

## GPCA COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, August 7, 2023, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM via Zoom**

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### **(1) Roll call:** (5 mins)

There are currently 18 CC committee members. Quorum is a simple majority of 10.

CC members: Mark Adams, Bill Balderston, Susan Chunco, David Cobb, Charisse Cordero, Ann Garrison, Richard Gomez, Dave Grover, Greg Jan, Jon Mann, Mimi Newton, Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Rohan Sabnis, Phoebe Thomas Sorgen, Lindsay Vurek, Audra Walton, Laura Wells

**Present:** Charisse Cordero, David Grover, Laura Wells, Greg Jan, Lindsay Vurek, Mark Adams, Phoebe Sorgen, Rohan Sabnis, David Cobb, Richard Gomez, Mimi Newton (7:48), Bill Balderston (7:58), Audra Walton arrived after adjournment, but will come next meeting.

**Absent:** Christine Pepin, Susan Chunco, Nassim Nouri, John Mann, Ann Garrison

### **Quorum reached at: 7:37**

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### **(2) Roles** (4 mins):

Roles for CC Call on August 7, 2023:

Facilitator: David Grover

Note Taker: Charisse Cordero

Timekeeper:

Vibes Watcher:

Roles for next month's CC Call on Sept 11, 2023 (2nd Mon due to Labor Day):

Facilitator:

Note Taker: Charisse Cordero

Timekeeper:

Vibes Watcher:

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### **(3) Approval of Agenda** (3 mins)

**Approved by consensus**

### **(3a) Late items:**

**Decision Item:** Set due date to submit Work Plans and Budget Requests.

**Sponsor:** Finance Committee (CC liaison is Susan Chunco)

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ALL COMMITTEES:

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**(4) Approval of CC minutes (2 mins)**

July, as posted to the CC email list by Charisse Cordero on 7/17/23, 9:26pm

**Approved by consensus**  
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**(5) Consent Items (5 mins)**

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 (CC liaisons are noted) for inclusion in the meeting minutes:

- Bylaws and Rules (Mimi Newton, interim, non-CC member) - **Appendix B**
- Candidates (Greg Jan) - **Appendix C**
- Communications (Nassim Nouri) - **Appendix D**
- Finance (Mica Daniel) - **Appendix E**
- Membership and Outreach (Rick Greenblatt/Laura Wells) - **Appendix F**
- Policy & Platform (Mark Adams) - **Appendix G**
- General Assembly Planning (CC subcommittee) (David Grover) - **N/A**
- GP-US delegation from GPCA - **N/A**
- Proportional Representation Coalition report (David Cobb) - **N/A**

**Discussion:**

Greg brought up that the GP-US delegation has not been submitting reports. Laura said that they had submitted a report for May. David Grover said that the delegation should co-ordinate better with the CC and will contact them by email to make sure that there are regular reports. Phoebe asked if the reports were to be monthly or quarterly. It was felt that it should be monthly, since they meet monthly. Phoebe suggested that different delegates take turns submitting the report. She suggested doing it alphabetically.

**Approved by consensus**  
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**(6) UPDATES and APPOINTMENTS (5 mins)**

**(6.a) Committee Appointments (N/A)**

**(6.b) 48 Hour Online CC Vote(s) and Results (N/A)**

**(6.c) Strategic Plan Calendar review**

[https://assets.nationbuilder.com/cagreens/pages/1677/attachments/original/1664662050/DR\\_AFT\\_GPCAWorkPlan2023-2025.pdf?1664662050](https://assets.nationbuilder.com/cagreens/pages/1677/attachments/original/1664662050/DR_AFT_GPCAWorkPlan2023-2025.pdf?1664662050)

**(6.d) Action Item Update (10 minutes)**

Item 1... **Future Item Action...** Standing Committee vacancies all need volunteers.... We need to send out a reminder note in July that we need volunteers. Greg can send it to the CC to work on.

**Update:** On July 10th at 8:52 pm, Greg forwarded to this CC list what we sent out this past January about this. Greg asked if there is anyone (besides Nassim) who can (hopefully) by this weekend post this to the "Inform list". Tarik can post, so Greg will contact Tarik.

Item 2... **Future Item Action.**

A reminder needs to be sent to all committees to prepare work plans and budgets.

The Finance Committee should do this.

Has this been done every year? When? Should we contact Justin about that? Can we use last year's?

(Note: Susan Chunco was appointed as liaison to the Finance Committee by the CC during the meeting. Mimi says she sends a report every year and can send hers to Susan as an example to send to Finance.)

