

GPCA Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 12, 2021 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

(1) Roll call: (5 minutes)

There are currently 8 CC committee members. This means quorum is a simple majority of 5. David Bond, June Brashares, Barry Hermanson, James Lauderdale, Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Nicole Raglin, and Laura Wells.

Quorum of 8 CC members recorded as present

(2) Roles (4 minutes):

(a) Roles for July CC meeting:

Facilitator: June Brashares, Stack Taker: Karen Nyhus, Notetaker: James Lauderdale, Timekeeper:--, Vibes-watcher: Nicole Raglin

(b). Roles for August's CC meeting:

Facilitator: Karen Nyhus, Stack Taker:--, Notetaker:--, Timekeeper: June Brashares
Vibes-watcher:

Approved by consensus

(3) Approval of Agenda (3 minutes)

(3a) Late items:

Late Item (10) Decision Item - Proposal Re-Affirming CC Approval of Active Counties

Late Item (11) Call for Candidate Submissions and Schedule SGA Election to fill vacant seats on the CC

Late Item (12) Approval of GPCA Statement of Purpose for Publication by Secretary of State

Late Item (13) Late Decision Item: Elect CC Co-Coordinator

Late Item (14) Email from Green Party of Sacramento County Council of July 10, 2021

As Amended as to order, Approved by Consensus

(4) Approval of CC minutes (2 minutes) as posted to the CC by Barry Hermanson on July 8 at 8:32 pm.

The CC made two amendments to Barry's minutes:

1st amendment: At the end of item #9, the CC amended the minutes to remove the extraneous words: "Shannel will ????"

2nd amendment: In item #7, the CC amended the minutes to remove:

"Thursday 5/3 at 9:11 am: CC 48 Hour Online Vote: GPCA Statement on the Ongoing Israeli Occupation and Palestinian Nakba

* The final approved statement is included in the Draft Agenda for the July 12, 2021 CC Meeting."

to replace it with this updated addition:

"Results of 48-Hour CC Vote published June 6, 2021 to the CC.

Statement re: The Green Party of California stands in solidarity with the Palestinian people and with their fight against the brutal apartheid regime of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

13 people voted and all were in favor. The statement passed.

The full statement is appended below at Appendix E."

Amended Minutes will be resubmitted to Barry and are Approved by Consensus.

(5) Consent Items (5 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 in the meeting minutes:

June 2021 SCSC Report	Appendix A
CLEARINGHOUSE & GROW	Appendix B
FINANCE & FUNDRAISING	Appendix C
BYLAWS	Appendix D
MEDIA	Appendix E
IT	Appendix F
SCSC	Appendix G
ERWG	Appendix H

Approved by Consensus

(6) VOTING RESULTS and Other Updates Since the Last CC Call:

(a). Results of 48-Hour CC Vote published June 6, 2021 to the CC (inadvertently omitted from the June CC Draft Agenda)

Statement re: The Green Party of California stands in solidarity with the Palestinian people and with their fight against the brutal apartheid regime of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

13 people voted and all were in favor. The statement passed.

The full statement is appended below at Appendix I.

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(b) SGA Voting Results, as posted to the SGA on Tuesday, July 8 at 11:58 pm:

1) #216 For the Coordinating Committee (CC) election, NOC received more first place votes than any other candidate, therefore no CC candidates have been elected. Elected CC Members:

No other candidates are placed, 12 seats remain open.

2) #217 For the GPUS Delegate election, out of 9 open seats, NOC came in 8th, therefore 7 GPUS Delegates have been elected.

Elected GPUS Delegates: Susan Chunco, Mike Feinstein, Rick Greenblatt, Greg Jan, Rohan Sabnis, Cynthia Santiago, Phoebe Sorgen

No other candidates are placed, two seats remain open.

3) #218 For the GPUS Alternate Delegate election, out of 8 open seats, NOC came in 8th, therefore 7 GPUS Alternate Delegates have been elected.

Elected GPUS Alternate Delegates: Ann Garrison, Richard Gomez, David Grover, Aidan Hill, Linda Piera-Avila, Pamela Spevack, Kim White

No other candidates are placed, one seat remains open.

4) #219 For the Eco-Socialism Preamble Platform Amendment there were 53 YES votes and 24 NO votes, for a result of 68.8%, more than the needed two-thirds.

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(c) RESULTS OF 48 HOUR VOTE - PROPOSAL FOR SGA TO DECIDE GPCA POSITIONS ON RECALL ELECTION

This vote closed at 12:30am Sunday, July 11th, 2021.

The final vote tally was:

5 YES votes (Nicole, Nassim, David, Karen, June)

3 NO votes (Barry, Laura, James)

The proposal received a majority of YES votes so it was approved.

The full decision item is appended below at Appendix L.

(7). ACTION ITEMS from prior meetings (10 mins.)

Recurring Action Items:

- send SC and WG monthly reports to the CC (Liaisons)
- update SGA webpages with vote results/items for upcoming vote (IT)

New

- Update CC email list per request from Mimi dated July 8 (IT) - DONE

- Call for GA/SGA delegates for July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 per Item (6)(c) RESULTS OF 48 HOUR VOTE - PROPOSAL FOR SGA TO DECIDE GPCA POSITIONS ON RECALL ELECTION

June 2021:

- Nicole Castor via Forum: requests an update re: county delegates to the SGA; is curious about who is active and who are the current delegates. (Mimi) (Partly Done: Sent list of active counties to Nicole Castor & SGA on June 19, 2021)

[Noted Carry Over]

- Peggy Koteen: Re: Upcoming SGA Voting: Requests the hyperlink for the candidates in the GA Agenda

[Noted Done]

- Preparation of June 2021 GA Minutes (Mimi)

Previous to June 2021:

- send a second letter for a call for applications Statewide Candidate Subcommittee - (there are still vacancies)

[Noted Done]

- preparation of:

- November 2020 GA minutes (June),
- GA Minutes Porterville, Tulare County, California, November 17-18, 2018 (Mimi), and
- Minutes June 2020 (Nicole)

[Carry Over]

(8) Agenda Item: Appointments

(a) Application of Alex Shantz to the Platform Committee

Hey y'all,

Please consider this my application of appointment to the Platform Committee. I'm Alex Shantz, past Napa County Green Party co-chair currently residing in Placer County. First, I do apologize for missing the June 24th meeting. I wrote down the date and time, and didn't notice my notes until the next day.

I was at the last General Assembly (June 19 & 20), thus attending at least one within the last five, and submit my resume to demonstrate a working knowledge of the GPCA bylaws and operating procedures:

I join the Greens in 2010, becoming Co-Chair for the Napa County Green Party. Shortly thereafter, I rise party ranks, becoming North Bay Regional Representative on GPCA's Coordinating Committee, then Co-Chair. I've served as Senator of Social Science, Vice President, President, and Student Trustee for the Associated Students of Napa Valley College. I also won an uncontested race for the St. Helena Unified School Board. I've served as Vice Chair on the Napa County Gang and Youth Violence Commission and on a

Community Garden Sub Committee of the Napa County Local Food Advisory Council whereby we identified municipal parcels for garden sites. I've chaired countless coordinating committees, working groups, committees, sub committees, and general assemblies. I'm well-versed in consensus-seeking and Robert's Rules of Order. Additionally, I was Jena Goodman's campaign manager for her Lt. Governor campaign against Newsome. Public-public partnerships are policy tools to solve virtually any issue, particularly local. Green candidates, running on public-public partnerships, can build blueprints for county parties to materialize their policies.

My passion is to use public-public partnerships to abolish police. Specifically, Napa City can institute police abolition by re-institutionalizing its "Police Department" into a "Peace Department" and Napa Valley College can re-program its "Criminal Justice Training Center" into a "Social Justice Training Center" to train workers for Napa's new "Peace Department". Napa Valley College can remove all punitive policing methods (choke holds, racial profiling, violent use of force, etc.) from Police Academy training via an interdisciplinary curriculum, rooted in critical race theory jurisprudence, to train peace officers to de-escalate violence and provide mental wellness care.

Thanks for considering my application!

~Alex~

Outstanding Concerns that Alex was extensively committed in a number of existing projects. Suggested that Alex volunteer for the Committee for a period to see if it is a good fit for him. Resubmit application after trial period Approved by Consensus.

(9) Agenda item: Discussion / Proposal:

The path forward for future SGA Votes, and possible ways to improve the process (5 -10 minutes - Possibly more if a robust discussion follows)

Sponsor: Nicole Raglin, CC Member

Background and purpose: The SGA Voting process has been continually called into question by a vocal minority. Protocols by the delegation are not always followed, there have been chronic violations of decorum and attempts to undermine the work that is done by others to present items for voting and those who worked to make the vote possible.

