

GPCA COORDINATING COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, February 1, 2021 7:30 PM until 9:30 PM

(1) Roll call: (5 minutes)

There are currently 19 CC committee 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, Justin Richardson, John Schmit, Audra Walton, Laura Wells.

Present: Doug Barnett, David Bond, June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Meg Buckingham, Mica Daniel, Barry Hermanson, Tarik Kanaana, James Lauderdale, Mimi Newton, Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Shannel Pittman (7:40 pm), Nicole Raglin, Justin Richardson (7:35 pm), John Schmit, Audra Walton, Laura Wells

Absent: Karen Nyhus.

Quorum was had at 7:34 pm with 16 members present. Times of those members' arrivals who came after the quorum count was completed are noted above in parenthesis.

(2) Roles (2 minutes):

Facilitator: Tarik, Notetaker: Mimi, Timekeeper: Eric, Vibes-watcher: Mica

(3) Approval of Agenda (2 minutes).

The regular agenda — of items submitted in a timely manner — was approved by consensus.

(3A) Late Items (2 minutes each/8 minutes total):

(12). LATE ITEM: DECISION ITEM RE: Boycott and Divestment of Israel (Eric Brooks, San Francisco County)

(13) LATE ITEM: EMERGENCY STATEMENT RE: JAN. 6 EVENTS - (Eric Brooks, San Francisco)

(14) LATE ITEM: Discussion Item - Follow up re: California proposal to restrict access to voter registration data (James Lauderdale, Los Angeles County, Mimi Newton, Marin County)- (10 minutes)

(15) LATE ITEM; Discussion Item: Communication Tool Evaluation Plan (Discord & Basecamp). (David Bond, Los Angeles County) (10 mins)

A discussion ensued. A number of proposals were made to reorganize the late items, resulting in moving the late item listed here as number 15 to the top of the late items list. The late items were approved by consensus as re-ordered.

(4) Approval of the Minutes of CC meeting of January 4, 2021, posted by Nassim Nouri on 1/25/2021 at 12:42 pm (1 minute)

Approved by consensus.

(4A) Approval of previously approved CC December 7, 2020 meeting minutes posted by Nassim Nouri on 1/25/2021 at 11:30 am (3 minutes)

**With the following corrections noted by June:

Please see the text in orange (underlined) below that should be added to the Dec 7th meeting minutes.

Thanks,
June

(3) Approval of Agenda Late items:

Discussion of Position on 5G brought by Justin R, posted 12/7 at 3:45 pm.

Proposal for the CC to appoint a Liaison to ERWG brought by June B posted 12/7 at 6:11am - added as item 7b

Approved by Consensus

(07) CC agreed to delay decision

(07b) Decision item: Appointment of CC Liaison to ERWG (10 mins)

Sponsor: June Brashares

Proposal: That the CC Appoint a CC Liaison to ERWG

June Brashares was appointed Liaison to ERWG by consensus

(08) ... Approved by consensus.

(5) Approval of Consent Items (2 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:

Grow/Clearinghouse, Appendix A

Finance Committee, Appendix B

Platform Committee. Appendix C

GPUS Delegation. Appendix D

Bylaws Committee Appendix E

Electoral Reform Working Group Appendix F

Approved by consensus

(6) Action Item update (5 mins)

(6a) Action Items since the Jan. CC call, and from the CC retreat Jan. 23 & 24, 2021 - Mimi Newton

>> Action Item Arising After the Jan. 2021 CC Call:

- 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 volunteered for this item)

- Find someone to take on researching HR-1 and report to CC about it? This is the new bill disguised as electoral reform but a "poison pill" for GP (Mimi has volunteered for this item)

>>Retreat Action Items:

++ contact Media about base camp, discord, other platforms that may assist CC functionality — (Karen) (DONE! See David's Agenda Item)

++ send comments on the retreat notes that Nassim and Karen prepared— (Mimi)

- ++ work on vision statement (different from Mission Statement in Bylaws) — (Nassim, [June clarifies she did not volunteer for this task])
- ++ finish table of CC functions, with goals, strategies, tactics and projects according to CC responsibilities — (Mimi - DRAFT DONE!)
- ++ send each Co-Co an update regarding the SC or WG's 2021 Workplan (if submitted) — (June clarifies what she was willing to do, which was send out last year's budget documents that would include workplans for SC and WGs/ if folks need additional help preparing workplans for their WG or SCs, they need to reach out to Nassim, June, Mimi, etc.)
- ++. Send sample workplans to SC and WG Co-Co's [see caveat from June in previous item].
- ++ send reminder to SC and WG co-co's re: monthly reports — (Nassim - DONE!) (Missing Reports from: Media, IT, Fundraising, Activist training, CCWG, Green Issues)
- ++ send reminder about resumption of co-co quarterly meetings — (Nassim - DONE!) (see agenda item)
- ++ submit applications to be re-appointed to SC and WG's where terming out — (Audra (IT) (DONE!) David (IT)(DONE!), anyone else?)
- ++ work with Rick G. Re: voter registration project focusing on former Greens — (Nassim/Mimi)
- ++ work with Bylaws Committee to address voting membership requirements for WGs — (June/Mimi/James)
- ++ Check David's status on Finance Committee (David/Mica)
- ++ drop end of August deadline for WGs and SCs to submit 2022 workplans into Strategic Plan — (Tarik - DONE)
- ++ Statewide Candidates Subcommittee - (Mimi to post regular reports from SCSC)

