

## **GPCA COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

### **Monday, September 11, 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:** Mark Adams, Susan Chunco, David Cobb, Charisse Cordero, Ann Garrison, Richard Gomez, Dave Grover, Greg Jan, Mimi Newton, Nassim Nouri, Rohan Sabnis, Audra Walton, Laura Wells

**Justin Richardson was also present**

**Absent:** Bill Balderston, Jon Mann, Lindsay Vurek, Phoebe Thomas Sorgen, Mimi Newton, Christine Pepin

#### **Quorum reached at: 7:30pm with 13/18 present**

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

Roles for CC Call on September 11, 2023:

Facilitator: Nassim Nouri

Note Taker: Charisse Cordero

Timekeeper: David Grover

Vibes Watcher: Mark Adams

Roles for next month's CC Call on October 2, 2023 (first Monday):

Facilitator: David Grover

Note Taker: Charisse Cordero

Timekeeper: Nassim Nouri

Vibes Watcher:

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

**Approved by consensus**

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

Greg sent a message to everyone to check their county by-laws to see if their formula for the number of county council members matches what is on our website.

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

August 7, posted to the CC email list by Charisse Cordero on 8/17/23, 1:14pm

**Approved by consensus**

#### **(5) Consent Items (5 mins)**

Background and Purpose: The consent calendar is intended to pass non-controversial items or items consensed 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 A**
- Candidates (Greg Jan) - **Appendix B**
- Communications (Nassim Nouri) - **Appendix C**
- Finance (Mica Daniel) - **Appendix D**
- Membership and Outreach (Rick Greenblatt/Laura Wells) - **Appendix E**
- Policy & Platform (Mark Adams) - **Appendix F**
- General Assembly Planning (CC subcommittee) (David Grover) - N/A
- GP-US delegation from GPCA - **Appendix G**
- Proportional Representation Coalition report (David Cobb) - N/A

### **Additional reports:**

**Finance Committee** - Justin suggested moving the GPCA P.O Box mailbox so that he can more easily get the mail. It is currently in SF and only gets checked about 2 times monthly. Nassim said that would be a problem since we just had a lot of new literature printed with that PO Box address on it. Laura said she would take over checking it in SF so that it wouldn't have to be moved, she will look for someone else to take it on for the long term.

**Communications Committee** - Nassim expressed concern about the lack of resources in the Comms Committee, especially the need for IT skills. The server is still at capacity and even though she has moved uploading documents to NationBuilder where we have plenty of spaces, both the website and listservs are in danger of crashing. Neither are secure so the listservs are spammed regularly. There have been plans to fix this problem for 7 years, but no one with bandwidth and skills on GPCA committees to do the work.

We also need to make sure the information on it is accurate, so it needs to be constantly updated and the many historical dead links removed or updated. Nassim and Rohan (for CC notes) are updating the website. Greg expressed concern that it might crash, and we could lose data. Audra thanked Nassim for her work on the website. Justin affirmed there is a lot of spam, and he deletes what he gets. Nassim needs to be focused on communications as MOC and GA rely on our comms platforms.

**General Assembly Planning Committee** - David reported he has lower bandwidth for GA planning and resigned as the CC liaison to State Meeting Subcommittee. Nassim said this is a critical time and we need more people from the CC to participate in GA planning, she will ask Tarik to submit reports going forward.

### **Approved by consensus**

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**(6) UPDATES and APPOINTMENTS** (5 mins) - None

**(6.a) Committee Appointments** (5 min) - None

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

**Proposal to appoint Richard Gomez to the Delegate Selection Committee**

- Voting period started 9/5/23 at 5:20pm and ended 9/7/23 at 5:20pm
- For full text of the Proposal, see Appendix I

RESULTS: The tally of online votes for this proposal are:

- YES votes: 13 (Mark Adams, Bill Balderston, Susan Chunco, David Cobb, Charisse Cordero, Richard Gomez, Dave Grover, Greg Jan, Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Rohan Sabnis, Phoebe Thomas Sorgen, Laura Wells)
- NO votes: None
- ABSTAIN votes: None
- NOT VOTING: 5 (Ann Garrison, Jon Mann, Mimi Newton, Lindsay Vurek, Audra Walton)