Proposal: The Coordinating Committee immediately begins the process to review the Bylaws that address the SGA, which are overly complicated and begin to reform the voting process with current SGA admins.

Nicole proposed a discussion to move the SGA to a Zoom format as is the case for the GA.

That the CC undertake the discussion was Approved by Consensus.

(10) LATE ITEM Decision Item - Proposal Re-Affirming CC Approval of Active Counties

Co-sponsors: Laura Wells, GROW

Background and Purpose: Questions have been raised on the SGA listserv about which Counties are Active Counties. On August 4, 2020, prior to the start of the SGA discussion to begin on August 10th, GROW emailed a report to the CC regarding the Active Counties and their appointed SGA Delegates. At the Sept 14, 2020, CC meeting, the CC approved a consent calendar that included the GROW report listing the Active Counties which was attached in Appendix B. The purpose of this current proposal is to reaffirm that decision, so that we can continue to work to GROW the GPCA.

Proposal: that the CC approve this proposal re-affirming the GROW Report of Aug. 4, 2020, which was in the consent calendar approved by the CC on September 14th, 2020, certifying the listed Active Counties, their appointed SGA delegates and the County Council Members of the newly formed County Councils and the communications sent by former Co Cos to County Registrars.

The references below include the link to the minutes of the Sept 2020 CC meeting, and the GROW report of August 4, 2020.

References: <http://www.cagreens.org/committees/coordinating/meetings/2020>
https://www.cagreens.org/sites/cagreens.huang.radicaldesigns.org/files/Sept14-2020_CC_minutes.pdf

APPENDIX B - GROW/Grassroots Organizing Working Group report

Begin forwarded message:

From: Laura Wells <omitted email>

Subject: GPCA COUNTIES - Active status and SGA list status

Date: August 4, 2020 at 10:00:42 PM PDT

To: GPCA Coordinating Committee <gpca-cc@lists.cagreens.org>

Hello CC -

Here is the GROW/Grassroots Organizing Working Group report called for at the end of Monday's CC meeting. Listed are all 33 counties that have ever been considered active since the last presidential election year of 2016. Many emails have been sent via the Inform lists, with some follow-up emails from GROW, to guide counties through the process.

** 6 counties had County Council races that appeared on the ballot in the March primary, designated with two stars (**). (Santa Barbara got lucky and appeared on the ballot even without a contested race.)

* 5 other counties qualified at least one County Council candidate for the ballot, but not enough to achieve a contested race, and so they did not appear on the ballot, designated with one star (*)

Other counties scheduled meetings to elect their County Council members and SGA/GA delegates.

The following 20 counties submitted lists of their County Council members and SGA/GA delegates for the term July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. They are DONE, and ready for the SGA online voting discussion period starting August 10.

Alameda **
Butte
Contra Costa *
Fresno
Humboldt
Kern
Marin *
Monterey
Nevada
San Diego
San Francisco *
San Joaquin
San Luis Obispo *
Santa Barbara **
Santa Clara **
Shasta
Stanislaus
Tulare **
Ventura
Yolo

The following 4 counties have not yet submitted their SGA/GA lists; they are in process.

Los Angeles * - Los Angeles' SGA/GA application period ends 8/8, candidates are posted for a discussion period to last from 8/10 to 8/17.

Sacramento ** - Sacramento expects to submit their list soon.

Solano - Solano is holding a meeting on 8/5, and expects to submit their list after that.

Sonoma ** - Sonoma expects to submit their list by 8/14.

The following 9 counties have not scheduled meetings to elect their county councils and SGA/GA delegates, and have become inactive.

Imperial
Lake
Mendocino
Napa

Orange
 Riverside
 San Bernardino
 San Mateo
 Santa Cruz

LIST OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Changes since August 2020 include (may not be complete)

- * San Joaquin: Maxine (Mica) Daniel was replaced by Mary Goodin
- * Ventura: Anthony & Jewel Krzywicki moved
- * Humboldt: Mark Adams was removed

First Name	Last Name	County
Sarah	Aminoff	Alameda
Bill	Balderston	Alameda
Aidan	Hill	Alameda
Greg	Jan	Alameda
James	McFadden	Alameda
Paul	Prosseda	Alameda
Justin	Richardson	Alameda
Michael	Rubin	Alameda
Phoebe	Sorgen	Alameda
Pam	Spevack	Alameda
Steve	Breedlove	Butte
Meleiza	Figuroa	Butte
Alma	Godinez	Butte
Brooke	Houston	Butte
Tim	Laidman	Contra Costa
Paul	Larudee	Contra Costa
Jessica	Montiel	Contra Costa
Megan	Buckingham	Fresno
Richard	Gomez	Fresno
Martha	Henderson	Fresno
Terrance	Tovar	Fresno
David	Cobb	Humboldt
Dana	Silvernale	Humboldt
Julie Marie	Cartwright	Kern
Anthony	Fuentes	Kern
Penny	Sheppard	Kern
Doug	Barnett	Los Angeles
Marla	Bernstein	Los Angeles
Timeka	Drew	Los Angeles
Mike	Feinstein	Los Angeles
Annie	Goeke	Los Angeles
Ava	Kermani	Los Angeles
Danielle	Mead	Los Angeles
Cordula	Ohman	Los Angeles

Linda	Piera Avila	Los Angeles
Ajay	Rai	Los Angeles
Mimi	Newton	Marin
Frank	Lambert	Monterey
Larry	Parrish	Monterey
Efrem	Valentin	Monterey
Dominique	Wade	Monterey
Audra	Walton	Monterey
Hank	Chapot	Nevada
Michael	Gaboury	Nevada
Craig	Marquad	Nevada
Carmen	Mateo	Nevada
Beth	Moore	Nevada
Pamela	Osgood	Nevada
Nicole	Raglin	Nevada
Gary	Blenner	Sacramento
Christopher	Carlson	Sacramento
James	Castor	Sacramento
Nicole	Castor	Sacramento
Todd	Flinders	Sacramento
Randy	Hicks	Sacramento
Ryan	Hullstrunk	Sacramento
David	Quinley	Sacramento
Paulina	Gonzales	San Diego
Rick	Greenblatt	San Diego
Ann	Menasche	San Diego
David	Morrison	San Diego
John-Marc	Chandonia	San Francisco
Mike	Murphy	San Francisco
Rich	Stone	San Francisco
Colt	Gonzales	San Joaquin
Mary	Goodin	San Joaquin
Meredith	Bates	San Luis Obispo
Peggy	Koteen	San Luis Obispo
Charisse	Cordero	Santa Barbara
Michael	Cordero	Santa Barbara
John	Douglas	Santa Barbara
Leo	Raabe	Santa Barbara
Aimee	Smith	Santa Barbara
David	Han	Santa Clara
Tanya	Khaledi	Santa Clara
George	Marcussen	Santa Clara
Michele	Mashburn	Santa Clara
Nadia	Nouri	Santa Clara
Nassim	Nouri	Santa Clara
Christine	Pepin	Santa Clara
Charles (Oak)	Howell	Shasta
David	Kirkman	Shasta
Don	Yost	Shasta
Kim	White	Solano

June	Brashares	Sonoma
Susan	Chunco	Sonoma
Rebel	Fagin	Sonoma
Laura	Gonzalez	Sonoma
Tarik	Kanaana	Sonoma
Susan	Lamont	Sonoma
Karen	Nyhus	Sonoma
John	Schmit	Stanislaus
Merrily	Davies	Tulare
Jovita	Harrah	Tulare
Don	Manro	Tulare
Judy	Pendleton	Tulare
George	Schimpf	Tulare
Mike	Cordova	Yolo
Sadie	Fulton	Yolo
Connor	Gorman	Yolo
Bob	Scofield	Yolo

Approved by Consensus

(11) LATE ITEM Decision Item: Call for Candidate Submissions and Schedule SGA Election to fill vacant seats on the CC

(Justified late item because of the time sensitive deadline prescribed in the bylaws and it's essential for GPCA functioning. We found out the CC election results after the agenda deadline; the Notice of Vacancy and Call for Candidate Submissions must be sent out before the end of this month.)

Sponsor(s): June Brashares

Background: In the recently concluded SGA online vote #216 for the CC election, NOC received more first place votes than any other candidate, therefore no CC candidates were elected. 12 CC seats remain open for the terms running from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023. There are now only 8 CC members.

