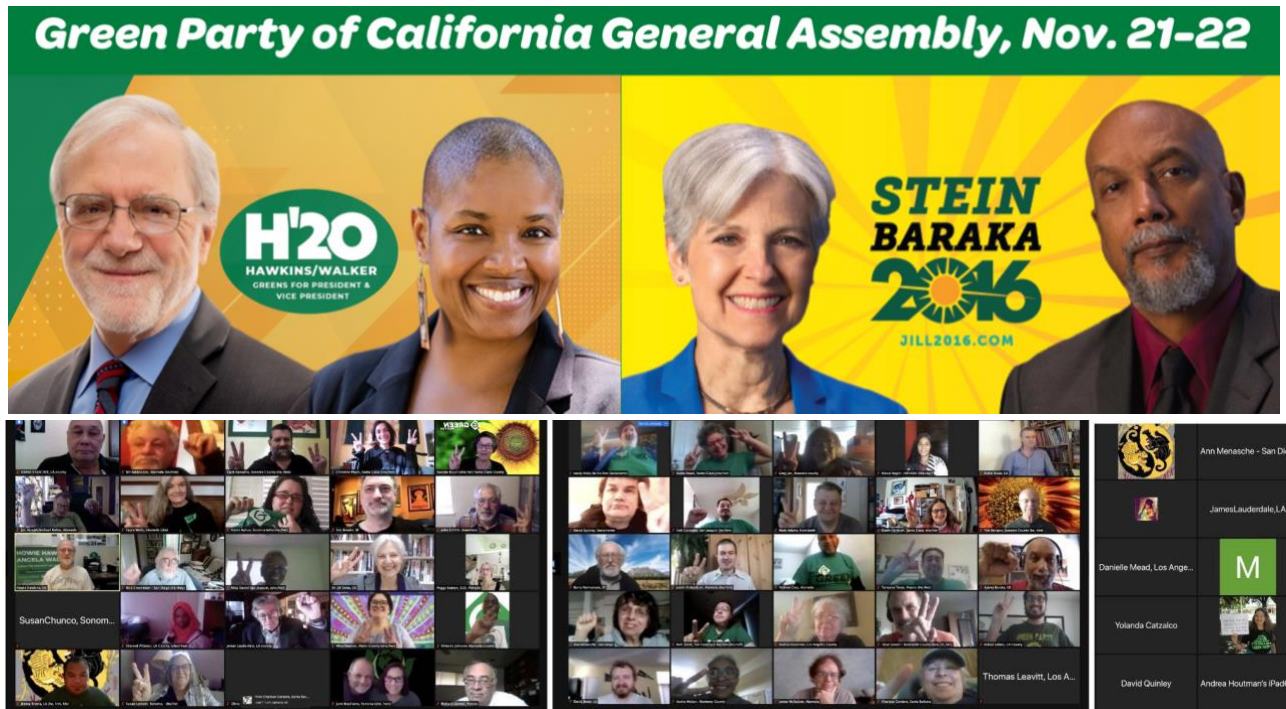


Green Party of California General Assembly, Minutes

November 21 & 22, 2020



Note taker: June Brashares

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Videos of some highlights

Approved by the GPCA General Assembly on July 9, 2022

Saturday, November 21, 2020

8:00-9:00 am - Registration/check-in.

Facilitator(s): James Lauderdale and Nassim Nouri

9:00-9:30 am - Opening Session: welcome, land acknowledgement, zoom etiquette and other info were shared.

New attendees were invited to introduce themselves: Dave Grover (Humboldt), Robin Rowe (Los Angeles), Diane Harrison (Santa Clara), Orlando Johnson (Alameda) shared greetings.

9:30-9:40 am - Quorum Count - for starting GA and approving agenda.

See list of Delegate/Alternates attending in Appendix A.

Quorum was achieved with 17 of 24 active counties present, later at the time of Agenda approval, 20 of 24 noted in the Appendix.

