

GPCA COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 5, 2026

7:30 PM- 9:30 PM

(1) Roll call: (5 mins)

There are currently 13 CC committee members. Quorum is a simple majority of 7.

Quorum reached at 7:35.

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

Members present: John Schmit, Charisse Cordero, Greg Jan, Laura Wells, Rohan Sabnis, Susan Lamont, Mimi Newton, Meg Buckingham, Richard Gomez

Members absent: Ashley Brown, Ann Garrison, Shannel Pittman, Don Manro

(2) Roles (4 mins):

Roles for CC Call on January 5, 2026:

Agenda Prep: Laura Wells

Facilitator: Greg Jan

Note Taker: Charisse Cordero

Time Keeper:

Vibes Watcher:

Roles for next month's CC Call on February 2, 2026:

Agenda Prep: Rohan Sabnis

Facilitator:

Note Taker:

Time Keeper:

Vibes Watcher:

(3) Approval of Agenda (3 minutes)

Approved by consensus

(3a) LATE ITEMS: N/A

(4) Approval of CC minutes (3 mins)

December 1, 2025 minutes were posted by Mimi Newton on Dec 23, 12:27pm, subject "Draft Minutes from 12/1/25 CC meeting".

Approved by consensus

(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) - Appendix A
- Candidates (Greg Jan) - Appendix B
- Communications (liaison needed) - Appendix C
- Finance (liaison needed, 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
- ProRep (PR) Coalition (David Cobb, non-CC member) - Appendix I

Approved by consensus

(6) UPDATES and APPOINTMENTS (5 mins)

(6.a) Committee Appointments: N/A

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

Proposal: GPCA to endorse the Free Zoe Petition, passes.

Voting period started Sunday, 12/7/25, 3:31pm and ended Tuesday 12/9/25, 3:31pm

For full text of the Proposal, see Appendix J

RESULTS: Quorum = 11 of 13 members, percentage "YES" of voting members = 11/11 = 100%, the proposal passes

— YES = 11 votes:

Shannel Pittman, Richard Gomez, Mimi Newton, Charisse Cordero, Ann Garrison, Susan Lamont, Laura Wells, Rohan Sabnis, Meg Buckingham, Greg Jan, Ashley Brown

— NO = 0

— ABSTAIN = 0

— NOT VOTING = 2: Don Manro, John Schmit

(6.c) Strategic Plan Calendar review

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

(6.d) Action Item(s) Update & Announcements (10 minutes):

— Charisse to make minutes correction and send approved minutes to Rohan for posting.
(DONE)

- 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. (DONE, see Announcement (1) below)
- Shannel to send her reports, - General Assembly Planning (CC subcommittee) and GP-US delegation from GPCA
- Mimi will follow up with Ashley regarding tracking items from approval/endorsement to needed action.
- Susan and Shannel agreed to draft an announcement about vacancies on the Committees to be sent out in January.
- Following approval by the CC, Greg will contact Noura and the Code Pink rep (Jacqueline Villanueva) about our endorsement.

Mimi said she will keep us updated on her work with Shannel and Ashley.

ANNOUNCEMENT (1): Revised 50-word statement was submitted to our SOS liaison Jared Laiti on 12/18/25:

"Join the Green Party to work toward living wage jobs, healthcare for all, tuition-free education, affordable housing, divesting from wars, and just immigration policies. We refuse corporate, lobbyist and super PAC money, so we side with people, peace, and planet. Welcome home to the Green Party! www.cagreens.org"

ANNOUNCEMENT (2): Harassment of Green Party candidates, staffers, and volunteers. For further information refer to an email posted to the CC list, subject "[CC] Fwd: Why Am I Blocked From Your X Page?" on Friday, January 2, 2026 at 06:35:04 PM PST, by Ashley Brown.

The decision was to keep a file on harassment . Mimi will do this.

AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE CC

LATE AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE CC

Item (7) GPCA endorsement re: Venezuela

Subject/Title: GPCA endorsement of Stop the War On Venezuela solidarity statement
 Sponsor: Susan Lamont

Background and Purpose: Received in an email from Veterans For Peace - to build a mass movement in support of the sovereignty of Venezuela
 Proposal: That the GPCA endorse the Stop the War on Venezuela! Defend Venezuela's Sovereignty and Right to Resist! statement. See the statement in Appendix K.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources:

(1) If the CC approves this proposal, do we send this to the Communications Committee?

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdclxh0ZgTkXRUoLfP38EaHW3eJaeM183Zy-FqRYb1x8uiFoA/viewform>

Approved by consensus

It was decided that Laura and Susan can make decisions on endorsing similar proposals.

(2) Invitation to a webinar on "US Militarism Comes Home: Blowback from Wars Abroad" on January 14, 2026 at 5:00-7:00pm Pacific (8-10pm Eastern) by the Green Party Peace Action Committee

https://www.gp.org/us_militarism_comes_home

This will be published.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15

Next meeting: Feb. 2 2026 at 7:30 pm

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

Bylaws and Rules Committee Report: 12/7/25

Present: Meeting did not take place

Next meeting: Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 12:30 pm pacific.

APPENDIX B

Candidates Committee meeting minutes - Sat, Dec. 13, 10:00 am

(We moved the meeting up a week due to the holidays. Also, I misplaced my notes from the meeting so the info here is all from memory -- I apologize in advance for any errors).

1 -- Attendees & Introductions: Gary Blenner, Richard Gomez, Shane Que Hee, Greg Jan, Peggy Koteen, Chris Lozinski, Marjorie Mikels, and Glenn Turner

2 -- Preparing for the June primary election, with a focus on our statewide candidates -- With three of our statewide candidates in attendance (Gary, Marjorie and Glenn), we mainly discussed details related to their campaigns, and especially the signatures in lieu of the filing fee process, which begins on December 19. We also discussed fundraising and campaign bank accounts, etc. There were many details to discuss, so this topic took up most of the meeting

3 -- District partisan offices -- Richard mentioned that 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 January that's the 17th.

