

**GPCA COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, December 4, 2023, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM via Zoom**

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

There are currently 17 CC committee members. Quorum is a simple majority of 9.

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

**Present:** Mark Adams, Susan Chunco, Charisse Cordero, Richard Gomez, David Grover, Greg Jan, Christine Pepin, Rohan Sabnis, Laura Wells  
Justin Richardson attended as a guest.

**Absent:** Bill Balderston, David Cobb, Ann Garrison, Mimi Newton, Nassim Nouri, Phoebe Thomas Sorgen, Lindsay Vurek, Audra Walton

**Quorum reached at: 8:01 with 9 of 17 members present**

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

Roles for CC Call on December 4, 2023:

Facilitator: David Grover

Note Taker: Charisse Cordero

Timekeeper

Vibes Watcher:

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

Facilitator:

Note Taker: Charisse Cordero

Timekeeper

Vibes Watcher:

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

**Approved by consensus**

**(3a) LATE ITEM:**

Decision Item: GPCA to co-sponsor the 1/3/24 event on "Degrowth." See item (7) below.

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

November 6, posted to CC email list by Charisse Cordero on 11/28/23, 6:29pm

**SUGGESTED AMENDMENT:** In an email to the CC dated 12/4/23 at 1:41pm, Greg Jan suggested an addition to the notes for item #8, (our "Political Party Statement of Purpose" (just prior to where it says "Approved by consensus")):

"After discussing it for a while, we decided to add the following words to our existing statement, "Stop waging and funding wars. De-militarize our communities and our national budget."

## **Approved by consensus to put in the additional phrases.**

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

## **Approved by consensus**

### **(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/1695/attachments/original/1695065961/GPCAWorkPlan2023-2025V2.pdf?1695065961>

**(6.d) Action Item Update (10 minutes):** N/A

## **LATE ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE CC**

**(7) Decision Item:** GPCA to co-sponsor the Jan 3, 2024 event "Degrowth: A Better Global Quality of Life with Less Production" hosted by the Missouri Green Party and in the Black and Green Wednesday Series.

**Sponsor:** Nassim Nouri

### **Background and Purpose:**

The Black and Green webinar series by the Missouri Green Party aims to bring experts and speakers in specific areas together in educational events and highlight issues of central to Green values around equity, justice and the environment.

GPCA co-hosted a very successful event with MOGP earlier in 2023, on single payer and we have also co-sponsored other events in the same series. This event will feature Ajamu Baraka and others who will focus on the economics as well as cultural and human aspects of de-growth and de-consumerism.

**Proposal:** GPCA to co-sponsor and help promote the Jan 3, 2024 event "Degrowth: A Better Global Quality of Life with Less Production"

- Nassim to post to the GPCA FB page and solicit promotion from followers and supporters.
- Nassim to share the event announcement in an end of year newsletter in mid Dec, and then send a reminder on Jan 1.

**References:** Excerpt of Email from Don Fitz (Missouri) dated 12/3/23:

The webinar on “Degrowth: A Better Global Quality of Life with Less Production” will be Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 5:30 pm PT, 6:30 pm MT, 7:30 pm CT, 8:30 pm ET.

These are the order of 10-minute presentations and rough approximations of the topics:

**Ajamu Baraka**, Black Alliance for Peace, 2016 Green Party candidate for Vice President, “Core needs of colonized peoples of the world;”

**Don Fitz**, Outreach Coordinator, Green Party of St. Louis, “Obscene overproduction in colonizing countries;”

**Alice Green**, Green Party of Washington State, “Teaching children to appreciate people more than things;” and,

**Stan Cox**, Research Associate, The Land Institute, “How rationing can help adults overcome addiction to object possession.”

**Approved by consensus**

**Meeting adjourned at: 8:08**

**Next meeting: Monday, Jan. 2, 7:30 pm**

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## **APPENDICES**

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### **APPENDIX A**

#### **Candidates Committee meeting minutes - Sun, 11/26/23, 10:00 am**

**1 -- Attendees & Introductions:** Greg Jan and Peggy Koteen

**2 -- District Partisan Races (such as state legislature or US House)** -- We briefly discussed where we are with these "Left Unity Slate" races, including the 2 P&F candidates in Riverside County (Steve Kassam and Monowarul Azam) who we're considering for endorsement (per the Oct. 21 GA). (For those 2, we recently sent them some additional questions we'd like for them to answer). We also noted that Orange County is now considering endorsements for 3 P&F candidates in their county, while P&F has endorsed Green Party candidate Sean Dougherty. So as of today, both Sean and P&F candidate Mohammad Arif (in the Fresno-Bakersfield area) have been endorsed by both the Greens and by P&F.