(6b) Results of 48 Hour Voting / SGA Votes Since the last CC meeting. - (none)

(6c). Dec. 2020 Action items:

- IT update SGA webpages with vote results
- IT to load approved Nov CC minutes on website
- preparation of November GA minutes (June)
- Mimi to write up a letter for a call for applications Statewide Candidate Subcommittee - (Done but Need to Send Another - there are still vacancies.)

(6d). Jan. 2021 Action Items:

- Meg to check in with Diana to give her Facebook and Twitter admin status.
- >>> David to reach out again to Diana
- Eric will pass on all online social media assets keys to IT Cocos Nicole and David
- DISCUSSION REGARDING ACCESS TO VARIOUS SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS - follow up -
- >>> Eric is again requested to send ALL keys/passwords to any GPCA accounts that he has to Nicole.
- Justin will work with CC members on amending 5G proposal (DONE) (See Agenda Item)
- Mimi to inform SCSC applicants of their appointment. (DONE)
- Karen will send a CC list serve discussion and will send email polls for feedback on the CC Jan 23-24 retreat agenda. (DONE)

Discussion: Items marked "DONE" will be left off next month's agenda. Twinkles.

(7) Appointment of Committee Members (2 minutes each/10 mins. total)

(7a) Peggy Koteen application for appointment to platform committee

Hello Coordinating Committee-

I am applying for another term on our CA Platform Committee.

I have served on this committee since 2008 or 2009. During many of these years, Shane and I were the only constant working members, though there were stretches of time when a number of greens helped graciously.

If you are unaware of my Green Party background, a sparse synopsis follows:

I have been registered Green since 1992 and on our SLO County Council since the mid-1990s where I represented our county at many plenaries in the the late 90s and very early 2000s. I have been part of the GPCA delegation since 2008 or so. I have worked on the GPUS platform consistently since at least 2010, likely the most active Green in CA to do so. Recently I have stepped down from my duty as GPCA co-chair, though maintained the volunteer position of Vote Nanny for GPCA. I am also on the GPUS Animal Rights Comm from the beginning of its founding.

If you have any questions for me, please don't hesitate to ask.

With regards,

Peggy Koteen

Affirmations: Eric, Tarik, and Mica.

Approved by consensus.

ACTION ITEM: Tarik will let Peggy know she's been appointed.

(7b). APPLICATION OF JARED LAITI FOR REAPPOINTMENT AS SOS LIAISON

Jared Laiti reappointment as S.O.S. Liaison

Hi CC,

Thanks for the interest in me continuing to serve as liaison. I found the email below suggesting I may have been reappointed last year for a 2-year term? Anyway, as I already let Mica know, I'm willing to continue. Let me know if anything else is needed - I wasn't able to quickly find the statement I last used for the GA confirmation.

Thanks,

Jared

SOS Liaison

AFFIRMATIONS: Mica, Tarik, Mimi, Shannel, Eric.

DISCUSSION re Jared training a successor.

Approved by consensus

Action item: ?? Someone will let Jared know he's been re-appointed. (Mimi volunteers)

(7c) APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS LEAVITT TO PLATFORM

Dear CC:

I am sorry that I missed this e-mail from Thomas.

I had talked with him and encouraged him to apply for the Platform Committee since he is a long-time member of the Green Party, and a member of the Lavender Caucus. He helped on the Pandemics section of the Health Care plank before the virtual General Assembly, the last SGA and also the draft press release that I sent to you for consideration. Back in 2004 or thereabouts he worked on the sexual orientation platform plank.

We need energetic people on the Platform Committee with experience and he will help us update the California platform.

....Shane Que Hee, GPCA Platform Co-Co, Jan 26 2021

From: Thomas Leavitt
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 12:52 AM
To: Gpca Cc <gpcaccc@calgreens.org>
Cc: Que Hee, Shane
Subject: Requesting appointment to GPCA PlatCom

In summary; I've been involved with the Green Party at various levels since the 1990s; I actually registered Green in 1990 straight out of high school. I've been a California GA delegate, and a California SGA delegate. I've been a member of numerous committees at the national level through the National Lavender Greens Caucus, including multiple terms on the national Platform Committee.

I've been monitoring the CA PlatCom mailing list for a long time, and have previously worked with the Co-Co, Shane Que Hee, on various platform amendments. He supports my appointment. I want to join the Platform Committee because I feel that the Platform is the most important tool we have to differentiate ourselves as a party, express our values, and recruit new members.

Regards,
Thomas Leavitt

DISCUSSION re: asking Thomas to attend a platform meeting via Zoom before his application is considered by the CC. Eric proposes that the CC defer this application to the next CC meeting.

