

MINUTES GPCA COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, Dec. 1, 2025, 7:30 PM- 9:30 PM

(1) ROLL CALL: (5 mins)

There are currently thirteen CC Members. Quorum is a simple majority of seven.

CC Members: Ashley Brown, Charisse Cordero, Ann Garrison, Richard Gomez, Greg Jan, Susan Lamont, Don Manro, Mimi Newton, Shannel Pittman, Rohan Sabnis, John Schmit, Laura Wells

Quorum was achieved at 7:35 pm with twelve CC Members present.

PRESENT (12): Ashley Brown, Charisse Cordero, Richard Gomez, Greg Jan, Susan Lamont, Don Manro, Mimi Newton, Shannel Pittman, Rohan Sabnis, John Schmit, and Laura Wells

ABSENT (1): Ann Garrison

(2) ROLES: (4 mins)

Roles for CC Call on Dec 1, 2025:

Agenda Prep: Meg Buckingham

Facilitator: Shannel Pittman

Note Taker: Mimi Newton

Time Keeper:

Vibes Watcher: Ashley Brown

Roles for next month's CC Call on Jan. 5, 2026:

Agenda Prep: Laura Wells

Facilitator: Greg Jan

Note Taker: Charisse Cordero

Time Keeper:

Vibes Watcher:

Roles for February 2, 2026 CC Call:

Agenda Prep:

Facilitator: Richard Gomez

Note Taker: Mimi Newton

Time Keeper:

Vibes Watcher:

(3) Approval of Agenda: (3 mins)

(3a) LATE ITEMS:

Subject/Title: Endorsement of the showing of the film Earth's Greatest Enemy

Sponsor: Greg Jan

The agenda, including the late item, was approved by consensus.

(4) APPROVAL OF CC MINUTES: (3 mins)

Monday, Nov 3, 2025 minutes:

CC Notes were provided by Charisse Cordero, Nov 24, 2025 and updated on Nov. 30, 2025.

The minutes were approved subject to Charisse agreeing to make corrections regarding the presence and simultaneous absences of three members, Meg, Richard and Laura, (all of whom were only absent???). **ACTION ITEM:** Charisse to make correction and send approved minutes to Rohan for posting.

(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: As applicable, 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 [For 11/8 and 11/22 meetings]
- Communications (Ashley Brown) -Appendix C - None submitted
- Finance (Justin Richardson, treasurer) - Appendix D
- Membership and Outreach - Appendix E - None submitted
- Policy & Platform (Don Manro) - Appendix F - None submitted
- General Assembly Planning (CC subcommittee) (Shannel Pittman) - Appendix G -None submitted
- GP-US delegation from GPCA (Shannel Pittman) - Appendix H - None submitted
- ProRep (PR) Coalition (David Cobb, non-CC member) -Appendix I

ACTION ITEM: Shannel to send her reports.

Approved by consensus.

(6) UPDATES and APPOINTMENTS (5 mins)

(6.a.) UPDATE regarding 48- or 72-Hour Online CC Vote(s) and Results (Discussion Item):

1. Subject/Title: Results of 48-hour online vote (that the CC approve an Endorsement Statement regarding the UNAC call for a coordinated week of action, Nov. 15-23, No War on Venezuela! No Troops on Our Streets!

(Full proposal is at Appendix K)

An online, 48-hour CC vote began on Wednesday, 11/5, at 8:20 pm and concluded on Friday, 11/7, at 8:20 pm.

Sponsor: Susan Lamont, Sonoma County

The proposal to endorse the UNAC call for a coordinated week of action, Nov. 15-23, No War on Venezuela! No Troops on Our Streets! passed: 11 Yes, 0 no, 0 Abstain, 2 not voting

Yes: Susan Lamont, Mimi Newton, Meg Buckingham, Greg Jan, Shannel Pitman, Laura Wells, Rohan Sabnis, Richard Gomez, Ashley Brown, Charisse Cordero, John Schmit

Not voting: Don Manro, Ann Garrison

2. Subject/Title: Results of 48-hour online vote (That the CC endorse the Border Patrol Victims Network Delegation to Mexico so that the GPCA can be listed as an endorser and so that the GPCA Communications Committee can publicize it to raise awareness of the situation at the US/Mexico border.)