The GPCA Bylaws (section 8-4.5) states that if the membership on the CC drops to below fifteen (15) members, the CC shall publish a Notice of Vacancy and Call for Candidate Submissions to the active County Organizations, for candidates seeking election to the Coordinating Committee. An election will be held to fill the remainder of the vacated terms and any unfilled Coordinating Committee seats (such as seats remaining unfilled from past Coordinating Committee elections).

In addition to the 12 seats unfilled in the recent election, there are 4 unfilled CC seats for the terms ending June 30, 2022, so there are now a total of 16 vacancies on the CC.

Proposal: Approve the publishing of a Notice of Vacancy and Call for Candidate Submissions, and Schedule a SGA Election to Fill Vacant CC Seats.

A draft "Notice of Vacancy and Call for Candidate Submissions" is below. The proposal is to publish the Notice to the active County Organizations, & post it to the SGA list, on July 25. The candidate submission deadline shall be on August 16th, 2021 at 11:59pm (in accordance with the bylaws being 21 days from the publishing of the Notice). The notice includes the schedule for the SGA Elections to start the six-week discussion period on Monday, August 23, 2021 at 12:01 am PDT and ending on Sunday, Oct 3, 2021 at 11:59 pm PDT. Voting will be from Monday, Oct 4, 2019 at 12:01 am PDT through Sunday, Oct 10, 2021 at 11:59 pm PDT.

Implementation/Timeline:

The "Notice of Vacancy and Call for Candidate Submissions" needs to be posted to Active Counties on July 25th (via Inform list?)

SGA Administrators need to be informed for posting the Notice to the SGA and implement the discussion period & the voting.

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DRAFT Notice of Vacancy and Call for Candidate Submissions and BYLAWS REFERENCES
See Appendix J below.

Approved by Consensus

(12) LATE ITEM: APPROVAL OF GPCA STATEMENT OF PURPOSE FOR PUBLICATION BY SECRETARY OF STATE:

Late Decision Item: Amend and approve the 2021 GPCA Statement of Purpose
Time-sensitive due to the 7/16 deadline notified by GPCA SoS Liaison Jared Laiti on 7/8 & 7/11.

Sponsor: Nassim Nouri

Background: This proposal addresses the time-sensitive approval of the GPCA statement due on 7/16 to the CA SOS. GPCA SOS Liaison Jared Laiti informed the CC of the deadline on 7/8 & 7/11 (see emails below) and asked for a final statement to be provided him no later than 8 am on 7/16.

The recent platform preamble on Eco Socialism amendment to the GPCA platform was approved by an SGA vote of 69%. The current California Green Party statement directly reflects the GPCA platform and therefore it needs to incorporate the approved language of the Platform preamble amendment.

The proposal is to amend the 2019-2020 GPCA Statement of purpose to reflect the Platform amendment approved by the SGA on 7/6/2021.

Proposal: Amend the language of the GPCA Statement of Purpose directly with the language of the Platform preamble amendment as outlined below.

Implementation: If approved, proposer will update the GP CA Statement of Purpose and send to SOS Liaison Jared Laiti no later than 8 am 7/16 to forward to the CA SOS.

References:

1- Jared Laiti's email attached below -

From: Jared Laiti <omitted email> Subject: [gpca-cc] IMPORTANT UPDATE Re: SHORT DEADLINE - GPCA Voter Info Guide Statement Due 7/16

- see Appendix M.

2- The current 2019-2020 GPCA Statement of Purpose

<https://www.cagreens.org/green-party-statement-purpose-november-2019-election>

3- EcoSocialist Platform Preamble approved in 7/2021

https://int-cagreens.nationbuilder.com/sga_vote_216_to_220_6_2021

The Green Party of California Statement of Purpose 2021

The Green Party of California works to build an alternative system for a socially and racially just, ecologically sustainable, democratic and peaceful society that exists in harmony with nature, we call this system Eco Socialism.

Over 350 California Greens have served in elected office since 1990. Greens' early vision has resulted in cannabis legalization, closing California's last nuclear power plant, and enabling public banking. Our actions match our values because we refuse contributions from corporations.

Registering Green and voting Green means:

ECONOMIC FAIRNESS

- Living wages, green jobs, workers' rights
- Universal healthcare, free higher education, affordable housing, food security for all
- Reforming Proposition 13 to close corporate loopholes, restore schools and public services
- Taxing the super-rich

CLIMATE CRISIS

- Going 100% renewable through publicly-owned, clean energy and efficiency programs
- Switching from fossil fuels to clean electric-powered public transportation
- Restoring groundwater and watersheds
- Reforestation, restorative agriculture

HUMAN RIGHTS

- Ending oppression based on race, sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, economic status
- Protecting immigrants with sanctuary and pathways to citizenship
- Black Lives Matter, police accountability
- Gun control/safety
- Abolishing the death penalty, ending private prisons, reducing prison populations

ELECTORAL REFORM

- Proportional representation, ranked choice voting
- Publicly-financed elections to eliminate corporate money
- Overturning Top Two primary

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Approved by Consensus

(13) Late Item Decision Item: Elect CC Co-Coordiators

Time-sensitive because the CC has recently lost it's Co-Coordiators and Co-Coordiators are needed for the GPCA to function.

Sponsor: June Brashares

Proposal: Amend the CC Internal Procedures to enable an election of Co-Coordiators at the July 12th meeting; then elect the Co-Coordiators.

The first part of this proposal is to amend the CC Internal Procedures to remove the requirements that nominations for Co-Cos and candidate statements be submitted 2 days prior to the CC meeting, and also to remove the reference to the No Other Candidate option. The relevant section of the Internal Procedures is in the References below, and the words proposed to be **deleted** are in **[brackets bolded]** .

References:

Internal Procedures:

1-1: Selection, term and vacancy

1-1.1 Selection - As per the GPCA Bylaws Section on Coordinators, all GPCA Standing Committees shall have two Coordinators, including the Coordinating Committee (CC). This Article establishes that for the CC, there shall be one female and another of any gender or sex Coordinator and in a supporting role, one female Alternate Coordinator and another of any gender or sex.

1-3: Nominations

1-3.1 Nominations for Coordinators and alternate Coordinators shall open 15 days before the current Coordinators' terms end **[Remove: and announced by posting to the CC email list]**. Nominations shall be posted to the CC email list and may be accepted by candidates through email. Self-nominations shall be accepted when made. Nominations of the same person may be made and accepted for both Coordinator and alternate Coordinator. **[Remove: Nominations shall close at midnight two days before the CC meeting.**

1-3.2 Candidates must submit a written candidate statement to the CC email list, no later than two days before the CC meeting. The statement should include a brief biography and a list of relevant experiences and perspective on how the candidate will perform their duties.]

1-4: Elections

1-4.1 Coordinators and Alternate Coordinators shall be selected sequentially via a CC meeting at the close of the previous Coordinator's term, via the process described below.
1-4.2 If there is only one candidate, the candidate shall make a brief statement, followed by a CC decision through the consensus process.
1-4.3 If there is more than one candidate, each shall make a brief statement, followed by a call for questions and concerns, after which the candidates address concerns. Voting shall be by instant run-off voting [**Remove: and shall include a No Other Candidate option**]. All CC members may cast votes, using the best platform depending how the meeting is conducted (in-person, by phone, or video). A candidate receiving a majority of votes cast is considered elected.

Amendments made to the Internal Procedures
Approved by Consensus

After the amendments to the Internal Procedures were approved, a friendly amendment was accepted for the CC to delay further action until there is a full body in place.

Proposal that the CC wait until there is a full body before appointing Co-coordinators.
Formal statements to be made in the name of the CC as a whole or by an appointee.
Approved by Consensus

(14) LATE ITEM Email from Green Party of Sacramento Council of July 10, 2021

Concerns were expressed and the CC by consensus approved that the following be inserted into the minutes:

A review determined the submission from the Sacramento Council alleging violations of State Law has no merit.

From: Nicole Castor <omitted email >
To: nicole castor <omitted email>, Gary Blenner <omitted email >, GPCA Coordinating Committee <omitted email >
Date: Sat, 10 Jul 2021 19:40:10 -0700
Subject: Urgent: Please Add Late Item to July 12 Agenda
Green Party of Sacramento County
PO Box 7531 Citrus Heights, CA 95621
greenpartysacramento.org
Contact :
Gary Blenner <omitted email>
Nicole Castor <omitted email>

RE: Green Party of California (GPCA) Coordinating Committee (CC), Elections Code Violations

July 10, 2021

Dear Coordinating Committee Members,

The Green Party of California (GPCA) Coordinating Committee has violated both GPCA Bylaws and California state law (in the form of the California Elections Code pertaining to the Green Party)- by conducting internal decision-making by including votes from individuals who were not qualified to vote under GPCA Bylaws and the California Elections Code.

