

# GPCA General Assembly Minutes, Porterville, Tulare County

November 17 – 18, 2018



Notetaker: Mimi Newton

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## Saturday, Nov. 17

8:00 am - **Breakfast, registration**

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**Facilitators: June Brashares (Sonoma County) and Anthony Krzywicki (Ventura County)**

8:30 am - **Opening**

- **New delegate orientation** - June shared a brief orientation about how the GA is conducted
- **Quorum Count** - 39 delegates have registered and at the time of taking quorum, 38 delegates are present. 11 of 11 regions and 21 Counties are represented. (**Appendix A.**)
- **Standing Committee Vacancies** - Nassim Nouri (Santa Clara County) provided information regarding Standing Committee vacancies.

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8:50 am - **Agenda approval**

A number of agenda modifications were proposed:

- the 10 key values item will be a discussion/announcement item instead of a decision item;
- some of the scheduled break out sessions today and tomorrow will be shuffled but will remain at the listed times;
- Platform Committee was not present and plans to bring the platform item to the SGA so there is a proposal to replace the Saturday afternoon Platform Committee item with an item about responding to fires and emergencies;
- If we don't have a decision about the locale for the next GA by 5:30 Saturday, we would bring that item back tomorrow.

- Affirmations and concerns were shared, including further recommended additions to the agenda. However, the facilitator indicated that only those proposed modifications listed above would be subject to the first test for consensus.
- Some county delegates had concerns for which they indicated a willingness to stand aside; such concerns are recorded in the minutes as follows:
  - o Violet Rose Zitola (Santa Cruz County) has a concern that if we don't add a session with the GPUS delegation, the delegation won't have an opportunity to hear from those outside the delegation. [The facilitator notes that we could add a GPUS delegation break out session to tomorrow's break out sessions that are being shuffled around.]
  - o Ajay Rai (Los Angeles County) states that the Green Party of Los Angeles County has concerns about the agendas that have been used at the last few GAs. Even though they may be distributed at least 42 days before the GA, they do not have sufficient information for the County Councils to make an informed decision for their delegates to follow. Also, the order of the agenda changes and that presents scheduling difficulties.
  - o Bridget Duffy (Santa Cruz County) states that we are in the midst of a climate crisis so we should accommodate the request that we replace further discussion regarding Committees and Working Groups in favor of a climate crisis discussion on Saturday morning.
  - o Randy Hicks (Sacramento County) states he thinks we should extend the time allotted for the Standing Committee and Working Group break out sessions because we have so much to discuss.
  - o Aidan Hill (Alameda County) plans to hold an 11 am Saturday session regarding the climate crisis regardless of what the official agenda says. Anyone who would like to can join him.
  - o Merrily Davies (Tulare County) states that she thinks that we should coach the fires and emergency item in terms of global warming and look at these issues in the context of global warming.

**The agenda, as modified by the bulleted items listed above, was approved by consensus.**

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 9:10 am - **Decision: Confirmation of bylaws interpretation by Coordinating Committee extending, length of discussion phase for current SGA Election of female CC seat. (CC/June Brashares [Sonoma County]) Appendix B.**

**Background:** The SGA is currently in the discussion phase for an election to fill one unscheduled vacancy for one female seat on the GPCA Coordinating Committee. Under GPCA bylaws, the SGA elects CC members and the standard discussion period is six weeks. However, if the discussion period for the SGA election currently in process is to end according to that schedule, the one week voting period would commence on Oct 29 and run through Nov 4 in the days immediately prior to the California General Election on Nov 6th. That would be a hardship on Greens whose priority at that time is to focus on the electoral campaigns on the ballot in the November 6th General Election. This is a valid reason to lengthen the discussion period two-weeks in order to accommodate the needs of Greens during the extremely busy time around the November 6th General Election.

**Proposal:** Approve the Bylaws Interpretation adopted by the CC on Oct. 1, 2018 regarding extending the length of the discussion period for the current SGA election to fill the vacancy of the female CC seat.

**Bylaws Interpretation:**

Whereas it is in the interest of the GPCA to encourage Greens to support the electoral campaigns on the ballot in the November 6th General Election,

Whereas there is recognition that Greens involved in electoral campaigns are extremely busy near the date of the General Election and there is precedent to make schedule changes to accommodate that. (The CC has shifted its schedule to avoid meeting the evening prior to the election, etc...),

Whereas the normal Standing General Assembly discussion period for decisions is six weeks, but if the current discussion period in process is to end according to that schedule the one week voting period would commence on October 29 and run through November 4 in the days immediately prior to the November 6 California General Election, creating a hardship on Greens whose priority at that time is to focus on the electoral campaigns for the General Election,

Whereas there is precedent of changing the length of the SGA discussion period in order to support electoral campaigns as in 2014 when the SGA discussion period was shortened to accommodate an endorsement for a Green candidate for Lt. Governor,

Therefore the GPCA finds that it is appropriate for the discussion period for the current SGA election to fill the vacancy of the female CC seat be extended by 2 weeks to run through Sunday, November 11, and the voting period to be Monday, November 12 through Sunday, November 18.