(Full proposal is at Appendix L)

An online, 48-hour CC vote began on Wednesday, 11/5, at 8:40 pm and concluded on Friday, 11/7, at 8:40 pm.

Sponsor: Susan Lamont, Sonoma County

The proposal to endorse the Border Patrol Victims Network Delegation to Mexico passed: 12 Yes, 0 no, 0 Abstain, 1 not voting

Yes: Susan Lamont, Mimi Newton, Meg Buckingham, Greg Jan, Shannel Pitman, Ann Garrison, Laura Wells, Rohan Sabnis, Richard Gomez, Ashley Brown, John, Schmit, Charisse Cordero

Not voting: Don Manro

A discussion ensued regarding the lack of follow up from endorsement to publicity. **ACTION ITEM:** Mimi will follow up with Ashley regarding tracking items from approval/endorsement to needed action.

(6.b.) Strategic Plan Calendar review

<https://assets.nationbuilder.com/cagreens/pages/1695/attachments/original/1734218419/GPCAWorkPlan2024-2026.pdf?1734218419>

Greg walked us through the strategic plan. **ACTION ITEM:** Susan and Shannel agreed to draft an announcement about vacancies on the Committees to be sent out in January. **ACTION ITEM:** Greg requested that we review and provide any comments on the email he sent out regarding the Green Party of California's Statement to the Secretary of State for the Voter Information Guide, due in February.

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

Ashley has requested help with answering email and voicemail on behalf of the Party.

(7) AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE CC (None)

(8) LATE AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE CC

Subject/Title: Endorsement of the showing of the film Earth's Greatest Enemy

Sponsor: Greg Jan

Background and Purpose: Noura Khouri sent a message dated Nov. 27 that Code Pink in Orange County is coordinating a screening of Abby Martin's new film, Earth's Greatest Enemy, and they want to know if the GPCA can endorse it, to be listed on an "IG flyer" for it (I assume that means an Instagram flyer?) For details about the film, please see info that was sent to our Nationbuilder list back on October 3 (at 7:00 am), as is copied below in Appendix J (Greg Jan's email message).

Proposal: That the CC endorses the showing of Earth's Greatest Enemy, so we can be listed on the publicity for it.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: **ACTION ITEM:** Following approval by the CC, Greg will contact Noura and the Code Pink rep (Jacqueline Villanueva) about our endorsement.

References:

** GPCA October 3 Nationbuilder notice about the film, in Appendix J.

** November 27 email from Noura Khouri about the endorsement request, in Appendix J.

Approved by consensus.

Meeting Adjourned at ~ 8:18 pm.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

Bylaws and Rules Committee Report November 2025

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

Date of the last By Laws and Rules Committee Meeting:

Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 12:30 pm pacific.

Present: Mimi Newton, James Lauderdale

Date of the next Bylaws and Rules Committee Meeting:

Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 12:30 pm pacific.

Any significant actions the Committee is taking:

The Committee discussed the Bylaws and Rules Committee's role at the upcoming General Assembly, including our input on the proposed revisions to the Bylaws suggested by the Policy and Platform Committee regarding deadlines associated with GAs.

APPENDIX B

Candidates Committee meeting minutes - Sat, Nov.8, 10:00 am (This was a special meeting due to the November 15 GA meeting)

[[Note: Because the November 15 GA meeting conflicted with our usual meeting date, I polled people on an alternative date, and it looked like Nov. 22 was going to be the preferred date, but at the last moment, several people who couldn't meet on the 22nd requested Nov. 8, so for this month, we ended up holding 2 meetings -- on both the 8th as well as on the 22nd.]]

1 -- Attendees & Introductions: Richard Gomez, Shane Que Hee, Greg Jan, Noura Khouri, Peggy Koteen, Chris Lozinski and Mimi Newton

2 -- How to make use of the primary season, focusing on our statewide candidates -- People wanted to discuss this subject for almost all of the meeting, and especially about Butch Ware's campaign. Many felt there were good party-building opportunities here, although it was also mentioned that Butch's fundraising has slowed down such that expenses (including staff) are being cut. But Butch does have some 450 volunteers now (around the country), so hopefully that can be built upon.

A UCLA group might also soon get started and in addition, it was mentioned that the upcoming UC strike could be an opportunity for us. We also briefly discussed working for all of our statewide candidates, that is, the "left unity slate". All in all, people thought we'll have good opportunities for this coming primary season.

