

**GPCA COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, September 8, 2025, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM via Zoom**

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

There are currently 15 CC committee members. Quorum is a simple majority of 8.

CC Members (14): Removed inactive member Jane Jarlsberg

Ashley Brown, Meg Buckingham, Charisse Cordero, Albert Faz, Ann Garrison, Richard Gomez, Greg Jan, Susan Lamont, Don Manro, Mimi Newton, Shannel Pittman, Rohan Sabnis, John Schmit, Laura Wells

**PRESENT** (8) Ashley Brown, Greg Jan, Susan Lamont, Mimi Newton, Shannel Pittman, Rohan Sabnis, John Schmit, Laura Wells

**ABSENT** (3) Meg Buckingham, Charisse Cordero, Albert Faz,

**GUESTS** (0)

Quorum of (8) members was achieved at (7:34)

**Late arrival**

- Don Manro 7:42pm
- Richard: 7:52pm
- Ann Garrison at 8:12pm

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

Roles for CC Call on September 8, 2025:

Agenda Prep: Rohan Sabnis

Facilitator: Greg Jan

Note Taker: Ashley Brown

Time Keeper:

Vibes Watcher:

Roles for next month's CC Call on October 6, 2025:

Agenda Prep: Don Manro

Facilitator:

Note Taker: Mimi Newton

Time Keeper:

Vibes Watcher:

Greg will talk with Richard about facilitating in October

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**(3) Approval of Agenda** (3 minutes) -No questions or concerns

**(3a) LATE ITEMS:** See details further below -No questions or concerns

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**(4) Approval of CC minutes** (3 mins) - Correction: Indicated Greg would work with Channelle, but it was Mimi Newton that had offered. Rohan will make this correction in the approved minutes before they are finalized.

August 4, 2025 minutes were posted to CC email list by Charisse Cordero on August 11, 2025 approved by consensus

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**(5) Consent Items** (5 mins) - Format consented

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) - **Appendix A**
  - Candidates (Greg Jan) - **Appendix B**
  - Communications () - **Appendix C**
  - Finance (Justin Richardson, treasurer) - **Appendix D**
  - Membership and Outreach (Laura Wells) - **Appendix E**
  - Policy & Platform (Don Manro) - **Appendix F**
  - General Assembly Planning (CC subcommittee) (Shannel Pittman) - **Appendix G**
  - GP-US delegation from GPCA (Shannel Pittman) - **Appendix H** (Title needed)
  - ProRep (PR) Coalition (David Cobb, non-CC member) - **Appendix I**
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**(6) UPDATES and APPOINTMENTS** (5 mins)

**(6.a) Committee Appointments:**

**(6.b) 48- or 72-Hour Online CC Vote(s) and Results:**

**Sign onto "Abolish Forced Psychiatry" Statement (8/8-10/25)**

YES=10 votes out of 15 members (quorum=8, percentage YES of voting members=10/10=100%, the proposal passes)

Meg Buckingham, Shannel Pittman, Ashley Brown, Albert Faz, Mimi Newton, Richard Gomez, Rohan Sabnis, Greg Jan, Laura Wells, and Charisse Cordero

NO=0

ABSTAINS=0

NOT VOTING=5

Ann Garrison, Jane Jarlsberg, Susan Lamont, John Schmit, Don Manro

**Create a CC subcommittee "Website Review Group" (8/18-20/25)**

YES=12 votes out of 14 members (quorum=8; percentage YES of voting members = 12/12=100%, the proposal passes):

Meg Buckingham, Ashley Brown, Charisse Cordero, Albert Faz, Richard Gomez, Greg Jan, Susan Lamont, Don Manro, Mimi Newton, Shannel Pittman, Rohan Sabnis, and Laura Wells

NO=0

ABSTAINS=0

NOT VOTING=2

Ann Garrison (technical issues), John Schmit

**Approve a Work Plan and Budget for the Coordinating Committee, for 2026 (8/18-20/25)**

YES=10 votes out of 14 members (quorum=8; percentage YES of voting members = 10/10=100%, the proposal passes):

Meg Buckingham, Charisse Cordero, Ann Garrison, Richard Gomez, Greg Jan, Mimi Newton, Shannel Pittman, Rohan Sabnis, John Schmit and Laura Wells