#### **References:**

2014 Bylaws Interpretation regarding SGA discussion period length for Lt Governor endorsement

***After discussions, this proposal was approved by consensus.***

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**9:20 am - Discussion/Announcement: Revising Ten Key Values. (Media)**

Should the Green Party of California adopt a bullet list statement format for the web site and other purposes or, alternatively, adopt the current GPUS Ten Key Values statement?

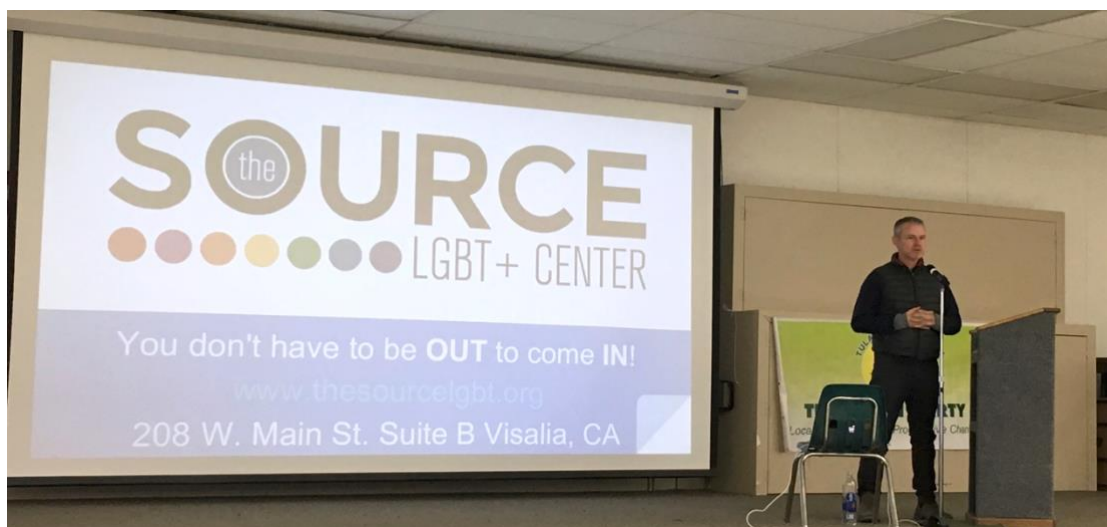
- No discussion occurred, no Media Committee member was in attendance to present on this so this item was limited to an announcement regarding the Media Committee exploring this issue further.

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**9:25 am - Break**  
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**10:00 am - Presentation: Fostering Understanding of Gender Diversity. (Tulare)**

Tulare County Greens introduced and we heard from the presenter, Brian Poth, Executive Director of the Source in Visalia, CA, (<https://www.thesourcelgbt.org/>), a community resource for the LGBT+ community and their families. [Note — the facilitator hoped we would be able to get a copy of Mr. Poth's slides and post them on our website, but the minute-taker did not receive the slides.]

Discussions followed the interesting presentation, with great support for introducing more gender-diversity understanding into the GPCA.



11:00 am - **Discussion: Recruiting members for GPCA Committees and Working Groups. (Clearinghouse) (Nassim Nouri [Santa Clara County] and Mimi Newton [Marin County]). Appendix C.**

Nassim presented an overall structure of the Committees and working groups and Mimi followed up on the roles and responsibilities of our teams. A “SKILLZ BANK” form was passed around for attendees to fill in their skills, areas of expertise and interests and all were encouraged to engage with each other regarding sharing skills and knowledge.

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11:40 am - **Announcements (including a report from Clearinghouse regarding Outreach and Communication Plan)**

- Michael Rubin (Alameda County) - a fellow Alameda Green has put out a good first stab at a written piece about the fires and he thinks the California Greens should put a written statement out about the fires and emergencies as well.
- Julia Russell (LA County) — first time at a GA — introduces herself.
- Randy Hill (Sacramento County ) Nov. 20 in Emeryville, single payer meeting among unions, Greens, nurses association to discuss plans and obstacles.
- Judy Pendleton (Tulare County) reminds us that Jill Stein will be talking at 7 pm Saturday here.
- Aidan Hill (Alameda County) talks about why open space is so important, for both the environment and safety during emergency situations. He also wants everyone to be aware that where there are arrests for treason, the law won't allow those arrested to seek bail.
- Hebard Olson (Monterey County) - has been asking questions of PG&E and is concerned about their answers: every wire drop line should have a circuit in it that is not recycled - a circuit breaker needs to terminate electricity going to the drop line, which is the wires running from the utility pole to a structure. The clearance requirement is currently 0 - when trees move they will strip any wire and potentially cause a fire - we need to eliminate it immediately when any fire begins.