In so doing, the Coordinating Committee has compromised the integrity of Green Party internal votes and elections, and as a result, the integrity of the internal workings of the GPCA itself.

The Green Party of Sacramento County had sent two notices through various channels in the party regarding these violations, and only one response was made in reference to our notices:

Some of you have asked questions about "active counties" and other considerations of the bylaws. A conversation with the Standing General Assembly and GPCA Coordinating Committee will be needed to identify any corrective actions for future votes.

David Bond

SGA Admin

As such, we feel compelled to remind that state law supersedes GPCA Bylaws. Therefore, neither the Standing General Assembly (SGA) nor the Coordinating Committee (CC) have standing to make decisions nor interpretations that can excuse these violations. No action by either of these bodies (SGA, CC) can change what was written in GPCA Bylaws and California state law at the time these violations occurred; and no interpretation of GPCA Bylaws to excuse these violations can be made by an unauthorized delegation, nor any committee which violates state law in its operations. The governing authority over this matter will ultimately be the State of California.

Because of these gross violations, (i) to restore integrity to the GPCA's internal decision-making process, (ii) to return the GPCA's internal decision-making process to a place where members of the public would want to support the GPCA and its candidates, (iii) to give reason to the GPUS Accreditation Committee and National Committee not to vote to disaffiliate the GPCA under GPUS Rules and Procedures Article I Accreditation (<https://gpus.org/rules-procedures/#01>), to (iv) provide evidence to the State of California that the GPCA is taking corrective action to address these violations and (v) minimize the GPCA's exposure to potential litigation alleging voter fraud in the party's internal decision-making, the Green Party of Sacramento County believes that the GPCA Coordinating Committee must do the following:

1. Resign en masse, effective as follows, in order to take responsibility for these actions of the CC. State law requires the GPCA to have a "State Central Committee", which in the GPCA is the CC. Therefore, resignation of the existing CC members should take effect as soon as an

election can be held to replace them for the last year of their two-year terms. In the meantime, the CC should be seated only in order to satisfy the GPCA's legal and contractual obligations, including as specified in GPCA Fiscal Policy 7-2 http://cagreens.org/fiscal-policy#Article_7. Expenditures, and to satisfy the basic maintenance of the GPCA's public points of contact through its webpage, phone number and email addresses; but shall refrain from any other decision-making.

To effectuate such an election in a timely manner to promote the stable operation of the GPCA, the CC should make a bylaws interpretation and submit it to the SGA, to shorten the normal six-weeks discussion period and one week voting period for a new CC election, so that the newly elected CC members would be seated in time for the CC's August meeting:

Option 1: Voting to conclude by Sunday, August 1, in time for the CC's regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, August 2

- Application period (Tuesday, July 13 through Sunday, July 18), with notice of the opening of the application period sent via the GPCA Inform List and copied to the gpcforum@cagreens.org email list

- 1 week discussion period (Monday, July 19 through Sunday, July 25)

- 1 week voting period (Monday, July 26 through Sunday, August 1)

Option 2: Change the CC's regularly scheduled meeting in August to Monday, August 9, with voting to conclude on Sunday, August 8

- Application period (Tuesday, July 13 through Sunday, July 18, or perhaps a few additional days into the ensuring week)

- Discussion period (After the close of the application period, through Sunday, August 1)

- 1 week voting period (Monday, August 2 through Sunday, August 8)

2. After the seating of the newly elected CC members to fill the remainder of the last year of the two-year terms of the existing CC members, schedule a new election to fill the remainder of the two-year terms that were put up for election in the compromised June 2021 CC elections.

3. That in each of the SGA's convened to conduct these elections and to vote on the CC bylaws interpretation, that only SGA delegates from the 11 counties that had a county council elected in the March 2020 presidential preference primary election (Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Marin, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Sonoma, Tulare) be seated as delegates, as well as any additional county councils that would be certified under GPCA Bylaws 6-5.4, by the newly elected CC.

4. Immediately publish a list to the gpcforum@cagreens.org email list of the SGA delegates that have been reported for the July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 term from the 11 counties that had a county council elected in the March 2020 presidential preference primary election, and provide updates as more are reported.

5. To promote greater transparency and rebuild confidence in the voting process, cease the use of the "OpaVote" application, and revert to the previously used GPCA SGA voting page (<http://sga.cagreens.org/vote/index>); as using this application will automatically post

an up-to-date delegate list and will show ballots cast, available for all to see - necessary features missing from the OpaVote system. The former SGA voting page admins have already committed to helping the new admins to set the system back up.

6. Refrain from enacting any policy or decision that was not enacted by consensus at any GPCA General Assembly (GA) or SGA from July 1, 2020 through the present, as the decision-making for any such policy or decision has been compromised by votes from individuals from counties that do not have an active county party under GPCA Bylaws and the California Elections Code; and have the newly elected Coordinating Committee establish a sub-committee to review those decisions with only the votes of delegates from counties that have an active county party under GPCA Bylaws and the California Elections Code

7. As regards GPCA positions on the 2021 California gubernatorial recall election, since no plan was presented by the CC's Elections sub-committee to the June 2021 SGA for democratic approval by SGA delegates, (i) place before the SGA for endorsement only any Greens who qualify for the ballot and request endorsement and (ii) a 'support', 'oppose' or 'no position' ranked-choice vote before the SGA.

8. As regards GPCA endorsements of statewide candidates in the June 2022 elections, since no plan was presented by the CC's Elections sub-committee to the June 2021 SGA for democratic approval by SGA delegates, (i) delay such decision-making regarding endorsing Green Party members until a November/December SGA, and place before the SGA for endorsement only any Greens who request endorsement; and (ii) only consider endorsement of non-GPCA members after the close of the ballot qualification period in March 2022, and only in races in which no Green Party member has qualified for the ballot and requested GPCA endorsement.

Late Item 14's Appendices are attached below at Appendix K

[The Item timed out during discussion at 9:30pm]

APPENDICES:

Appendix A - SCSC Monthly Committee/Working Group Report to the GPCA Coordinating Committee

From: The GPCA Statewide Candidates Sub Committee

To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee

Date: June 6, 2021

Submitted By: Greg Jan

Date of the last Committee/Working Group Meeting:

Thursday, June 3, 7 pm

Present: Committee members Steve Breedlove (Butte), Greg Jan, facilitator (Alameda), Jared Laiti (Sacramento)

Date of the next Committee/Working Group Meeting: Thursday, June 17, 7 pm

Any significant actions the Committee/Working Group is taking:

1. We are continuing to meet approximately monthly with the Peace and Freedom Party (about "splitting the statewide races" next year so we won't "take votes from each other"). P&F currently still has only identified US Senate and Insurance Commissioner candidates (who previously ran for those seats), while we have now identified candidates for Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, and State Controller. (And the Lt. Gov. candidate might possibly be willing to consider running for Governor, and the Sect. of State candidate is also willing to consider running for Lt. Gov. But if we're able to instead identify a separate Governor candidate, then we'll be able to eliminate the current "musical chairs situation"). And with the Peace and Freedom Party, we still need to try to agree on a name for our "joint slate" -- right now "Left Unity slate" is the leading contender, but that's certainly not definite.
2. (2) As previously reported, 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 five Californians with relatively high name-recognition (Erin Brockovich, Angela Davis, Danny Glover, Dave Anthony, and Matt Gonzalez) to consider running for Governor, but only Dave Anthony and Matt Gonzalez replied -- they were both flattered, but declined. We have also contacted indigenous environmental activist Pennie Opal Plant, who has declined, and former SF Mayoral candidate Francisco Herrera, who did not reply. We will likely contact at least a few more activists and we might also ask a few activist groups to suggest possible candidates.
3. (3) The IT committee sent out our email message to individual Greens back in April, asking for suggestions of statewide candidates, and also inviting people to volunteer and donate for the statewide candidate campaigns. We've now received perhaps \$500 in donations and a couple of Greens whom we're in touch with volunteered to help out when the campaign begins.

Continued work by the Committee/Working Group will include:

§ (1) We're continuing to go through lists of previous Green candidates and activists to identify good statewide candidate prospects

§ (2) We will also be 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. However, our top priority right now is to identify at least one more good candidate.

§ (3) We are now meeting every other week, on Thursday evenings

§ (4) We are preparing a presentation for the upcoming General Assembly meeting on our work (including cooperating with the Peace and Freedom Party), and an outline of how the SGA might vote on the Recall election as well as Greens (etc.) who might run to replace Newsom then.

