

Minutes GPCA Coordinating Committee Meeting

November 3, 2025

(1) Roll call: (5 mins)

There are currently 13 CC committee members. Quorum is a simple majority of 7. (Note: Albert Faz is no longer a CC member because he was absent from the July, August and September meetings.)

Quorum reached:7:31

Present: Ashley Brown, Charisse Cordero, Ann Garrison, Richard Gomez, Greg Jan, Susan Lamont, Don Manro, Mimi Newton, Shannel Pittman, Rohan Sabnis, John Schmit, Laura Wells (Ann Garrison joined late at 8:00?)

Absent: Laura Wells, Richard Gomez, Meg Buckingham

(2) Roles (4 mins):

Roles for CC Call on November 3, 2025:

Agenda Prep: Susan Lamont

Facilitator: Shannel Pittman

Note Taker: Charisse Cordero

Time Keeper: John Schmit

Vibes Watcher: Greg Jan

Roles for next month's CC Call on December 1, 2025:

Agenda Prep:

Facilitator: Shannel Pittman

Note Taker: Mimi Newton

Time Keeper:

Vibes Watcher: Ashley Brown

(3) Approval of Agenda (3 minutes)

Approved by consensus

(3a) LATE ITEMS: none

(4) Approval of CC minutes (3 mins)

October 6, 2025 minutes were posted to CC email list by Mimi Newton on October 11, 2025 at 11:50 AM PDT

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 () - Appendix C
- Finance (Justin Richardson, treasurer) - Appendix D
- Membership and Outreach - 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: Finance Committee

Subject: Decision Item: Appointment of John Schmit to the Finance Committee (3 mins.)

Sponsor: Mimi Newton, Marin County

Background and Purpose: In its May 2025 Report, the Finance Committee notified the CC that "The Finance Committee needs members, as we are not currently a functional committee per requirements set forth the Bylaws. We do not have a liaison to the CC. Justin (Treasurer and ex-officio member) has been creating agendas, facilitating meetings, and preparing minutes for the CC for the past 9-12 months. We have no 'members' presently and cannot carry out our duties per the Bylaws."

John Schmit, a fellow CC member, has been attending Finance Committee meetings for many months but has neglected to seek appointment to the Committee. I was appointed to the Finance Committee earlier this year. At our regular Finance Committee call on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025, I obtained John's consent to submit this proposal to appoint him to the Finance Committee because, for all practical purposes, he is a crucial 'member' of the Committee already.

Proposal: Approve John Schmit's appointment to the GPCA Finance Committee.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: None.

References: GPCA Bylaws

Article 9 - Other Committees

Section 9-1. Membership

9-1.1 Appointments: Committees consist of voting members, appointed by the Coordinating Committee to serve two-year terms, including a Coordinating Committee liaison, who serves as one of two committee Coordinators. The other committee Coordinator is elected by the committee members, and shall take office upon confirmation by the General Assembly.

9-1.2 Eligibility: To be eligible for appointment, an individual must:

- (a) Provide evidence of being registered with GPCA or attests they would be registered, but are ineligible under federal or state law.
- (b) Attend Committee meetings and serve as a volunteer for the Committee prior to being appointed.
- (c) Demonstrate a working knowledge of the Committee's work.

9-1.3 Eligible individuals may submit an application in writing to the Coordinating Committee stating their interest, qualifications, and evidence of registration with the GPCA.

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Section 9-8. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is charged with administering all GPCA's Fiscal responsibilities as provided for in these bylaws and in fiscal Policy, including:

9-8.1 Develop and present the annual GPCA budget to the General Assembly for approval; including expense and income projections for the annual budget.

9-8.2 Submit timely filings of required documents to federal, state, and local election officials where appropriate.

9-8.3 Support and oversee the work of the Treasurer to carry out the required duties and responsibilities.

9-8.4 Compile, review, revise, and approve or reject budget requests from Committees for appropriation from the GPCA budget.

9-8.5 Develop and execute fundraising strategies for ensuring fiscal solvency.

9-8.6 Establish general principles for prioritizing the designation of campaign funds. File draft principles with the Coordinating Committee and Candidates Committee for comments at least 15 days prior to adoption.

9-8.7 Establish and maintain the GPCA Fiscal policy, and all necessary forms and processes for finance and budget related work.