9:40-10:00 am - Agenda Approval
Agenda was approved by consensus

10:00-10:50 am - Presentation: "GPCA Response to Presidential Election Outcome." (CC)
GPCA spokesperson Laura Wells delivered a short statement. Howie Hawkins, 2020 Green presidential candidate followed with his perspective on the election, then Dr. Jill Stein, the 2012 and 2016 Green presidential candidate spoke on the path forward about awakening voters to a Green future. Comments and discussion were invited from county representatives on their observations and plans to organize going forward.

10:50-11:00 am - Break

11:00-11:50 am – Speaker: "Yinnon Hiller: A question of conscience"

Yinnon Hiller was the first young Israeli to appeal to the Israeli High Court for his human right not to serve in the military on the grounds of his pacifist beliefs. He discussed his position as a conscientious objector, and the importance of the ruling in his favor by the Israeli High Court. The presentation was in an interview format with Nicole Raglin interviewing Yinnon Hiller. Followed by brief Q&A

11:50am-12:30 pm - Lunch Break

Facilitator(s): Greg Jan and Karen Nyhus

12:30 - 12:40 pm - Announcements - No announcements were made, facilitator made process comments.

12:40-1:50 pm - Speaker: "November Election and Left Unity." Greg Jan introduced Angela Walker, the 2020 Green Party Vice Presidential candidate. Angela Walker spoke about the Hawkins campaign's Left Unity strategy and how Greens can extend this strategy going forward. Lisa Savage spoke about her campaign as a candidate in Maine for US Senate.

Nassim facilitated Nov 2020 candidates to make 2-minute statements on their campaigns. Candidate speakers included: Dave Grover, a candidate who was elected to Trinidad City Council in Humboldt County; Audra Walton a candidate for School Board in Monterey County; Brandon Johnson, a candidate for school board in Marin County; Connor Gorman a candidate for Davis City Council in Yolo County; Jake Tonkel candidate for City Council of San Jose; Steve Breedlove a candidate for Chico City Council in Butte County; Robin Rowe a candidate for Beverly Hills Unified School District in Los Angeles County; Chris Richardson a candidate for Congress in the 7th District.

Questions and comments from GA participants, including Shannel, Orlando, and Steve.

1:50-2:50 pm - Decision: GPCA 2021 [Budget](#) and Strategic Plan (Calendar)

Presenters: June Brashares and John Schmit

Budget - See [UPDATED BUDGET](#)

Treasurer Rusal Cayangyang added comments

Questions from Randy Hicks about budget in relation to zoom vs in-person GAs were answered

No concerns were expressed

Budget was approved by consensus

Strategic Plan - See Appendix B.

Strategic Plan was approved by consensus

Session ended early and facilitators called for Announcements

- Randy Hicks, Susan Lamont, and Eric Brooks shared thoughts.

2:50-3:15 pm - Decision: Confirmation of Coordinating Committee Nominations of Justin Richardson for GPCA Treasurer for the Two Year Term 2021-23. (CC & Finance)

Justin Richardson's Brief Bio and Statement of Interest for GPCA Treasurer Position, 2021-2023 - See Appendix C.

Presenter: Mica Daniel.

Justin Richardson spoke and there were many affirmations from Laura Wells, Randy Hicks, Ruscal Cayangyang, Orlando Johnson, Vicente Cruz, and others.

Approved by consensus.

3:15-3:30 pm - Announcements

- Randy Hicks announced that he'll send information about single payer Medicare for All upcoming forums online and also spoke to the importance of campaign finance reform.

- Vicente Cruz announced upcoming Oakland Greens January events as well as the May Day general strike

- Peggy Koteen announced GPUS delegation meeting coming up on Monday.

- Tarik Kanaana announced tomorrow registration starts at 9 am and first session at 9:30 am.

- Information was shared about the GA agenda.

3:30 pm - Adjourned for Saturday

_____ **Sunday, November 22, 2020** _____

9:00-9:30 am - Registration/check-in.

Facilitator(s): Mimi Newton and Shane Que Hee

9:30-9:50 am - Opening Session: welcome - zoom etiquette - other info

9:50-10:00 am - Quorum Count.