NO=0

ABSTAINS=0

NOT VOTING=4

Ashley Brown, Albert Faz, Susan Lamont, Don Manro

Don Manro arrived at 7:42

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

[https://assets.nationbuilder.com/cagreens/pages/1695/attachments/original/1734218419/GPC\\_AWorkPlan2024-2026.pdf?1734218419](https://assets.nationbuilder.com/cagreens/pages/1695/attachments/original/1734218419/GPC_AWorkPlan2024-2026.pdf?1734218419)

Shannel will reach out to Mimi to update

**(6.d) Action Item(s) Update:**

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**AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE CC**

**(7) Proposition 50 discussion** (November's special election ballot to re-district California's Congressional districts, in response to the re-districting which recently took place in Texas)

Richard arrived at 7:52

The group discussed the current situation, with a consensus emerging that the Green Party should remain uninvolved. Concerns were raised about the ineffectiveness of retaliatory actions. It was emphasized that the matter does not pertain to the Green Party and should not be a focus for the group.

There was a suggestion to advocate for proportional representation, highlighting that over 90 counties support this approach. Additionally, questions were raised about the appropriateness of using Texas as a model for democracy, particularly regarding healthcare access. No formal actions were decided upon.

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**LATE AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE CC**

**(8) Subject/Title:** Proposal to endorse Lifeline for Palestine emergency initiative

**Sponsor(s):** Laura Wells

**Background and Purpose:**

Jill Stein moderated two webinars of almost 3 hours each on 9/5/25 and 9/7/25 with presenters that included Craig Mokhiber formerly of the UN, Medea Benjamin, Miko Peled, Roger Waters, Jeffrey Sachs and many others. Much valuable information was presented, including the ever-increasing world-wide support of Palestine, and a plan to take effective action that has successful precedents (South Africa, Suez Canal) and that cannot be stopped by the US and Israel.

See the References for more information. The following summary is from the intro to the 9/5 webinar YouTube link, quote:

A super-majority of the world's nations already support Palestine. Utilizing a lesser-known process called Uniting for Peace, our UN representatives possess the numbers and the authority to override the US veto to:

- 1- Send a multinational protection force to Palestine, providing food and medicine, ending the blockade, and protecting civilians.
- 2- Implement sanctions and a military embargo on Israel.
- 3- Withdraw Israel's UN credentials, establish a war crimes tribunal, and more. (end quote)

**Proposal:** That the GPCA endorses the Lifeline for Palestine emergency initiative.

### **Implementation/Timeline:**

After approval of this proposal, the Communications Committee will post information including how people can support the initiative.

### **References/Resources:**

- (1) <https://lifelineforpalestine.com/> - includes a sign-up at the bottom
- (2) <https://lifelineforpalestine.com/webinars> - lists the webinar presenters and the basics of the initiative
- (3) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PMcgNkUeoo8> - Webinar: "Emergency Call to Global Action that CAN End the Genocide Now! Sept 5, 2025"
- (4) Sunday, Sept 7, 2025 - Webinar: To be posted
- (5) [https://www.gp.org/israel\\_palestine](https://www.gp.org/israel_palestine) - GP-US
- (6) <https://www.cagreens.org/we-must-end-genocide-and-prevent-wwiii> - GPCA

Ann Garrison arrived at 8:12

approved by consensus

supplies going through Oakland - campaign starting to stop shipments to Israel through

Susan will send out a 48-hour decision to the cc about the Oakland airport

Ashley dropped the [cc@groups.cagreens.org](mailto:cc@groups.cagreens.org)

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## **APPENDICES**

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### **APPENDIX A**

#### Bylaws and Rules Committee Report August 2025

Submitted by: Mimi Newton, Co-Co Bylaws and Rules Committee

#### Date of the last By Laws and Rules Committee Meeting:

Sunday, August 10, 2025 at 12:30 pm pacific.

Present: Mimi Newton

#### Date of the next Bylaws and Rules Committee Meeting:

Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 12:30 pm pacific.

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

The Committee prepared and submitted its 2026 Budget report to the Finance Committee.