Appendix B - Clearinghouse Committee & GROW Joint Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Roll call and roles - Clearinghouse: Nassim Nouri, Mica Daniel; GROW: Laura Wells (Notes), Rick Greenblatt, Richard Gomez, Barry Hermanson, Christine Pepin (Facilitator)
GPCA General Assembly

- June 19-20. Next planning meeting will be Wed, June 16. “Co-co’s Call”, Friday, June 18, 7:30pm

- Healthcare Medicare-for-All platform plank, people had feedback that will be brought up at the GA.

Clearinghouse reports

- Mica is clearing junk emails, which piled up after the email lapse
- Clearinghouse is sending out regular newsletter blasts
- Fundraising email went out 6/8/21, \$23.50 so far
- Media releases are starting up again, Public Banking on 6/8/21 and Palestine on 5/20/21, Palestine statement is ready to go
- Idea to create a calendar and coordinate mailings so people don’t unsubscribe after getting a bunch in a row

GROW reports

- Voter Registration update
- Medicare for All (<https://m4m4all.org/>) discussed GPCA endorsement; current endorsements are Green Parties (Seattle and Washington State), as well as DSA and Bernie groups. Individual counties like San Diego will look into it for its scheduling help.

IT issues report - Problems for about a week, with email lists down and website reached capacity. Working now. Proposed moving to Discord.

Pacifica/KPFA Bylaws - Almost all Greens endorse No. Discussed behaviors and misrepresentations of the side that proposed the bylaws change.

Confirm next call - second Tuesday conference call, July 13, 2021, 7:30pm.

Adjourn - 9:00pm

Appendix C - Finance Committee Report

(1) Roll call: Mica Daniel, CC liaison, Justin Richardson, Treasurer, Laura Wells, Barry Hermanson

Absent F. Lambert (family coming), Vicente Cruz (needs longer timeline) David Bond, (IT emergency)

(2) Roles: Facilitator& Notetaker, Mica Daniel Vibes-watcher Timekeeper

(3) Build and Approve the Agenda

(4) Approval of the minutes of May 27, 2021, as posted by Mica Daniel to CC on Sunday, May 30, 2021, at 9:33 AM

(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>

(6) June Treasurer Report (Actual & Projected)

Treasurer's Report to the Finance Committee for June 2021

Submitted by Justin Richardson, Treasurer

Account Balances as of 6/15/2021:

Travis Credit Union (savings) Federal account: \$1,606.62

Travis Credit Union (checking) State account: \$12,728.16

Main PayPal: \$1,990.43

Old PayPal: account is closed

Expenses (5/24 - 6/15/21):

ISP (political filing software): \$100.00

Call Centric: \$10.45

Treasurer Stipend: \$400 (for May and June)

Upcoming expenses:

Liquid Web Wired Tree: \$106.00

The upcoming possible expense for July

*USPS Business Reply Account renewal: \$245.00 (report from Justin)'s

It was decided that we were not using this account for a few years. Therefore we would discontinue the account.

6A. Money to David Bond send an invoice

The Treasurer will reach out to David Bond with a friendly reminder to send an invoice for IT expenses for reimbursement.

6B. email account for the Treasurer

Justin is very pleased that there is a dedicated email for the Treasurer. Makes it easier for him to stay abreast of party finances.

(7) Discussion: Thank you Notes: visual for the front cover, contact info on the back

Barry is going to print out a small run of cards and send them to Mica for testing.

(8) Fundraising Letter

The first Fundraising letter got out and we are planning on putting out another one.

We have not set a date or time for the next.

(9) Recruitment for Finance & Fundraising Committee

We all are being vigilant and looking for people that are interested in the finance and/or Fundraising committee.

(10) Affirmed next meeting date July 22, 2021, 6 PM to 7 PM

Appendix D - Monthly Bylaws Committee Report to the GPCA Coordinating Committee – June 2021

From: The GPCA By-Laws Committee

To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee
Date: July 5, 2021
Submitted By: Mimi Newton, Co-Co By-Laws Committee
* * *

Date of the last By-Laws Committee Meeting:
Sunday, June 13, 2021 at 12:30 pm
Present: Mimi Newton (Marin)
Absent: James Lauderdale (Los Angeles)
Date of the next By-Laws Committee Meeting: Sunday, July 18, 2021 at 12:30 pm

Any significant actions the Committee is taking:

The Committee is resurrecting the list of recommendations for changes to the GPCA bylaws that was previously entitled "Ridiculous By Laws."

It is noted that there have been numerous instances of Greens at various meetings and various forums over the past month (including the GA Planning meetings, the SGA Voting Platform, and the GA) making a variety of recommendations regarding bylaws changes and we are trying to keep up with the requests and including them on our existing list of Bylaws changes to consider.

Those with additional recommended changes to the Bylaws are encouraged to submit them to either James Lauderdale or Mimi Newton.

New Items: Continued work by the Bylaws Committee will include:

1. Review of recommended changes to the By Laws item by item.

Appendix E – Media Committee Meeting Notes – June 21, 2021

Attendees: Laura Wells, Co-coordinator (NOTETAKER), Thomas Leavitt, Christine Pepin
Absent: Susan Lamont

* Planned media release on Top Two primary related to bills in Sacramento and the GPCA letter approved at the General Assembly June 19-20. Thomas will take the lead and work with Mike Feinstein on a draft for Media Committee review.

* Discussed Thomas' writing about EDD and AB 1041 related to sick leave and family leave to allow people to care for members of their *chosen* families. Might be an Op-Ed.

* Reviewed recent release and statement on Palestine.

Next meeting: Third Monday, July 19, 2021, 2-3pm.

APPENDIX F – GPCA-IT Committee Monthly Meeting Agenda

Sunday 06/16/2021, 8:00 pm – 9 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), Audra Walton, CC Liaison' (MC), Nicole Raglin Co-Co (NC),

Absent:

Quorum: 3/3 Quorum At 8:00 pm

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): First David, Second Nicole...all approved

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

5. Training on Drupal website (Updating pages) & document storage on Nationbuilder Facilitated by Nicole Raglin

APPENDIX G – SCSC Monthly Committee/Working Group Report to the GPCA Coordinating Committee

From: The GPCA Statewide Candidates Subcommittee

To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee

Date: July 11, 2021

Submitted By: Greg Jan

Date of the last Committee/Working Group Meeting: Thursday, July 1, 7 pm

Present: Committee members Steve Breedlove (Butte), Greg Jan, facilitator (Alameda), Jared Laiti (Sacramento)

Date of the next Committee/Working Group Meeting: Thursday, July 15, 7 pm

Any significant actions the Committee/Working Group is taking:

1. We are continuing to meet approximately monthly with the Peace and Freedom Party (about "splitting the statewide races" next year so we won't "take votes from each other"). P&F currently still has only identified US Senate and Insurance Commissioner candidates (who previously ran for those seats), while we have now identified candidates for Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, State Controller, and possibly Attorney General. (And the Lt. Gov. candidate might possibly be willing to consider running for Governor, and the Sect. of State candidate is also willing to consider running for Lt. Gov. But if we're able to instead identify a separate Governor candidate, then we'll be able to eliminate the current "musical chairs situation"). Also, with the Peace and Freedom Party, we still need to try to agree on a name for our "joint slate" – right now "Left Unity slate" is the leading contender, but that's certainly not definite. Also, we will be discussing what to do about a Green who wants to run for US Senate, and (apparently) nothing else, given the fact that P&F only has 2 confirmed candidates and we have at least 3 (and if we confirm the Attorney General prospect, we'll then have 4, and if we also confirm a Governor candidate, we'll then have 5).

2. As previously reported, 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 five Californians with relatively high name-recognition (Erin Brockovich, Angela Davis, Danny Glover, Dave Anthony, and Matt Gonzalez) to consider running for Governor, but only Dave Anthony and Matt Gonzalez replied – they were both flattered, but declined. We have also contacted indigenous environmental activist Pennie Opal Plant, who has declined, and former SF Mayoral candidate Francisco Herrera, who did not reply. We will likely contact at least a few more activists and we are also asking a few activist groups to suggest possible candidates.

3. The IT committee sent out our email message to individual Greens back in April, asking for suggestions of statewide candidates, and also inviting people to volunteer and donate for the statewide candidate campaigns. We've now received perhaps \$500 in donations and a couple of Greens whom we're in touch with volunteered to help out when the campaign begins.

4. We made a presentation at the June GPCA General Assembly meeting about our work. We have also submitted proposals about the Recall election for the SGA to vote on, and we will be updating those proposals as new information is obtained (such as which candidates actually qualify to be on the Recall ballot, given the July 16 qualification deadline).