Quorum with 17 of 24 active counties present.

See list of Delegate/Alternates attending in Appendix A.

50 participants were present.

10:00-11:00 am - Presentation: "Strategies to Grow the Green Party"

Rick Greenblatt (San Diego), Nassim Nouri (GROW, Santa Clara) with invited speaker: Ajamu Baraka

Presenters shared a [presentation](#) then invited Ajamu Baraka to a conversation.

The 2020 elections have demonstrated once again the failure of the anti-democratic, two-corporate-party electoral system. Yet the Green Party has been unable to present itself as a real alternative, remaining on the margins of the political process. In this session, we will open a discussion towards developing a Green strategic perspective. Our goal: grow the Green Party from the bottom up as the voice of the disenfranchised majority.

11:00-11:10 am - Break

11:10-11:55 am - Decision: Revised platform plank: Health Care. (Platform). See Appendix D.

Presenter: Shane Que Hee, Co-Coordinator of Platform Committee

During discussion, with many questions and concerns expressed, Shane Que Hee stated there would not be a test for consensus during this session. He said Platform Committee would take the input received into consideration and could bring a revised version later for voting to take place on the SGA during the week of Nov. 30- Dec. 6.

There was a straw poll done after lunch about whether another approach should be taken. The poll options were:

- 1) whether to continue working on the Platform plank on pandemics,
- 2) GPCA make a statement about the pandemic based on the current platform and key values and disseminate it in a press release, or;
- 3) Do both 1 and 2.

The second and third options received similar amounts of support.

11:55-12:30 pm - Lunch Break

Facilitator(s): Christine Pepin and Tarik Kanaana

12:30-12:45 pm - Announcements

- Eric Brooks made an announcement about an email he had sent to the SGA that has resources and links related to his Presentation on Tenant Protections to take place later in the GA at 12:50pm
 - Randy Hicks announced that now is a good time to bring idea forward for legislative bills.
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12:45-12:50 pm - Announcements of Vacancies for Committees and Working Groups

Nassim Nouri shared the current vacancies and contacts for co-coordinators for committee and working groups. See Appendix E.

12:50-1:30 pm - Presentation: Tenant Protections and the COVID-19 pandemic

Presenter: Eric Brooks, San Francisco County

Eric opened a discussion on ways people can cope with evictions and housing insecurity.

1:30-2:30 pm - Presentation: “Ecosocialist Future” - Presenter: David Bond, Mel Figueroa and David Cobb

David Bond shared a [presentation](#) followed by Mel Figueroa’s presentation on “[What is Capitalism](#)”. David Cobb guided the discussion on implementing Ecosocialist programs and policies.

Discussions followed with great interest in EcoSocialism and how the Green Party can engage.

2:30-2:45 pm - Next General Assembly Meeting Date and Place

- Presenter: Tarik Kanaana

Tarik stated the next GA is expected to be on zoom. There was a poll and input received on preferences regarding zoom vs in-person for further in the future GAs. There was also a poll and input received about timing and dates for the upcoming spring GA considering weekends from May 8-9 through June 19-20.

2:45-2:50 pm - Closing Session

- Presenters: Mica Daniels and Mimi Newton

Gratitude was expressed to all who worked on putting on the GA, the presenters, and participants. Group cheer of “Go Green!”

2:55 pm - Adjourned

Appendix

Appendix A. General Assembly Attendees

GA NOV 2020 registered and guests ROLL CALL					
First Name	Last Name	County or State	Present Sat am 11/21/20	Present Sun am 11/21/20	Registered, Delegate, Alternate or Not
Jan	Arnold	Alameda	x	x	Delegate
Bill	Balderston	Alameda	x	x	Alternate
Vicente	Cruz	Alameda	x	x	Alternate
Greg	Jan	Alameda	x	x	Delegate
Orlando	Johnson	Alameda	x	x	Alternate