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### **APPENDIX B**

#### **Candidates Committee meeting minutes - Sat, August 16, 10:00 am**

1 -- Attendees & Introductions: Richard Gomez, Greg Jan, Chris Lozinski, and Shane Que Hee

2 -- Work Plan and Budget -- We briefly discussed our Work Plan and Budget, which had previously been emailed to the Committee list. One person asked about whether the allocation for money to candidates should specify the ways in which candidates could use that money, but we then noted that different candidates will likely use the money in different ways. For example, some candidates might prioritize spending funds on direct mail, while others might want to spend more on TV ads (especially cable TV), or perhaps on internet advertising. So, we approved the Work Plan and Budget as it had previously been submitted to the Committee.

3 -- Identified Candidates -- We spent a little time talking about the candidacy of Marjorie Mikels for State Attorney General (the Committee had been sent some info about her a few days before the meeting). One person asked about Orlando Johnson's candidacy, but Greg responded by saying that he was pretty sure that Orlando wasn't running for anything.

4 -- Re-Districting -- We had a short conversation about the state proposition to re-district California's Congressional seats (in response to Texas's re-districting). However, we didn't reach any conclusion, and we also wondered about some of the details regarding the proposition. (Note: Those details are now available on the Secretary of State's website, but back when we met on August 18, that info hadn't yet been posted).

5 -- Next meeting -- We usually meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 am, so for September, that's Saturday, September 20.

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## **APPENDIX C**

**8/13/2024 @7:30 pm**

### **Membership & Outreach -and- Communications Committees**

ATTENDEES: Ashley Brown (Facilitator), Nassim Nouri (Notetaker), John Schmit, Richard Gomez (Fresno), Laura Wells

#### **Priorities discussed:**

1. weekly e-blasts
2. creating new website
3. Workplan budget
4. Voter Rolls

1. **Eblasts:** Ashley created samples for county/elected in eblasts and tested Substack workflow for a writers' group.

2. **Website:** Discussed a proposal and the need for an approval process in coordination between the CC and the Comms team.

a. Nassim: Suggests include any decisions done by the CC and the GA (including meeting minutes, etc.), informational (candidates/counties/...)

b. **ACTION:**

- i. Laura will draft a proposal for CC for the Website Team (reviewer, implementer, tester) for a 48-hr. vote. Laura, Nassim, Ashley, and Greg are on the proposed review team. Chris Lozinski and Jay Teutenberg will be on the technical implementation team.

3. **Finance-** 2026 - Work Plan and Budget

- a. Ashley requested not to be the person in charge of the workplan budget
  - b. Nassim recommended using the GPCA Communications Committee 2025 Work Plan & Budget and revising for 2025  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UucO6xLcyZDxsIqnq\\_wScFRossXJOpIE/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UucO6xLcyZDxsIqnq_wScFRossXJOpIE/edit)
  - c. Nassim suggests adding \$500 to the NB budget and include any new expenses associated with the new server and email server.
  - d. **ACTION:**
- i. Ashley will reach out to Justin to get that number
  - ii. Nassim will contact Justin to find out what is the status of reducing NB costs and making 10K contacts non-emailable.
- 4. **Voter Roll updates**
  - a. GPCA needs to fill out a form with a letter of authorization for SoS to send us 2025 voter rolls, Sean has to train someone to format and upload to NB.

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## **APPENDIX D**

GPCA Finance Committee

MINUTES

Meeting time: Thursday, 8/25/2025 at 8:00pm

**(1) ROLL CALL:** John, Mimi, Justin

**(2) Roles: Facilitator:** Justin **Note Taker:** Justin **Vibes Watcher:**

**(3) Approval of the Agenda**

**(4) Approval of Finance Committee Minutes for July** – approved by consensus

**(5) Review 2025 [filing schedules](#) and deadlines from FPPC for when we need to file the next report**

Our next filing is due Feb. 2, 2026 for close of books Dec. 31, 2025. The exception is when we receive a very large donation or have transactions in connection with a special election.

