

GPCA COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

April 5, 2021 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

(1) Roll call: (5 minutes)

There are currently 18 CC members. This means quorum is a simple majority of 10.

Doug Barnett, David Bond, June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Meg Buckingham, Mica Daniel (alt. female Co-co), Barry Hermanson, Tarik Kanaana, James Lauderdale, Mimi Newton (female Co-co), Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Christine Pepin, Shannel Pittman, Nicole Raglin, John Schmit, Audra Walton, Laura Wells.

A quorum of 13 was present at 7:33 pm. The times of arrival of those joining our call after the quorum count are noted below.

Present (15): David Bond, June Brashares (7:40), Eric Brooks, Meg Buckingham, Mica Daniel, Barry Hermanson (7:35), Tarik Kanaana, Mimi Newton, Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Christine Pepin, Shannel Pittman, John Schmit, Audra Walton, Laura Wells.

Absent (3): Doug Barnett, James Lauderdale, Nicole Raglin.

(2) Roles (2 minutes): Facilitator: Tarik, Notetaker: Mimi, Timekeeper: -, Vibes-watcher: -

(3) Approval of Agenda (2 minutes)

Approved by consensus.

(3A) Approval of Late Items (5 minutes)

(9) Subject: Rescheduling the GA.

Approved by consensus.

(10) SUBJECT/TITLE: Discussion of Non-Toleration of Eric Brooks Abusive Behavior
Eric objects to this item and declines to stand aside. A vote of the CC is held as to whether to put this item last on the agenda due to the need to address the other late items first because of deadlines for endorsements.

YES (11): David Bond, June Brashares, Meg Buckingham, Mica Daniel, Barry Hermanson, Tarik Kanaana, Mimi Newton, Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Christine Pepin, Laura Wells

NO (1): Eric Brooks

ABSTAIN (2): Shannel Pittman, Audra Walton

The proposal passes with 91% of the vote and the Item is added to the end of the agenda.

(11) Subject: Decision Item: The CC should issue an endorsement of SB467 on behalf of the GPCA (10 Mins.)

Approved by consensus.

(12) Subject: Decision Item: CC to Issue an endorsement of SB357 the Safer Streets for All Act (10 Minutes)

Approved by consensus.

(4) Approval of CC minutes sent by Mimi on behalf of James on 4/1/21 at 5:15 pm (2 minutes)

Mimi asked for additional time to review the minutes with James and to postpone approval of the March 2021 minutes until the May 2021 CC meeting, There were no objections.

The Item was tabled to be re-agendized at the May 2021 CC Meeting.

(5) Consent Items (4 minutes)

Background and Purpose: The consent calendar is intended to pass non-controversial items or items consented prior to the actual meeting. Any item may be objected to and that item will be placed at the end of the evening's agenda.

Proposal: Accept the following committee reports for inclusion into the meeting minutes:

Clearinghouse & Grow: Appendix A

Finance & Fundraising: Appendix B

Electoral Reform Working Group: Appendix C

Bylaws Committee: Appendix D

State Candidates Subcommittee: Appendix E

IT Committee: Appendix J

Approved by consensus.

(6) Updates on GPCA-related voting since the last meeting and Review of Old Action Items (30 minutes)

Update on Votes since the last CC Meeting:

— **Petition re: Reclassification of Methane/Ethane - Proposal: GPCA to Co Petition for federal reclassification of methane and ethane. (See Appendix F for full text of proposal.)**

Voting period (48 hours) March 16 to March 18 at 5:00 pm.

The proposal passed with 11 Yesses from:

James Lauderdale, Eric Brooks, Shannel Pittman, David Bond, Nassim Nouri, Tarik Kanaana, Christine Pepin, June Brashares, Meg Buckingham, Audra Walton, Laura Wells*

*Please note that both Co-co's were absent from this vote.

— **Timing of the next GA - Proposal: The upcoming General Assembly will take place on Zoom on Saturday, June 26th and Sunday, June 27 2021. (See Appendix G for full text of proposal.)**

Voting period (48 Hours) from March 23 to March 25 at 10:00 pm.

The proposal passed with 13 Yesses from:

James Lauderdale, Shannel Pittman, Laura Wells, Nassim Nouri, Mica Daniel, Christine Pepin, Nicole Raglin, Mimi Newton, Meg Buckingham, Barry Hermanson, Tarik Kanaana Eric Brooks, John Schmit

— Amend the CC Internal Procedures - VOTING PERIOD (7-days) STARTED March 28 and through April 4th, at 4:00 pm.

This item passed with 11 YESSES from:

James Lauderdale, Maxine Daniel, Mimi Newton, Laura Wells, Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Eric Brooks, David Bond, June Brashares, Barry Hermanson, Tarik Kanaana

Review of Old Action Items:

Recurring Action Items:

- send SC and WG monthly reports to the CC (Liaisons)

Action Items from previous calls/meetings:

Action Items remaining from Feb. 2021:

- Send CC tactics chart for review by EVERYBODY. (Volunteer?)
- We need a lead to plan and coordinate quarterly Co-Cos calls. (Volunteer?)