Noura	Khourri	Alameda	x	x	Reg-not-Del
James	McFadden	Alameda	x	x	Alternate
Justin	Richardson	Alameda	x	x	Alternate
Michael	Rubin	Alameda	x	x	Delegate
Laura	Wells	Alameda	x	x	Delegate
Steve	Breedlove	Butte	x	x	Delegate
Megan	Buckingham	Fresno	x	x	Delegate
Richard	Gomez	Fresno	x	x	Delegate
Terrance	Tovar	Fresno	x	x	Delegate
Mark	Adams	Humboldt	x	x	Delegate
David	Cobb	Humboldt	x	x	Delegate
David	Grover	Humboldt	x	x	Alternate
Doug	Barnett	Los Angeles	x	x	non-Reg Del
Marla	Bernstein	Los Angeles	x	x	non-Reg Del
David	Bond	Los Angeles	x	x	Reg-not-Del
Andrea	Houtman	Los Angeles	x	x	Reg-not-Del
James	Lauderdale	Los Angeles	x	x	Reg-not-Del
Thomas	Leavitt	Los Angeles	x	x	Reg-not-Del
Danielle	Mead	Los Angeles	x	x	Delegate
Kenneth	Mejia	Los Angeles	x	x	Reg-not-Del
Shannel	Pittman	Los Angeles	x	x	Reg-not-Del
Shane	Que Hee	Los Angeles	x	x	Delegate
Jimmy	Rivera	Los Angeles	x	x	Delegate

Robin	Rowe	Los Angeles	x	x	non-Reg Del
Rohan	Sabnis	Los Angeles	x	x	Delegate
Matthew	Smith	Los Angeles	x	not present	Reg-not-Del
Mimi	Newton	Marin	x	x	Delegate
Frank	Lambert	Monterey	x	x	Reg-not-Del
Efrem	Valentin	Monterey	x	x	Delegate
Dominique	Wade	Monterey	x	x	Delegate
Audra	Walton	Monterey	x	x	Reg-not-Del
Nicole	Raglin	Nevada	x	x	Delegate
Randy	Hicks	Sacramento	x	x	Delegate
David	Quinley	Sacramento	x	x	Reg-not-Del
Chris	Richardson	Sacramento	x	x	Reg-not-Del
Rick	Greenblatt	San Diego	x	x	Delegate
Ann	Menasche	San Diego	x	x	Delegate
Eric	Brooks	San Francisco	x	x	Delegate
Yolanda	Catzalco	San Francisco	x	x	Reg-not-Del
Barry	Hermanson	San Francisco	not present	x	Reg-not-Del
Rich	Stone	San Francisco	x	x	Delegate
Mica	Daniel	San Joaquin	x	x	Delegate
Colt	Gonzales	San Joaquin	x	x	Delegate
Peggy	Koteen	San Luis Obispo	x	x	Delegate
Charisse	Cordero	Santa Barbara	x	x	Delegate
Marc	Belk	Santa Clara	x	not present	Reg-not-Del

Diane	Harrison	Santa Clara	x	x	Delegate
Nadia	Nouri	Santa Clara	x	x	Delegate
Nassim	Nouri	Santa Clara	x	x	Delegate
Christine	Pepin	Santa Clara	x	x	Delegate
Ruscal	Cayangyang	Solano	x	not present	Alternate
June	Brashares	Sonoma	x	x	Alternate
Susan	Chunco	Sonoma	x	x	Delegate
Tarik	Kanaana	Sonoma	x	x	Alternate
Susan	Lamont	Sonoma	x	x	Delegate
Tim	Morgan	Sonoma	x	x	Reg-not-Del
Karen	Nyhus	Sonoma	x	x	Alternate
John	Schmit	Stanislaus	x	x	Delegate
Don	Manro	Tulare	x	x	Delegate
Sadie	Fulton	Yolo	x	x	non-Reg Del
Ajamu	Baraka				Guest
Meleiza	Figueroa	Butte			Guest
Connor	Gorman	Yolo			Guest
Howie	Hawkins	NY			Guest
Yinnon	Hiller	Nevada County			Guest
Brandon	Johnson	Marin			Guest
Victor	Omondi Majanga	KENYA			Guest
Lisa	Savage	ME			Guest