Continued work by the Committee/Working Group will include:

§ (1) We're continuing to go through lists of previous Green candidates and activists to identify good statewide candidate prospects, especially for Governor.

§ (2) We will also be 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. However, our top priority right now is to identify a Governor candidate.

§ (3) As we have been, we are planning to continue meeting every other week, on Thursday evenings

§ (4) As mentioned in #4, above, we will be providing updated info about the Recall election to the SGA, and we will assist with facilitating the SGA Recall proposals.

APPENDIX H – Report from the Electoral Reform Working Group (ERWG).

This report below covers May, June and July 2021.

At the General Assembly on June 20th, there was a discussion session at which Caledon Myers of ERWG made a presentation entitled

"Long-Term Electoral Reform Strategy: The California Plan."

For more information about that presentation see:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rKVhzB3goqK7mo_dbhtoQjepKESTUmfg/view

(There were no regular monthly ERWG meetings held in May or June; ERWG resumed regular monthly meetings in July.)

ERWG met on July 7, 2021, 6:30pm - (ERWG's meetings are on the 1st Wednesday of the Month at 6:30pm)

Present: Caledon Myers, Eric Brooks, Charisse Cordero, June Brashares

Agenda:

1) Introductions - 2) Roles - 3) Agenda review and approval

4) Discussion: The California Plan and the Green's next steps in pursuing electoral reform.

Caledon reported that now that the NLC is currently developing its team and gearing up to start drafting the initiatives, each month's developments will be brought to the ERWG meetings for discussion and hearing how Green's would like to proceed.

Other topics are open for conversation for those interested in discussing other electoral reform-related matters.

Next Meeting of ERWG will be on August 4th at 6:30pm.

ATTACHMENT TEXT:

SPONSOR: GPCA Electoral Reform Working Group

PRESENTER: Caledon Myers; Berkeley<omitted phone>; <omitted email>

SUBJECT (DISCUSSION/ PRESENTATION): Long-Term Electoral Reform Strategy: The California Plan

PROPOSAL/ DESCRIPTION: Though currently absent from larger public discourse, our electoral systems directly inform the makeup of our representative bodies. They shape and translate voter preferences to political power. In order to educate Greens on the outsized, if understated role, that electoral systems have in regulating party participation, this presentation will first provide a general outline of prominent electoral systems around the world. After identifying how our electoral system fails to offer meaningful representation in comparison to international counterparts, we will look at the few democracies where major electoral reform has occurred. Then, the central question of the presentation will be: what can we, as a minor party in the state of California, actively do to initiate and realize major electoral reform? By applying the components that resulted in the successful, wholesale adoption of new electoral systems in the previously referenced case studies, we will propose a three-part, evidence-based strategy that, if successful, will effectively guarantee Greens a modest number of seats in the California State Assembly and Senate in ten to twelve years. Time requested: one hour for the presentation (with slides) and a half hour afterwards for questions.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: The electoral system of California, which establishes the rules and methods by which we conduct elections, is fundamentally designed in a way that encourages the political representation of only two parties. Many other democracies around the world, however, use electoral systems that are conducive to ensuring the political representation of multiple parties. The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of the ways our current electoral system effects our political prospects as a minor party, discuss how alternative systems would function to improve political representation at-large, and submit a long-term strategy that would make California a multi-party democracy.

ERWG DECISION: The Electoral Reform Working Group unanimously voted “yes” to present the California Plan to the GA. The only concerns expressed were related to the logistical content of the proposal, which are highly open to discussion, and not the presentation itself.

TIMELINE/RESOURCES: Resources: Representatives from the Green Party of CA to serve on the board of a coalition of minor parties solely dedicated to pursuing major electoral reform in California. Meetings will occur bi-monthly, separate from the current GPCA-ERWG, and require no resources other than representatives input and endorsement on matters relating to reform objectives and substance. Timeline: Short-term; in one year, form a broad coalition of progressive political organizations to support a plan to craft two citizen-led initiatives that will 1) Create a nonpartisan commission of experts to propose a new electoral design for California, and 2) Allow Californians to vote on the adoption of the proposed design. Because the coalition will function as an external entity, any potential financial, state, or insurance requirements will be the responsibility of the coalition and not the GPCA.

APPENDIX I - Statement re: The Green Party of California stands in solidarity with the Palestinian people

The Green Party of California stands in solidarity with the Palestinian people and with their fight against the brutal apartheid regime of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

The 11-day carpet bombing of the Gaza Strip by the Israeli military from May 10 to May 21, 2021, killed 248 Palestinians, including 66 children, and injured over 1,700 people < https://www.democracynow.org/2021/5/24/israel_gaza_jerusalem_cesefire_tension>. More than 1,000 buildings, schools, hospitals, businesses and roads have been destroyed by devastating airstrikes leaving at least 6,000 residents homeless, displacing tens of thousands, and depriving almost half of the population of Gaza of access to water and electricity in the midst of a raging pandemic and without the protection of a vaccine.

Despite a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas brokered by Egyptian mediators on May 21, Israeli forces and settlers have since attacked the Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in occupied East Jerusalem multiple times and continued to evict Israeli Arabs from their homes after building a blockade in the Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood. Operation "Law and Order" < <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/5/24/a-war-declaration-palestinians-in-israel-dec-ry-mass-arrests>> is currently targeting over 500 Palestinian citizens of Israel in retaliation for their participation in demonstrations against the occupation and the settlers' violence. "The occupation is the root cause of the violence," Palestinian Authority Foreign Minister Riyad al-Maliki explained. < https://www.democracynow.org/2021/5/21/israeli_hamas_cesefire_gaza>

These war crimes follow the hallmarks of genocide that Israel is perpetuating against Palestinians living under its rule in East Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The ongoing destruction of Palestinian homes, villages and whole communities is not new: it started 73 years ago and continues to this day. The mass exodus of at least 750,000 Arabs from Palestine, the "Nakba" (the catastrophe), was followed by the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in 1967. Then came the Israeli wars on Gaza of 2008, 2012, and 2014 - during which over 2,000 Palestinian civilians were killed by Israeli forces < <https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/06/04/israel-50-years-occupation-abuses#>>, among them 1,220 children.

The ongoing Nakba is made possible by U.S.'s financial, technological and military assistance, using U.S. taxpayer money, which makes our country a consistent and willing accomplice of Israel in crimes against humanity. The U.S. government gives \$3.8 billion in military aid to Israel every year < <https://www.bbc.com/news/57170576>> as part of a 10-year agreement made under the Obama administration in 2016. The U.S. has repeatedly vetoed the United Nations Security Council resolutions < <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/5/17/no-us-action-after-third-unsc-meeting-on-israel-palestine>> to condemn Israel's military response and to call for a ceasefire. Even today, President Biden refuses to hold the Israeli government led by the current Prime Minister Netanyahu accountable for the continuous violation of Palestinian rights and security, and falsely claims Israel is exercising its "right to defend itself" instead. In the midst of Israeli aggressions against Palestinians, the Biden administration approved the sale of precision-guided weapons to Israel < <https://thehill.com/policy/defense/553878-biden-approves-735m-weapons-sale-to-israel-report>> while Israel was bombing Gaza and killing civilians, in direct violation of human rights and international law. And on June 3, 2021, less than two weeks after the ceasefire, Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz arrived in Washington, D.C., to ask for \$1 billion more to replenish Israel's "Iron Dome" and to purchase additional precision-guided missiles. Meanwhile, President Biden is merely allocating \$110 million to rebuild Palestinian homes that he contributed to annihilate...

Even though a few Democrats have recently called out Biden for his unconditional support of Israel, their opposition remains slow and weak. On May 20, 2021, almost two weeks after the start of the recent conflict, Representatives Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Rashida Tlaib and Senator Bernie Sanders introduced sister resolutions to block the Biden administration's \$735 million arms sale to Israel < <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2021/may/20/bernie-sanders-israel-weapons-sale-resolution>> while Congress was informed about the arms sale on May 5. They then quickly dropped their joint effort after hearing that the sale had been approved.

Democrats and Republicans alike usually do not question our nation's backing of Israel's institutionalized discrimination and disproportionate use of violence against Palestinians. "My Congressperson is Barbara Lee," said Laura Wells, Green Party of California spokesperson and 2018 Green Party candidate for Congress in California's District 13 opposing Barbara Lee. "She has played it extremely safe. She has indicated that she is supportive in theory, but at best she has signed onto a few noncontroversial positions such as ending military detention of Palestinian children. Meanwhile, she has taken campaign contributions from Lockheed Martin, the largest arms-producing company in the world."