3 -- Next meeting -- We usually meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 am, but because November 15 is the GPCA General Assembly meeting, we changed our meeting date and ended up with 2 November meetings, so our next meeting will be Saturday, November 22.

Candidates Committee meeting minutes - Sat, Nov.22, 10: 00 am (This was our 2nd November special meeting due to the November 15 GA meeting)

1 -- Attendees & Introductions: Richard Gomez, Shane Que Hee, Greg Jan, Chris Lozinski (late), Marjorie Mikels, Emily Osborn, and Glenn Turner

2 -- How to make use of the primary season, focusing on our statewide candidates -- With two of our statewide candidates in attendance (Marjorie and Glenn), we mainly discussed details related to running for statewide office. In particular, we went over the process for getting signatures in lieu of the filing fee, which begins on December 19. We also discussed publicity via flyers, websites (including Squarespace and Wordpress), and social media, as well as

fundraising and campaign bank accounts. There were many details to discuss so this topic took up most of the meeting

3 -- District partisan offices -- Richard mentioned that before Prop. 50 passed, he was considering running for US Congress, but given the new districts, he might instead switch to a state legislature seat. (He hasn't yet decided what he's going to do).

4 -- Next meeting -- We usually meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 am, so for December that's the 20th, which of course is during the "prime" holiday season, so we'll survey ourselves to see if we want to meet earlier.

APPENDIX C

No Communications Committee Report submitted for November.

APPENDIX D

GPCA Finance Committee

No meeting in November, rescheduled for Dec. 11

Monthly Treasurer's Report

OCTOBER

<u>10/01-10/31/25</u>	<u>Income</u>
\$238.00	One-time donations (5)
\$662.11	Recurring monthly donations (45)
\$25.00	Merchandise (1)
\$635.50	GA Registration (22)

<u>10/01-10/31/25</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
\$10.45	Call Centric (Phone)
\$50.00	Electric Embers (Email)
\$227.88	WiredTree/Liquid Web (Website)
\$19.50	Next (Insurance)
\$60.00	ISP (Finance Software)
\$300.00	Treasurer's Stipend
\$21.42	PayPal Transaction Fees
\$43.48	NationBuilder Transaction Fees

<u>10/31/25</u>	<u>Account Balances</u>
\$77.97	PayPal
\$1,108.21	Mechanics Bank (savings) Federal
\$5,708.97	Mechanics Bank (checking) State

APPENDIX E

No Membership and Outreach Committee Report submitted for November.

APPENDIX F

No Policy & Platform Committee Report submitted for November.

APPENDIX G

No General Assembly Planning Subcommittee Report submitted for November.

APPENDIX H

No GP-US delegation Report submitted for November.

APPENDIX I

Email message from David Cobb dated Nov. 22, 2025:

Howdy GPCA Coordinating Committee members,
Thank you for your work.

I have the honor of representing GPCA on the [Proportional Representation Coalition](#), so below my signature is the latest Newsletter. As always, I am happy to answer any questions or to hear any comments or concerns.

Onward to the world we deserve,

David Cobb (he/him)

[707-362-0333](tel:707-362-0333)

[Why I put my pronouns in my email signature](#)

Dear Friends,

Although it's been a few weeks since election day, we're excited to share a new op-ed featured today in the Mercury News and East Bay Times, written by ProRep Coalition's Executive Director, Caledon Myers. The article argues that as gerrymandering battles escalate across the country, California has an opportunity to lead in a different direction — by embracing proportional representation and modeling a healthier, more inclusive democracy.

As we look ahead to 2026 and beyond, ProRep is gearing up for our most ambitious phase yet: building the broad coalition and grassroots network needed to bring proportional representation to California. But this work depends on supporters like you. Whether you're volunteering, spreading the word, or making a year-end donation, your support strengthens a growing movement to show the state what a more representative democracy can look like. Together, we can make California a leader not in gerrymandering wars, but in genuine democratic innovation.

Thank you for subscribing! Please find today's op-ed by following the link below or scrolling for the full text. If you enjoy the piece, please consider sharing it with friends and family.

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APPENDIX J

EMAIL MESSAGE FROM GREG JAN TO THE CC DATED NOV. 30, 2025
SUBJECT: [CC] Late CC agenda item!: Endorsement of the showing of the film "Earth's Greatest Enemy"

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