Action Items Remaining from Jan. 2021:

- Follow up to Shannel's message to CC re: request for info for YES. (see Shannel's request for info forwarded by Mica 1/9 8:31 pm) (Mimi has a number of follow-up items yet to provide)
- Find someone to take on researching HR-1 and report to CC about it as well as sending a copy to ERWG? This is the new bill disguised as electoral reform but a "poison pill" for GP (Mimi/ ERWG is working on this)
- send a second letter for a call for applications Statewide Candidate Subcommittee - (there are still vacancies) (Mimi)

Action Items Remaining from the Jan. 2021 Retreat:

- send comments on the retreat notes that Nassim and Karen prepared— (Mimi)
- work on vision statement (different from Mission Statement in Bylaws) — (Nassim/Mimi)
- finish table of CC functions, with goals, strategies, tactics and projects according to CC responsibilities — (Mimi)
- work with Bylaws Committee to address voting membership requirements for WGs — (June/Mimi/James)

Action Items Remaining from Dec. 2020:

- IT update SGA webpages with vote results (Nicole)
- preparation of November GA minutes (June)

Older Action Items

(7) Agenda Item: Appointment of Committee Members (10 mins.)

Appointment of David Bond to the Finance Committee

Hi All,

I'm David Bond, a Green Party member here in Los Angeles County. I'm part of the GPCA-CC, the GPCA-IT committee and a delegate for the State and US. I'd like to help the finance committee in a more official way, as I previously attended meetings just as a GPCA member, not a committee member. So please consider me for Finance Committee membership.

Best regards,
David Bond

Approved by consensus.

Appointment of Susan Lamont to the Media Committee

From: Susan Lamont
Subject: Application for Media Committee
Date: March 16, 2021 at 10:14:02 AM PDT

To the GPCA Coordinating Committee: I am applying for reappointment to the Media Committee. I left for awhile for health reasons and am now interested in getting involved again. I am also currently an alternate on the National Committee, a member of the GPUS Peace Action Committee and a member of the County Council of the Green Party of Sonoma County. Thank you for considering my application. -

Peace & solidarity,
Susan Lamont

Approved by consensus.

Appointment of Thomas Leavitt to Media Committee

From: Thomas Leavitt
To: GPCA CC
Date: Mon, 29 Mar 2021 18:54:15 -0700
Subject: Fwd: GPCA Media Committee Openings?

Meg B. instructed me to email this address with "a short application of who you are, your county, & whatever's pertinent with your green party history".

I've been a registered Green Party member since 1990; I was active in the Santa Cruz County Green Party from the early 1990s-2020, when I relocated to Lancaster, CA in NE Los Angeles County. I've attended numerous GAs and Gatherings (a tradition I wish we'd return to) over that period as a delegate and as a general attendee, as well as the 1996 ANC where Ralph Nader was nominated. I've previously served on both the CA PlatCom and IT Committee, even hosted the state party web site for a period; I also served briefly as an SGA rep for Santa Cruz County. Most recently, I served on the committee that developed

the policy allowing enby folx to serve on the CC while preserving gender balance as a concept. On a national level, I've served on the Bylaws, Rules, Policies and Procedures Committee, the Accreditation Committee, and currently serve on the Platform Committee (and have served on that committee previously) as a National Lavender Greens Caucus rep. I've held a number of positions as an officer within the NLGC, including Co-Chair at one point, and was a founding member back in 2001. I also co-chaired a Santa Cruz area LGBTQIA2S+ political organization for over 10 years, as well as having served as a volunteer and committee member for various organizations and as an appointed member of a couple of Santa Cruz City working groups and committees.

I feel I can contribute to the committee by assisting with social media elements, editing statements, helping collaborate to draft statements and releases, etc., and that serving on PlatCom and the Media Committee could be synergetic. I see my role on the Media Committee as being supportive of the co-chairs in their efforts to generate broader media coverage of our party activities, candidates, and policies.

Regards,
Thomas Leavitt

A discussion ensued regarding the application. June Brashares has concerns for which she declines to stand aside. A vote is conducted.

YES (6): David Bond, Meg Buckingham, Barry Hermanson, Tarik Kanaana, Shannel Pittman, Audra Walton

NO (3): June Brashares, Mimi Newton, Laura Wells

ABSTAIN (5): Eric Brooks, Mica Daniel, Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Christine Pepin

The YES votes constitute 66% of the vote and Thomas is appointed to the Media Committee.

Meg will let him know.

(8) Subject: Discussion around the upcoming June GA

Sponsor: Tarik Kanaana (Requested Time: 20 minutes)

Background: Given the experience of the previous two virtual General Assemblies, what are the aspects that should be changed and which should be kept? Special attention to decision-making and consensus process.

Proposal: Discussion item.*

*See also Nassim's message to the CC re: strategies for making the most use of the GA - at Appendix H

Approved by consensus.