Jill	Stein	MA			Guest
Angela	Walker				Guest

Appendix B. Strategic Plan 2021-2023

Green Party of California 2021-2023 Strategic Plan

As defined by the GPCA Bylaws Section 11-1

2021

January 4 - CC monthly teleconference

January 23-24 - CC annual retreat

February 1 - CC monthly teleconference

March 1 - CC monthly teleconference

April 5 - CC monthly teleconference

Spring - Deadline to release Draft General Assembly agenda; at least 42 days before General Assembly

(GPCA Bylaws 7-5.1(a))

Spring - Determination of active Counties and calculating of delegates to the Spring General Assembly

(GPCA Bylaws 5-2.2) at least 42 days before General Assembly (GPCA Bylaws 7-6.1(b)); and for the 2021-2022 Standing General Assembly

April 26 - Deadline for applications for candidates for the Coordinating Committee and the Green Party

of the United States (GPUS) Delegation

May 3 - June 13 - Discussion period for Standing General Assembly voting, to include elections for the

Coordinating Committee and the California Delegates to the GPUS, as well as possibly other votes

May 3 - CC monthly teleconference

May - Coordinating Committee sends reminder via GPCA Inform list to counties reminding them to appoint delegates to the GPCA FY2021-2022 Standing General Assembly for one-year terms (July 1 - June 30)

May/June - Spring General Assembly -- Including Confirmation of the Treasurer and the Liaison to Secretary of State, and Confirmation (or Re-confirmation) of Assistant Treasurer(s), if any

June 7 - CC monthly teleconference

June 9 - Semi-annual notice announcing vacancies and seeking applicants for GPCA Standing Committees

June 14 - 20 - Voting period for Standing General Assembly (see "Discussion period" above)

June 30 - Delegates to the GPCA FY2021-2022 Standing General Assembly shall be appointed by active

County Organizations and shall serve for one-year terms (July 1 - June 30), with no term limits

July 1 - Standing General Assembly Delegate Terms begin and run through June 30, 2022

July 12 - CC monthly teleconference

July 31 - Deadline: Work plans submitted from committees and working groups

Summer - GPUS Annual National Meeting

August 2 - CC monthly teleconference

September 13 - CC monthly teleconference

October 4 - CC monthly teleconference

Fall - Deadline to release Draft Strategic Plan and Draft FY2022 Budget; at least 42 days before General

Assembly (GPCA Bylaws 7-5.1(a))

October/November/December - Fall GA with CC meeting the night before the GA. The GA is to include

Approval of the Annual Budget and Annual Strategic Plan (GPCA Bylaws Section 11-2 Strategic Plan);

the Annual Treasurer's Report (GPCA Fiscal Policy Sections 5-2 and 10-1); and Confirmation of any new

Assistant Treasurer(s), if any

November 1 - CC monthly teleconference

November 10 - Semi-annual notice seeking applicants for GPCA Standing Committees

December 6 - CC monthly teleconference

2022

January 3 - CC monthly teleconference

January 22-23 - CC annual retreat

February 7 - CC monthly teleconference

February - Submit Green Party Statement to SOS for CA Voter Guide

March 7 - CC monthly teleconference

Spring - Deadline to release Draft General Assembly agenda; at least 42 days before General Assembly

(GPCA Bylaws 7-5.1(a))

Spring - Determination of active Counties and calculating of delegates to the Spring General Assembly

(GPCA Bylaws 5-2.2) at least 42 days before General Assembly (GPCA Bylaws 7-6.1(b)); and for the 2022-2023 Standing General Assembly

April 4 - CC monthly teleconference

April 25 - Deadline for applications for candidates for the Coordinating Committee and the Green Party

of the United States (GPUS) Delegation

Spring - Spring General Assembly, w/ CC meeting the night before the GA. The GA is to also include Confirmation of new Assistant Treasurer(s), if any.