**3 -- Local "non-partisan" elections** (such as City Council, School Board, Water District, etc.) -- We still need to complete the spreadsheet of info about websites containing material on

"How to Run for Elective Office", so we can then send it to county Green Party groups (mainly for candidates running next November).

**4 -- President** -- We briefly discussed developments with the Presidential race, including the "independent" candidacies of RFK Jr., and Cornel West, and what it might take for them to get on California's November ballot, etc.

**5 -- Next meeting** -- We'll have to send out a "poll" as to whether we'll stick with the 4th Saturday (for December), which is Dec. 23, or whether we might instead move it to Dec. 30. (Note: We held our November meeting today instead of yesterday as a conflict arose with having it yesterday).

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## APPENDIX B

**REVISED Finance & Fundraising meeting minutes - Thu, 10/26/23, 8:00pm**  
(REVISED VERSION of the notes that appeared in Appendix D of the agenda and minutes for the CC meeting of November 6, 2023.).

### (1) REVISED SECTIONS:

**(1a) Attendees and roles:** Justin Richardson (facilitator and notetaker), Susan Chunco (vibes)

**(1b) Agenda:** Approved by consensus

**(1c) Minutes:** As posted by Justin Richardson to GPCA-CC on 10/15/23. Approved by consensus.

**(2) Review 2023 schedules and deadlines** from FPPC when we need to turn in our forms:  
Political Parties committees:

<https://fppc.ca.gov/learn/campaign-rules/where-and-when-to-file-campaign-statements/when-to-file-campaign-statements-state-local-filing-schedules.html>

Twice yearly unless election year, or special election

**REVISED ADDITION:** Next filing is 1/31/24 for close of books 12/31/23

### (3) GPCA Treasurer's Report - SEPTEMBER (NOTE: no revisions needed)

#### 09/01-09/30/23      Income

\$2,095.00      One-time donations (3)

\$396.50      Recurring monthly donations (36)

#### 09/01-09/30/23      Expenses

\$10.45      Call Centric

\$125.50      WiredTree / Liquid Web

\$300.00      Treasurer's stipend

\$60.00      ISP

\$20.00      Basecamp

\$16.43      PayPal fees

\$71.48      NationBuilder fees

#### 09/30/23      Account Balances

\$111.26      PayPal

\$1,107.94      Mechanics Bank (savings) Federal

\$19,345.77

Mechanics Bank (checking) State

**(4) REVISED SECTION: Updates and Announcements**

Need to recruit more volunteers to serve on the Finance Committee

**(5) Next meeting:** Due to Thanksgiving, either November 16, 2023, at 8:00pm (REVISED, from "November 16 or 30" to "November 16")

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**APPENDIX C**

**Finance & Fundraising meeting minutes - Thu, 11/16/23, 8:00pm**

**(1) Attendees and roles:** Justin Richardson (facilitator and notetaker), Susan Chunco (vibes)

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

**(3) Approved minutes** for October

**(4) Review 2023 schedules and deadlines** from FPPC when we need to turn in our forms:  
Political Parties committees:

<https://fppc.ca.gov/learn/campaign-rules/where-and-when-to-file-campaign-statements/when-to-file-campaign-statements-state-local-filing-schedules.html>

Next filing is 1/31/24 for close of books 12/31/23

**(5) GPCA Treasurer's Report - OCTOBER**

**10/01-10/31/23 Income**

\$1,641.00 One-time donations (52)

\$396.50 Recurring monthly donations (36)

**10/01-10/31/23 Expenses**

\$10.45 Call Centric

\$125.50 WiredTree / Liquid Web

\$300.00 Treasurer's stipend

\$60.00 ISP

\$20.00 Basecamp

\$16.39 PayPal fees

\$73.78 NationBuilder transaction fees

\$227.64 NationBuilder monthly fee

\$5.00 bank fee

**10/31/23 Account Balances**

\$50.00 PayPal

\$1,107.97 Mechanics Bank (savings) Federal

\$20,580.32 Mechanics Bank (checking) State

**(6) Updates and Announcements** (NOTE: this is per agenda before meeting)

Justin to follow up with NationBuilder on recent monthly fees vs. annual fee

Justin to follow up with Mechanics Bank on bank fees

Susan to seek others to join the Committee

**(7) Next meeting:** Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 8:00pm  
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## APPENDIX D

### Membership and Outreach Committee meeting – 11/14/23, 7:30pm

**(1) Attendance:** Attendance: Sean Dougherty (facilitator and notetaker), Laura Wells, Nassim Nouri

**(2) County Activation - Santa Cruz:** Sean has 14 signatures of 20 needed for County Council election in March primary. Discussed how activation relates to Sean's congressional campaign.