**Update:** Greg believes that Tarik wants all agenda items for the October GA submitted by the first week of September. So that means all committees will need to get their 2024 budgets into the Finance Committee (and/or to Justin?) "ASAP".

**Pending:** Dave G. to contact Tarik about email which accompanies CA State allocation of Delegates to ensure required action(s) described on calendar are up to date

**Update:** David will contact Tarik.

**Pending:** Mark to ask PPC to clarify what action they need for the Affordable Housing materials.

**Update:** Mark says they are editing the platform.

**Pending:** Mark to ask PPC if they can draft a press release for the AB538 opposition, and if they want the CC to share that position through the legislative portal

**Update:** Mark says they want to wait until, the legislation is further into the process

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**(7) Discussion Item:** Voter Turnout Project questions from high school student to the GPCA by a high school student Fiona. See Appendix A

**Sponsor:** Laura Wells

**Background and Purpose:** Fiona emailed an inquiry on 7/28/23, and interview questions which Laura forwarded to the CC on 8/1/23. See **Appendix A.**

**Proposal:** Spend a short time, estimated at 10 minutes, discussing answers to questions posed

**Implementation/Timeline/Resources:**

Laura will respond to Fiona soon after the CC meeting.

**Discussion:**

Greg stated that different counties and candidates do things different ways. Going to college campuses and social media may be the way that young voters are reached. Email and postal mail are ways to target voters.

Richard said that counties take advantage of opportunities they have and sometimes don't usually have. Example: an opportunity arose for a radio presentation.

David Cobb suggested focusing on "ABC"

- \* Acknowledgement
- \* Bridge
- \* Contact

Mimi suggested David Cobb send his thoughts to Fiona.  
After some discussion regarding how to respond, Laura suggested he send them to her, and she would contact Fiona.

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**Discussion:**

Laura stated that no one from the Finance Committee was present, but that the draft budget needed to be submitted by Sept. 4. That would be a help to Justin.

Greg observed that Sept. 4 is Labor Day weekend and that we should give Justin more time...suggested that the committees submit reports with 7 days after their meetings or Aug. 29, whichever is earlier. Laura will send the message to Justin and the Finance Committee.

**Announcements:**

Charisse and David Grover briefly discussed attending the Annual National Meeting. It was educational and informative.

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**LATE ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE CC**

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**Meeting adjourned at: 8:23**

**Next meeting: Sept. 11, 2023, 7:30 pm**

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**APPENDICES**

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**APPENDIX A**

**(I) Laura's email to CC on 8/1/23** with questions and rough draft of some responses

**Fiona's Interview Questions**

1. What is your party's primary source of campaigning to incentivize voter turnout?
  - a. How much of that source/media is exposed to by younger community members?
  - b. Is one of the campaigns centered on targeting/outourcing individual members (retail politics)?
  - c. Does your party have a specific method targeted youth voters?
2. Based on your party's experience with voting polls, what is the most effective way to get the most votes?
  - a. What specific instances indicated different methods were effective or ineffective?
3. What source would you recommend towards people to do research on before voting?

**Laura's rough draft responses:**

1. (Need input)
2. (Looking for better language from Greg) The Green Voter Guide published by the GP of Alameda County before each election makes a difference in getting out the vote for the endorsed propositions and candidates, especially those in the local jurisdictions.
3. Sources:

\* Green Party state website [cagreens.org](https://cagreens.org) and county websites such as <https://acgreens.wordpress.com/> and <https://sccgreens.org/> (Alameda and Santa Clara respectively) or other counties at <https://www.cagreens.org/county-parties>

\* Smart Voter and Voters Edge <https://votersedge.org/ca/page/smartvoter> in partnership with the League of Women Voters has good basic information as supplied by the candidates.

\* Note that many endorsers focus on the two-party system and virtually ignore candidates who are independent of that system.

## **(II) Fiona's email to GPCA on 7/28/23**

Dear Green Party,

My name is Fiona Wu, and I am a sophomore at Claremont High School in Los Angeles County. I am currently working on a community outreach program focused on youth voting and how increasing youth voter turnout can have community impacts.

I was hoping you might be able to provide me with some insight into how your party engages with increasing voter turnout, specifically among the youth demographic. Would it be possible to either arrange an interview via Zoom or phone or, alternatively, email you some questions to get a more specific understanding of what methods your party has done to engage with youth voters?