CC approved by consensus to defer this application to the next CC meeting

ACTION ITEM: Eric and Tarik to reach out to Thomas and invite him to next Platform Committee call via Zoom.

(7d). Application of David Bond for reappointment to IT Committee

Hi GPCA-CC,
I'm David Bond, and I'm a current member of the GPCA-IT committee. I've helped out with a bunch of other stuff, but for IT I've worked on Listserv configurations, archive assistance, server maintenance, communication issues, and revising the workplan for IT.
I hope you'd consider me for a 2nd term as GPCA-IT Committee Member.
Sincerely,
David Bond
GPCA-IT & CC
Affirmations all around!

Approved by consensus.
Action item: None (David is on the call).

(7e). Application of Audra Walton for reappointment to IT Committee

Dear GPCA-CC Members,
Please accept this email as a formal application to serve a second term on the Green Party of California Information Technology Committee.

My name is Audra Walton. I am a current member of the GPCA-IT and serve as the committee's liaison to the Coordinating Committee. I've assisted with archiving information and exploring new communication tools and platforms.

I remain confident that my skill set will continue to benefit the IT committee and I respectfully ask that you consider me for a second term as a GPCA-IT Committee Member.

Best regards,
Audra M. Walton
GPCA IT & CC

Affirmations all around!

Approved by consensus.

Action item: None (Audra is on the call).

(8) - Discussion item: Retreat Process Review (All, 10 mins.)

Review how the retreat went, capture lessons learned, record suggestions on process, implementation, and outcome for the next retreat.

Discussion was held. Reference should be made to the retreat documents, including notes, and the project outline HOMEWORK that Karen Nyhus sent us. We will re-agendize this for next month, as this work is iterative.

Action item: review Karen's PROJECT OUTLINE HOMEWORK from the retreat (email to the CC from Karen dated 1/23/21 at 2:37 pm, with attachment) and help identify the projects for which you want to be or are currently the lead. (EVERYBODY)

(9) Discussion item: Follow up on new tactics and projects towards building GPCA 2021 Strategy (Karen/Nassim, 25 mins.)

A follow up discussion to flesh out the tactics discussed at the CC retreat into projects and leads (Appendix, tactics chart - coming soon)

A discussion ensued. We discussed the functional aspects of the WGs and SCs. Reference was made to the CC Retreat discussions and other work we began to assess GPCA functionality, as well as the barrier analysis. See notes from Nassim to the CC in email message dated January 28, 2021 at 4:40 pm.

Action item: Send CC tactics chart for review by EVERYBODY. (Volunteer?)

(10) Discussion item: Cocos Quarterly meeting (Nassim, 10 min)

Cocos of Comm/WG used to hold periodic meetings but stopped due to lack of participation. Restating these meetings will allow Comm/WG to coordinate and collaborate, share tools and resources and implement their 2021 work plans in synchrony. We need a lead to plan and coordinate these calls.

A discussion was had regarding whether scheduling time to discuss this once a quarter on the CC calls was easier. It was noted that, given the time constraints, a separate call is needed.

(11) Decision Item: Adopt/Endorse Revised 5G position statement - Justin Richardson (7 Minutes)

Please see updated 5G statement for our Feb. 1 agenda, (below).

The content is largely the same as what was presented last month. Changes to address friendly amendments from previous discussion include:

- Reorganized to first state the “problems” followed by solutions as a bulleted list of GPCA demands
- Precautionary Principle is explicitly stated in the first demand
- List of references reduced by over 50%

My hope is that we can approve this at our February meeting. To that end, please share comments or concerns via email this week so I may incorporate them in advance of the meeting.

Thank you to Nassim for doing a bulk of the editing!

Justin

Response to Christine at 5:03 pm Saturday:

Thanks Christine for the comments and attention to detail.

See updated 5G statement (below), for decision at Monday’s meeting.

Changes include:

- Removed phrases about satellites violating FCC rules and international treaties, since no court has addressed the question at this time.
- Corrected reference [4] to link to 2018 FCC ruling. (Paragraphs 95-97 of the 2018 ruling clarify that Federal regulations can preempt State and local regulations if a municipality fails to approve permits for small cell installation in the public ROW. Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel’s dissenting statement to the FCC 2018 ruling characterizes this as “extraordinary federal overreach.”)

Justin

Decision Item: Position Statement on 5G Wireless Technology Environmental Oversight

Sponsor: Justin Richardson

Background and purpose: The CC discussed the idea of drafting a position statement at our December meeting, then reviewed a first draft of the statement at our January meeting. Comments and friendly amendments were received and incorporated into this second draft.

Proposal: See attached document for proposed position statement language. [Note: the last version of the proposal sent to the CC, dated Monday, 2/1/2021, 12:56 pm, v4, is pasted below in the body of this agenda item.]

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: The statement would be added to the website and sent as email blast to notify readers of our position.

References: Similar resolutions passed by Sierra Club SF Bay Chapter and California Progressive Alliance were distributed via email (from Justin Richardson) to the CC list on 12/7/20.