- **Nassim Nouri (Santa Clara County) on behalf of Clearinghouse:**

- o Established regular committee meetings in 2017
- o Created about 10,000 Green Party Tri-folds in English and Spanish and distributed them to Counties throughout the State
- o Created a County Council handbook with the Grass Roots and Organizing Working Group (GROW)
- o Designed and created some GPCA shirts for merchandising / fund-raising
- o Logged 170 public inquiries since March 2018
- o Designed a communications plan to better utilize our contacts database
- o Have sent over 21 blasts — including those pertaining to Green candidates — to the entire database since May 2018 and that has directly led to over \$800 in donations



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12:00 pm - **Lunch**



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**Facilitators: Greg Jan (Alameda County) & Jennifer Hall (San Joaquin County)**

12:55 pm - **Reconvene - Quorum Count** — 43 delegates are currently registered. 42/43 delegates are present.

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1:00 pm - **Decision: Bylaws Amendment for an Activist Training & Development Working Group. (Sadie Fulton, Yolo County)**

**PROPOSAL:** Add the following language to the GPCA Bylaws, after clause 10-8: 10-9 Activist Training and Development Working Group

10-9.1 Duties and Authority The Activist Training & Development Working Group is charged with promoting and facilitating training and development opportunities for Greens. This includes working to:

10-9.1(a) Develop a strategy for integrating training and development into Green activism;

10-9.1(b) Develop training opportunities which support and enhance Green activists' abilities to undertake any tasks or roles which they would like to fill;

10-9.1(c) Organize training & discussion on key issues and debates which Green activists have to navigate;

10-9.1(d) Support counties in developing locally-based trainings as desired;

10-9.1(e) Support GPCA in building and maintaining a culture dedicated to the training and development of its activists at all levels and in as many channels as is reasonable.

- Anthony Krzywicki (Ventura County) has a concern and asks if proposers of this Working Group would be willing to be part of GROW - Sadie doesn't want to detract from what GROW's focused on now, so does not accept the suggestion. Anthony will stand aside.

- Stephen Pendleton, (Tulare County), is concerned about sectarianism within the Green Party and wants to warn us we need to train people as Green organizers who are also Green ambassadors. We cannot allow the organization to be torn apart by people who are only thinking of themselves. Stephen is also willing to stand aside.

***Approved by consensus.***

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1:30pm - **Breakout sessions for committees and working groups (Media Committee, Candidates & Campaigns Working Group, Bylaws Committee, and Electoral Reform Working Group)**  
Minutes of Committees and Working Groups will reflect the discussions.



2:30 pm - **Reconvene, Quorum Count, and Confirmation:** [Standing Committee and Working Group Co-Coordinator](#)s.

Of the 43 delegates registered, 41 delegates are present.

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2:45 pm - **Decision: GPCA Governance (GPLA, GPCCC) Appendix D.**

**PROPOSAL:**

1. To present evidence to substantiate the legitimacy of these concerns in the following categories:
  - 1a. Bylaws and Internal Elections Violations
  - 1b. Fiscal Policy Violations/Campaign Finance Reporting Violations
  - 1c. Inadequate Record and Website Maintenance
  - 1d. Legitimacy of GPCA Standing General Assembly
  - 1e. Denial of GPLAC access to LA County data in GPCA Nationbuilder database

2. To initiate and assist in establishing a Resolutions Committee consisting of representatives from all the County Councils in California, as well as the GPCA, within which equitable resolution of these and other concerns can be achieved.

- Michael Rubin (Alameda County) had concerns about part #1 of this proposal and was unwilling to stand aside.

- Mimi Newton (Marin County), Nassim Nouri (Santa Clara County) each had concerns about part #2 of the proposal for which they were not willing to stand aside.

- A vote is held among the 41 delegates present (43 total are registered, 2 delegates were absent).

**In favor of the proposal: 6 delegates**

**Opposed to the proposal: 31 delegates**

**Abstaining: 4 delegates**

***The proposal fails.***

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3:45 pm - **Decision: 2019 Budget Approval ([PDF](#))** The Finance Committee and Treasurer presented the proposed budget.

- Ruscal answered questions. There were no outstanding concerns, there was agreement that there needs to be a focus on fundraising.

***The 2019 GPCA budget is approved by consensus***

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4:45 pm - **Decision: Proposal: Platform Amendments. (Platform Committee)**

Proposal: Platform Plank: Recycling plank.

Proposal: Platform Plank: Toxic Wastes plank.

(Note: this item was removed from the agenda by the Platform Committee, instead we had the following item.)

**Discussion: Wild Fire Relief (Sadie Fulton, Yolo County, and Erik Rydberg, Humboldt County)**

California Greens are actively involved in relief efforts for victims of the Camp Fire. Sadie, Mel, Josh and Erik shared information about the state of the CA wildfires and the work of Greens traveling to affected areas in Chico and Butte County to bring supplies and help residents who are dislocated by the wildfires.

