

GPCA COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 4, 2026, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM via Zoom

(1) Roll call: (5 mins)

There are currently 12 CC committee members. Quorum is a simple majority of 7.
Meg Buckingham, Charisse Cordero, Ann Garrison, Richard Gomez, Greg Jan, Susan Lamont, Don Manro, Mimi Newton, Shannel Pittman, Rohan Sabnis, John Schmit, Laura Wells

PRESENT: (9) Meg Buckingham, Greg Jan, Susan Lamont, Don Manro, Mimi Newton, Shannel Pittman (7:40 pm), Rohan Sabnis, John Schmit and Laura Wells

ABSENT: (3) Charisse Cordero, Ann Garrison and Richard Gomez,

A quorum of 8 CC members was achieved at 7:38 pm

(2) Roles (4 mins):

Roles for CC Call on May 4, 2026:

Agenda Prep: Laura Wells

Facilitator: Shannel Pittman was late and Greg undertook facilitation - Shannel will facilitate in June.

Note Taker: Charisse Cordero was absent, so Mimi Newton took notes

Time Keeper: –

Vibes Watcher: –

Roles for next month's CC Call on June 8, 2026:

Agenda Prep: Susan Lamont

Facilitator: Shannel Pittman

Note Taker: Charisse Cordero, (Mimi will give Charisse a heads up)

Time Keeper:

Vibes Watcher:

(3) Approval of Agenda (3 minutes)

(3a) LATE ITEMS:

Item 7: Discussion item: Issues Impacting the Ware for Governor Campaign

Item 8: Discussion item: Timing & Notice of Upcoming SGA Voting

Item 9: Decision Item: Upcoming Standing General Assembly

Item 10: Proposal: Endorsement of CalCare (AB 1900)

Item 11: Decision: General statements from Spokespeople about getting rid of the Top Two primary

Item 12: Discussion/Decision item: Putting endorsement of the proposed repeal of the Water's Edge Tax Election (AB 1790) to a 48-hour online vote after the CC call concludes

The agenda, with the late items added, was approved by consensus.

(4) Approval of CC minutes (3 mins)

April 6, 2026 minutes were posted by Mimi Newton on April 17, 10:51pm, subject "Draft CC Minutes from April."

The draft CC Minutes from April were approved by consensus. Mimi will forward them to Rohan for posting to the website.

(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.

PURPLE INDICATES NOT YET RECEIVED (OR FOUND?)

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** (NOTE: Greg will submit this month's report along with next month's report for inclusion in the June consent calendar.)
 - Communications (liaison needed) - **Appendix C**
 - Finance (liaison needed, Justin Richardson, treasurer) - **Appendix D**
 - Membership and Outreach (by Mimi Newton for Laura) - **Appendix E**
 - Policy & Platform (Don Manro) - **Appendix F**
 - General Assembly Planning (CC subcommittee) (Shannel Pittman) - (N/A) - **Appendix G**
 - GP-US delegation from GPCA (Shannel Pittman) - (N/A) - **Appendix H**
 - ProRep (PR) Coalition (David Cobb, non-CC member) - (N/A) - **Appendix I**
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(6) UPDATES and APPOINTMENTS (5 mins)

(6.a) Committee Appointments:

(i) Jordan King: Membership and Outreach Committee

Los Angeles

Why you are interested in joining the committee: I want to continue building the base of active, successful county green parties. By improving internal systems, volunteer recruitment, revenue streams, leadership pipelines, and grassroots activation I hope to drive a competitive Green Party in CA that offers a credible alternative to the Democratic machine. We're not outnumbered, we're out-organized, and a robust Membership and Outreach program that builds resilient organizing programs will take our movement far.

Relevant skills and qualifications: - Organized and Restarted the LA County Party

- Existing relationships with county party leaders in SoCal
- Proven trainer and coach for GP members and institutions
- IWW trained organizer
- Trained by the Arbinger Institute in mediation and organizational change
- 13+ years of public policy strategy
- Former Coalitions Manager (Reason foundation)

Evidence of registration with GPCA: Receives registered emails from GPCA and is a county councilor with the county party.