May 2 - CC monthly teleconference

May 2 - June 12 - Discussion period for Standing General Assembly voting, to include elections for the

Coordinating Committee and the California Delegates to the GPUS, as well as possibly other votes.

May - Coordinating Committee sends reminder via GPCA Inform list to counties reminding them to appoint delegates to the GPCA FY2022-2023 Standing General Assembly for one-year terms (July 1 - June 30)

June 6 - CC monthly teleconference

June 8 - Semi-annual notice announcing vacancies and seeking applicants for GPCA Standing Committees

June 13 - 19 - Voting period for Standing General Assembly (Elections for the Coordinating Committee

and the California Delegates to the GPUS, as well as possibly other votes)

June 30 - Delegates to the GPCA FY2022-2023 General Assembly shall be appointed by active County

Organizations and shall serve for one-year terms (July 1 - June 30), with no term limits

July 1 - Standing General Assembly Delegate terms begin and run through June 30, 2023

July 11 - CC monthly teleconference
July 31 - Deadline: Work Plans submitted from committees and working groups.
Summer - GPUS Annual National Meeting
August 1 - CC monthly teleconference
Early or mid August - Counties must submit endorsements for the November 2022 Ballot to our SOS Liaison
September 12 - CC monthly teleconference
October 3 - CC monthly teleconference
Fall - Deadline to release Draft Strategic Plan and Draft FY2021 Budget; at least 42 days before General Assembly (GPCA Bylaws 7-5.1(a))
November/December - Fall/Winter GA w/ CC meeting the night before the GA. The GA is to include Approval of the Annual Budget and Annual Strategic Plan (GPCA Bylaws Section 11-2 Strategic Plan);
Annual Treasurer's Report (GPCA Fiscal Policy Sections 5-2 and 10-1); and Confirmation of any new Assistant Treasurer(s), if any
November 9 - Semi-annual notice seeking applicants for GPCA Standing Committees
November 14 - CC monthly teleconference
December 5 - CC monthly teleconference

2023

January 9 - CC monthly teleconference
January 21-22 - CC annual retreat

Appendix C. Justin Richardson's Bio and Statement

Brief Bio and Statement of Interest for GPCA Treasurer Position, 2021-2023

During the 2020 election cycle, I served as treasurer for Aidan Hill for Berkeley Mayor. In 2018, I was treasurer for Laura Wells for Congress and Aidan Hill for City Council. In each campaign I successfully executed administrative duties as prescribed by the various local, state and federal Regulations.

I presently serve (since 2017) on the County Council of Alameda County and function as a delegate at biannual General Assemblies of the Green Party of California (GPCA). I am a member of the GPCA Coordinating Committee. I was elected in 2018 and 2020 to serve as a California alternate delegate to GPUS. I am also a member of the GPUS Animal Rights Committee.

Before moving to California in 2012, I was Wisconsin State Coordinator for the Nader/Gonzalez 2008 presidential campaign and president of WORT Community Radio (Pacifica affiliate) Board of Directors.

Recognizing that a thriving Green Party needs steady administrative support as well as strong candidates, I am interested and enthusiastic to assist the GPCA in the role of treasurer and accompanying committee responsibilities. Thank you for reading and considering.

Justin Richardson
Oakland, CA

Appendix D.

Revised Proposal: Revise the Health Care plank in the GPCA Platform to include a section on with the heading “Pandemics” as follows,

Proposed revision of the Health Care plank:

Only the Pandemics section will be discussed and voted upon.

Health Care Only the underlined changes will be discussed or voted upon

Every person has the right to adequate and affordable health care as well as confidentiality of medical data and records, and the right of deciding the fate of products derived from his or her Body.

In California in 2005, 20% of the population is uninsured. Many more have insurance that is inadequate to pay for the care they need. Out-of-pocket costs, such as deductibles, co-pays and the cost of insurance increase every year. Many, especially among seniors, pay out of their pockets for large portions of their health care costs. America spends more per person for health care than any other nation in the world. Yet it ranks only 37th by WHO standards in quality of health care.