Revised statement:

Green Party of California Position Statement on 5G Wireless Technology Environmental Oversight

The federal government is fast-tracking a rollout of 5G technology on earth and in space. 5G requires an additional 800,000 proposed small cell sites in the United States alone placed in proximity of people, parks, and wilderness, as well as tens of thousands of satellites linked with an array of land-based macro-towers. This infrastructure has already been brought to market with no safety testing, and no environmental agency has set limits to ensure safety for living organisms such as insects, birds or vegetation.

A 2018 FCC ruling as well as federal legislation have limited local control regarding aesthetics, public safety and welfare of 5G in the public right-of-way. The FCC has not updated its own guidance with the latest scientific findings and is playing a subservient role to industry demands over community safety.

Concerns about 5G technology include ozone depletion from soot and particulates emitted during 5G rocket launches, climate change and increased energy consumption due to manufacture and support of the Internet of Things. However, of even greater concern may be the as of yet unknown harm this technology will cause once deployed and used in high volumes.

The Green Party of California advocates for local control, environmental review and public consent that present policy supporting 4G/5G technology takes away. We support minimizing energy consumption to limit climate change, and we advocate requiring risk assessment for human and environmental health, public safety, security and privacy.

The Green Party of California calls on Federal, State and local representatives to:

- 1) first and foremost, apply the Precautionary Principle to the development and deployment of 5G, as a philosophical and legal lens to all innovations with the potential for causing harm and to;
- 2) require robust and independent scientific environmental review of 4G/5G wireless exposure and to halt FCC satellite networks on earth and in space in light of new findings on climate, pollution and health impacts and to;
- 3) reduce exposures per the As Low As Reasonably Achievable principle and allow for local control over the deployment of 4G/5G and future generations of these technologies' small cell installations and to;
- 4) move forward with safer alternative technologies to 5G, following the lead of other municipalities and to;
- 5) adopt recommendations such as those put forth by the New Hampshire Commission on 5G in its comprehensive final report citing recent science on non-ionizing radiation health and 5G environmental impacts.

Approved by consensus

LATE ITEM (15) was moved up to this spot on the agenda during the approval of the agenda

(15) LATE ITEM; Discussion Item: Communication Tool Evaluation Plan (Discord & Basecamp). (9 mins)

Sponsors: Nicole Raglin, David Bond, Audra Walton, Karen Nyhus.

Background: Last month GPCA-IT discussed starting a new evaluation on a communication platform called Discord, to improve our communication tools. GPCA-IT and Karen N, from Sonoma, had a meeting and we discussed extending that evaluation to Basecamp, as a collaboration tool. We also have a plan for this evaluation we'd like to share with you that should result in an effective review of the tools and a plan to get them implemented for us, if we find them to be useful. The final result may be adopting 1 or both of them, depending on the evaluation review.

Preliminary Schedule:

Feb 1 - Evaluation Tool Setup

March 1 - Intro to Evaluate Discord & Basecamp

April 1 - Collect feedback on Evaluation

May 1 - Report on Evaluation

June 1 - Action Item on New System Implementation

A discussion ensued. A number of concerns were expressed and responded to by the IT Committee. Shannel spoke about GPCA possibly renting basecamp space from the Youth Eco-Socialist Caucus.

The remaining late items were taken in order, as agreed upon during the approval of the agenda.

(12). LATE ITEM: DECISION ITEM RE: Boycott and Divestment of Israel (Eric Brooks, San Francisco County) (7 minutes)

See email submitted by Eric Brooks to CC Jan 26, 2021, at 12:35 AM

Proposal: To send an item to a Standing General Assembly vote, for The Green Party of California to formally join the Boycott and Divestment of Israel until it complies with all international laws regarding Palestine and Israel's illegal occupation of Palestine.

Sponsor: Eric Brooks

Proposal Decision: To send to the SGA for a vote, a statement joining the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions of Israel and demanding that Israel end its illegal occupation and oppression of Palestine. (See the full text of the item at the end of the proposal.)

Background and Purpose

Both the Green Party of United States, and other Greens (such as the San Francisco Green Party) have made statements joining the BDS movement, but the GPCA has no platform position or formal statement on Palestine/Israel.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources

As soon as possible after passage, the Coordinating Committee Co-Coordinators will email this statement to the SGA Vote Administrators - and CC members on the Platform Committee will also email the statement to the Platform Committee. The SGA will then take a vote in its next election on the statement so that it can be released as soon as possible (as the Biden administration is setting its Israel policy). On a slower track, the Platform Committee will go over the foreign policy plank of the GPCA to see where the statement should best be included in the Platform and will prepare that more formal inclusion of the policy in the GPCA Platform for a *future* SGA vote.

If passed by the SGA, the statement will be emailed by the Finance Committee Liaison to the Finance Committee and the GPCA Treasurer to do the work to implement the policy. Also, if passed by the SGA, the statement will be communicated to the GPCA Media Committee Liaison and the GPCA spokesperson for reference, and with instructions that they and media volunteers should endeavor to

put out a press release based on the statement as soon as possible so that it might better impact Biden Administration policies.