**The proposal was approved.**

**Proposals (3): Extend PNC deadline. Allow PFP to nominate. Approve GA draft agenda.**

- Voting period started 9/8/23 at 7:45 am and ended 9/10/23 at 7:45 am

- For full text of the Proposal, see Appendix J

RESULTS: The tally of online votes for these THREE proposals are:

- YES YES YES votes: 11 (Mark Adams, David Cobb, Charisse Cordero, Dave Grover, Greg Jan, Mimi Newton, Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Rohan Sabnis, Phoebe Thomas Sorgen, Laura Wells)
- NO votes: None
- ABSTAIN votes: None
- NOT VOTING: 7 (Bill Balderston, Susan Chunco, Ann Garrison, Richard Gomez, Jon Mann, Lindsay Vurek, Audra Walton)

**The proposals were approved.**

**(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)

Nassim was concerned that there was no GA agenda link for the 2024-2026 Strategic plan (calendar) decision item on the GA agenda, asked if Greg was planning on adding that soon? Greg noted that we need someone from the CC to work on the 2024-2026 calendar that needs to be approved along with the budget at the Oct GA.

Nassim volunteered to work on it, and proposed that as soon as she drafts it and Greg approves, she should link it to the GA agenda and notify Tarik and the CC. There were no objections or concerns.

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

**Item 1: GPCA Committee vacancy announcement with a call for volunteers**

Email was sent to Inform List by Tarik on 8/11/23, 5:30am

**Item 2: Annual work plans and budgets**

Due dates for annual work plans and budgets were set, and the Finance Committee sent reminders to all committees in order to submit a GPCA 2024 budget by the first week of September, which is the due date for agenda items for the October 21 General Assembly. Justin said he has not received a budget request from the CC or Membership Committee (haven't requested in the past). Laura says they did and will send an email to Justin and Sean. There was a question if the GA Planning Committee needs to submit a request because it is not a standing committee. Nassim said it is a recognized CC subcommittee.

**Item 3:** 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. DONE

#### **Item 4: County Bylaws**

Greg says the By-Laws of counties need to be up to date. Jared has reported that the California Secretary of State wants to know which counties are going to use the “default formula”. Our CA website has a link to county by-laws. We all need to check our most current by-laws now to see if the number of county council members we are allowed is the same as the number the GPCA says we are allowed. Greg has sent the CC an email regarding this. He said he has found most of the county by-laws, even old ones, except for El Dorado, using Archives.Org.

We should send him a copy of our most current county by-laws to make sure. He needs to know immediately (preferably by Sept.12)

Nassim asked if all counties need to be contacted.

Greg will ask Jared when the actual deadline to submit these is and message counties if there is time.

Nassim will do an update. DONE

**Meeting adjourned at: 8:45pm**

**Next meeting: Monday, Oct.2,2023 at 7:30pm**

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#### **APPENDICES**

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##### **APPENDIX A**

**Bylaws and Rules Committee meeting minutes - Sunday 8/13/23, 12:30pm**

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

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

The Bylaws and Rules Committee continues to evaluate 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 briefly discussed submittal of the annual budget request for the Committee (\$0).

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, September 17, 2023, at 12:30 pm pacific.

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##### **APPENDIX B**

**Candidates Committee meeting minutes - Sat, 8/26/23, 10:00 am**

**1 -- Attendees & Introductions:** Greg Jan

**2 -- Local "non-partisan" elections** (such as City Council, School Board, Water District, etc.) -- Dwayne has almost finished an initial spreadsheet of info about websites containing material on "How to Run for Elective Office", which will hopefully be useful to new candidates for local office (including for "district partisan seats"). When it's ready, we'll forward it to county groups, to help them with recruiting local candidates.

**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 are also 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 still 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 has informed us that Cornel West also plans to seek their nomination, including via their March primary election. In addition, some county Green Party groups have started to publicize Cornel West's candidacy at various local events, etc. Also, Greg is working on a proposal for the October General Assembly meeting regarding how endorsing Cornel West might help accelerate building the Green Party -- for example, by allowing us to contact the thousands of Greens the GPCA has access to, about the potentials of working with the Cornel West for President campaign.