**(6) Monthly Treasurer's Report**

*JULY*



07/01-07/31/25      Income

|          |                                  |
|----------|----------------------------------|
| \$233.00 | One-time donations (5)           |
| \$447.61 | Recurring monthly donations (36) |

07/01-07/31/25      Expenses

|          |                                |
|----------|--------------------------------|
| \$50.00  | Electric Embers (Email)        |
| \$223.23 | WiredTree/Liquid Web (Website) |
| \$19.50  | Next (Insurance)               |
| \$60.00  | ISP (Finance Software)         |
| \$300.00 | Treasurer's Stipend            |
| \$31.40  | USPS                           |
| \$827.00 | NationBuilder Monthly Fee      |
| \$167.90 | Zoom                           |
| \$15.35  | PayPal Transaction Fees        |
| \$20.95  | NationBuilder Transaction Fees |

7/31/25      Account Balances

|             |                                  |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| \$77.97     | PayPal                           |
| \$1,108.18  | Mechanics Bank (savings) Federal |
| \$14,121.86 | Mechanics Bank (checking) State  |

**(7) Updates and Announcements**

- Fundraising letter
  - *Action: By 9/11, **Mimi** to revise letter and communicate with*
- *Action: **Justin** to send Mimi list of recent \$100 donors and contact info; Mimi will mail thank you cards.*
- Draft Budget follow-up
  - ***Action:** Justin to prepare draft budget by Labor Day*
- Database thinning – **Justin** updated the database per MOC Committee parameters, removing about 14K names and reducing our annual cost by about 33%. The cost is still unsustainable as compared to current annual donations but buys us a little more time to try to increase donations.

- Box of old “Treasurer things”
- **Mimi** will text Ruscal
- **John** to check in and coordinate with Communications Committee about possible next fundraising projects he can help with.

**(8) Confirm next meeting (typically 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays): 9/25**

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**APPENDIX E (see APPENDIX C)**

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**APPENDIX F**

**MINUTES GPCA POLICY AND PLATFORM COMMITTEE OF AUGUST 28 2025**

Present: Eric Brooks (San Francisco); Jordan King (Los Angeles); Peggy Koteen (San Luis Obispo); Shane Que Hee (Los Angeles)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PAST MEETING BUSINESS: Consensus

Workplan Discussion: Consensus. Shane will send to Justin

Bylaws Discussion:

Current Version

7-5.1 Draft Agenda

- The Coordinating Committee shall establish a Draft Agenda for all General Assembly meetings, distribute it at least 42 days in advance to each County Organization and submit it for approval at the beginning of each General Assembly.

PROPOSAL

The PPC suggests the following revision (new=underlined; struck out=deleted)

- 7-5.1 Draft Agenda

The Coordinating Committee shall establish a Draft Agenda for all General Assembly meetings, distribute it at least 42 days in advance to each County Organization and each GPCA Committee Coordinator, and submit it for approval at the beginning of each General Assembly. A reminder message shall be distributed at least a week ahead of the submission deadline date for finalized Agenda Items indicated in the Call for Submission of items for the General Assembly that is to be sent at least 84 days in advance of the General Assembly date to each County Organization and each Committee Coordinator.

- Implementation/Timeline/Resources: CC and Bylaws Committee controlled

- c. Timeline: moderate urgency
- d. Implementation: CC/Bylaws controlled
- e. Resources: Nil
- f. Reference: GPCA Bylaws 7-5.1 Draft Agenda

Shane will send in the minutes for final approval. The next GA date was still unknown.

Next Zoom Meeting: Thurs September 25 7-8p.

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## **APPENDIX G**

General Assembly Planning (CC subcommittee) - No report submitted

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## **APPENDIX H**

Synopsis of GPCA August 25 monthly meeting

1. Participants: Peggy K, Susan L, Don M. Richard G

2. Discussion of Newsom's proposed redistricting proposition.

3. Co-Chair election for two years. Voting will begin at next monthly meeting. Announcement of this election was notified to the delegation when the reminder for tonight's meeting was sent on August 21st. A formal announcement will be sent asking for nominations on Sept 8 allowing for two weeks for nominations prior to our monthly meeting.

Tonight, Peggy Koteen self-nominated. All seconded.

Peggy K nominated Tarik Kanaana. All seconded. He will be asked if he accepts the nomination.

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## **APPENDIX I**

**Proportional Representation Coalition (ProRep) update (meets quarterly)**

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