Additionally, I am collecting data to assess how various age demographics approach voting and view their impact as a voter. I am also organizing a webinar centered around registering to vote, researching candidate stances, and the importance of youth voting. Would the Green party be interested in helping me either collect more data by distributing my survey and/or promoting attendance at this webinar? I would be thrilled to see this community education project gain more traction and potentially grow into a more significant grassroots movement as we approach the 2024 election cycle.

I would greatly appreciate a response to this email. Thank you very much for your time and consideration in assisting me with this very important aspect of promoting American democracy, especially among the 8-20 million potential new voters who will be joining us in the next election cycle.

Best Regards,

Fengxue (Fiona) Wu

Claremont High School 2026

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## **APPENDIX B**

### **Bylaws and Rules Committee meeting minutes - Sunday 7/16/23, 12:30pm**

**Attendees:** Mimi Newton (co-co, note-taker, Marin), James Lauderdale (member, LA);

**GUESTS:** Michele Mashburn (Santa Clara), Laura Wells (Alameda), David Cobb (Humboldt)

#### **Any significant actions the Committee is taking:**

The Bylaws and Rules Committee is evaluating the input received from GA attendees regarding GPCA decision-making "post-pandemic" and will continue to discuss decision-making under the Bylaws and how this process can be made more people-friendly and accessible to Greens in California. We have fielded an inquiry from Orange County regarding possible County Bylaws revisions. We provided feedback regarding various ways that the GPCA can remove process obstacles to providing support for a possible Left Unity slate in 2024.

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, August 13, 2023, at 12:30 pm pacific.

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## **APPENDIX C**

### **Candidates Committee meeting minutes - Sat, 7/22/23, 10:00 am**

**1 -- Attendees & Intros:** Greg Jan, Chris Lozinski, Dwayne Johnson



**2 -- Local "non-partisan"** elections (such as City Council, School Board, Water District, etc.) -  
- Dwayne is currently reviewing some websites with material about "How to Run for Elective Office", which will hopefully be useful to new candidates for local office (including for "district partisan seats"). The review should be completed before our next meeting.

**3 -- District Partisan Races** (such as state legislature or US House) -- It will soon be time to start gathering signatures for these seats to defray the filing fees. So, we'll soon draft a message to county groups to encourage them to find candidates for these seats (as well as for non-partisan offices). We also mentioned working on a "Left Unity Slate" with the Peace and Freedom Party for these seats, as well as for US Senate and possibly President.

**4 -- US Senate** -- We are looking for a candidate for this seat (and Peace and Freedom is too. Speaking of which, we'll be meeting with P&F before our next Candidates Committee meeting),

**5 -- President** -- Peace and Freedom will be contacting Cornel West, to invite him to also run in their March primary election. We also noted that some county Green Party groups have started to publicize Cornel West's candidacy at various local events, etc.

**6 -- Next meeting(s)** -- Since we meet on the 4th Saturday of each month (at 10:00 am), our next meeting is August 26.

## APPENDIX D

### Communications Committee Monthly Meeting - Tue 7/25/23, 6:30pm

**1- Attendees:** Current coordinators Mica Daniel & Nassim Nouri, Charisse Cordero

**2- Meeting roles:** Nassim facilitate and notes

**3- Media (LW)-** [Press Releases & announcements](#)

- Nothing scheduled or planned.

**4- CH -** [GPCA Merchandise & Lit](#)

- literature inventory was very low with recent large orders from Alameda and Orange counties  
[https://cagreens.nationbuilder.com/flyers\\_and\\_literature](https://cagreens.nationbuilder.com/flyers_and_literature)

- Nassim updated the GPCA trifold and palm card with QR codes, corrected dated content, and recently amended energy platform language

- Nassim ordered and picked up 2k trifolds and 1k palm cards at a total cost of \$1070

A printer's mistake resulted in receiving additional free 2k trifolds on thinner paper that are still usable.

- Newsletter schedule (NN)

— 7/3/23 - July 4 Independence Day, reminder of SP event - well received.

— late August we will send a fundraising video / letter being prepared by Mica

— GA announcement will also be sent near the end of Aug.

**5- IT**

- **SoS voter** data update (NN) we were told by NB that we need to add data slowly to the db to avoid getting tagged as spam. Sean working on a schedule of imports.

- **IT tickets - (NN)**

**we need IT volunteers**

Nassim made 7 requested updates.