Information was provided on ways that Greens can help and a brainstorming discussion ensued. The hat was

passed to help raise funds and entrusted to Erik Rydberg to donate for disaster relief to Camp Fire victims. All were asked to donate to North Valley Mutual Aid: <https://www.gofundme.com/north-valley-mutual-aid>

Facebook video posted at: <https://www.facebook.com/cagreens/videos/330785621055110/>

See Sadie Fulton's Nov. 14th report on the wildfires: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Elh62N6eN5A>



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5:30 pm - **Decision: Next General Assembly Meeting Date and Place (Coordinating Committee)**  
*(this item was moved to Sunday afternoon on the agenda.)*  
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#### 5:45 pm - **Announcements**

Greens and County representatives shared announcements on their work in growing the Green Party.



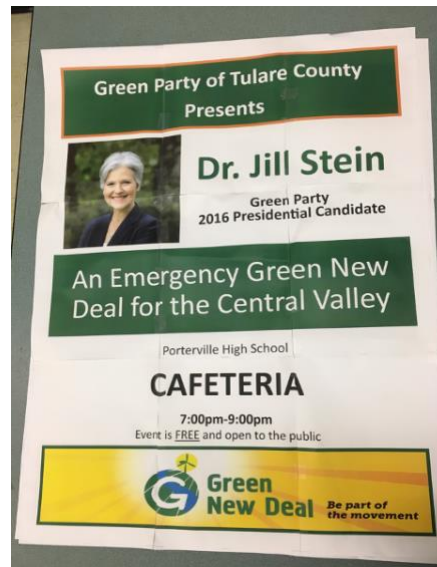
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6:00 pm - **Dinner on your own (host committee provided recommendations)**  
GPUS Delegation meeting occurred during dinner.  
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7:00 pm - **Dr. Jill Stein address on the Green New Deal in an evening public event hosted by Tulare Greens who invited local community members to attend.**

See video posted by Dr. Stein [HERE](#)



See the video, courtesy of Hebard Olson (Monterey County) at: [jill stein green party11 17 2018 complete](#)  
Fernando Serrano, the Outreach Coordinator for the Green Party of Tulare County introduces Dr. Stein and noted that the progressive movement is alive and well across the country not only in progressive cities but also in rural and small cities and towns. Dr. Stein discusses how the Green New Deal addresses issues in CA's central valley.



## Sunday, Nov. 18th

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8:00 am - **Breakfast, Registration**

**Facilitators: Josh Jones (Yolo County) and Mimi Newton (Marin County)**

8:30 am - **Convene, quorum count** - 35 delegates are present. 11 of 11 regions and 19 Counties are represented.

8:35 am - **Discussion:** [Revising GPCA Bylaws about Committees' and Working Groups' functions](#). Appendix E.



The Bylaws Committee has committed to undertake a revision to the GPCA Bylaws in an effort to streamline and date them. New members on many Committees and Working Groups — and confusion over roles and tasks even among long time members — have led to some dysfunction in Party operations. Overlapping roles among Committees and Working Groups are extremely problematic when it comes to encouraging Party growth.

Discussion followed the presentation with general agreement and some suggestions on consolidating some of the teams and better defining mandates.

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**9:35 am - Discussion: Debrief on the Nov 2018 Election (CCWG) Appendix F.**

All Green candidates present shared their experience and spoke about the goals and successes of their campaigns, speakers included: Josh Jones, Lewis Elbinger, Carol Bouldin, Barry Hermanson, Erik Rydberg, Laura Wells, Melissa Guevarra, Bridget Duffy, Sadie Fulton.



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**10:50 am - Jill Stein State of the Union Address**

Dr. Stein joined the delegates to give an address on the state of our country and how Green's pivotal role is needed now more than ever, followed by a Q&A session.

See the video of this session courtesy of Hebard Olson (Monterey County) — [Jill Stein 11 18 18](#)



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**11:55 am - Announcements** - Greens from around CA shared their local work and challenges.

- Nassim reported for Santa Clara County working on homeless issues and trying to organize with neighboring county Green Parties.
- Rick Greenblatt reported San Diego is having challenges getting more Greens to join their county council meetings.
- Erik Rydberg reported for Butte Co. suggested Greens set achievable goals.
- Others reporting for their counties were: Amber (Humboldt), Colt (San Joaquin), Penny (Kern), Matthew (LA), Lewis Elbinger (Shasta).

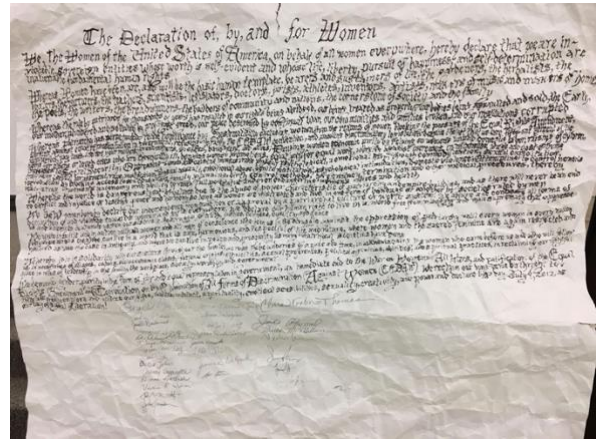
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12:00 pm - **Lunch**