9-8.8 Collect funds owed to the GPCA.

Approved by consensus

(6.c) Committee Appointments: Bylaws and Rules Committee

Subject: Decision Item: Re-Appointment of James Lauderdale to the Bylaws and Rules Committee (3 mins.)

Sponsor: Mimi Newton, Marin County

Background and Purpose: James has previously been an active and much appreciated member of the Bylaws and Rules Committee as well as being a former CC member. He had to step away for a while and the Bylaws and Rules Committee's been a lonely place without him. As he is now ready to rejoin our Committee, during the October 2025 Bylaws and Rules Committee call, I obtained James' consent to submit this proposal to re-appoint him to the Committee.

Proposal: Approve James Lauderdale's re-appointment to the GPCA Bylaws and Rules Committee.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: None.

References: GPCA Bylaws

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Section 9-5. Bylaws and Rules Committee

The Bylaws and Rules Committee is charged with supporting the development of the GPCA's governing rules documents, including its Bylaws, Rules and Procedures, Fiscal Policy, and others, including to:

9-5.1 Propose amendments to the General Assembly and issue written interpretations of the GPCA's governing rules documents.

9-5.2 Review proposed amendments to governing documents submitted by others and provide recommendations to the sponsors, including to promote consistency in meaning, terminology, and format with existing documents.

9-5.3 Review bylaws annually to identify outdated or inconsistent content and to ensure approved amendments are accurately represented in GPCA documentations.

9-5.4 Propose reforms to internal processes and administration that enhance effectiveness and realize efficiencies; such as advise GPCA on internal party voting mechanisms.

9-5.5 Review Committee Internal Procedures to ensure compliance with GPCA governing documents.

9-5.6 Compile, document and archive the governing rules documents of the GPCA as they have existed over time.

Approved by consensus

(6.d) 48- or 72-Hour Online CC Vote(s) and Results: None

(6.e) Strategic Plan Calendar review

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

(6.f) Action Item

Subject/Title: Approve a "Statement of Findings" so the GPCA can endorse statewide candidates

Sponsor: Greg Jan

Background and Purpose: Our existing GPCA Endorsement Procedures for statewide candidates was never updated after the "Top Two Primary" passed and went into effect -- our procedures are currently still based on when we normally endorsed statewide candidates only for the general election, and not for any primary elections.

Specifically, way back in 2006 (see:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20150919202822/https://www.cagreens.org/elections/endorsement-procedures>), at a GA meeting held in Ventura county, the GPCA ap! proved a set of

endorsement procedures which stated that, "Except in extraordinary circumstances, the GPCA will not endorse candidates in contested Green Party primaries". That was of course many years prior to when the "Top Two primary" transformed California elections, including eliminating "Green Party primaries" (as well as "internal party primaries" for all of the other political parties). However, our Endorsement Procedures were never revised to reflect the fact that we no longer have any "internal party primaries" -- so (per:

<https://www.cagreens.org/elections/endorsement-procedures>), in order to endorse any statewide primary candidates, the CC now needs to, "approve a statement of findings, that would clarify what are the extraordinary circumstances and their significance for the GPCA".

Proposal: That the CC approve the following "Statement of Findings, regarding endorsing statewide primary candidates":

Statement of Findings, regarding endorsing statewide primary candidates:

We find that:

- 1) Since at least 2006, the GPCA Endorsement Procedures contained the following provision: "Except in extraordinary circumstances, the GPCA will not endorse candidates in contested Green Party primaries".
- 2) In [2010](#), the "Top Two primary" was approved by California voters, which eliminated "internal party primaries".
- 3) The "Top Two primary" makes it extremely difficult for statewide Green Party candidates to appear on the November general election ballot, which means that if the GPCA is to endorse any statewide candidates, we will need to do so for the primary election.
- 4) Consequently, it now makes sense to allow the GPCA to endorse statewide primary candidates -- therefore, we find that the GPCA should be allowed to make such endorsements (including for the 2026 candidates) and we also ask that the GPCA Bylaws Committee work to update our Endorsement Procedures to reflect the changes made by the passage of the Top Two primary.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: The CC includes members of the GPCA Bylaws Committee and the GPCA Candidates Committee. If those CC members are present at the November CC meeting, then they will inform their respective committees about the passage of this proposal. In addition, one of the CC members will inform GA agenda team coordinator Tarik Kanaana that (per our rules) the CC has approved the above Statement of Findings, so that the GPCA is now allowed to endorse statewide primary candidates. So, might one of you volunteer to inform Tarik about this, after our CC meeting?

