at 2pm.

The next Council meeting will be March 9 at 2pm. David Wass will be facilitator.