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12:55 pm - **Reconvene - Facilitators: Sadie Fulton & Erik Rydberg**

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1:00 pm - **Workshops/Presentations:**

- **Feminism and sex-based oppression - Carol A. Bouldin and Ann Menasche. Appendix G.**

- **Community Choice Energy - Woody Hastings. Appendix H.**



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2:00 pm - **Presentation: CAPS and CHIRA on their work in Tulare County. (Tulare County GP)**  
Fernando Serrano introduced local organizers for pesticide safety who are fighting against large Ag corporations that are causing harm to families in Central Valley communities. A young farm worker and mother also spoke about the health concerns of the entire community where the majority of income earners are farm workers. Learn more at: <https://www.facebook.com/CoalitionAdvocatingforPesticideSafety/>



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3:00 pm - **Breakout sessions for committees and working groups (Clearinghouse, IT, Green Issues WG, GROW, GPUS Delegation, ActWG). Minutes of Committee and Working Groups will reflect the discussions.**



4:00 pm - **Reconvene, Quorum Count, Confirmation of Standing Committee and Working Group Co-Coordinators, Next GA.**

- Quorum Achieved.

- Confirmation of Diana Brown (Los Angeles County) as Co-Coordinator of the newly formed Activist Training & Development Working Group.

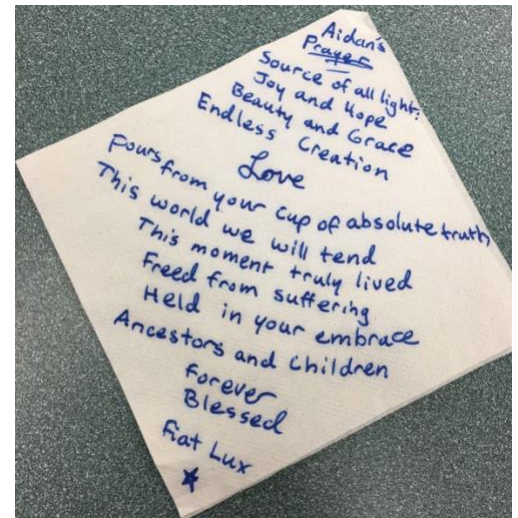
***Approved by consensus***

- Alameda County proposed hosting the next GPCA General Assembly between April and June 2019.

***Approved by consensus.***

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4:15 pm - **Closing session** - attendees were thanked for joining the GA and encouraged to exchange contact information with each other and to connect to GPCA Committees and Working Group.

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4:30 pm **Adjourned**



***THANK YOU TULARE GREENS FOR AN INSPIRING GENERAL ASSEMBLY!***





# Appendix

## Appendix A. Nov 2018 General Assembly attendees and delegatges list (1=present)

First	Last	County	Saturday Nov 17	Sunday Nov 18	PAID?	Del/Alt
Aidan	Hill	Alameda	1	1	reg	Del
Greg	Jan	Alameda	1	1	reg	Del
James	McFadden	Alameda	1	1	reg	Del
Justin	Richardson	Alameda	1	1	reg	Del
Michael	Rubin	Alameda	1	1	reg	Del
Laura	Wells	Alameda	1	1	reg	Del
Meleiza	Figueroa	Butte	1	1	reg	Del
Tim	Laidman	Contra Costa	1	1	reg	Del
Richard	Gomez	Fresno	1	1	reg	Del
Terrance	Tovar	Fresno	1	not present	reg	Del
Erik	Rydberg	Humboldt	1	1	reg	Del
Anthony	Fuentes	Kern	1	not present	reg	Del
Diana	Brown	Los Angeles	1	1	reg	Del
Ajay	Rai	Los Angeles	1	not present	reg	Del
Julia	Russell	Los Angeles	1	1	reg	Del
Rohan	Sabnis	Los Angeles	1	1	reg	Del
Mimi	Newton	Marin	1	1	reg	Del
Hebard	Olsen	Monterey	1	1	reg	Del
Audra	Walton	Monterey	1	1	reg	Del
Randy	Hicks	Sacramento	1	1	reg	Del
Carol	Bouldin	San Bernardino	1	1	reg	Del
Jesse	Moorman	San Bernardino	1	not present	reg	Del
Richard	Greenblatt	San Diego	1	1	reg	Del