**6- Building the Comms team** - PLEASE review [Internal Procedures Roles and jobs](#) of the Communications Team

**7-Next meeting:** Aug 31, 6:30pm

## APPENDIX E

### Finance & Fundraising meeting minutes - Thu, 7/27/23, 8:00pm

**(1) Roll Call:** Susan Chunco, Mica Daniel, Justin Richardson

**(2) Roles:** Facilitator: Justin Richardson, Note Taker: Mica Daniel, Vibes Watcher: Susan Chunco

**(3) Approval of the Agenda** - Agenda approved.

**(4) Approval of the Finance Committee Minutes** as posted by Mica Daniel to GPCC ON June 26, 2023, at 11:35 PM

**(5) Review 2023 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.htm>

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**(6) GPCA Treasurer's Report - June 2023**

<b>06/01-06/30/23</b>	<b>Income</b>
\$810.00	One-time donations (26)
\$391.50	Recurring monthly donations (36)
<b>06/01-06/30/23</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
\$10.45	Call Centric
\$125.50	WiredTree / Liquid Web
\$300.00	Treasurer's stipend
\$60.00	ISP
\$20.00	Basecamp
\$45.56	PayPal fees
\$18.89	NationBuilder fees
\$30.00	OpaVote
\$1,470.00	Sec of State
\$25.00	Bank fee
<b>6/30/23</b>	<b>Account Balances</b>
\$87.13	PayPal
\$1,107.94	Mechanics Bank (savings) Federal
\$20,853.69	Mechanics Bank (checking) State

**(7) Updates and Announcements:**

(7a) Paid our recent fine of \$470.00 and also paid \$1000.00 on the fines from 2014

(7b) Mica has finished the fundraising letter. The video shoot is scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 2023

(7c) We also discussed Susan Chunco doing the draft agenda and the Finance Committee minutes going forward.

Affirmed

(7d) We discussed the status of our mailbox. No decision was made.

(7e) Sending out announcements for the Budget Committee to form and requests for all committees to submit their budget.

**(8) Next meeting.** Aug. 24, 2023, 8 PM until 9 PM

**APPENDIX F**

**Membership and Outreach Committee meeting minutes – 7/11/23, 7:30 pm**

**1. Roles** - Sean - facilitator/timekeeper, Rick notetaker

**2. Roll Call** - Rick Greenblatt, Brian Good, Richard Gomez, Laura Wells, Sean Dougherty

**3. Adopted agenda**

**4. Reviewed last month's minutes & actions**

**5. County Activation Report**

a. Trinity: "something is happening [Sean]", first meeting scheduled, David Cobb will be attending in person. Bethany Porter is the Trinity contact

b. Orange: Sean will meet with David C. tomorrow in prep for OC

**6. GPCA County-Shared Tech**



- a. Videoconferencing - Sean – ordered Google productivity suite; need sate videoconferencing turnkey app. Sean will follow up on Zoom/Google question
- b. Mail blasting: Some Nation Builder licensing issues

## **7. Leveraging Cornel West**

a. Can we use his events to signup get people plugged into GPCA? How do we coordinate CW campaign with GP – Sean signups at CW events; Richard – encourage people to register Green – Sean: Learn from the Bernie campaign – top down or bottom up? Campaign? Laura – GPCA CC: GPCA GA in October; Candidates Committee recommend candidates to be on ballot; meeting w/P&F discussing continuation of Left Unity

**8. Next Meeting** -Tuesday, 8/8, 7:30pm

**9. Announcements** - Sean for Congress -Seanforpeace.org

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## **APPENDIX G**

### **Policy and Platform Committee Report, 7/27/23**

**1. Attendees:** Shane Que Hee, Peggy Koteen, Erik Brooks, Mark Adams (Liaison to GPCA CC)

**2. Approval of agenda** by consensus

**3. Approval of minutes** of prior meeting

**4. Coordinating Committee Report** – Mark Adams did not attend last meeting due to illness

**5. Cornell West:** Group discussed how the GPCA P&P Committee can support the Cornell West candidacy. It is recognized that this committee's involvement is limited. However, the P&P Committee also recognizes that West's platform needs some adjustment with regard to Ukraine. Erik Brooks to approach the National Committee to voice this concern. San Francisco already had thoughts and will host a forum on West; Nassim, Rick Greenblatt and David Cobb may also be involved; Mike Feinstein provided opinion on SGA listserv.