References

Al Jazeera report on the current posture of the Biden Administration toward Palestine and Israel:
<https://www.aljazeera.com/opinions/2021/1/28/biden-to-israel-palestine-the-show-must-go-on>

Electronic Intifada report on Biden appointment of Islamophobic and anti-Palestinian Neera Tanden as head of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB):

<https://electronicintifada.net/blogs/michael-f-brown/bidens-pick-major-budget-post-islamophobic>
BDS Movement: <https://bdsmovement.net/>

BDS Movement 'What to Boycott': <https://bdsmovement.net/get-involved/what-to-boycott>

BDS Movement 'What Is BDS' (describes sanctions): <https://bdsmovement.net/what-is-bds>

Proposal Withdrawn - Tarik and Eric will reach out to Noura Khouri and discuss the statement within the Platform Committee.

(13) LATE ITEM: EMERGENCY STATEMENT RE: JAN. 6 EVENTS - (Eric Brooks, San Francisco) (7 minutes)

Proposal:

Full text for February 1 Coordinating Committee Agenda Item - Emergency Statement On Jan 6, 2021 Capitol Occupation. * See submission by Eric Brooks Feb 1, 2021, at 6:44 AM

Sponsor: Eric Brooks

Authors: Laura Wells, Nicole Raglin, Mimi Newton, Nassim Nouri, Eric Brooks

Proposal Decision: To quickly adopt a statement drafted by GPCA Leadership as an emergency resolution to guide GPCA public statements on the deadly January 6, 2021 storming and occupation of the US Capitol. (See the full text of the item at the end of the proposal.)

Background and Purpose

Shortly after the storming and occupation of the US Capitol on January 6, 2021, strong statements of opinion were made about the crisis, officially in the name of the Green Party Of California, on GPCA and other social media platforms, that were not vetted with the Coordinating Committee before being released. It is vital that the CC release a detailed GPCA statement as soon as possible making the GPCA's assessment of the crisis (and solutions) clear, and providing guidance to the Media Committee and GPCA spokespersons.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources

Immediately on passage, this position should be communicated to the GPCA Media Committee Liaison and the GPCA spokesperson for reference, and with instructions to remove all public statements made on behalf of the GPCA that are not consistent with the statement. The Media Committee Liaison and media volunteers, should endeavor to put out a press release based on this statement as soon as possible, so that the GPCA is taking a public stand on the crisis in order to advise California and the Nation on how to prevent such crises in the future.

References

Early report back on the January 6 crisis by Consortium News editor Joe Lauria:

<https://consortiumnews.com/2021/01/07/capitol-incident-a-dress-rehearsal>

Follow-up investigative report on manipulation of the protest - Greg Palast (video, 6 minutes):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hObM1HtstE4>

ACLU statement on recently proposed new Domestic Terrorism Act:

<https://www.aclu.org/letter/aclu-statement-opposing-hr-4192-confronting-threat-domestic-terrorism-act>

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm. The last item (14) was not addressed, but speaks for itself.

(14) LATE ITEM: Discussion Item - Follow up re: California proposal to restrict access to voter registration data - (7 minutes)

Sponsors: James Lauderdale, Los Angeles County and Mimi Newton, Marin County

Background: What follows is the body of James' email message dated Jan. 16, 2021:

We're past both comment and request to testify deadlines. The latter expired in December.

I've reached out to the ACLU voter project for their comment on the proposed rule but haven't heard back.

My take on this is that the the SOS was revamping existing State regulations created back in the 1990's and bringing many of them up to date.

The fees that can be charged for the Green a party to get registration information are somewhat higher but not significantly so. Requirements for storage may be more stringent but arguments exist on both sides of that.

In order to qualify for Confidentiality you must meet one of the specified conditions:

- Domestic Violence
- Public Safety Officer
- Court Order.

Simply requesting confidentiality won't work. Therefore most registrations will print email addresses if they are supplied. They are not required. So if local Councils out Green groups get ROV lists they may or may not be included and there is not much we can do about it.

I'm still doing work on this last point but have stated what I understand it to be.

At this point I think the larger issue is moot.

I'll let you know about the email issue.

References:

Here are SOS documents:

Initial statement of reasons is

at: <https://admin.cdn.sos.ca.gov/regulations/proposed/elections/access-voter-reg/access-voter-reg-files-statement-reasons.pdf>

Notice of proposed regulatory action:

<https://admin.cdn.sos.ca.gov/regulations/proposed/elections/access-voter-reg/access-voter-reg-files-notice.pdf>

APPENDICES:

Appendix A - Grow/Clearinghouse Monthly Report

Tuesday, Jan. 12th, 2021 7:30 – 8:30 pm

1- Roll Call / Roles

- CH members present: Mica Daniel (Coco), Nassim Nouri (Coco),. Absent: none

- GROW members present: Laura Wells, Rick Greenblatt, Barry Hermanson, John Schmit, Richard Gomez

- Roles: Facilitator: Barry, Notes: Nassim, Timekeeper: John

2- Clearinghouse Report - Nassim reported

- CH moving from weekly to 2/mon email blasts in 2021, need more authors and content.