Ann	Menasche	San Diego	1	1	reg	Del
Maxine	Daniel	San Joaquin	1	1	reg	Del
Jennifer	Hall	San Joaquin	1	1	reg	Del
Bridget	Duffy	San Mateo	not present	not present	reg	Del
Sanda	Everette	San Mateo	1	1	reg	Del
Brian	Good	Santa Clara	1	1	reg	Del
Nassim	Nouri	Santa Clara	1	1	reg	Del
Christine	Pepin	Santa Clara	1	1	reg	Del
Violet Rose	Zitola	Santa Cruz	1	not present	reg	Del
Ruscal	Cayangyang	Solano	1	1	reg	Del
June	Brashares	Sonoma	1	1	reg	Del
Susan	Chunco	Sonoma	1	not present	reg	Del
Susan	Lamont	Sonoma	1	1	reg	Del
Lauren	Mauricio	Tulare	1	1	reg	Del
Fernando	Serrano	Tulare	1	1	reg	Del
Anthony	Krzywicki	Ventura	1	1	reg	Del
Jewel	Krzywicki	Ventura	1	1	reg	Del
Sadie	Fulton	Yolo	1	1	reg	Del
Josh	Jones	Yolo	1	1	reg	Del
Gail	Meyer	Contra Costa	-	-	reg	notDel
Mark	Felton	Fresno	-	-	reg	notDel
Woody	Hastings	Sonoma	-	-	reg	notDel
Brenda	Cervantes	Tulare	-	-	reg	notDel
Merrily	Davies	Tulare	-	-	reg	notDel
Dalia	Gonzalez	Tulare	-	-	reg	notDel
Jovita	Harrah	Tulare	-	-	reg	notDel
Don	Manro	Tulare	-	-	reg	notDel
Judy	Pendleton	Tulare	-	-	reg	notDel
Steve	Pendleton	Tulare	-	-	reg	notDel
Angel	Garcia	Tulare	-	-	zguest	speaker
Raul	Garcia	Tulare	-	-	zguest	speaker
Lupita	Gonzalez	Tulare	-	-	zguest	speaker
Daniel	Peñaloza	Tulare	-	-	zguest	speaker
James	Lauderdale	Los Angeles	-	-	reg	z-absent

Shane	Que Hee	Los Angeles	-	-	reg	z-absent
Nicole	Raglin	Nevada	-	-	reg	z-absent
Lee	McKusick	San Mateo	-	-	reg	z-absent
		Delegates present	41	35		
		Bioregions present	11	11		
		Counties represented	21	19		

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## Appendix B.

**Proposal: Approve the Bylaws Interpretation adopted by the CC on Oct. 1, 2018 regarding extending the length of the discussion period for the current SGA election to fill the vacancy of the female CC seat.**

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Whereas there is recognition that Greens involved in electoral campaigns are extremely busy near the date of the General Election and there is precedent to make schedule changes to accommodate that. (The CC has shifted its schedule to avoid meeting the evening prior to the election, etc...),

Whereas the normal Standing General Assembly discussion period for decisions is six weeks, but if the current discussion period in process is to end according to that schedule the one week voting period would commence on October 29 and run through November 4 in the days immediately prior to the November 6 California General Election, creating a hardship on Greens whose priority at that time is to focus on the electoral campaigns for the General Election,

Whereas there is precedent of changing the length of the SGA discussion period in order to support electoral campaigns as in 2014 when the SGA discussion period was shortened to accommodate an endorsement for a Green candidate for Lt. Governor,

Therefore the GPCA finds that it is appropriate for the discussion period for the current SGA election to fill the vacancy of the female CC seat be extended by 2 weeks to run through Sunday, November 11, and the voting period to be Monday, November 12 through Sunday, November 18.

**References:** 2014 Bylaws Interpretation regarding SGA discussion period length for Lt Governor endorsement

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## Appendix C.

**SPONSOR:** Coordinating Committee / Clearinghouse

**PRESENTER:** Nassim Nouri

**SUBJECT:** Recruiting members for GPCA Committees and Working Groups

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:**

Currently a few of the GPCA Standing committees and working groups are under resourced and under subscribed in attendance and in number of members and volunteers. In addition, the natural turnover of members in some teams threatens their functionality. Shorthanded committees and working groups can create



a domino effect because all our teams rely on a natural work flow. This can make it a challenge for us to remain fully functional and accomplish our goals. There is a need for a directed and sustained recruiting effort at the General Assemblies where many new Greens first learn about how they can contribute and participate in the work of building our party.

**PROPOSAL:**

We propose to dedicate an hour agenda slot at the Tulare November 2018 General Assembly in Tulare to a session on “Recruiting new members for Committees and Working Groups”.

This discussion will be moderated by a member of the Coordinating Committee and will include 2, 30-minute segments. In the first 30 minutes each Committees and Working Groups introduce their mandate, projects and call for volunteers. In the second 30-minute segment, the GA delegates are asked to rotate to tables designated for each committee/working group and ask questions, review lists of tasks and projects and sign up as volunteers or express their intention to join as members.

We hope this will result in a fun informative and energized way for delegates to learn about the work of GPCA committees and working groups.

**COMMITTEE DECISION:** (Report if the proposal had consensus of the committee, and/or what concerns where expressed)

Nassim Nouri brought to the Coordinating Committee the observation of shorthanded committees jeopardizing our work flow. The Coordinating Committee at its Sept 10<sup>th</sup> CC call, reached consensus to submit this as an agenda item to the Tulare GA.

**TIMELINE/RESOURCES:** (personnel, number and frequency of meetings, projected work hours, finances, etc. Permits/permission needed? Application needed? Insurance required? Any bylaw/platform conflicts?)