**6 -- Next meeting(s)** -- Since we meet on the 4th Saturday of each month (at 10:00 am), our next meeting is September 23. However, since we're also now meeting with the Peace and Freedom Party regularly, we'll probably soon make those meetings into "Candidates Committee" meetings as well.

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## **APPENDIX C**

### **Communications Committee Monthly Meeting - Tue 8/29/23, 6:30pm**

**1- Attendees:** Nassim Nouri (Coordinator), Laura Wells, Charisse Cordero

**2- Meeting roles:** all facilitate, Nassim takes notes.

**3- Media (LW)-** Press Releases & announcements - We will need a press release to announce GA decisions in the last week of Oct, Charisse volunteered to draft it. Laura shared her press release 'how to' primer.

#### **4- Clearinghouse - GPCAMerchandise & Lit**

- Nassim dropped off 1/3 of our current inventory to Greg Jan in GPAC as a secondary site of distribution.

- Newsletter schedule (NN)

— 8/7 General Assembly announcement to inform list by Tarik

— 8/11 vacancy announcements for GPCA committees by Tarik

— 8/20 Reactivation general meeting notice to the Green Party of Orange County registered Greens by Sean

— 8/30 reminder to counties to submit delegate lists - Laura will update the draft Nassim made and will send test tonight

— Date? announcing GA to all contacts - Nassim will check with Tarik and Dave on what date to announce agenda and registration

— Laura is working on her monthly blog and will share so Nassim can include in future newsletters

## 5- IT

- **SoS voter** data update (NN) Sean is slowly adding contacts from select counties that MOC is helping re-activate. Nassim has asked Justin for help to find out NB costs of adding all the 45K emails we have for CA registered Greens.

- **IT tickets - (NN) - we need IT volunteers** - Nassim made 7 requested updates.

**6- Building the Comms team** - Review Internal Procedures of the Communications Team

**7-Next meeting:** Tuesday, Sept 26, 6:30pm

## APPENDIX D

### Finance & Fundraising meeting minutes - Thu, 8/24/23, 8:00pm

**(1) Attendance:** Mica Daniel, Justin Richardson. Absent: Susan Chunco

**(2) Roles:** Facilitator: Justin Richardson Note Taker: Mica Daniel

**(3) Agenda was built and approved**

**(4) Approved minutes** as posted by Mica Daniel to GPCA CC on August 2, 2023 @ 6:40 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>

November 7, 2023

## (6) Treasurer Report - July

### 07/01-07/31/23      Income

|          |                                  |
|----------|----------------------------------|
| \$35.00  | One-time donations (2)           |
| \$391.50 | Recurring monthly donations (36) |

### 07/01-07/31/23      Expenses

|             |                                  |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| \$15.45     | Call Centric                     |
| \$125.50    | WiredTree / Liquid Web           |
| \$300.00    | Treasurer's stipend              |
| \$60.00     | ISP                              |
| \$20.00     | Basecamp                         |
| \$16.22     | PayPal fees                      |
| \$12.16     | NationBuilder fees               |
| \$15.00     | Bank fee                         |
| \$323.30    | Zoom                             |
| \$41.80     | Shipping (merch.)                |
| \$1,070.78  | Printing (lit.)                  |
| \$1,668.00  | NationBuilder annual fee         |
| 7/31/23     | Account Balances                 |
| \$50.00     | PayPal                           |
| \$1,107.94  | Mechanics Bank (savings) Federal |
| \$17,985.84 | Mechanics Bank (checking) State  |

## (7) Updates and Announcements

(7a) Discussion: post office box: We agreed it should be in an accessible place and have hours for the Treasurer

(7b) Question re: accessing Nationbuilder to verify Green Party members? Answer: Nation-Builder does not maintain a list of Green Party Registration.

(7c) Fundraising video is complete.

(7d) Rules and Bylaws submitted their budget request.