- Swag and Lit: All remaining CH inventory has passed to Nassim from Mica and Jewel K (moved to PA), in 2020 counties not using lit due to covid and no in-person events. low on t-shirts stocks, no new orders for masks
- 3- Proposal: Expand GPCA registration during the pandemic – (Rick Greenblatt) - Approved
 - Project entails using tools developed by GPSD for counties to define a list of former Greens and to contact them by email, phone, etc. and to encourage them to re-register as Greens.
 - Discussions: - all are supportive, implementation in progress.
- 4- Proposal: GPCA to sign on for an organization page on Healthy California Now petition (Barry Hermanson) - Approved
 - The Healthy California Now coalition has started a petition to Newsom to request Fed waivers for a state M4A bill. GPCA can get a unique organization page link to the petition. GPCA logo will be at the bottom. https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/governor-newsom-lead-on-medicare-for-all?source=direct_link&referrer=group-green-party-of-california
 - Discussions: - all are supportive. GPCA has previously endorsed SB 562 and has guaranteed universal expanded and improved Medicare for all in our platform we should proceed.
 - Barry will set up and Nassim will include a call to sign the petition in the CH Thursday 1/14 blast.
- 5- Confirmed next second Tuesday conference call, February 9, 2021, 7:30pm.

Appendix B - Finance Committee Monthly Report

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

From 6:00 PM UNTIL JANUARY 16, 2021 6:00 UNTIL 7:00 PM

(1) ROLL CALL: Mica Daniel CC Liaison, Justin Richardson, Treasurer-elect, Ruscal Cayangyang Treasurer,

Absent: John Schmit, Frank Lambert, David Bond

(2) Approval of Agenda by consensus

(3) Approval of Minutes posted to GPCA CC on December 19, 2020, by Mica Daniel (See Appendix A)

(4) Please review 2020 and 2021 schedules and deadlines from FPPC when we need to turn in our forms:

Political Party 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>

December 2020 end of year filing due January 2021

*Update on January 31, filing

Odd Year Reporting Schedules

- [State Candidate Controlled Committees & Committees Primarily Formed to Support/Oppose Candidates for State Office](#)
- [Committees Primarily Formed to Support/Oppose State Measures - \(Not Being Voted Upon in 2021\)](#)
- [State General Purpose Recipient Committees \(Excluding Political Party Committees\)](#)
- [State Major Donor Committees and State Independent Expenditure Committees](#)
- [State Slate Mailer Organizations](#)
- [Political Party Committees](#)

(5) Treasurer Report January 2021

January 2021

Travis Credit Union state acct 12,741.40

Travis Credit Union federal acct: 1,601.07

Main PayPal \$309.70

Old PayPal \$0

Expenses:

\$100 Liquid Web Wired Tree

\$104.45 Call Centric:

\$216 SF PO Box Annual renewal

\$791.25 ISU Insurance Annual renewal

Upcoming:

200.00 Treasurer stipend

(6) Update

Ruscal: Update on paying Annual fee and fines.

Talking with the S.O.S. about check or credit card. Will update on next meeting.

Justin: Update on Net File \$3000.00 per year

(7) Discussion on Treasurer's Transition

Transition is moving smoothly.

(8) Next meeting: February 13, 2021 at 6:00pm

Appendix C - Platform Committee Monthly Report

Our next meeting will take place Feb. 25th @7:00

GPCA Platform Agenda/Minutes, Thurs Jan 28 2021 7-8p. (draft) Please suggest changes etc by 020421

Introductions 3 min Present: Eric Brooks (San Francisco); Tarik Kananaa (Sonoma,CC Liaison); Peggy Koteen (San Luis Obispo); Shane Que Hee (Los Angeles, Co-Co); Robin Rowe (Los Angeles)

Agenda Approval 2 min Approved by consensus

Continuing voting members process 3 min Member applies to the CC and Co-Co supports or not is current method.

New voting members process 2 min Green needs to attend 1 GA/SGA in the last 5 years plus working on Committee projects and applies to CC with Co-Co endorsement letter to CC). Next meeting: one/year. Invite Thomas Leavitt

Voting: Consensus and secret ballot. Both are used at the moment. Topic for next meeting.

Zoom (stack-raise hand) 5 min UCLA legal no reply. Probably OK at least for the pandemic period. Topic for next meeting: Use for final decisions in addition to meetings on every 4th Thursday

Post-mortem of Pandemics and next steps for Health Care platform 5 min Shane Que Hee (lead). Eric Brooks, Peggy Koteen, Robin Rowe, plus SGA volunteers) Change to Medicare for All?

Current Platforms: (bolded are draft priorities for updating)

Overview: Updating is preferred (GA/SGA) rather than new.