The preparation for this session will be done at the October committee & working group coco call. No additional resources are required.

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**Appendix D.**

**SUBJECT: GPCA Governance**

**CO-SPONSORS:** Green Party of Los Angeles County Council (GPLAC), Green Party of Contra Costa County (GPCCC)

**PRESENTERS:** Julia Russell, Ajay Rai, Co-coordinators, GPLAC; Tim Laidman, County Council, GPCCC

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:** Since the summer of 2016, concerns have been raised by Greens within Los Angeles and Contra Costa Counties - as well s across California - about GPCA governance and operations. The purpose of this proposal is to present documentation to substantiate these concerns, and to establish a Resolutions Sub-Committee of the General Assembly within which equitable resolution of these concerns and others can be achieved, in order to assure the integrity and legitimacy of GPCA operations in the future.

Specifically areas of concern include (with explanatory links below):

- (1) GPCA Fiscal Policy Violations/California FPPC Campaign Finance Reporting Violations
- (2) GPCA Bylaws Violations
- (3) GPCA Coordinating Committee election procedures violations
- (4) GPCA election of Delegates to the GPUS procedures violations
- (5) GPCA endorsement procedures violations
- (6) Legitimacy of GPCA Standing General Assembly
- (7) GPCA Spokespersons procedure violations
- (8) Inadequate Record and Website Maintenance of GPCA web site
- (9) Failure to maintain and operate GPCA Inform List
- (10) Denial of GPLAC access to email blast data update capability for LA County data within GPCA Nationbuilder data base

**PROPOSAL:**

Part I: That the General Assembly direct the GPCA Treasurer and Finance Committee to complete an audit of Kern County income and expenses and to file all appropriate financial reports with the California Secretary of State and the California Fair Political Practices Commission by December 31, 2018.

Part II: That the General Assembly establish a Resolutions Sub-Committee of the General Assembly, with the following Duties and Responsibilities.

To explore the issues raised in the background to this agenda item, and proposed a resolution of these and related issues to the General Assembly for approval. Such resolution could consist of one or more bylaws interpretations, bylaws changes, directions to the GPCA Treasurer and/or other actions and decisions.

1) The Resolutions Sub-Committee (ResoSC) would consist eight members, four appointed by the Coordinating Committee and four by the sponsors of this proposal. One of the four appointed by the Coordinating Committee must be a member of the Bylaws Committee and the other three can be any GPCA member. Those appointed by the sponsors of this proposal would be Mike Feinstein, Ajay Rai and Julia Russell (Los Angeles County), Tim Laidman (Contra Costa County) and four members chosen by the Coordinating Committee, including at least one member of the Bylaws Committee.

2) The ResoSC would meet at least monthly by teleconference between its establishment and its termination, and the GPCA IT would create an email list dedicated for the ResoSC's use, and where its work could be archived.

3) Any decisions of the committee shall require a majority vote.

4) The duration of the Resolutions Sub-Committee shall be through the end of 2019 or sooner, should it decide that its work is completed-

**COMMITTEE DECISION:** Approved by consensus by GPLAC County Council, September 16, 2018 (<https://losangeles.cagreens.org/county-council/minutes/2018-09-16>).

**TIMELINE/RESOURCES:** The ResoSC would meet at least monthly by teleconference between its establishment and the next GPCA General Assembly, and GPCA IT would create an email list dedicated for the ResoSC's use.

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## Appendix E.

### **BY-LAWS COMMITTEE's GA Agenda Item for Sunday morning, Nov. 18, 2018**

**SPONSOR:** GPCA Bylaws Committee

**PRESENTER:**

Mimi Newton, Marin County, and other members of the Bylaws Committee as may be available, with help from Co-Cos to Standing Committees and Working Groups.

**SUBJECT:** Revising GPCA Bylaws about Committees' and Working Groups' functions.

**BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:**

The Bylaws Committee has committed to undertake a revision to the GPCA Bylaws in an effort to streamline and update them. New members on many Committees and Working Groups — and confusion over roles and tasks even among long time members — have led to some dysfunction in Party operations. Overlapping roles among Committees and Working Groups are extremely problematic when it comes to encouraging Party growth.

**PROPOSAL:**

The Bylaws Committee will host a working session at the GA to organize and agree on Standing Committee and Working Group roles and responsibilities. This effort will not only be helpful to the Standing Committees and Working Groups but will also help with the Bylaws Committee's updates to the Committee and Working Group sections of the Bylaws.

This will be an interactive session designed to identify and clarify each committee and group's mission holistically. This effort will involve identifying necessary tasks and the appropriate bodies and individuals to "own" these tasks. The effort will focus on ensuring that overlapping functions are eliminated and that those

responsible for the performance of necessary GPCA work are clearly identified. It will also aim to ensure that critical functions are not overlooked. Standing Committee and Working Group Co Cos will be asked to prepare in advance to discuss tasks and mission statements for their respective committees or groups.