**6. Platform on Energy:** Shane to examine all existing GPCA platforms affected by the new GPCA Energy Platform to find any verbiage to update and make proposals at the next meeting. Erik and Peggy mentioned they want to take a look at the GPCA platform on agriculture and update. Shane will post revisions of other planks affected by the revision on the GPCA Platform listserv for the next meeting. May have to update the entire plank involved rather than just the energy revisions. Eric would like to add the discarded Bitcoin section back in Jan 24, but renewable energy resources needed to be the backups rather than fossil fuels and/or nuclear; animal/agriculture/GMO-Cloning, and the recent Food and Fiber planks may also need revision.

**7. Policy on Affordable Housing:** The P&P discussed and edited the current GPCAS Affordable Housing:

- 1st two bullets combined, and census links moved to introduction. The current Interagency council should be added with no Executive influence on the new agency also emphasized.
- SF currently is involved with fighting the developer front YIMBY (“Yes in my backyard” that was born in 1993) of NIMBY (“Not In My Backyard”).

**8. Next Meeting:** August 24, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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## **APPENDIX H**

**General Assembly planning emails** (in order of most recent first)

**(1) EMAIL 8/6/23 to GPCA Inform List:**

Dear [first name],

The Green Party of California invites California Greens to its next virtual General Assembly (GA) taking place on Saturday, October 21, 2023.

This General Assembly will be focused on selecting the presidential candidates to be recommended to the California Secretary of State for inclusion on the GPCA presidential

primary election ballot as well as other agenda items submitted by committees and counties. For more information on the selection process please see Article I of the Rules and Procedures of the Green Party of California.

The GA planning Committee is currently soliciting agenda items from County Organizations and Committees. Those wishing to submit agenda items should notify the State Meeting Planning Committee ([agenda-team@cagreens.org](mailto:agenda-team@cagreens.org)) as soon as possible. The final proposals in this format are due by Monday, September 4th along with any supporting documents. A draft agenda will be available shortly thereafter.

The General Assembly is the primary decision-making body of the GPCA and consists of delegates from each active county organization. Delegates are selected by the counties each July and serve as delegates to both the GA and the Online GA (the SGA).

Please be on the lookout for further notices with additional details, including a draft agenda and registration, as they become available.

Send any questions, comments, or ideas to [agenda-team@cagreens.org](mailto:agenda-team@cagreens.org).

We look forward to seeing you at the GA.

Please help by forwarding this message to Greens in your community and in your committees. Green Party of California Inform List

<https://cagreens.nationbuilder.com/>

**(2) EMAIL FROM TARIK KANAANA 8/4/23 to State Meetings Committee:**

The CC has selected Oct. 14 or 21 to hold a GA in order to meet the timeline in our bylaws to send names of presidential candidates to the SOS. I suggest the 21st because it will give us a little more time. If no one objects I will send out an announcement to that effect tomorrow evening. It took me so long to get this going because I am in Palestine visiting family which is making me extra lazy, and the time difference is getting me confused.

- Send Announcement: ASAP
- Proposals Due: Mon. Sep. 4, '23
- Send Draft Agenda: Sat. Sep. 9, '23
- GA: Sat. Oct. 21, '23

**(3) EMAIL FROM CHARISSE CORDERO 8/4/23:**

Hi Tarik!

This is the new draft of the proposal from the CC to hold an online GA to decide what names will be on our ballot. We have to get the names in to the California Secretary of State by Oct. 31.

Peace,

Charisse

**New draft of proposal:**

Part 1: That the GPCA-CC convene an online GA in October, with possible dates being Oct. 14-15 or Oct. 21-22.

Part 2: That the recommendations to the GA for GPCA recommendations for placement on the GPCA's March 5, 2024 presidential primary ballot be automatically included on the GA agenda, and that the GA agenda be open to any other proposals submitted by GPCA committees and/or county parties, as would be the case for any other GA via the regular proposal submission process

Part 3 is removed

Part 4: That the GPCA-CC or the GA Planning Committee send out notification of the dates of the October online GA to the county parties and other Greens via the GPCA's Inform list and other regular means of communication, that it includes a deadline for county parties to send in their new SGA delegates to ensure full participation in the October online GA and that it includes contact information and deadlines for any other proposals that county parties and/or GPCA committees want to submit for consideration by the October online GA.

Part 5: That the GPCA notify the Presidential Campaign Support Committee of the Green Party of the United States of the dates of the October online GA and of meetings by the GPUS Delegation and the GPCA Candidates Committee and that this information be published on the GPCA website and shared via GPCA official social media.

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**-END-**