Anything else that you want the CC to know about you: - Long-term mindset with a systems-analysis approach to problem solving

- Can run and facilitate meetings
- Prefers collaborative work over individual work
- Member of GPUSA Lavender Caucus

Jordan was appointed to the MOC by consensus on the condition that his membership become effective after he attends one MOC meeting. (Laura to let Jordan know and send him the Zoom information.)

(ii) Bobbie Flores: Membership and Outreach Committee

Sacramento

Why you are interested in joining the committee: I have seen how few people are actually making the a GPCA run, and it is not enough. We need to work to build a strong base of members and inspire them to do the hard work of organizing against this system we are all victims of. I believe people want what the Green Party stands for, they are just afraid or don't know about us. It's up to us to teach them and build hope and love with them. We have done an immense amount of work during this last campaign cycle and I want to make sure we keep that momentum moving forward.

Relevant skills and qualifications: - Been in leadership positions for over 20 years

- Relationships with local organizations and direct action and mutual aid groups - Volunteer lead focusing on local outreach for the Butch Ware campaign (starting in July 2025)
- Sacramento County GP council member working to rebuild our local chapter

Evidence of registration with GPCA: Receives registered emails from GPCA and is a county councilor with the county party.

Anything else that you want the CC to know about you: - Environmental scientist trained to see systems AND parts, not just parts. - effectively lead teams and build organizational structures in my career

- Effective at running and facilitating meetings

Bobbie was appointed to the MOC by consensus on the condition that her membership become effective after she attends one MOC meeting. (Laura to let Bobbie know and send her the Zoom information.)

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

(6.b.i) Proposal: GPCA CC to approve and publish the draft agenda proposed by the General Assembly Agenda Planning Team.

Voting period started Wednesday, 4/29, 8:01 pm and ended Friday, 5/01, 8:01 pm

For full text of the Proposal, see **Appendix J**, and for more detail on three items, see **Appendix K**.

RESULTS: Quorum needed is 7 of 12 members, percentage "YES" of participating members excluding one abstention = $6/6 = 100\%$, the proposal passes

— Yes Votes: (6) Greg Jan, Mimi Newton, Shannel Pittman, Rohan Sabnis, John Schmit and Laura Wells.

— No Votes: (0)

- Abstentions: (1) Susan Lamont
- Not Participating: (5) Meg Buckingham, Charisse Cordero, Ann Garrison, Richard Gomez, and Don Manro.

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(6.b.ii) Proposal: The CC is asked to approve a proposal for the Green Party of California to: (1) endorse General Strike US's List of Demands and urge people to sign the organization's Strike Card; and (2) endorse calls for action and a National Shutdown on May Day.

Online vote period started Tuesday, 4/28, 12:01 pm and ended Thursday, 4/30, 12:01 pm.
For Full Text of the Proposal See **Appendix M**.

RESULTS: Quorum is a simple majority of seven out of twelve CC members. The CC voted to approve the proposal by a vote of 11/11 = 100%, the proposal passes.

- Yes Votes: (11) Meg Buckingham, Charisse Cordero, Ann Garrison, Richard Gomez, Greg Jan, Susan Lamont, Don Manro, Mimi Newton, Shannel Pittman, John Schmit and Laura Wells.
- No Votes: (0)
- Abstentions: (0)
- Not Voting: (1) Rohan Sabnis.

(6.c) Strategic Plan Calendar review

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

Greg reviewed the Strategic Plan and indicated the GA Agenda was published on May 2.

Laura advises that she has checked the SGA email addresses in preparation for the upcoming SGA to be undertaken in May and June.

The CC discussed the need for Tarik to figure out how many delegates each Active County will be allocated for the July 2026 through June 2027 term.

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

Action Items: No outstanding action items were identified for review.

Announcement: There will be a National Convention in Chicago from July 23-26.

AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE CC

LATE AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE CC

(7) Discussion item: Issues Impacting the Ware for Governor Campaign

Sponsor: Don Manro/PPC

Background & Purpose: Secretary of State Shirley Weber disqualified Butch Ware from having his name appear on the California Primary Ballot based on alleged failure to timely correct information submitted on a mandatory exhibit involving tax returns. The Ware for Governor Campaign urged supporters to contribute to its legal fund. Sacramento Superior Court Judge, James Arguelles, upheld Weber's actions and denied the candidate's claims. The PPC is not aware whether or not an appeal has been filed and heard.