Ajamu Baraka, the national organizer of the Black Alliance for Peace and 2016 Green Party candidate for vice president wrote "In the alternative world of Western liberalism, some lives are more equal and more valuable than others," noting "the colonial/capitalist West is prepared to sacrifice everything and everyone in order to maintain its global dominance, even if it means destroying the planet and everyone on it."

< <https://blackagenda.com/palestine-colombia-end-white-world-colonialcapitalist-project> >

The Green Party of California calls for:

- An immediate end to economic and political colonialism worldwide.
- An immediate end to U.S. weapons sales and all military aid to Israel.
- An end to the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories, and the restoration of the right of Palestinian people to self-determination

< <https://www.un.org/unispal/document/auto-insert-187651/> > as stipulated in multiple U.N. resolutions and included in our platform

< <https://www.gp.org/democracy#Palestine> >.

- Full support for the right of return of over seven million displaced Palestinian refugees, and for the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement led by Palestinians

< <https://bdsmovement.net/> > and inspired by the South-African anti-apartheid movement.

APPENDIX J - DRAFT Notice of Vacancy and Call for Candidate Submissions

From: Green Party of California Inform List <gpcainform@cagreens.org>

Date: July 25, 2021 PM

Subject: ANNOUNCEMENT: Notice of Vacancy and Call for Candidate Submissions --
Election to fill vacant seats on the GPCA Coordinating Committee (CC)

[INSERT GPCA LETTER HEAD HERE]

ANNOUNCEMENT: Notice of Vacancy and Call for Candidate Submissions

Notice of Application Period for Election to Fill Vacant Seats on the GPCA Coordinating Committee (CC)

Dear Green Party Members --

This is to announce a call for candidates for a special election to fill sixteen vacant seats on the GPCA Coordinating Committee (CC), 12 of those seats are for the remainder of the CC terms running from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023, and 4 of those seats are for the remainder of the CC terms running from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022.

To apply, a candidate must submit an application to applications@cagreens.org The application deadline is Monday, August 16th, 2021 at 11:59 pm (Pacific Time).

The application must include a biography along with what the candidate wishes to accomplish on the Coordinating Committee. California Green Party members of any gender, whether male, female, or non-binary, are welcome to be candidates. Please state if you are a woman; at least 6 women shall be elected.

Do not submit attachments with your application. Please do not send photos, as these will not be published. You may include a webpage address to provide more information about yourself.

Those interested in applying to be a candidate for the Coordinating Committee should review GPCA Bylaws <http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/06-24-2019> see Article 8 (also copied at the bottom of this email).

The elections will be by the Standing General Assembly (SGA), with a six-week discussion period beginning Monday, August 23, 2021 at 12:01 am PDT and ending on Sunday, Oct 3, 2021 at 11:59 pm PDT. Voting will be from Monday, Oct 4, 2019 at 12:01 am PDT through Sunday, Oct 10, 2021 at 11:59 pm PDT. The Coordinating Committee election will be by secret ballot, using Ranked Choice Voting. The top vote getter(s) will fill the 12 seats (with at least 6 women elected) for the remainder of the terms ending June 30, 2023, and the others will fill the 4 seats (with at least 2 women elected) for the remainder of the terms ending June 30, 2022.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Co-coordinator, GPCA Coordinating Committee

GPCA Bylaws References: Article 8. Coordinating Committee -

<http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/06-24-2019>

APPENDIX K - Appendices to Sacramento's Late Item

GPCA Bylaws Referenced

California Law Referenced

First Notice, sent June 29, 2021

Second Notice, sent July 4, 2021

GPCA Bylaws Referenced (highlighted, rules in question):

<http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/06-24-2019>

Article 5. County Organization (as last amended 3/12/2017)

Counties may organize in any way they choose that includes Consensus-Seeking Facilitation and horizontal organizing and is not in violation of the California Election Code Division 7 Part 6 Green Party

and the Ten Key Values of the Green Party of the United States. Counties shall provide 21-day public notice of their first General Meeting.

Section 5-1 Recognition

5-1.1 County Green Party Recognition by the Green Party of California

5-1.1 To be recognized by the Green Party of California, County Green Party Organizations shall make an application in writing (physical or digital) to the GPCA Coordinating Committee. The application shall include:

(a) Written (physical or digital) Bylaws;

(b) A list of the County Organization's Officers and all County Organization Members also known as County Council Members for which the applying County Organization is requesting GPCA recognition and certification under California Elections Code Section 7927(a)(1);

(c) A list of appointed Delegates to the Standing General Assembly (SGA) and representatives to any upcoming General Assembly (GA).

5-1-2 The GPCA Coordinating Committee has the authority, in compliance with the California Elections Code, to accept, and shall approve, any application for membership that is in compliance with the California Elections Code.

5-1-3 Any decision by the Coordinating Committee may be appealed to the GPCA General Assembly.

5-2 Active County Organizations

5-2-1 If no Active County Council exists, a new County Council may be organized as defined in 5-1.

5-2-2 A County does not have an Active County Council if the County Organization has not held a meeting for 6 consecutive months.

Section 6-5 Appointments to Vacancies in Counties In Which No County Council members were elected in the primary election

6-5.1 The General Meeting must appoint at least one member to the County Council. Only registered Green Party members in the county are eligible for appointment. The county organization shall forward minutes of the meeting to the Coordinating Committee.

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(b) County council members certified pursuant to this section shall meet the qualifications otherwise required for county council members. County council members certified pursuant to this section shall be reported by the state coordinating committee to the applicable county elections officials. County council

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First Notice, sent June 29, 2021

GPCA Bylaws, Active Counties, GA and SGA Delegates: only 11 active counties

On behalf of the Green Party of Sacramento County

June 29, 2021

Re: GA/SGA Delegate allotment in accordance with GPCA Bylaws

Cc to: GPCA Coordinating Committee SGA List David Bond, SGA Admin GPCA Member Forum Green Party of Sacramento County Member List

At the most recent meeting of the Green Party of Sacramento County (June 27), a discussion was had concerning delegates being sent to the General Assembly (GA) and the Standing General Assembly (SGA) from counties that have not been certified by the Coordinating Committee. We decided by consensus to distribute the following statement.

Greens,

After over a year of asking for, but not receiving lists of current delegates and active counties, and after reviewing relevant GPCA bylaws and all CC minutes from the March 2020 Presidential Preference Primary through the latest-posted minutes on the GPCA website, it has been determined that there are currently only eleven counties which may send delegates to GA/SGA (see #6). There are a number of delegates who must be disregarded from the vote happening right now.

Since the voting has just been extended an extra week, there will now be time for SGA admins to update the delegate list.

Findings from review of Bylaws and CC Minutes

1. According to GPCA Bylaws 5-1.1(c), only active counties can appoint GA and SGA Delegates.
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4. GPCA Bylaws 6-5.2 states, minutes of the meeting at which the new county council was elected must be presented to the Coordinating Committee and based upon those minutes, the Coordinating Committee must take an action to certify the new county council, subject to

whether the county council election was elected without conflict with that county organization's bylaws.

5. Under GPCA Bylaws 6-5.2, any decision not to certify new county councils can be overturned at a GPCA General Assembly.

6. In the March 2020 presidential preference primary election, county councils were elected in eleven counties - Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Marin, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Sonoma, Tulare.

7. Since the March 2020 Presidential Preference Primary election, GPCA Coordinating Committee minutes show no new county council elections, and there are no minutes of county activations in either the minutes or the agendas of the Coordinating Committee.

8. Since the March 2020 presidential preference primary election, through the time of the most current posted minutes, no county councils were certified by the Coordinating Committee, according to these minutes.

9. Based on all the above information, only eleven counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Marin, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Sonoma, Tulare), are eligible to appoint/elect GA and SGA delegates.

GPCA Bylaws Referenced:

<http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/06-24-2019>

Article 5. County Organization (as last amended 3/12/2017)

Counties may organize in any way they choose that includes Consensus-Seeking Facilitation and horizontal organizing and is not in violation of the California Election Code Division 7 Part 6 Green Party and the Ten Key Values of the Green Party of the United States. Counties shall provide 21-day public notice of their first General Meeting.

Section 5-1 Recognition

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Second Notice, sent July 4, 2021

CA Elections Codes, Possible Violations, No Response from Committees

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APPENDIX L - 48 HOUR VOTE - PROPOSAL FOR SGA TO DECIDE GPCA POSITIONS ON RECALL ELECTION

Subject/Title: 48 HOUR VOTE - PROPOSAL FOR SGA TO DECIDE GPCA POSITIONS ON RECALL ELECTION

VOTING PERIOD STARTS NOW and continues through Saturday, ENDING at 12:30 AM on Sunday July 11, 2021.