Therefore the GPCA advocates the following policies:

The GPCA supports a Single Payer Universal Health Care system. This means health insurance coverage for ALL through a single insurance plan offered by the government, which would control the growth of health care spending through a simplified administrative structure, consolidated financing and purchasing, and statewide health planning.

That system must offer a comprehensive benefit package, including complete medical, dental, mental health, pharmaceutical, chiropractic, vision, hearing, hospice, and in-home care. No necessary service can be left out. If co-pays and deductibles are included to finance the system, they must be reasonable and affordable. This system should also cover long-term care and the medical component of Workers Compensation. We support state or federal efforts that would establish such a system.

Everyone must have access to all necessary medical care, including those who are economically disadvantaged. Preventive care is more effective, more humane and more cost-effective than treating people after they are already ill. Preventive care should be emphasized in the planning and financing of our health care system. Injury prevention and social support services should be supported. Measures to minimize post-traumatic stress syndromes, mental distress, and psychological problems after injury, illness, or social neglect need support too. We also support measures to assure adequate supply of primary care providers, nurses, and other allied health care personnel.

Care must be culturally competent. Our health care system must affirm rights to human dignity, personal choice, and privacy. It must practise respect for racial, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, age, disabilities, and other cultural needs/differences. We support giving patients complete freedom of choice as to their form of treatment or to refuse treatment, as part of a

patient's Bill of Rights.

The GPCA strongly supports a holistic approach to health care. Different philosophies of care, broadly characterized as conventional and alternative/complementary care co-exist and sometimes compete. Both have roles in a modern and compassionate health care system. We support funding for research for both conventional and alternative/complementary care to cure and prevent cancer, heart disease, AIDS/HIV, and other illnesses. We support funding for modalities of care with proven benefit or widespread popular acceptance, such as Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine. We support access to a natural birthing alternative for all women. We support licensing, medical malpractice insurance, and oversight of alternative/complementary care practitioners, identical to that those for other health care professionals. We support encouraging and educating people about healthy lifestyles, and more awareness of mechanisms of self-healing. In addition, we support funding holistic recovery services after any injury or illness.

Health care resources must be distributed fairly and used in an efficient and cost effective manner because these resources belong to all of us. Disparities between care for the wealthy and poor must end. Health care costs in 2005 account for 15% of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product.

We support existing measures, programs, and legislative actions that will increase access to high quality, cost-effective medical services for all Californians until we get a Single Payer system, and as necessary afterwards.

We need reasonable prices for all medical goods and services. The largest single unnecessary cost in 2005 is the health-insurance system. In addition, profits for pharmaceutical and medical equipment companies, health maintenance organizations (HMOs), and for-profit providers are often unjustifiably high. The pharmaceutical industry, for example, has the highest profit margin of any sector of the economy. It is also heavily subsidized by tax breaks, special patent legislation, and lucrative licensing arrangements by the federal government. We assume that Single Payer will bring costs for prescription drugs in line with what others in the world pay. This is accomplished through bulk purchasing. Until Single Payer is established, we support measures such as drug re-importation from Canada and high quality generic drugs to reduce drug costs. Drugs should be developed with public money with the objective of getting the best help for the most people. The public should receive a reasonable financial return on its investment. As long as we use the current system, we oppose any legislation to extend the patent of any specific drug.

We want hospitals, clinics, and other care providers to try to develop management that is democratic and representative. People representing health care workers, consumers, and other public interests should be included on the Board of Directors and other governing structures.

We demand that California's medical marijuana law be fully recognized and implemented by all the appropriate local, state, and federal jurisdictions. The federal government must not interfere with duly-enacted California laws on health care.

We support reimbursement of health care costs FOR ALL, including costs of therapy to treat psychological damage, mental distress, and traumatic shock as well as the physical effects.

The right to informed consent for any individual without force and without coercion relative to his/her own body for any medical, dental, pharmaceutical, or other procedure that involves body

tissue/organ extraction, insertion, injection, sampling, or imaging. The informed consent must be verifiable, and neither forced nor coerced.