Proposal: Discuss how we can respond to shine light on the injustice of removing his name from the ballot and how it cheats supporters of the campaign, the Green Party and third parties overall. We should endeavor to ascertain the status of the campaign and assess the feasibility of helping rescue it if it is not too late, or endeavor to publicize the fiasco in context with historical abuses of the electoral system to eliminate third parties.

UPDATE FROM GREG PRIOR TO THE CC CALL:

For item #7 ("**Discussion item: Issues Impacting the Ware for Governor Campaign**"), Butch Ware filed [another lawsuit](#) about him being removed from the ballot which should be heard by tomorrow (Tuesday). And if Butch loses that lawsuit, then he'll officially be announcing his write-in campaign for Governor (and probably within about 24 hours or less, after the court decision).

References:

<https://butchware4gov.news/p/the-secretary-of-state-just-tried-to-erase-this-campaign-with-a-10-minute-email-deadline>

https://syvnews.com/news/calmmatters/judge-rejects-uc-santa-barbara-professor-s-bid-to-appear-on-california-governor-ballots/article_7dafd238-607b-55de-ab1d-86ee30a88126.html

A discussion ensued regarding the write-in campaign for Butch Ware for Governor.

(8) Discussion item: Timing & Notice of Upcoming SGA Voting (10 minutes)

Sponsor: Don Manro/PPC

Background & Purpose: This is a request for information about timing related to the decision of the Agenda Committee on April 20 to refer pending platform proposals for vote by SGA as opposed to GA. At the April 23 PPC meeting the questions arose as to the timing and notice of the upcoming SGA vote on the proposals it recently submitted. When decisions on proposals to amend the Platform, subject to Bylaws Article 7, Section 7-2(c), are to be conducted online before the SGA per Section 7-6, the discussion and election periods per Section 7-6.2 are

set by the CC (Section 7-6.1). A certain and timely disclosure of when notification of the setting of these periods would be helpful to the PPC's work.

Proposal: The CC is requested to discuss the scheduling of the next SGA vote and whether or when advanced notice of the setting of the periods could be made.

UPDATE FROM GREG PRIOR TO THE CC CALL:

For item #8 ("**Discussion item: Timing & Notice of Upcoming SGA Voting**"), I am planning to propose to the Candidates [and Campaigns] Committee that we set Monday, August 17 as the target date to begin the SGA discussion of the state propositions, with the voting then taking place from Monday September 14 to Sunday, September 20. Only about half of the likely November propositions have officially qualified thus far, so it will be at least another month before we have a pretty solid idea of what the Fall proposition lineup will look like. But from that point forward, assuming we can again find enough people to help analyze the propositions, we should be able to have the SGA discussion period start in mid-August.

Reference: [https://www.cagreens.org/bylaws-green-party-california#Article 7. General Assembly](https://www.cagreens.org/bylaws-green-party-california#Article%207.%20General%20Assembly)

Don clarified that he was mostly focused on getting information about the upcoming SGA, not the fall propositions. Mimi asked that he wait until the next item had been discussed and we could circle back to see if there were additional questions afterwards and Don agreed.

(9) Decision Item: Upcoming Standing General Assembly (15 mins.)

Sponsor: Mimi Newton, Marin County

Background and Purpose: Identify known items for upcoming SGA & deadlines for submittals from Counties and Committees etc. and decide on roles for SGA administration.

Calls for CC and GP-US delegate candidates were sent to the Inform list on April 2, 2026. These notices provided the following information about the upcoming SGA:

The notices set Monday, May 11, 2026 at 11:59 pm PT as the deadline for candidates to submit applications for the CC and GP-US Delegation elections;

The SGA four-week discussion period begins Monday, May 18, 2026 at 12:01 am PT, and ends at 11:59 pm PT on Sunday, June 14, 2026; Voting begins Monday, June 15, 2026 at 12:01 am PT, and ends at 11:59 pm PT on Sunday, June 21, 2026.