(9) Late Agenda Item: Subject: DECISION ITEM: Rescheduling the GA. (5 mins)

Sponsor: Tarik Kanaana

Background: I mistakenly calculated the end of the voting period for the SGA session as Sunday 6/27 and suggested the GA be scheduled for that weekend. The correct date of

the SGA session is 6/20 (one week earlier) so I am asking that the CC reschedule the GA to that weekend.

Proposal: That the General Assembly originally scheduled for 6/26 & 6/27 be rescheduled to 6/19 & 6/20.

(10) Late Agenda item: SUBJECT/TITLE: Discussion of Non-Toleration of Eric Brooks Abusive Behavior

MOVED TO LAST ITEM DURING APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(11) LATE ITEM - Subject: Decision Item: The CC should issue an endorsement of SB467 on behalf of the GPCA (5 Mins.)

Sponsors: Mimi Newton, Marin County

Background and Purpose:

Senators Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) and Monique Limón (D-Santa Barbara) introduced Senate Bill 467, which halts the issuance or renewal of permits for hydraulic fracturing (fracking), acid well stimulation treatments, cyclic steaming, and water and steam flooding starting January 1, 2022, and then prohibits these extraction methods entirely starting January 1, 2027.

SB 467 will also prohibit all new or renewed permits for oil and gas extraction within 2,500 feet of any homes, schools, healthcare facilities or long-term care institutions such as dormitories or prisons, by January 1, 2022. Oil extraction near where people live, go to school, etc., is extremely harmful to people's health. Oil extraction overwhelmingly occurs near where people of color and low income people live, causing significant negative health impacts.

Proposal: That the CC issue a statement on behalf of GPCA endorsing SB467.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: The CC should discuss and decide on the best means of implementation, a timeline, and the resources required to endorse this proposed legislation.

References:

(1) GPCA Bylaws Article 8

Section 8-1. Duties and Authority The Coordinating Committee shall authorize and carry out decisions of the General Assembly and make executive decisions, but not set policy between General Assembly meetings, and shall be generally responsible for coordinating General Assemblies and other statewide meetings, internal communications and other Party administrative tasks as defined in these Bylaws, including to ...

8-1.9 Make statements in the name of the Party.

(2) Text of California

SB467: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB467

(3). Text of e-mail message from Mike Feinstein, Los Angeles County Green Party, to the GPCA Forum, dated 4/2/21 at 9:35 a.m.

This is the most important bill to CA's Environmental Justice Community

<http://redgreenandblue.org/2021/02/18/ca-state-senators-wiener-limon-introduce-bill-ban-fracking-require-2500-foot-setbacks-oil-drilling/>

It would ban fracking and other oil extraction methods starting Jan. 1, 2022; halt the issuance or renewal of permits for acid well stimulation treatment, cyclic steaming, and water and steam flooding, while also prohibiting these extraction methods entirely starting Jan. 1, 2027; and prohibit all new or renewed permits for oil and gas extraction within 2,500 feet of any homes, schools, healthcare facilities or long-term care institutions such as dormitories or prisons, by Jan. 1, 2022.

It is on an issue that Gov Newsom failed to use his executive authority to regulate

<https://knock-la.com/newsom-oil-and-gas-fracking-2021-48d3c44b015f/>

<https://www.ecowatch.com/newsom-california-lawsuit-oil-gas-2650797501.html>

The bill is initially sponsored by the Center for Race, Poverty and the Environment - an organization that many of us were inspired by to start the GPCA many years ago, and from whom we drew insights for our platform.

<https://crpe-ej.org/>

If we are going to run in the recall election, we have no right doing so unless we have been on the correct side of this issue, and that whomever is our candidate they can point to that Can anyone on the GPCA state Coordinating Committee get this on Monday's agenda for a quick GPCA endorsement?

If anyone knows Dan Bacher (he may be a Green), he could come on the call and explain it

<https://twitter.com/DanBacher>

Mike Feinstein

Santa Monica

(4) Additional information

<https://sd11.senate.ca.gov/news/20210217-senators-wiener-and-lim%C3%B3n-introduce-legislation-ban-fracking-and-other-destructive-oil>

<https://www.newtimeslo.com/sanluisobispo/stop-dangerous-drilling/Content?oid=10873277>

<https://newspress.com/senate-to-discuss-fracking-bill-next-month/>

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After a brief discussion, June Brashares (Sonoma) suggested a friendly amendment...

It is the Green Party's understanding that the bill author intends to include provisions in SB 467 that will help foster a just transition. Therefore, GPCA supports SB 467 with the following...

SB 467 must include provisions to help foster a just transition for the workers, their families, and the communities dependent on the oil & gas extraction industries to new high road jobs in the coming clean energy economy that we must evolve toward.

With June's suggested amendment, which was incorporated into the proposal, the Item was approved by consensus.

LATE ITEM (12) - Subject: Decision Item: CC to Issue an endorsement of SB357 the Safer Streets for All Act (10 Minutes)

Sponsor: Shannel Pittman, Los Angeles, County

Background and Purpose:

The Deadline for letters of support are tomorrow at noon.

Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) introduced SB357 to repeal what most in the LGBTQIA and allied community have termed California's own "Walking While Trans" Law. Most people are fully aware of the racist tendency of law enforcement to assume that people of color are up to no good any time that they are standing around not engaged in visible physical labor, such laws were on the books in California targeting Mexican-American men as far back as 1855. In 2021, dozens of states including California have hundreds of laws which assign criminality Black, Brown, and Latinx people before they have even committed a crime. Black, Latina, and transgender women of all ages are assumed by law enforcement to be engaging in sex work just they wear an outfit with high heels and are waiting for an uber outside at night. In case of Asian women, if she works evenings at massage parlor period, law enforcement and all manner of disrespectful violent misogynist, assumes that she is engaged in sex work secret, which is why eight people lost their lives on March 16th, 2021. It is no secret to Greens that women from marginalized communities such as these are most at risk for abusive contact with law enforcement, SB357 provides the opportunity to remove one reason for a cop to target women of color, which also allowing those who have been arrested for "loitering with intent to commit prostitution" to have that arrest removed from their records. Proposal: Upon Passage the Co chairs will send the following letter of support into the public file on this bill at the Senate Public Safety Committee and the sponsor will email a copy to ACLU of California Senior Staff Attorney Minouche Kandel. The Letter will Read as follows:

Date 4/5/2021
Committee on Public Safety
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 2031
Sacramento, CA 9581

Re: SB 357 (Wiener) – Safer Streets for All -- Support

To the Senate Committee on Public Safety:

The Green Party of California, a political party that has engrained the call to end systematic discrimination into our founding principles, is writing in support of SB357, a measure that will repeal California Penal Code § 653.22, which criminalizes loitering for the intent to engage in prostitution. California Greens understand Black, Latina, Asian, and transgender women, are at higher risk for abusive contact with law enforcement officers, so any legislation with potential to mitigate this risk to them is welcomed. The broad subjective nature of the anti-loitering law has created opportunities for law enforcement to engage in discriminatory policing that targets Black and Brown women and members of the transgender community. For instance, Black adults accounted for 56.1% of the § 653.22 charges in Los Angeles between 2017-2019, despite only making up 8.9% of the city's population.

By repealing Section 653.22, SB 357 eliminates a law that allows police to rely on bias rather than evidence to criminalize otherwise legal activities like walking, dressing, or standing in public, and results in the harassment of LGBTQ+, Black and Brown communities for simply looking like a "sex worker" to law enforcement. This kind of bias has lasting consequences as such charges even appearing in background check could provide barriers to accessing safe housing and employment, sex worker or not.

We humbly urge you to pass SB357 and end the criminalizing the color of a person's skin, their gender or livelihood. We all deserve to exist in public peacefully without fear of arrest.

In Solidarity,
(your name)
(title/org if applicable)
(Contact information)

Implementation: Upon Passage, one of the co-chairs or a designate of their chosen shall submit the above letter to the State Legislative Portal directly after this meeting, the Sponsor will Email it to our ACLU of California contact for her record and ours.

References:

1. Bill Text:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB357

2. NBC Interviews from Rep.

Wiener: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFZOEWWoezM>

3. Article: <https://www.them.us/story/california-could-repeal-walking-while-trans-law>

A discussion was had, after which, the item was approved by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Some CC members remained on the line to discuss informally the following item, for which insufficient time remained of the formal meeting for a “CC discussion.”

(13) Late Agenda item: (Moved to the end of the agenda; formerly Item 10)

SUBJECT/TITLE: Discussion of Non-Tolerance of Eric Brooks Abusive Behavior

CO-SPONSORS: Mica Daniel, originating sponsor (30 minutes)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The abusive, bullying, down-talking behavior that Eric Brooks unleashed onto our IT Committee members on January 4, 2021, at the monthly CC meeting will not be tolerated. It made me more aware than ever that Eric Brooks, for all his "expertise", is not an asset to the GPCA or the CC. This is not the first time he has attacked our IT.

Of course, when Eric has had his say he hollers “Vibes”. The aggrieved party.

I tried to think of what Eric does on the CC. I started to dig through some older emails, some of which I have included below:

He submits proposals last minute with no regard to other member's time claiming they are time-sensitive issues when they rarely are

He often claims expertise on topics with marginal knowledge and disrespects the work of others

His personal attacks have been a factor in the departure of numerous people from committees and Working Groups, for example:

(1) Wanda Lord, Fundraising Comm

(2) Steve Breedlove, Platform Comm

(3) Ben Emery,

(4) The 11th-hour attack on the Pandemic Plank, when his own email acknowledges that he just got to it, with no regard to the weeks of discussion and hard work of the committee to draft the plank.

Eric cannot be permitted to run roughshod over the people on this committee with his bullying, abusive behavior.