**(8) Next meeting:** Thursday, September 28, 2023, 8 PM to 9 PM

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## **APPENDIX E**

### **Membership and Outreach Committee meeting – 8/8/23, 7:30 pm**

**1. Attendance:** Sean Dougherty (facilitator), David Cobb (notetaker), Rick Greenblatt, Richard Gomez

**2. Budget Proposal** to include: Zoom account; mailer budget for mailers to small counties; rental of space for meeting; Callhub (10 cents per call; texting. Sean will submit.

#### **3. Activating CA counties**

Trinity debrief

Strong organizer (Bethany), worked with David, Nassim, and Sean

Sent out emails and made phone calls from SoS data; however, most phone numbers were bad, and no snail mail had gone out

Nobody showed up at the meeting except Sean, David, and Bethany. A reporter did come, though he hasn't published anything

David, Nassim, and Sean made a simple-ish document on how to activate the county

David will take lead on activating, Sean and Laura will provide technical assistance

Email blasting

We can use NB, but it will be a bit tricky to make sure we don't add too many at once

Action Network license incompatible

#### **4. Making the most of new volunteers**

Can we do better than form letter responses + county CC?

David Cobb and Laura Wells to offer a monthly-ish GPCA Introduction/Orientation via zoom

First will be GPCA Aug 23rd at 7pm with a focus to encourage folks to get involved in their county party.

Email blast" David will draft, Sean will send it

How do we onboard trusted people to offload our overworked volunteers?

#### **5. Leveraging Cornel energy**

Some counties are beginning to flyer and table to great success

Organize events at universities to have party rep (all parties) to do a public forum before early voting starts, presenting what their party is about; allow a meet/greet between students/public and the reps

Rick notes that county/state parties should be careful to have West advocacy happen outside the official party. David counters that it's okay to endorse as long as we follow process

**6. Announcements:** Richard Gomez moving within county

**7. Next Meeting:** Tuesday, Sep 12, 2023 @ 7:30pm

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## **APPENDIX F**

### **Policy and Platform Committee Report, 8/24/23, 7:00pm**

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

**Agenda:**

1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Zoom Meeting
2. Discuss update and revisions to 2024 Policy and Platform Workplan

**Policy**

3. Discuss Affordable Housing (Eric)

**Platform**

4. Discuss newly approved Energy platform and actions to take to update related platforms
5. Discuss new proposed Affordable Housing platform

**Minutes:**

1. Approval of agenda by consensus
2. Mark related action items to PPC from last CC meeting
3. Platform on Energy: Shane updated existing GPCA platforms affected by the new GPCA Energy Platform (Nuclear and Disarmament). Erik and Peggy mentioned they want to take a look at the GPCA platform on agriculture and update. Shane has posted revisions of other planks affected by the revision on the GPCA Platform Listserv. 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.
4. Further discussed AB 538 (Multi-state regional transmission system organization: membership). Still tracking. It is stuck in committee and will not move forward until next year. The PPC is opposed to this bill which is now on a 2-year legislative track.
5. Policy on Affordable Housing: Shane has updated the policy with Mark related to the CC's request to ask the PPC what action they need for the Affordable Housing materials. According to Eric Brooks SB 423 (Land Use) is guaranteed to pass in the Assembly by the end of August and Newsom will sign it. No further action at this time for the PPC. The PPC believes this bill will be challenged next year by municipalities and further housing bills are expected in the CA Legislature. If that happens PPC will address the issue further and further revise this platform if needed to ensure a strong GPCA response.
6. Discussed PPC budget as requested the CC
7. Additional item: PPC to use email to reach consensus on when needed on policy and platform changes and decisions when needed to speed up decision making. The PPC will share on Listserv as appropriate. Approved by consensus.

**Next Meeting:** September 28, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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**APPENDIX G****GPCA Delegation Meeting minutes - Monday, July 24, 2023**

**Attendance:** 7 members present - Peggy Koteen (co-chair, facilitator & note-taker), Rick G, Orlando, Susan Lamont, Dave Grover, Richard Gomez, Jon Mann (via phone last 5 minutes; he had difficulty signing onto our meeting)

**On the NC voting queue.****Voting:**

**ID 1151** - Election of 2024 PNC Credentials Committee, Second Round- No discussion except to remind everyone to vote, and alternates need to wait until 6pm Friday.