Animal Farming; Biocides; California Clean Air; Energy (2012); Ethical Treatment of Animals; Food and Fiber Systems (2018); Forestry Practices; Fracking (2013); GMOs and Cloning; Green Chemistry; Green Science; Nuclear Contamination; Ocean Protection; **Organic Farming**; Protection of the Atmosphere; Toxic Wastes (2019); Transportation; Urban Land Use; Water (2015); Wildlife (2017); Zero Waste (2019)

Budget (2016); Fair Taxation (2015); Focus; Incentives; Insurance; International Trade (2015); Livelihood; Measurement

Electoral Reform (2016); Proportional Representation (2013); Campaign Finance Reform (2016); Initiatives, Referenda and Recall; CA Elections and Budget Reform; Corporations and Democracy; Electoral and Campaign Finance Reform; Government Secrecy; Intelligence Agencies

Disarmament; Economic Conversion; **Foreign Policy** (Brooks); International Trade Agreements; Militarism of Youth (2017); Peace Dividend (2017); Third World Debt; **Violence in Society**

Affirmative Action; Arts and Culture; California Secrecy; Child Care; Criminal Justice (2016); Disability Rights; Drugs; Employment; Environmental Justice; HIV and AIDS; **Health Care**; Homelessness; Housing; **Human Rights and Civil Liberties**; Immigration; Mass Media and Free Speech; Native Americans; Population; Public Education (2015); Reproductive Rights; Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Gender Expression; Social Safety Net; The Elderly; Unions; Women's Rights; Workplace Safety and Health (2017); Youth Rights

Green New Deal (2020)

Green Party Endorsement of Black Lives Matter Platform (Bakersfield 2017)

3:34 pm Decision: Validation of GPCA endorsement of the Movement for Black Lives platform (Validation of endorsement made by Coordinating Committee at Feb. 6, 2017 Coordinating Committee meeting.) [Policy demands are listed on the Movement for Black Lives Platform page at <https://policy.m4bl.org/platform/>. They are listed under six categories: (1) End the war on black people; (2) Reparations; (3) Invest-Divest; (4) Economic Justice; (5) Community Control; and (6) Political Power.]

Proposal: That the Green Party of California endorse the Movement for Black Lives platform, and that this endorsement be validated at the General Assembly in March, 2017.

Sponsor: Liz Kroboth

Background and Purpose: Developed collaboratively by 50+ Black-led organizations across the nation, the Movement for Black Lives platform lays out a comprehensive, progressive agenda for promoting racial justice that strongly aligns with GPCA positions. For example, the platform calls for public financing of elections; divesting from fossil fuels; promoting economic cooperatives; restructuring tax codes to promote wealth redistribution; universal healthcare; ending the school-to-prison pipeline; and community control of police departments. While there may be numerous policy platforms the Green Party can find alignment with, the Movement for Black Lives platform provides a distinctive opportunity to support and hold up the work of Black leadership and to take a strong stand against the social injustice borne disproportionately by Black populations in the U.S. The Movement for Black Lives is seeking endorsers of their platform. Endorsement reflects support of their forty policy demands (i.e., numbered items under each of the six demand areas at <https://policy.m4bl.org/platform>). [Endorsement does not imply support of policy briefs accompanying the demands.] Over 50 other organizations have already endorsed the platform, including the Center for Constitutional Rights, Jobs with Justice, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Democratic Socialists of America, and the National Lawyer's Guild.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: Ideally, endorse as soon as possible.

References: <https://policy.m4bl.org/about>

New Platforms/Integrate?

Climate Change Crisis (Que Hee, Brooks, Rowe)
Black Lives Do Matter (Brooks, Que Hee, Rowe)
Latino Lives Do Matter (Que Hee)
Socialism and Capitalism

Other

Palestine/Israel (Brooks)-Ground Zero for Zionism; Foreign policy planks.

Appendix D - GPUS Delegation Monthly Report to the CC

Dear CC,

Please find below the Delegation Jan 25th meeting report.

Our next meeting will take place Feb. 22nd @6:30 (Note: Our monthly meeting on the 4th monday of each month has been change from 7:30 to 6:30)

GPCA Delegation to GPUS meeting agenda

Monday, January 25, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

1 - Welcome/chat (5 min)

2 - Attendance: Tarik K, Rick G, Richard G, Peggy K, Susan Lamont, John S, Susan Chunco, Nassim N, Phoebe S. June B, Noura K (joined at 7:30)

3 - Roles: (2 min) Facilitator: Tarik Notetaker: Nassim Timekeeper: John Vibes: all

4 -Setting Agenda. Any additions or changes (2 min) Approved with amendment

Amended time from 5 min to 15 min for item #7

5 - Announcements/reminders. (1 min) None

6 - Decision: 2021 Schedule of regular monthly meetings of the delegation. (15 min)

The monthly meeting takes place, normally, on the fourth Monday of each month unless it falls on a holiday or otherwise creates a conflict. At the start of each year the schedule of regular meetings is set for the year.

Proposal: The schedule of regular monthly meetings of the delegation for 2021 shall be as listed below. The meetings will be held at 6:30 pm on the listed dates. The date and time of a regular monthly meeting can be changed with two-week notice.

1/25, 2/22, 3/22, 4/26, 5/24, 6/28, 7/26, 8/23, 9/27, 10/25, 11/22, 12/27

Started vote and will continue 3 day online vote.