References:

Existing GPCA Endorsement Procedures:

<https://www.cagreens.org/elections/endorsement-procedures>

Approved by consensus

(6.g) Action Item

Subject/Title: Approve the draft agenda for the November 15 GA meeting

Sponsor: Greg Jan

Background and Purpose: Our bylaws (in section 7-5.1 (a), here:

[https://www.cagreens.org/bylaws-green-party-california#Section_7-4. Endorsements](https://www.cagreens.org/bylaws-green-party-california#Section_7-4._Endorsements)) say that

the CC must "establish" a draft agenda for all GA meetings. And even though several notices have been sent out with the draft agenda, and it has been posted to our website (here: https://cagreens.nationbuilder.com/nov_15-25-agenda), the CC nevertheless has not yet "established" (or approved) for it to be submitted to the GA, hence, this proposal.

Proposal: That the CC approves (establishes) the draft GA agenda (here: https://cagreens.nationbuilder.com/nov_15-25-agenda), so that it can "officially" be presented to the November 15 GA meeting!>

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: Following approval by the CC, a CC member will inform GA agenda team coordinator Tarik Kanaana that (per our bylaws) the CC has formally approved the draft GA agenda. So might you be able to volunteer to inform Tarik after our CC meeting?

References:

**GPCA Bylaws (section 7-5.1 (a), here:

https://www.cagreens.org/bylaws-green-party-california#Section_7-4_Endorsements)

**November 15 draft GA agenda (here: https://cagreens.nationbuilder.com/nov_15-25-agenda),

(6.h) Action Item

Subject/Title: Endorse the Border Patrol Victims Network Delegation to Mexico, November 11-15, 2025

Sponsor: Susan Lamont

Background and Purpose: PROJECT OVERVIEW

A coalition comprising the Border Patrol Victims Network, School of the Americas Watch, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee is organizing a week-long solidarity delegation to Mexico City from November 11-15, 2025. Entitled "Borders of Struggle: Solidarity Delegation Against State Violence & Impunity," this initiative, backed by numerous endorsing organizations, will confront the systemic violence and lack of accountability perpetrated by U.S. border enforcement agencies.

This delegation will unite survivors, affected families, and advocates to build a binational campaign. Our shared vision is to end the militarism and brutality inflicted upon migrant and borderland communities within the hyper-militarized 100-mile zone inside the United States and along the 2,000-mile border with Mexico.

ACTIVITIES

- Official hearing with members of the Mexican Senate
- Press conference addressing the ongoing fight for justice and current judicial efforts before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)
- A series of workshops and binational campaign planning meetings
- Interfaith visit at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe

GOALS

- To publicly expose the pattern of U.S. Border Patrol brutality and the impunity surrounding cross-border shootings that have killed unarmed civilians. We will demand that public officials deliver justice and compensation to the victims and implement concrete accountability measures to end the abuse of power by US federal agents.

- Concurrently with the IACHR filing against the U.S. federal government, the delegation will launch a binational campaign demanding independent, transparent investigations into the lethal use of force by federal agents and reparations for the victims and/or their surviving families.

OBJECTIVES

- Build the power of individuals and families to become lifelong human rights defenders
- Foster cross-border solidarity among affected communities and their allies
- Strengthen grassroots networking and coalition-building among human and immigrant rights advocates in the U.S. and Mexico
- Collectively design a binational education and advocacy campaign
- Lay the groundwork for a U.S. Congressional bill establishing a system of accountability for U.S. federal agents' abuse of power and excessive use of force.

Proposal: That the CC endorse the Border Patrol Victims Network Delegation to Mexico; that the Green Party of California's name and logo will be submitted to the delegation; and that the Green Party of California will share information about the delegation with its members.

Approved by consensus to endorse

(6.i) Action Item

Subject/Title: Endorse the Urgent Call for a Week of Coordinated Protests – November 15-23 – No War on Venezuela! No Troops on Our Streets!