Proposal: The CC has the responsibility to run the SGA and should confirm the items (and item #s) that will be proposed for decision-making by the SGA. (I think the last SGA items from June of 2025 were ID # 260 Election of Coordinating Committee members and ID # 261 Election of CA Delegation to GPUS, which would mean this year's items would begin with ID # 262.)

To some extent, deciding on the SGA items will be the outcome of decisions being made about the GA Agenda and the interest in keeping the GA to as short a day as we can in order to accommodate a request from Sonoma County: An online discussion has begun between the GA Agenda Planning Team and the Policy and Platform Committee about moving the three Platform Planks they had initially proposed for the GA Agenda onto the upcoming SGA instead: It has also been suggested that minutes from prior GA's be moved from the upcoming GA to the SGA: And, a Bylaws amendment has been proposed, which may also be more appropriate as an

SGA item. If there are any initiative endorsements we want to put on the SGA, those should be identified and people should be assigned to put the proposals together: We should set a deadline for any SGA Items to be submitted by Monday, May 11 at the same time that the candidate applications are due. We could send that notice out to the Inform group (and copy Committees) after the CC Meeting.

We should identify the volunteers to help run the SGA and post the items to the website and run the OPA vote or other voting process.

Some proposed deadlines we should also decide upon include:

Draft text for website pages for each Vote ID# BY MAY 12

- Set up website pages BY MAY 15
- Send to SGA email list “Discuss ID #999” emails for each vote BY SUNDAY, MAY 17 at 11:59 PM, including:
 - dates of SGA discussion and voting periods
 - basic information for each vote
 - link to website URL for each vote

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: Implementation: 3-4 volunteers are needed and I am eyeing June Brashares, Rohan Sabnis and myself - I’d appreciate one more person jumping into the fray. Timeline: Work may begin now and will end after the June 21 SGA vote concludes and the results are published: Resources: Volunteers.

References: GPCA Bylaws: See **Appendix L**.

Greg volunteered to be the additional volunteer for the SGA Team and Mimi added that she would also be including Laura.

See **Appendix K** for three agenda items submitted prior to the CC call related to the GA agenda. A fourth item was approved sight unseen based on Mimi’s representation that she would complete the draft November 2025 GA Minutes in time to put them on the upcoming SGA online election for approval. See **Appendix N**. The Committee discussed a May 11 deadline for all items to be completed, which would give the SGA Team just under a week to have everything sorted for the SGA.

The CC approved the list of items for the SGA by consensus.

The SGA Team will be moving forward with getting all the items pulled together by the start of the discussion on May 18.

Don indicated his questions were answered.

(10) Proposal: Endorsement of CalCare (AB 1900)

Sponsor: Don Manro/PPC

Background and Purpose: The Affordable Care Act has left many Californians without medical coverage and has left the rest of us with health care managed by for-profit corporations. The state legislature has only passed bills to remedy this deplorable situation when the Governor has used the veto to prevent their passage. The current bill is another attempt to create universal health care for Californians:

“It is the intent of the Legislature to establish a comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage program and a health care cost control system for the benefit of all residents of the state.”

UPDATE FROM GREG PRIOR TO THE CC CALL:

For item #10 ("**Proposal: Endorsement of CalCare (AB 1900)**"), please see the April 20 entry on the National Nurses United website, here: <https://www.nationalnursesunited.org/press/nurses-condemn-california-assemblys-failure-to-advance-calcare> That webpage says that the State Assembly has now "blocked" A.B. 1900. So, it looks like we have to wait until the next legislative session to endorse whatever that "new" bill will be, as it seems that any action on CalCare for this year is now dead. (Note: On the bottom third of this webpage: <https://www.nationalnursesunited.org/calcare> we actually are already listed as a CalCare endorser!).

Implementation/Timeline: The endorsement should be published as early in the legislative session as possible. National Nurses United has an online petition and is organizing volunteers for a lobbying campaign.