**Discussion:**

**ID 1148** - Amend Rules Procedures Article X: Recognition of Declared Candidates for President –A number of us are concerned that the standards to become recognized as primary candidates for the Green party are too low and we would like to see a larger amount than \$5,000 needed to be raised to be allowed to be at any of our Presidential forums. Nonetheless, most of us will support Proposal #1148 since it slightly increases the requirements to be a recognized candidate.

**Discussion: GPUS Annual National Meeting.**

The 2023 ANM will be held online August 3 - 6. Richard Gomez intends to attend. Two others are thinking about it. One other is attending the Fundraiser Comedy Show.

**Discussion: Green presidential Nominees and campaigns.** –Discussed that there are 8 candidates who have FEC filings. Cornel West has received nearly \$80,000 in the recent filing. A ninth candidate, “Davi”, that we know of has the intention of running. Some of our counties already have unofficially distributed Cornel West literature. A number of us are excited about Cornel West’s campaign.

**GPUS Votes since last delegation meeting:** Nine delegates voted in the most recently ended proposal, #1150

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**APPENDIX H**

**Proportional Representation (ProRep) Coalition Notes** - upcoming 9/14/23 quarterly meeting

**Submitted by:** David Cobb

NOTE: Per David, "Unfortunately, I am unable to attend. If any CC member is able to attend, please let me know. I can send you the logistical info, and am happy to have a quick chat to brief you before the call..."

**Announcement from:** Caledon Myers

**Political Party Q3 Coalition Meeting** - Thursday, 9/14/23, 7PM PT.

We'll primarily be using the time to walk through some of the decisions made in an upcoming report we're co-authoring with the folks at Fix Our House, Representing the Golden State: Multiparty Democracy in California. If you have a moment prior to the meeting, please review the report and come prepared with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have. A few things to note beforehand:

- The report's target audience is Californians that are wholly unfamiliar with electoral systems/ reform/ proportional representation. It's intended to be read like a textbook that provides some very basic definitions of what parties are, why we only have two, why that's a problem, and how we can get more. It's not meant to be an academic essay, but a simple, educational resource for our coalition members to share with their supporters.
- This is the first report of what will hopefully be many more like it. We're focusing on political parties this time because multiparty democracy is the primary benefit (we highlight) of proportional representation. In the future, we'd like to collaborate on additional reports discussing the other benefits of ProRep like reflecting our multiracial democracy or acting as a means of facilitating deliberation.
- For the MMD Map, based on advice provided by some of the political scientists on our Advisory Board, we intentionally designed it so it's difficult to associate any one form of proportional representation with it. We also refrained from using existing parties in

generating the potential outcomes because we don't want to make any assumptions on how PR would impact election results.

- Regarding the title page, we know the title is incorrect- the designers will be making edits this week!

We're aware that this is a relatively short turnaround for requesting feedback and input, so please know that the report will not be released until late September/ early October. If you don't have time to review the document before the Coalition Meeting, we'll be using the following 2-3 weeks to receive additional feedback and will do our best to integrate everyone's notes.

**Next meeting:** ProRep meets quarterly

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## **APPENDIX I**

**Proposal:** Appoint Richard Gomez to the Delegate Selection Committee

**Sponsor:** Greg Jan

**Background and Purpose:** This proposal is being submitted for an online 48-hour vote because the deadline to appoint Delegate Selection Committee (DSC) members is in 2 days -- namely, this coming Thursday, Sept. 7. This deadline was noted in the email I posted to the CC on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at 10:43 am (and that email also explained the purpose of the DSC along with other info about it and contained the link to our "Rules and Procedures" which has detailed info about the DSC).

On Friday, September 1, Richard Gomez confirmed his availability to be appointed to the DSC and I then asked for assistance in writing this 48-hour vote as I was busy working with 3 other Standing Committees, to get them to appoint their DSC members. (Since then, Mimi has volunteered for Bylaws and "some progress" is being made to get people to volunteer for the 2 other Committees, but neither of them yet has enough people to volunteer for the DSC. So, if you can possibly volunteer (you don't have to be a member of either the Candidates Committee or the Platform and Policy Committee to be appointed by them), please let me know right away! For more details, please see the original email I posted on Wednesday, 8/30 at 10:43 am (copied at the bottom of the thread below) -- Thank you!).