When confronted Eric has often stated, "We need a mediator". It seems to me that Eric needs a mediator. I'm on this committee to move the Green Party forward and have no time or energy to be involved in Eric's personal healing. I need to see some personal accountability from Eric. This behavior must stop.

PROPOSAL

That the CC discuss the behavior of Eric Brooks and his contribution to the GPCA with each member allotted 3 minutes for sharing their perspective.

IMPLEMENTATION: We all agree to hold Eric Brooks and each other accountable for collaborative and respectful conduct.

REFERENCES (SEE APPENDIX I)

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

NOTES: Clearinghouse Committee & Grassroots Organizing Working Group (GROW)
3/9/21 - 7:30pm

ATTENDEES & ROLES

CH co-coordinators: FACILITATOR Mica Daniel (Alameda) and Nassim Nouri (Santa Clara); GROW co-coordinator NOTE-TAKER Laura Wells (Alameda); also Rick Greenblatt (San Diego), Barry Hermanson (SF)

AGENDA

CLEARINGHOUSE REPORTS - Nassim and Mica

- * "Thank you" notes to donors: discussed options. Considering 4 fundraising campaigns per year, to coordinate with Media and other committees

- * Regular blasts since late 2017. Nassim created a summary of how they've performed, including distribution, opens and clicks. IT needs to update NationBuilder so newer Greens receive them too. Barry's Medicare for All article will be in next blast.

PROJECT DISCUSSION - Re-Registration Drive - Rick Greenblatt

- * Got data from the state that was low cost (\$30) and showed 88,000 Green registrants in February 10, 2021. Data format is OK, but needs some decoding work.

- * Reminder: requirements to maintain ballot status - 2% statewide vote in 2022, 0.33% voter registration third week in October

- * Rick will send data to IT, David Bond and Nicole Raglin

PROJECT DISCUSSION - Winning Medicare for All in CA - Barry Hermanson

- * Barry reported on the new healthcare bill AB 1400.

- * Barry's article (which will be in the next GPCA blast) is

here, <https://sfbayview.com/2021/03/single-payer-healthcare-legislation-introduced>

- * Critics ask, "How are we going to pay for it?" a charge that ignores that bills are often passed without specific financing details, and that California would certainly save money over all.

- * Barry will ask the CC to endorse this specific bill, since our platform does support single-payer healthcare.

- * GPCA could do press releases and social media, to emphasize "YES, AND" — that the Green Party supports this bill, and emphasize that we need more.

- * Ideas for growing the Green Party include holding ZOOM events which could include people from around the country.

ACTIVATING and REACTIVATING COUNTIES - Laura Wells

* Of California's 58 counties, 23 are active, 10 were active withing the past 5 years, though not now, and 25 are inactive (all but 3 — El Dorado, Merced, Placer — have under 200 Greens) — ongoing project to increase active Greens and active counties

* Idea that we could help counties by participating in the organization of ZOOM meetings open to interested Greens in the counties.

NEXT MEETING - Second Tuesday conference call, April 13, 2021, 7:30pm.

ADJOURNED

Laura Wells

@LauraWellsCA

<https://laurawells.org/> (blogs)

www.gp.org

www.venezuelanalysis.com

APPENDIX B

DRAFT AGENDA FINANCE & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEES MARCH 11, 2021, 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM

(1) Roll call:

(2) Roles: Facilitator: Mica Notetaker: John S. Timekeeper: Vibeswatcher:

(3) Approval of the Agenda (3 minutes)

(4) Approval of the minutes of February 13, 2021, as posted by M. Daniel to the CC. See (Appendix A)

(5) Review 2021 schedules and deadlines from FPPC when we need to turn in our forms: Political Parties committees:

<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/campaign-rules/where-and-when-to-file-campaign-statements/when-to-file-campaign-statements-state-local-filing-schedules.html>

update of January 31, 2021 filing

(6) March Treasurer report (actuals and projected)

Here are the account balances as of 3.10.2021

Travis State

\$12,749.65

Federal

1,601.41

Main PayPal 591.27

Old PayPal 0

Upcoming Expenses:

\$106 Liquid Web Wired Tree

\$10.45 Call Centric

\$200 Treasurer stipend

(7) Treasurer Final Update(regarding paying of Fines and Transition)

Ruscal will continue to work with Justin through the transition

(8) Discussion: Fundraising John S. (30 minutes)

(9) Confirm next meeting: April 22, 2021 @ 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM

APPENDIX C - Electoral Reform Working Group, March 3, 2021, 6:30pm - Draft Minutes

Present: Caledon Myers, Justin Richardson, Nassim Nouri (until 7:35), June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Charisse Cordero (arrived 7:45)

Note: GPCA rules regarding Working Groups define voting members as anyone who has attended two meetings within the past two years.