The products derived from body tissue or organ extraction, and from insertion, injection, sampling, and imaging cannot be used without informed consent of the patient or the person with Power of Attorney.

The right to confidentiality of all medical, dental, pharmaceutical record data for an individual unless otherwise decided by the individual without force and without coercion. Such data also include details on abortions, adoptions, drugs, cloning, test tube babies, aborted fetuses, genes, and DNA.

Pandemics:

Pandemics are out-of-control infectious diseases that are prevalent over a whole country, widespread in multiple countries, or all over the world. Many of these mass illnesses have originated with and have been spread through animals, wild and domesticated. Some pandemics have overwhelmed health care systems, and governments may restrict individual rights in their efforts to control the situation.

In such cases the Green Party believes that preventive measures at all levels are needed:

1. Individuals: Voluntarily adopting or in the case of those unable to do that asking for help to adopt, universal precautions like self-quarantining, social distancing, informing social contacts if infected, wearing personal protective equipment (for example, the appropriate masks for airborne vectors; condoms for venereal diseases; gloves for infective contact from surfaces), maintaining personal hygiene (for example, showering and hand sanitation), and seeking education about such responses and when to use them. See the Workplace Health and Safety plank for the mitigation of workplace hazards that includes anticipation, identification/ recognition, control and prevention of biological stressors. Since many pandemics arise from animal to human transfer, the above universal precautions can be used around unfamiliar or wild animals. As industrially farmed animals are prime sources for animal to human vector transfer, we advocate for the widespread, voluntary adoption of plant-based diets and the adoption of the policies outlined in our Animal Farming plank. When the health care system cannot control lethal infectious diseases, self-help may be key to survival. Individual preventive actions will relieve over-burdening and overexposing health care workers who otherwise may have to resort to rationing care and to turn away patients with other medical conditions.

2. Government: There needs to be funding to control the pandemic, for research to provide treatments that are both safe and effective, and to have the appropriate health care infrastructure. We also advocate for response strategies that minimize the impact on individual civil rights, emphasize both individual and collective responsibility for preventing disease, and ensure accurate gathering and distribution of information on the impact and vectors involved with pandemic diseases. See the Public Education plank for our perspective on the government role in public education. Our plank on Human Rights and Civil Liberties covers the non-health human rights and civil liberties that need to be preserved during pandemics.

3. Corporations: Corporations must provide medicinals and prophylactic measures to the public at as low a cost as possible until the Single Payer Universal Health Care system is in place. Our plank on Corporations and Democracy sets out our program for local community control over corporations.

4. Global Considerations. National governments should aid global efforts to address a pandemic through the World Health Organization and other international health organizations since the experiences of other countries may be useful in combatting pandemics. Concerted multinational responses may be essential for global control.

Appendix E. Current Co-Coordiators – Nov. 2020

Committees:

Bylaws - Mimi Newton Co-coordinator, James Lauderdale Co-coord, Liaison
Clearinghouse - Maxine Daniel Co-coordinator, Nassim Nouri Co-coord, Liaison
Finance Maxine Daniel Co-coordinator, Treasurer (pending) ex-officio, voting
Fundraising John Schmit Co-coord, Liaison
IT Nicole Raglin Co-coordinator, David Bonds Co-coordinator, Audra Walton CC Liaison
Platform Tarik Kanaana Co-coord, Liaison. Shane Que Hee Co-coordinator
Media Diana Brown Co-coordinator, Meg Buckingham CC Liaison, Media Laura Wells Spokesperson
Budget June Brashares CC Liaison, Mimi Newton member

Working Groups:

Campaigns & Candidates Shannel Pittman Co-coordinator & CC Liaison
Grassroots Organizing Laura Wells Co-coordinator & CC Liaison
Activist Training & Development Diana Brown Co-coordinator
Electoral Reform
Green Issues

Learn more and find contacts at:

<https://www.cagreens.org/committees>

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