**Proposal:** For the CC to appoint Richard Gomez to the Delegate Selection Committee (DSC), per our "Rules and Procedures".

**Implementation:** if approved by Thursday 9/7/23 at 5:20 pm

- Greg to inform the other Committees which are appointing DSC members about the CC's appointment of Richard Gomez

**References:**

The Delegate Selection Committee (DSC) section of our "Rules and Procedures", which is here: [http://www.cagreens.org/rules#Section\\_2-1\\_Delegate\\_Selection\\_Committee](http://www.cagreens.org/rules#Section_2-1_Delegate_Selection_Committee)

## **APPENDIX J**

**Proposals (3):** Extend PNC deadline. Allow PFP to nominate. Approve GA draft agenda.

**Sponsor:** Laura Wells, for General Assembly organizer Tarik Kanaana

### **Proposal 1.**

The CC sponsors the following proposal to be put on the 10/21/23 draft agenda:

**Decision:** Extend 2024 deadline to apply to be a Presidential Nominating Convention (PNC) delegate. (Coordinating Committee)

**Background:**

Section 2-3.7 of the GPCA Rules and Procedures sets the deadline to apply to be a GPCA delegate to the GPUS Presidential Nominating Convention to be 60 days before the primary election. Since California primaries have been moved to March this would make that deadline be early January which would mean that prospective delegates would have to commit 7 or 8 months in advance of the PNC.

**Proposal:**

The General Assembly authorizes the Delegate Selection Committee to set the deadline to apply to be a GPCA delegate to the 2024 GPUS Presidential Nominating Convention.

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**Proposal 2.**

The CC sponsors the following proposal to be put on the 10/21/23 draft agenda:

Decision: Allow Pres. candidates to also seek Peace and Freedom Party (PFP) nomination.  
(Coordinating Committee)

**Title: Proposal to allow GPCA presidential candidates to seek Peace and Freedom Party nomination in 2024****Background**

GPCA Rules and Procedures state that no candidate seeking the nomination of another party is entitled to receive any GPCA delegate votes, unless an exception is made by the GPUS General Assembly. The current proposal, if adopted, would create such an exception for the 2024 Green Party presidential nomination.

The GPCA Rules and Procedures '2-2.5 Protecting Party Integrity' states:

"Notwithstanding any other provision of these rules, unless the GPCA General Assembly approves an exception, any candidate who has sought the nomination for President or Vice President by another political party in the current election cycle shall not be entitled to receive any GPCA delegate votes, and write-in votes for such a candidate shall be disregarded in calculating first round ballot NOTA votes. "Seeking the nomination" of another political party is defined as announcing candidacy in that party, accepting delegates or votes in the national convention or nominating process of that party, or achieving the national nomination of that party. The delegation may decide, by consensus or 80% vote, to waive this restriction, with the exception that no votes may be cast for a candidate who has sought the nomination of the Democratic Party or the Republican Party in the current election cycle."

([http://www.cagreens.org/rules#Section\\_2-2\\_Delegate\\_Allotments](http://www.cagreens.org/rules#Section_2-2_Delegate_Allotments)).

Programmatically, the non-corporate Peace and Freedom Party (PFP) shares much in common with the platform and Ten Key Values of the GPCA and the GPUS. A joint Green Party and Peace and Freedom Party (PFP) nomination is an opportunity to increase our candidates vote share. It may also present the Green Party platform to PFP voters, and to build left unity overall in the 2024 campaign. Such an action may also offer a financial opportunity in extending the timeline for the campaign to obtain Federal Matching Funds.

There is precedent for joint Green/PFP electoral work. The Green's Jill Stein sought the 2016 PFP presidential nomination in California, and in 2020, Howie Hawkins sought the PFP presidential nomination. In 2018, the GPCA cross-endorsed several statewide PFP candidates where there were no GPCA candidates for those offices. In 2022, the GPCA and PFP ran a Left Unity slate of candidates for several statewide offices. This proposal potentially extends left unity to the 2024 presidential election.