Roles: Facilitator: Caledon, Notetaker: Justin, Timekeeper: Nassim

Discussion on Reform Objectives: Merits and Flaws of RCV and Alternative Reforms

- In some municipalities, RCV has helped elect progressives to executive positions (e.g. Mayor, District Attorney), but has not helped elect progressives to legislative positions. Still, in municipalities that have RCV (e.g. SF, Oakland), the system may help progressives but has not helped elect third parties.
- GPCA platform states we support RCV, but the wording is not clear on our position on other electoral reforms.
- RCV should not be our primary focus, but we need not eliminate it from our platform. Reforms such as PR and campaign finance need to occur in tandem with RCV in order for RCV to be effective.
- Achieving RCV at the national level is important for our messaging, to avoid Democrat scapegoating that voting Green helps Republicans.

Plan & Action items

- Build an “Electoral Reform Toolkit” that includes education, action and campaigns.
- Educational events about MMPR, using successes and challenges in New Zealand and Australia as an example.
- Build coalitions with groups such as Justice Democrats, Berniecrats to work on statewide ballot measure electoral reform campaign.
- Propose to FairVote that they study the viability of implementing MMPR and advocate for forming an Electoral Commission.
- Ask CfER for support and background with organizing electoral reform campaigns.
- Reach out to New Zealand GP to speak with us about history of electoral reform.
- Within the next couple meetings, come to consensus as a committee about what specific reform/s we want to move forward with.

Adjourned: 8:07

Next Meeting

April 7, 2021 @ 6:30pm (first Wednesdays)

APPENDIX D - MARCH 2021 BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Monthly Bylaws Committee Report to the GPCA Coordinating Committee

From: The GPCA ByLaws Committee

To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee

Date: April 3, 2021

Submitted By: Mimi Newton and James Lauderdale, GPCA ByLaws Committee

Date of the last ByLaws Committee Meeting:

Sunday Mar. 7, 2021

Absent: Mimi Newton (Marin), James Lauderdale (Los Angeles)

Date of the next ByLaws Committee Meeting:

Sunday April 11, 2021 at 12:30 pm

Any significant actions the Committee is taking:

— None this month.

Continued work by the Bylaws Committee will include:

1. Continued effort to ensure Bylaws on GPCA Website are up to date.

APPENDIX E - Monthly Committee/Working Group Report to the GPCA Coordinating Committee

From: The GPCA Statewide Candidates SubCommittee

To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee

Date: April 4, 2021

Submitted By: Greg Jan

Date of the last Committee/Working Group Meeting: Saturday, March 27, 10:00 am

Present: Committee members Steve Breedlove (Butte), Greg Jan, facilitator (Alameda), Jared Laiti (Sacramento), Jake Tonkel (Santa Clara);

Date of the next Committee/Working Group Meeting:

Thursday, April 8, 7 pm

Any significant actions the Committee/Working Group is taking:

1. The Peace and Freedom Party has replied to our inquiry, and they are in fact interested in exploring "splitting the statewide races" (so that we won't "take votes from each other"). So we're now in the process of arranging our initial Zoom meeting with them, probably within about a week.
2. (2) To help increase the likelihood that Green candidate(s) in at least one of the statewide races will be able to get 2% or more of the vote (the minimum needed to maintain our ballot status), we've contacted (or will soon contact) three Californians with relatively high name-recognition (Erin Brockovich, Angela Davis and Danny Glover) to consider running for Governor, on our slate. While it's unlikely that any of them will say "Yes", if one of them did, we should then easily be able to surpass the 2% threshold, as well increasing the "growth of the Party".
3. (3) This coming week, the IT committee will hopefully be able to send out our email message to individual Greens, and to local Green Party groups, asking for suggestions of statewide candidates, and also inviting people to volunteer and donate for the statewide candidate campaigns. In particular, the filing fee for each statewide candidate now ranges from \$3,000 to over \$4,000 each, and a modest-sized candidate statement now costs over \$3,000 each. (Note: The filing fee is waived if a candidate submits 7,000 or more valid signatures -- we are still exploring how that might best be done).

Continued work by the Committee/Working Group will include:

1. We're going through lists of previous Green candidates (etc.) to identify good potential statewide candidate prospects
2. (2) We're also working on a "Needs Assessment", which will list various "needs" for the GPCA to undertake in order to have the best campaign possible for our statewide candidates

APPENDIX F

Proposal Title: GPCA to Co Petition for federal reclassification of methane and ethane.

Sponsor: Shannel Pittman

Approval threshold & Proposal Type: 2/3 YES Votes for Passage, resolution I guess.

Timeline: 2 Day vote. VOTING ENDS at 5PM 3/18 Thursday

Background: The deadline for being included on an important federal petition is 3/19. While I know it is a stretch to get the whole party to sign in time, I hope that it is possible to at least get The State Most directly affected by toxic smog, California to sign on a be among the petitioners. I know this bad form, I know this bad timing but this is so important.

Please note that this petition is only a signature of support and doesn't require anything else for organizations signing on per Gladys Delgadillo, Organizer for the Climate Law Institute with the Center for Biological Diversity.