Sponsor: Susan Lamont

Project Overview:

Link with all details:

<https://unac.notowar.net/no-war-on-venezuela-all-out-for-a-week-of-emergency-protests/#Endorsement>

The US military is hurrying its aircraft carrier battle group, with destroyers, jet warplanes and nuclear submarines to the shores of Venezuela, while threatening Colombia and massing U.S. troops in the Caribbean. Secretary of State Marco Rubio is calling for the military overthrow of President Maduro in Venezuela and the replacement of President Petro in Colombia.

This is a build-up to another endless U.S. war – a war to militarize the whole Western Hemisphere.

Meanwhile the use of Federal troops and thousands of ICE agents in raids and mass arrests, along with massive increases in health costs and cuts to government services, are an attack on all working people in the U.S.

Using the false claim that it is combating drug trafficking, U.S. missiles have murdered crews of small boats (43 killed so far from 4 countries) off the coast of Venezuela, without evidence or due process of law. At the same time, they are sending their troops and ICE agents to our cities, with the false claim that they are fighting crime. They allege there is no money for SNAP benefits or healthcare benefits while the rich are getting yet another tax cut.

This move towards all-out war has nothing to do with drug trafficking. Venezuela has the greatest known oil reserves in the world – five times the U.S. oil reserves. The Venezuelan government refuses to be dominated by the U.S. It is determined to use its own oil, gas, coal, diamond and gold resources for healthcare, housing and education for the people of Venezuela,

not for U.S. billionaires. The US attacks and open threats of regime change in Venezuela and Colombia are a blatant violation of international law.

It is time to take to the streets and resist these U.S. government and corporate attacks on people in Venezuela, Colombia, all Latin America and the Caribbean, while militarizing and repressing the people of the U.S.

Let's join together, November 15 – 23, and build actions in cities, towns and campuses throughout the country. Let the war makers know that we are opposed to war on people anywhere in our Americas – a zone of Peace across our hemisphere.

We will continue to mobilize in local and regional actions in December, focusing on the December 17th Anniversary of the death of Simon Bolivar, "*The Great Emancipator*", against colonial domination.

RESIST U.S. Wars!

Proposal:

That the CC endorse the week of action and encourage local parties to join with groups in their counties to organize rallies.

Approved by consensus to endorse

(6.j) LATE AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE CC (None)

MEETING ADJOURNMENT 8:20

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

Bylaws and Rules Committee Report October 2025

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

Date of the last By Laws and Rules Committee Meeting:

Sunday, October 19, 2025, at 2:00 pm pacific.

Present: Mimi Newton, James Lauderdale

Date of the next Bylaws and Rules Committee Meeting:

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

Any significant actions the Committee is taking:

The Committee reviewed the Policy and Platform Committee's proposal to amend GPCA Bylaw 7-5.1 regarding the timing and distribution of Draft Agendas for General Assembly meetings. We discussed attending the Policy and Platform Committee meeting on Oct. 23 to discuss our suggestions directly with the Committee.

APPENDIX B

Candidates Committee meeting minutes - Sat, Oct. 25, 10:00 am

(Note: Because of "No Kings Day" we held the meeting on the 4th Saturday of the month instead of on the 3rd Saturday)

1 -- Attendees & Introductions! : Richard Gomez, Shane Que Hee, Greg Jan, Peggy Koteen, Chris Lozinski, Max Maldonado Vasquez (from Madera county) and Shannel Pittman

2 -- Recommendation for the Lt. Governor's race -- Because Jaime Guitierrez is no longer running, we discussed various alternative endorsement possibilities for this contest. In particular, because there are (relatively) progressive Democrats running (such as Oliver Ma and Michael Tubbs), we discussed the possibility of recommending for the upcoming GA meeting that the GPCA take a "No Endorsement" position in the race, or even not making a recommendation at all and just presenting the strengths and weaknesses of various candidates. But in the end, after a vote of 4 to 2 (with one abstention), we decided to continue along the "Left Unity Slate path" and recommend for the GPCA to endorse the Peace and Freedom Candidate, Alice Stek.

3 -- Endorsement procedures for local candidates -- Max asked about the process for the Green Party to endorse local candidates, such as for City Council, and we explained that if there's an active county Green Party group there, then it's entirely up to that county group.