7 - On the NC voting queue. (15 min)

- Voting: none

- In Discussion: ID 1031 - [Amendment, Credentials Committee Mission Statement, Committee Rules](#)

Voting starts on Feb. 2nd

- Nassim has read through the suggested changes, leaning to a 'yes' vote to add the simple missions statement and to address the previously accepted recommendations to

- Richard mentioned it might be unlikely to have in person meetings as outlined in 7-1.2

8 - Discussion: GPUS Delegation Task List (30 min)

As a first step in an attempt to consolidate and update GPUS delegation documentation and to encourage participation we seek input (eg. add/remove, edit, assign) on proposed updated delegation task list below. We also ask delegation members to sign up to be responsible for any of the tasks on the list. (List attached at end of agenda)

- Tarik presented the list, Nassim reviewed the task list and recorded volunteers and updated task list.

GPUS Delegation Task List - NEW Proposed list – updated (see current at

Coco - Schedule monthly teleconferences, plenaries, GA breakouts, and Annual GPUS meetings
 Coco - Solicit and compile agenda items; circulate draft agenda
 Coco - Prepare annual workplan and budget
 Coco - Train new delegates; provide help to sign up for National Committee voting and listserves
 Coco - Track Delegation and Alternate participation
 Tarik - Prepare reports for General Assembly
 Coco - Send monthly reports to Coordinating Committee
 Coco - Prepare and distribute announcements of GPUS committees vacancies
 Tarik - GPUS Vote Tracking - Send vote start date reminders and Alternates vote reminders 2 days prior to end of voting
 All - Track proposals, prepare and present delegation proposals to GPCA and GPUS
 Coco - Coordinate with GPCA on delegation elections, voting and prepare candidate bios.
 Coco - Liaison with GPCA CC and other Committee Co-chairs (on listserves, Plenaries, etc.)
 Susan L.- Track delegation membership status
 Peggy - Track Internal Votes - collate and report on online votes
 Peggy - Track GPUS committee membership
 Nassim - Delegation webpage updates
 All - Facilitate teleconferences and meetings
 All - Posting draft and final minutes to listserve
 All - Recruit new Delegates and Alternates from underrepresented groups
Additional duties related to Annual Meetings: (leave as is, assigned at time of meeting)
 Coordinate site logistics (hospitality suite, meeting rooms, carpooling, etc.)
 Advertise and coordinate financial assistance as needed
 Monitor delegate attendance and coordinate decision-making and voting system
Additional duties related to Nominating Conventions: (leave as is, assigned at time of meeting)
 Same list as above for Annual Meetings, plus:
 Coordinate (with CC and Recruitment Comm.) statewide delegate recruitment (announcements, outreach, etc.)
 Coordinate (with CC and Plenary Planning Committee) the GPCA Nominating Convention
 Coordinate training and orientation of delegates
 Coordinate (with SoS Liaison) the selection of Presidential Electors
9 - Discussion: Defining participation. (30 min)
 In order to encourage participation and hold each other accountable for the jobs we were elected to do we must define what participation in the delegations means. Is it frequency of attending meetings, participating in GPUS votes, performing some of the tasks listed above, or something else?
Discussion: How do we define and measure participation and engagement?

APPENDIX E - Bylaws Committee Monthly Report

Monthly Bylaws Committee Report to the GPCA Coordinating Committee – January 2021

From: The GPCA ByLaws Committee
 To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee
 Date: Jan. 29, 2021
 Submitted By: James Lauderdale, Co-Co ByLaws Committee

Date of the last ByLaws Committee Meeting:
 Sunday, January 10, 2021, at 12:30 pm

Present: Mimi Newton (Co-Co, Marin County), James Lauderdale (Co-Co, CC Liaison, Los Angeles County)

Date of the next ByLaws Committee Meeting:

Sunday, Feb. 14, 2021 at 12:30 pm

Any significant actions the Committee is taking:

Nassim revised her recommended changes to the Internal Procedures of the Coordinating Committee of the California Green Party. Mimi will submit any comments on the revision to Nassim before our next CC call.

Mimi and James are discussing different requests identified regarding potential bylaws changes (Shannel, re: Working Group attendance, Greg re: RCV issues, etc.) and the best strategy for moving forward.

Continued work by the Bylaws Committee will include:

1. review of any potential By Laws items referenced in the CC retreat.

APPENDIX F. Monthly Report to CC from ERWG

submitted by: June Brashares, CC Liaison to ERWG

The Electoral Reform Working Group (ERWG) has an upcoming meeting on **Wednesday, February 3rd at 6:30pm**. I hope you can join us for it.

ERWG has not met for many months prior to now. The upcoming meeting is planned to re-activate ERWG and to be the starting up of regular monthly meetings on a new schedule of meeting on the **first Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm**. (ERWG will no longer be meeting on the 4th Mondays which was the old meeting date listed on the GPCA website calendar; a request has been sent to IT to update the website calendar)

Here is the zoom meeting info:

GPCA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: **Electoral Reform Working Group (ERWG) Meeting**

Time: **Wednesday, February 3, 2021 6:30pm-8:00pm**

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