Note that parties like the Socialist Party USA (SPUSA) that do not have ballot access in CA are not considered competing political parties for the purposes of 2-2.5. In 2020, the SPUSA endorsement of the Hawkins campaign did not affect his status in receiving GPCA delegates to the GPUS presidential nominating convention. The current proposal retains this interpretation of 2-2.5.

The current proposal is essentially similar to one passed by the GPCA General Assembly in December 2019. It differs from the 2019 proposal in one substantive respect. The 2019 proposal applied only to candidates recommended by the GPCA General Assembly to the California Secretary of State to be on the GPCA's March 2020 presidential primary ballot". The current proposal extends this to "[a]ny candidate recognized by the California Secretary of State to be on the Green Party's March 2024 presidential primary ballot". This change is intended to provide a more democratic process.

According to Richard Winger of Ballot Access News in San Francisco, should a Green Party candidate receive the PFP presidential nomination, they would appear on the November 2024 general election ballot line as Green Party/Peace and Freedom Party. Additionally, all votes earned on such a general election ballot line would count towards the GPUS goal of attaining 5% or more in the 2024 federal election to qualify for presidential matching funds for 2028.

## **Proposal**

**Proposal: That the Delegation approve an exception under GPUS Rules and Procedures '2-2.5 Protecting party integrity' as follows.**

Any candidate recognized by the California Secretary of State to be on the Green Party's March 2024 presidential primary ballot may seek the 2024 presidential nomination of the California Peace and Freedom Party and also receive GPCA delegates to the GPUS Presidential Nominating Convention as provided for under GPCA Rules and Procedures ARTICLE II Policies and Procedures for Selection and Conduct of GPCA Delegates to the GPUS Presidential Nominating Convention.

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### **Proposal 3.**

The CC approves the following draft agenda for the 10/21/23 General Assembly (GA) for distribution (contingent on the passage of proposals 1 and 2):

*Note: The links in the agenda are on google drive. When the draft agenda is distributed the links will be files on the GPCA NationBuilder account. The times, order and descriptions of each item can still be changed after distribution.*

**Draft agenda of the Green Party of California General Assembly, October 21, 2023**

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| 8:30-9:00 am   | <b>Registration/check-in.</b> Please check in early so that the opening of the General Assembly is not delayed. Once you have been checked in you will be able to turn your video and audio off until it is time to start. |
|                | <b><i>Facilitator(s): TBD</i></b>  |
| 9:00-9:10 am   | <b>Opening Session:</b> welcome - Agreements - other info  |
| 9:10-9:20 am   | <b>Quorum Count</b> - for starting GA and approving agenda   |
| 9:20-9:30 am   | <b>Agenda Approval</b>   |
| 9:30-10:30 am  | <b>Green Party Ballot Access.</b> Presentation by <b>Jill Stein</b> followed by Q&A  |
| 10:30-11:30 am | <b>Decision: Approval of the 2024 Budget and 2024 Strategic Plan.</b> (Coordinating Committee and Finance)   |
| 11:30-12:00 pm | <b>Decision: Extend 2024 deadline to apply to be a Presidential Nominating Convention delegate.</b> (Coordinating Committee)   |
| 12:00-1:00 pm  | <b>Lunch Break</b>   |
|                | <b><i>Facilitator(s): TBD</i></b>  |
| 1:00-1:30 pm   | <b>Decision: Presidential Primary Election Ballot.</b><br>Information on candidates seeking GPCA recommendation as it becomes available.   |
| 1:30-2:10 pm   | <b>Decision: Allow Pres. candidates to also seek P&amp;F nomination.</b> (Coordinating Committee)  |
| 1:40-2:00 pm   | <b>Decision: Changes to the GPCA "Endorsement Procedures"</b> (Candidates Committee)   |

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| 2:00-3:00 pm | <b>Decision: GPCA endorsement of Cornel West for President</b> (Candidates Committee) |
| 3:00-3:10 pm | <b>Next General Assembly Meeting Date and Place</b>                                   |
| 3:10 pm      | <b>Adjourn the GA</b>   |

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