Read Full Petition: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1z78V21ZcStO5DQWCrrRQzfdWR3-ZynO2/view?usp=sharing>

Petition Summary:

In the 1970s, the U.S. EPA decided to not regulate methane and ethane, two pollutants emitted mainly from extracting and processing fossil fuels, including making plastics, for their contribution to ground level ozone, which is commonly referred to as smog. Smog causes a wide variety of damage to people's health, agriculture, and special places like national parks. Health impacts include asthma attacks and even premature death.

At lot has changed since the 1970s. For one, the science of the formation of smog has advanced significantly. Moreover, the emissions of methane and ethane have skyrocketed in the U.S., mainly because of "fracking," which became a common tool to get oil and methane gas out of the ground starting around 10 years ago.

In light of these changes, we are asking the EPA to reconsider its decision and start to require protective measures to control methane and ethane emissions to better ensure that smog does not damage people's health and our natural wonders.

Proposal: The California Green Party will sign on as co Petitioner on the above Petition for the reclassification of methane and ethane using this form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWXMfako9lYdQ7uCo3l_01edkY-MLBNW1O_d_VUQUanYgtw/viewform

Implementation: Upon passage, one of the co-chairs will electronically sign on the state parties behalf, additionally proposer Shannel Pittman will keep the party aware of developments with this petition, and draft the section of whatever media our support of this action is assigned to at the CC's request.

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Shannel Pittman
Organizer/Volunteer

APPENDIX G

VOTING PERIOD STARTS NOW and continues through Thursday, March 25, at 10:00 pm.

Please vote by replying to this email with your vote of "Yes", "No", or "Abstain".

A 48 hour votes require 2/3 quorum (13 CC members), and an approval threshold of 80% (of the yes and no votes)

Title: Date and location of upcoming GA.

Sponsor: Tarik Kanaana.

Background:

It is time to prepare for the upcoming GA. Because of the Covid situation this GA will also have to take place on Zoom.

I am proposing Saturday 6/26 & Sunday 6/27 to be the date of the GA. This date will give us enough time to prepare and put on an informative and engaging GA but will also allow CC and Delegation candidates to introduce themselves before the end of the voting period for those two elections.

This choice of dates would make the deadline, mandated by the bylaws, to publish the agenda 5/15.

Proposal: The upcoming General Assembly will take place on Zoom on Saturday, June 26th and Sunday, June 27 2021.

APPENDIX H

Email from Nassim dated March 29, 2021 at 10:00 am

Dear CC,

I just watched this 30-min well produced video by Sandy, a former Movement for People's Party organizer. I invite you to watch it too: <https://youtu.be/BdVROSEGbZ8>

Please share your thoughts on CC listserve re the issues Sandy brings up.

This has a great deal of eye opening straight talk about building the foundation for a political entity that can help GPCA build an outreach and volunteer on-boarding process which I have not found a trace of anywhere in our structure.

I would also like to engage Sandy for a possible GA presentation.

For that reason, I propose to add 5-10 minutes to Tarik's request for GA organizing discussion to address strategies for making the most use of GA.

APPENDIX I

REFERENCES INCLUDED WITH LATE ITEM # (10) Discussion of Non-Toleration of Eric Brooks Abusive Behavior

Wanda Jean Lord

From: Wanda Jean Lord

Subject: Re: Treating Each Other With Respect (was Re: SGA Vote Administrator procedures)

Date: February 5, 2018 at 11:30:05 AM PST

To: Eric Brooks, GPCA Discussion List for SGA Votes

Let me be clear Eric – I am leaving this list because your condescending know it all posturing has become unbearable to be exposed to any further.

I don't appreciate your communication to me now - which is in fact another posing and pointless waste of time for you to hear more of your never ending drivel.

Because of my prior communications with you in which your abusive nature (which by the way is not as well masked as you appear to believe) forced me out of serving in helping fundraising for the party – and caused me to block all communications from you thereafter

to the best of ability, I have no interest whatever in being exposed to your destructiveness. Your continued, never ending need to have the high handed self serving last word with me – NEEDS TO STOP. I consider any further communication from you to me purposeful harassment and will treat it accordingly.

Just STOP and take me off the list – the rest of this conversation is unnecessary and if you respond to this email further I will take it as evidence that you consciously intend to continue your pattern of harassment toward me under the guise of information sharing. Any information I need to fulfill my roles I may obtain from a variety of people OTHER than you or this list – and I don't need your counseling to do so.

Thank you,
Wanda

Steve Breedlove

From: Steve Breedlove via SGA <>

Subject: [GPCA-SGA-Votes] Water/Land Use planks--please read. please vote yes

Date: September 22, 2018 at 12:23:52 PM PDT

To: GPCA Platform Committee, shane que hee, Eric Brooks, GPCA-SGA-Vote discussion

Cc: Steve Breedlove

Reply-To: GPCA-SGA-Vote discussion

All,

Eric Brooks is making a baseless attack on the work I've done. Eric provided ONLY this specific list of grievances after refusing to take a call with me or list specifics earlier. Below is the email he sent saying he didn't have time to respond after another few emails where he bullied me trying to force me to withdraw the planks because he didn't participate in the (not one, but two ENTIRE) DISCUSSION PERIODS--approximately 8 weeks total--and is an authoritarian personality as most of us know. So rather than working with me so we can all be happy (he claimed to be "too busy") he spent his time slandering me (eg suggesting I have a financial conflict of interest; I don't, I'm an air traffic controller) and making false claims and otherwise whipping No votes. But he didn't have time to address specific issues? I suspect this is a game and we're all the pawns.