For quorum this needs votes from at least 5 of the current 8 CC members (David Bond, June Brashares, Barry Hermanson, James Lauderdale, Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Nicole Raglin, Laura Wells).

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

Sponsor: June Brashares

Background and Purpose: Greg Jan sent the email below which presents the need for the CC to make this time-sensitive decision that cannot wait until the next CC meeting.

In order for GPCA to have timely positions on the Governor Recall election, the SGA will need to begin the discussion period for it on Monday, July 12 at 12:01am.

Proposal: Approve sending the following proposals to the SGA, for the discussion period to start at 12:01am on Monday July 12th, for the GPCA to decide its positions regarding the Governor Recall election.

[Full text of proposed language for SGA is in Reference section below]

Implementation/Timeline/Resources:

At the conclusion of the voting period, June will tally the online votes and post the results to the CC email list, listing who votes yes, no, or abstained on the proposal. This on-line vote requires a majority of members for quorum and a majority of yes plus no votes for approval. If approved, the SGA Admins are to be notified for the proposals to be posted to the SGA listserv for the discussion period to start at 12:01am on Monday July 12th.

The Agenda preparer for the next CC meeting is to include all the online proposal details and the results conducted in the last month in the agenda for the next CC meeting.

References:

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Greg Jan <<omitted email>>

Hi CC!

I hope you're doing fine! Per advice I've been given, below are two proposals for the SGA, regarding the upcoming Sept. 14 Governor Recall election -- so that the GPCA can decide on its positions on both the Recall of Newsom, as well as on (possibly) endorsing one or more of the Recall "replacement candidates". Given that the Secretary of State just recently set the timeline for the Recall, in order for us to have timely positions on it, the SGA will need to begin discussion on these two proposals by this coming Monday, July 12. If you have any questions, please let me know right away, either by email, or at: 510-644-2293. Otherwise, I hope you will be able to facilitate these proposals being posted to the SGA list early on Monday (just after midnight).

Thank you,

Greg Jan, for the Statewide Candidates Subcommittee

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PROPOSALS (TEXT FOR SGA):

Ranked Choice Vote ID # XXX

Ranked Choice Vote GPCA position on the Recall of Governor Newsom

Number of seats 1

Type Open Ballot

Candidates:

GPCA endorses the Recall of Governor Newsom

GPCA opposes the Recall of Governor Newsom

GPCA takes no position on the Recall of Governor Newsom

The Recall of Governor Newsom

This is the ranked choice vote for the GPCA to take a position on the Recall of Governor Newsom, which will be on the September 14, 2021 election ballot.

The choices are to rank 'endorse', 'oppose', 'no position' and/or 'abstain.' Delegates can rank as many or few of these options in their order of preference.

An 'endorse' vote would mean the GPCA would endorse the Recall of Governor Newsom. An 'oppose' vote means the GPCA would oppose the Recall of Governor Newsom. A 'no position' vote means the GPCA would not take a position on the Recall of Governor Newsom. An 'abstain' vote means the voter is not expressing a preference, but is voting to help achieve quorum. Any of these positions that receives 2/3 after all preferences are transferred is the position of the party. If neither 'endorse' nor 'oppose' receives 2/3, the GPCA's position will be 'no position'.

Below is information from the document entitled "ELECTION ADMINISTRATION GUIDANCE RELATED TO THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2021, CALIFORNIA GUBERNATORIAL RECALL ELECTION" that is on the Secretary of State's website, here: <https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/statewide-elections/2021-recall/election-guidance.pdf>

Ballot Layout and Format Requirements

The following shall appear on the September 14, 2021, California Gubernatorial Recall Election ballots: •

The question: "Shall GAVIN NEWSOM be recalled (removed) from the office of Governor?"

References from the GPCA bylaws:

Section 7-2.3 Approval Thresholds

The General Assembly shall seek consensus in its decision-making, utilizing the consensus-seeking process in 7-5 for in-person meetings. In the absence of consensus, the following proposals shall require 2/3 of all 'yes' and 'no' votes cast for passage.

7-2.3(d) Endorsement of or opposition to statewide ballot measures;

Section 7-4. Endorsements

General Assembly Delegates may rank the following choices and the result shall be calculated by instant run-off voting: 'Endorse' (that the GPCA should support the measure or candidate), 'Oppose' (that the GPCA should oppose the measure or candidate), 'No Position' (that the GPCA should not take any position on the measure or candidate) or 'Abstain' (that the delegate takes no position on what should be the GPCA position). A GPCA position to endorse or oppose shall require 2/3. Abstentions are counted to determine quorum, but not towards the approval/disapproval threshold. If quorum is not achieved, or if the 2/3 threshold is not reached for a 'Endorse', 'Oppose', the GPCA's position will be 'No Position', as would it be if the 2/3 threshold is reached for 'No Position.'

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Ranked Choice Vote ID # XXX

Ranked Choice Vote GPCA endorsement(s) of gubernatorial Recall replacement candidate(s)

Number of seats 1

Type Open Ballot

GPCA endorsement(s) of gubernatorial Recall replacement candidate(s)

Due to the fact that the deadline to qualify to be a candidate in the September 14 Recall replacement election is July 16, and due to the fact that in order for the Green Party of California to make a timely decision on this election we need to start the discussion period by July 12, this proposal will be amended after we find out which candidates have actually qualified for the ballot. All Green Party candidates who qualify will be voted on for

endorsement, however, we also anticipate providing recommendations in order to help assist SGA delegates with this process. In addition, further amendments to this proposal can be made after the initial recommendation has been provided. Unfortunately, due to the compressed timeline for the Recall election, and because our bylaws mandate a 6-week SGA discussion period and a one-week voting period, we must start the discussion of this item prior to knowing which candidates will be on the ballot, including possibly some whom we are not yet aware of.

References from the GPCA bylaws:

Section 7-4. Endorsements

General Assembly Delegates may rank the following choices and the result shall be calculated by instant run-off voting: 'Endorse' (that the GPCA should support the measure or candidate), 'Oppose' (that the GPCA should oppose the measure or candidate), 'No Position' (that the GPCA should not take any position on the measure or candidate) or 'Abstain' (that the delegate takes no position on what should be the GPCA position). A GPCA position to endorse or oppose shall require 2/3. Abstentions are counted to determine quorum, but not towards the approval/disapproval threshold. If quorum is not achieved, or if the 2/3 threshold is not reached for a 'Endorse', 'Oppose', the GPCA's position will be 'No Position', as would it be if the 2/3 threshold is reached for 'No Position.'

7-6.2 Discussion and Voting Period

7-6.2(a) The discussion period for Proposals and Elections shall be six weeks, beginning on a Monday at 12:01 am and ending on a Sunday at 11:59pm. The discussion period for Coordinating Committee and GPUS Delegation elections shall begin on the first Monday of May.

7-6.2(b) The purpose of the discussion period is to provide an opportunity to utilize the consensus-seeking process in 7-5 within the context of utilizing electronic means, teleconferences and other methods of communication other than an in-person General Assembly.

7-6.2(c) Proposals may be amended at any time during the discussion period by the proposal's sponsor(s), except that the final amended version must be placed before the Standing General Assembly no later than on a Monday at 12:01 am preceding the end of the discussion period.

7-6.2(d) The voting period for Proposals and Elections shall commence immediately at the close of the discussion period, and shall be for one week beginning on a Monday at 12:01 am and ending on a Sunday at 11:59pm.

APPENDIX M - Email Attachments re: Deadline for GPCA Statement of Purpose for Publication in Voter Guide

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jared Laiti <omitted email>

Subject: [gpca-cc] IMPORTANT UPDATE Re: SHORT DEADLINE - GPCA Voter Info Guide Statement Due 7/16

Date: July 11, 2021 at 1:38:19 AM PDT

To: GPCA Coordinating Committee <gpca-cc@cagreens.org>

Reply-To: GPCA Coordinating Committee <gpca-cc@lists.cagreens.org>

CC,

I got the hard copy letter, and as usual they are asking for the statement by 5 pm on 7/16. That means that the latest I will be able to submit it is 8 am on 7/16. It looks like the same reqs. as for previous statements apply. And as a reminder, I don't receive CC list emails, so will only see replies sent to <omitted email>.

Thanks,

Jared

On Thu, Jul 8, 2021 at 6:04 PM Jared Laiti <<omitted email>> wrote:

GPCA,

I got a call today from the SOS office voter info guide coordinator, Haley, 916-698-1273. She said they are sending a letter to notify us of a 7/16 - next Friday - deadline for submitting our political party statement of purpose.

Thanks,

Jared

SOS Liaison

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