References/Resources:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1900&utm_source=butchware4gov.news&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=butchware-4-gov&_bhlid=7ac0d772a64a0136ce58acce31deebe1232d3845
<https://www.nationalnursesunited.org/calcare>

Given Greg's update prior to the CC Call, the discussion about CalCare was brief.

(11) General statements from Spokespeople about getting rid of the Top Two primary

Sponsor: Greg Jan

Background & Purpose: David Cobb received an email message from a political consultant named Steven Maviglio, who said that he plans to soon submit the legal language for a statewide initiative to get rid of the Top Two primary! (FYI, here's an op-ed which Maviglio wrote in 2024, criticizing what was happening in that year's primary, as well as in some previous primaries, and calling for a return to the primary system we had before Top Two:

<https://capitolweekly.net/time-to-end-the-top-two-primary/>): Maviglio's initiative for this year (but with the target date to qualify it being in 2028) would similarly return the primary system to what it was before Top Two, where each political party would have its own primary, and then in November, the nominee of each party would be on the ballot (along with any "independent" candidates who were able to qualify): Maviglio would like a statement from one of our Spokespeople (either David Cobb or Laura Wells) in support of the general idea of getting rid of Top Two, that can be used for the press, regarding the submission of this initiative: And even though the Green Party is already on record as opposing the Top Two primary (for example, see: <https://www.cagreens.org/action/stop-top-two> as well as the 4th paragraph of the Electoral Reform section of our platform, here: <https://www.cagreens.org/platform/electoral-reform>), because this is in connection with a specific ballot measure submission, I thought it would be best to have the CC authorize our Spokespeople to provide "general statements of support", on getting rid of Top Two: That is, our Bylaws say that endorsements of ballot measures are up to the General Assembly (or the Standing General Assembly), so I thought it would be best to check

in with you all -- that our Spokespeople wouldn't be considered as having the GPCA actually "endorse" this initiative, when they were only making some statements of "general support" for ending Top Two, which could then be used Maviglio.

Proposal: That we authorize our Spokespeople to make general statements supporting getting rid of the Top Two primary, which may then be used by a campaign for an actual initiative to do just that.

Implementation/Timing/Resources: Within 24 hours after the CC meeting, either Greg or Laura will inform David Cobb of the CC's decision: References:

** Capitol Weekly op-ed by Steven Maviglio: <https://capitolweekly.net/time-to-end-the-top-two-primary/>): ** GPCA webpage with info about opposing the Top Two primary: <https://www.cagreens.org/action/stop-top-two> ** Electoral Reform section of the GPCA platform (see the 4th paragraph): <https://www.cagreens.org/platform/electoral-reform>

The Item was approved by consensus.

Item 12: A late decision/discussion item was added to the agenda about putting endorsement of repeal of the Water's Edge Tax Election (AB 1790) to a 48-hour online vote after the CC call concludes.

Mimi advised the CC about an email from Woody Hastings requesting our endorsement of AB 1790 to repeal the Water's Edge Tax Exemption which allows companies to avoid paying taxes on profits if they are squirreling money away in foreign subsidiaries or related companies located outside the US in countries with more lenient tax laws. It's a no-brainer. Mimi will put the request in writing to the CC for a 48-hour online vote after the CC call concludes.

The Item was approved by consensus and Mimi will put the item to a 48-hour vote in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

Bylaws and Rules Committee Report: 4/12/26

Present: Meeting did not take place

Next meeting: Sunday, May 10, 2026 at 12:30 pm pacific.

APPENDIX B

Candidates Committee meeting minutes

APPENDIX C

Communications Committee Meeting Agenda/Minutes

See Membership & Outreach report for combined meeting notes.

APPENDIX D

Finance Committee minutes, Thurs, 4/28/26 at 8:00pm

(1) ROLL CALL: John Schmit, Justin Richardson: (Pre-excused: Laura Wells, Mimi Newton)

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

(3) Approval of the Agenda – Approved by consensus

(4) Review 2026 filing schedules and deadlines from FPPC for when we need to file the next report

We filed a pre-election report on 4/23, which would be required if “contributions totaling \$1,000 or more were received or if independent expenditures or contributions totaling \$500 or more were made in connection with the June 2, 2026, election.” We did not have contributions or expenditures directly linked to the election, but we have been promoting our candidates via e-blasts so we filed the report to be safe.