Below the email are Eric Brooks' "specific" complaints. He's referring to the "gutted" plank bullets. I joined Platform because I like language and wordsmithing and frankly, while our platform is amazing and the only reason I'm a Green, it reads like shit. So I kept almost everything that was there and made it better. Just like Food and Fiber, I aimed to provide a radical vision of the future that Greens offer. I mean, which other political party calls for the corporate death penalty for habitual water polluters?

During round one of discussion, no one was on the listserv participating, so I reached out to a diverse group of people (about 10, with about 6 replies with concrete suggestions) so that I could get feedback and improve the end product. I didn't have to, but I did, because I am committed to a democratic process (unlike Brooks who did not participate in the established process and is now spending all his energy derailing these very strong planks). We ran out of time at the GA, which had a lot to do with Peggy Koteen who decided she didn't like some aspects of the planks even though Peggy is on the Platform Committee but DID NOT PARTICIPATE in the discussions prior to Stockton. This went back up first for the committee and then to the general membership for comment for the SGA and I received another half dozen comments, including from a water policy expert. I incorporated most of the changes for the sake of producing a final document that was as participatory as possible. And with every suggestion, I added options for the proposer to

select so that everyone was happy. The process was transparent and I'm greatly offended that Eric Brooks has defamed my character suggesting otherwise. I suspect that he only decided he needed to say something in the 11th hour to force his will, because the two of us have a history in the debate space of me mopping the floor with his myopic fundamentalist worldview using facts and a vision of a truly Green future based on my experience and education as a permaculturalist and agroecology advocate. This conflict is part and parcel of the rural urban ideological divide wherein some urban dwellers like to think they know everything about living on the land, although they are so alienated from real life they can't even depart abstraction into the realm of the material. Truth is bitter, of course, and this issue is one of the major reasons the Green Party can't get traction. Too many elitist "bourgie as fuck" city dwellers can't open their eyes and ears to the world as it exists outside their concrete prisons.

Brooks was so concerned with having a debate about these planks, he made a point to delete FB posts spreading his lies that I had responded to (Alameda page) and reposted them at midnight after I had gone to bed, eliminating my chance to defend the hard work I've done. This whole process is disturbing and has sought to erase the work I and everyone else did in participating in this process and creating the most radical and transformational platform planks the party has ever had the opportunity to enact.

Just an FYI, his personal bullying of many in social media spaces and listservs are a mockery of our key values as he continues to be a vote administrator and hold other important positions in the party, yet can't muster the energy to show up to an in person meeting. I won't be participating in the operation of the state party so long as he remains a part of that infrastructure.

It shouldn't have to be this way. And this is precisely why Greens can't get their shit together and why it isn't an electoral option precisely when crisis is striking. Fascism will fill that vacuum we leave open in our constant horizontal hostility by old guard members of this "club" because if it was a political party, we'd abide by process and we'd remove members from leadership positions who push their agenda at the expense of the organization.

Steve Breedlove

Ben Emery

From: Eric Brooks via SGA

Subject: Re: [GPCA-SGA-Votes] Water/Land Use planks--please read. please vote yes

Date: September 22, 2018 at 5:55:44 PM PDT

To: GPCA-SGA-Vote discussion

Cc: Eric Brooks

Reply-To: GPCA-SGA-Vote discussion

Of course you agree Ben. Because, as we established previously on the Forum list, you are a *rancher*.

Eric Brooks

APPENDIX J - GPCA-IT Committee Monthly Meeting Agenda

Sunday 03/22/2020, 6:00 - 7:00 pm Discord Virtual Meeting

Next teleconference: TBD

1. Roll call

GPCA-IT members: David Bond Co-Co (LAC), Nicole Raglin Co-Co (NC), Audra Walton, CC Liaison' (MC),

Members present: David Bond Co-Co (LAC), Nicole Raglin Co-Co (NC),

Absent: Audra Walton, CC Liaison' (MC)

Quorum: 2/3 Quorum At 7:00

2. Roles: Facilitator: Nicole Raglin Note taker: Nicole Raglin Timekeeper:

Vibes: *Discussion (d)*, *Decision (D)*, *Information (I)* * *Decisions made* ** **Action Items**

3. Approve or amend the agenda (3 min) (dD): -

4. Approve last month's Meeting Minutes (2 min) (dD): First David, Second Nicole...all approved.

5. Nation Builder Training (45 Minutes)

-How to send an email blast

-How to set-up a donation page

6. Discussion on website status

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