**COMMITTEE DECISION:** The Committee agreed to delegate the responsibility to develop this proposal to its Co-co, Mimi Newton.

**TIMELINE/RESOURCES:** This proposal will require some advance prep work by the Standing Committees and Working Groups. This pre- GA work will be a topic for the Agenda of the October Co Cos meeting.

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## **Appendix F.**

### **General Assembly -- Election Debrief Session**

**SPONSOR:** CC / CCWG

**PRESENTER:** Members of CCWG along with GP Candidates from the Nov. 2018 Election

CC / CCWG contact: June Brashares, Sonoma County

**SUBJECT:** Debrief on the Nov 2018 Election

#### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:**

After important electoral campaigns in the past there have been GA sessions to debrief with candidates and these sessions have provided valuable insights for future campaigns. The purpose of this session will be to provide an opportunity to hear reports about what happened in the Nov 2018 electoral campaigns of several Green Party candidates, share positive experiences, and discuss lessons learned about what worked and what could be improved. The evaluations are to be used by CCWG in developing its strategic plan and to increase the effectiveness of future GP campaigns.

**PROPOSAL:** 90-minutes General Assembly Session to Debrief on Nov. Election.

The session will start with a presentation by a panel of several candidates who ran in the November 2018 Election, moderated by member(s) of CCWG.

The panel will have up to ~5 candidates (candidate participation arranged by CCWG). Each candidate will have up to 5 minutes to share highlights of their campaign and key lessons learned.

After the panel of candidates has presented, other candidates in attendance will have ~3 minutes each to likewise report,

and then all attendees will be able to ask the candidates questions about the campaigns or share comments (questions/comments limited to 2 mins each max), to which candidate(s) may respond (each response limited to 1.5 minutes).

CCWG will report on the # of votes received for several candidates' races.

The final 15 minutes will be directed toward eliciting what the debrief evaluation points to for strategy going forward.

**COMMITTEE DECISION:** The GPCA CC on its Sept call decided by consensus to request this be on the GA Agenda. CCWG on its Sept call discussed it and by consensus agreed to it.

**TIMELINE/RESOURCES:** 90-minutes General Assembly Session time

Request GA to provide AV power-point & screen to be available for candidates to show favorite campaign materials.

CCWG members have volunteered to recruit & confirm candidate presenters' participation for the panel, compiling and providing data to report on Congressional and other candidate elections, and provide facilitation for session.

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## **Appendix G.**

**Sponsor:** Green Party of San Bernardino County.

**Presenters:** Carol A. Bouldin, Ann Menasche



## **Subject: Feminism and sex-based oppression**

### **Background and Purpose:**

Given the Kavanaugh hearings which are going on as we write, a horrifying replay of the Clarence Thomas hearings from nearly 30 years ago when Anita Hill's character was impugned by the same misogynist men now sitting in judgment of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, the fact that women's legal rights are under attack like never before, violence and sexual assault have escalated, and women are still second class citizens, the need to understand and promote feminism is essential for the Green Party to advocate effectively for women, who are **52% of the population.**

Green Party Council of San Bernardino County had consensus on this proposal.

**Proposal:** We are proposing a presentation and discussion on feminism and sex-based oppression during the GA. We feel that many of the members of the Green Party are unfamiliar with feminism and sex-based oppression and how they are foundational to the Green Party. This has been more than exemplified by the recent proposal to revise the Ten Key Values eliminating "feminism" from the list, unbelievable to those of us who care about and have worked for the rights of women for decades. This is a cultural sensitivity/competency issue that has been much neglected in recent years, leading to low awareness of these issues and this wrongheaded proposal.

We are recommending that GA registrants watch the documentary "Equal Means Equal," on the evening of November 18, 2018, for which we will request donations to help defray the cost.

## **Appendix H.**

### **General Assembly - Training Sessions**

Proposal for Break Out Session on Community Choice Energy

**SPONSOR:** CC

**PRESENTER:** Woody Hastings, Sonoma County

**SUBJECT:** Training Sessions: Break-Out Session on Community Choice Energy

#### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:**

Woody Hastings, a long-time Green and expert on Community Choice Energy, co-led a break-out session about Community Choice Energy at the Kern County, GA. Since that time, many more local governments in many Counties in California are evaluating, forming or have recently launched Community Choice Energy programs. The purpose of this training breakout session would be to inform Greens new to the topic of Community Choice Energy, coordinate the many Greens already active in this arena, highlight its importance for Green candidates & officeholders, and organize Greens for effective action around Community Choice Energy.

**PROPOSAL:** Proposal that there be included among the training sessions to be offered at the GA, a break out session on Community Choice Energy presented by Woody Hastings. Requested time 1 hour. (Won't be offered during time of Cultural Competency session so won't conflict.)

**COMMITTEE DECISION:** The CC on its Sept call had decided by consensus to request time be allocated for Training Sessions at the GA.

**TIMELINE/RESOURCES:** Requested break-out session time 1 hour.

It could be offered twice if there's more than one time-slot for break-out sessions.

Woody Hastings will bring any necessary materials.

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