APPENDIX C

Communications Committee Meeting Agenda/Minutes (see also Membership & Outreach report)

APPENDIX D

GPCA Finance Committee MINUTES

Meeting time: Thursday, 12/11/2025 at 8:00pm

(1) ROLL CALL: Mimi Newton, John Schmit, Justin Richardson

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

(3) Approval of the Agenda – adjusted and approved by consensus

(4) 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.

(5) Monthly Treasurer's Report

NOVEMBER

11/01-11/30/25	Income
\$787.00	One-time donations (10)
\$742.11	Recurring monthly donations (49)
\$145.00	Merchandise (3)
\$901.00	GA Registration (34)

11/01-11/30/25	Expenses
\$10.45	Call Centric (Phone)
\$50.00	Electric Embers (Email)
\$222.55	WiredTree/Liquid Web (Website)
\$19.50	Next (Insurance)
\$60.00	ISP (Finance Software)
\$300.00	Treasurer's Stipend
\$19.88	PayPal Transaction Fees
\$97.36	NationBuilder Transaction Fees

11/30/25 Account Balances

\$77.97	PayPal
\$1,108.21	Mechanics Bank (savings) Federal
\$7,715.29	Mechanics Bank (checking) State

(6) Announcements, New/Old Business, Updates, Action Items

- Recent \$100 donors / thank you letter /card – Justin to send Mimi latest names

- Justin to enter financial actuals through end of Dec. and send 2026 approved budget PDF
- Adam McKay fundraising – Mimi to follow up with Nassim
- Brainstorming on how to raise money: Event? Concert? Celebrity involvement? Will blockchain save democracy? Can blockchain save the Green Party?

Treasurer's Report Format Discussion:

- o How to format Treasurer Report to communicate financial health?
- o GPCA is in financial trouble. How to communicate this to the CC and inspire action before it's too late.
- o Graphic representation of income/expenses?
- o Our big expenditure (database) is Sept. 1.

(7) Confirm next meeting (typically 4th Tuesdays): 1/27/26

APPENDIX E

Membership & Outreach and Communications Committee Notes 12/10/25

DATE: December 10, 2025, Wednesday, 7:30pm
 (report for the 1/5/26 Coordinating Committee meeting)

ATTENDEES:

Ashley Brown (Santa Cruz), Axel (LA), Jesse Bevan (Lake), KJ, John Schmit (Stanislaus), Jordan King (LA), Laura Wells (facilitator/notetaker - Alameda), Nassim Nouri (Santa Clara), Richard Gomez (Fresno)

(1) Brief intros all around. Many are also working on Butch Ware's campaign, and Sean Dougherty's

(2) Communications Committee check-in.

(a) E-blasts, planning for 2 in December, by Emily Osborn

(b) E-blasts were sent out for upcoming meetings in Lake County (re-activating) and Sacramento County, pulling back records that were "parked on the shelf" to reduce NationBuilder costs (fundraising needed)

(c) Website, Nassim is working on content in line with site-map approved by the Website Review Group, and Jay T is working on archiving, which is complex and involves the old website, listserv's, email boxes, and other archiving.

(3) Membership and Outreach Committee check-in.

(a) Help needed to handle volunteers reaching in. Ashley will check whether Sean's process still works to automatically connect volunteers with counties. The calendar is a resource for knowing when meetings happen.

(b) Discussed coordinating campus outreach in UCLA, Fresno, Foothill College and others with both GPCA Campus Greens and the Butch Ware campaign.

(c) Lake County. Jesse is reaching out widely to earlier organizers and other activist groups in the county, planning a 12/13/25 meeting, with follow-up meetings at a library.

(d) Los Angeles County. Jordan and Axel are connecting with other political (PSL, PFP) and liberation groups to build up the Green Party, and create a slate for LA county, including the neighborhood offices. Will connect with the Candidates Committee to discuss a county Left Unity Slate to help with costs and to garner endorsements. Can coordinate e-blasts with the Butch Ware campaign.

(e) Discussed that GP endorsements can be made by the district in which the voters reside, i.e. state party only endorses candidates the whole state votes on, e.g. statewide offices and US senators.

(4) NEXT MEETING: January 14, 7:30pm

(As per John Schmit...these notes are from December as there was no January meeting.)

APPENDIX F

GPCA POLICY AND PLATFORM ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY DECEMBER 4 2025 7-8P

Present: Elizabeth Green (Los Angeles); Peggy Koteen (San Luis Obispo); Joe Leadem (guest); Shane Que Hee (Los Angeles)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Left Unity slate finalized

PAST MEETING BUSINESS: Consensus

PLATFORM

Initiatives, Referenda, Recall:

Peggy had 2 issues

1. " Right now our elected officials are not required to participate in the initiative process, and so they don't. "

I would delete "and so they don't". We don't KNOW why they don't participate, even if we assume we know.

2. Since CA has so many rural counties w/ small populations compared to LA and SF areas, I think the "double majority" idea is faulty for our state. In a homogeneous state such as Montana, maybe it would make good sense.

Shane thought that 6th grade level should be the educational level for voting corresponding to 17/18 for the voting age.

Joe would produce revisions for a future meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Thurs January 22 2026 7-8p

APPENDIX G

General Assembly Planning (CC subcommittee)

APPENDIX H

GP-US delegation from GPCA

APPENDIX I

Proportional Representation Coalition (ProRep) update (meets quarterly)