**(3) Next meeting:** December 12 @ 7:30pm, second Tuesday

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## APPENDIX E

### Policy and Platform Committee Report - 11/30/23, 7:00pm

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

1. Minutes Previous Zoom Meeting approved by consensus
2. Mark did not attend the CC meeting due to a family obligation.

#### PLATFORM:

3. Transportation. Discussed Eric Brook's changes to the latest Transportation platform changes. Updated verbiage by consensus for several sections including opposition to personal electric cars, fossil-fuel ground, air, and water vehicles, as well as, promotion of public, fossil fuel-free transportation. The committee will continue to discuss and edit platform next meeting (December) **See 4-page Platform Plank** in email to the CC, subject "Policy and Platform Committee Meeting Report 11/30/23" from Mark Adams, dated 11/30/23, 8:23pm, attachment named "Transportation\_11-30-23\_with-EB-edits.rtf"

#### POLICY:

4. The PPC will discuss SB 423 in January when it goes into effect. Discussion of press releases to follow.

Newsom signing and vetoes: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2023/10/13/governor-newsom-issues-legislative-update-10-13-23/>

**Next Zoom Meeting:** Thursday, December 28, 7:00 pm to 8:00 PM

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## APPENDIX F

### Communications Committee - Tue 11/28/23, 6:30 pm

**1- Attendees:** Nassim Nouri, Charisse Cordero

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

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

- Planned PR by Charisse, we will cancel due to the delay in announcing by campaign
- GPCA YouTube channel - Greg got access and shared with Nassim, she has added new videos and created multiple playlists of other existing videos. <https://www.youtube.com/@cagreens>

#### **4- CH - Newsletters & email blasts - [GPCAMerchandise & Lit](#)**

- 9/9 - Nassim sent an email to all contacts, announcing the GA with agenda link, call to candidates running for office to contact GPCA about their campaigns
- 10/5 - GA registration page, call for county council candidates.
- 10/13 - GA registration reminder
- 11/14 - short report from GA, Jill Stein recommended, meet Sean, meet Mica (fundraising ask), welcome notes to "Prospects"
- 11/23 - National Day of Mourning, Fundraising for Giving Tuesday (with Mica's video)
- TBD - 12/14- holiday message, call for donations

#### **5- IT - WE NEED IT VOLUNTEERS**

- **IT tickets** - website updates - 9 updates done by Nassim.
- **SoS voter** data update on hold
- **New developments about GPCA online assets**

David Cobb introduced [Mayfirst Movement Technology Cooperative](#) to Nassim, and she met with them to learn about how they can help with GPCA online assets.

- MFM has solutions for: online storage, hosting and maintaining GPCA listservs, archiving the current website, hosting a new website, server support and training as well as contacts with other non-profit support groups.

- Another organization MFM recommends is <https://ourpowerbase.net/> - that has solutions for hosting GPCA contact database with similar functionalities to NationBuilder. Powerbase is 5X cheaper than NB (which provides no support and recently restricted our email capability). Nassim discussed this with Justin to get his requirements on the finance functionality, she will create a list of our requirements and keep researching both service providers.

#### **6- Next meeting: Dec 12, 6:30pm** - shifted the date to meet before holidays and travel

Jan 30, 2024, 06:30 PM

Feb 27, 2024, 06:30 PM

Mar 26, 2024, 06:30 PM

Apr 30, 2024, 06:30 PM

May 28, 2024, 06:30 PM

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## **APPENDIX G**

### **Bylaws and Rules Committee meeting minutes - Sunday 11/14/23, 12:30pm**

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

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

The Bylaws and Rules Committee again discussed the specific suggestions Nassim sent to the Committee after James requested guidance from the Coordinating Committee (CC) regarding the future of GPCA decision making at the CC's Oct. 3 meeting. We also discussed James' analysis of the potential implications on the Bylaws and Mimi's anticipated analysis of the

potential implications on various rules, procedures and protocols, which will all be further discussed at our next call.

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 12:30 pm pacific.

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