4 -- Spreadsheet of GPCA candidates -- Greg asked if anyone might be able to help maintain a spreadsheet of GPCA 2026 candidates -- for all races, whether statewide, US Congress, City Council, School Board, etc. And it would include fields for their contact info and whether they'd been endorsed, etc. Chris volunteered, so Greg will be working with Chris on setting it up.

5 -- Next meeting -- We usually meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 am, but November 15 is the GPCA General Assembly meeting so we'll now have to decide whether to meet a week early or a week late. (That is, I just realized that -- we didn't discuss it at the meeting).

APPENDIX C - Communications

APPENDIX D

GPCA Finance Committee MINUTES

Meeting time: Thursday, 10/23/2025 at 8:00pm

(1) **ROLL CALL:** Mimi Newton (member), John Schmit (observer), Justin Richardson (ex-officio member)

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

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

(4) **Approval of Finance Committee Minutes for September** – 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**

SEPTEMBER

09/01-09/30/25 Income

\$0 One-time donations (0)

\$442.11 Recurring monthly donations (35)

\$25.00 Merchandise (1)

09/01-09/30/25 Expenses

\$10.45 Call Centric (Phone)

\$50.00	Electric Embers (Email)
\$223.04	WiredTree/Liquid Web (Website)
\$19.50	Next (Insurance)
\$60.00	ISP (Finance Software)
\$300.00	Treasurer's Stipend
\$4,759.37	Nationbuilder Annual Fee
\$551.00	Nationbuilder Monthly Fee
\$13.88	PayPal Transaction Fees
\$14.95	NationBuilder Transaction Fees

9/30/25 Account Balances

\$50.00	PayPal
\$1,108.21	Mechanics Bank (savings) Federal
\$5,100.15	Mechanics Bank (checking) State

(7) Announcements, Old Business, Updates, Action Items

- Recent \$100 donors / thank you letter /card - We reviewed the thank you note *Mimi will handwrite and mail to recent big donors.*
- Draft Budget – *Justin will reach out to committees about their budget requests.*
- Box of old "Treasurer things" – *Mimi will report back if Ruscal gets in touch*
- Adam McKay fundraising – *Justin will email Tarik*

(8) Confirm next meeting (typically 4th Thursdays): 11/20

APPENDIX E - Membership and Outreach

APPENDIX F

MINUTES GPCA POLICY AND PLATFORM COMMITTEE OF October 23 2025

Present: Eric Brooks (San Francisco); Jordan King (Los Angeles); Peggy Koteen (San Luis Obispo); James Lauderdale (Los Angeles); Don Manro (Tulare); Mimi Newton (Marin); Shane Que Hee (Los Angeles)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next GA : Nov 15. The reparations related planks are on the Agenda.

PAST MEETING BUSINESS: Consensus

Listserve: need to put voting members as cc on listserve posts as unreliable

Bylaws Discussion:

Original Bylaw

"(a) 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. "

Mimi and John stated they favored the Jordan King version:

(a) 7-5.1 Draft Agenda (underlined=new)

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It was suggested to contact the Agenda Team (aka Tarik) for his input re time after the call deadline to organize the items for CC approval. During discussion it was also suggested that if there was going to be just two GAs per year then the GPCA calendar should contain the deadlines for agenda items and the GAs. It was suggested also that March 31 and August 31 be the tentative target dates for Agenda items submission and these could be put into the calendar. Shane will contact Tarik.

Platform:

Jordan asked about GPCA's return of land policy for indigenous nations and tribes without federal treaties. This is underway but Eric stated it won't be ready for discussion until 2026.

Shane will send Jordan the last draft. Eric referred to The Red Nation

<https://www.therednation.org/> and Nick Estes at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nick_Estes

Policy:

Eric said the last legislature session saw a successful stop of dilution of the California Environmental Quality Act in Committee in June but in its dying days Wiener and his cohorts made successful last minute additions to weaken environmental protection.

Eric expected in 2026 that energy bills to establish regional electrical grids would be pushed rather than the preferred local electricity control.

Next Zoom Meeting. Thurs Dec 4, 7-8p. Last of the year.

APPENDIX G

General Assembly Planning

APPENDIX H

GP-US delegation from GPCA

APPENDIX I

ProRep (PR) Coalition - Link to report from ProRep Coalition:

<https://prorepcoalition.org/so/a3Pexc2ZB?languageTag=en&cid=482b5af9-a269-4102-b7cb-f0c5ba40759c>