The next report is due July 31, 2026 for close of books 6/30/26. The exception is if we have transactions over \$1,000 in connection with the June 2 primary election.

(5) Monthly Treasurer’s Report

MARCH

03/01-03/31/26 Income

\$972.00 One-time donations (10)
\$855.11 Recurring monthly donations (55)
\$240.00 Merchandise (5)

03/01-03/31/26 Expenses

\$10.45 Call Centric (Phone)
\$60.00 Electric Embers (Email)
\$227.62 WiredTree/Liquid Web (Website)
\$89.98 Gandi (Website)
\$38.50 Next (Insurance)
\$60.00 ISP (Finance Software)
\$300.00 Treasurer's Stipend
\$26.56 PayPal Transaction Fees
\$124.89 NationBuilder Transaction Fees
\$220.00 Creative Printing - Palm cards
\$72.50 Postage

3/31/26 Account Balances

\$50.00 PayPal
\$1,108.27 Mechanics Bank (savings) Federal
\$12,861.87 Mechanics Bank (checking) State

(6) Fundraising Report

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

- Recent donors / thank you letter /card
- Adam McKay fundraising
- June GA budget/treasurer agenda item

(8) Confirm next meeting (typically 4th Tuesdays): 5/26/26 at 8pm

APPENDIX E

Membership and Outreach/ Communications Committee notes, Wed, 4/8/26, 7:30 – 8:30pm

Present: John Schmit, Richard Gomez

Additional attendees: Mimi Newton, Shannel Pittman, Austin Pulsifer

Attendees reviewed and discussed the responsibilities of both committees and the areas where urgent assistance is needed. John discussed the merchandising and collateral responsibilities on which he has been focused.

Attendees agreed to review the [Bylaws](#) requirements for both Committees between now and the May meeting to see what additional tasks each of us might be able to undertake.

Mimi forwarded the pertinent bylaws sections to Austin and provided him with Nassim's email address.

Shannel and Richard volunteered to respond to email messages to the Green Party of California: Shannel also indicated she could also work on the Facebook posts: It's possible that Nadia is already on top of the Facebook and other social media posts: Mimi agreed to discuss with Nassim who might be best suited to which priority tasks.

Additional Tasks in the Committees' Queue: Request that Rohan update the GPCA Website with current information about MOC/COMMs membership.

Currently, the following are listed at <https://www.cagreens.org/committees/membership-and-outreach-committee> for MOC:

Laura Wells - Coordinator and CC Liaison (12/2024 - 12/2026)

Sean Dougherty - Coordinator (7/2024 - 7/2026)

Richard Gomez - member (12/2024 - 12/2026)

Emily Moore - member (10/2025 - 10/2027)

The following are listed at <https://www.cagreens.org/committees/communications-committee> for COMMs:

Charisse Cordero, Member (10/2023-10/2025)

John Schmit, Member (12/2024-12/2026)

Ashley Brown, Member (12/2024-12/2026)

Gabriel Medina, Member (12/2024-12/2026)

Sean Dougherty, Member (12/2024-12/2026)

Laura Wells, ex-officio member as GPCA Spokesperson (4/2023-4/2027)

David Cobb, ex-officio member as GPCA Spokesperson (4/2023-4/2027)

Next Meeting: Wed. May 13, 2026 – 7:30-8:30 pm - VIA ZOOM

APPENDIX F

Policy & Platform Committee minutes, Thu 4/23/26, 7pm

Present: Eric Brooks (San Francisco); Peggy Koteen (San Luis Obispo); Shane Que Hee (Los Angeles); Don Manro (Tulare)

PAST MEETING BUSINESS:

GPCA ENDORSEMENTS

1. State Bank was endorsed by CC and PR went out via Mimi
2. CALCARE (AB 1900)

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB1900&utm_source=butchware4gov.news&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=butchware-4-gov&_bhlid=7acod772a64a0136ce58acce31deebe1232d3845

Don was to do this and will do for next CC meeting in May.

POLICY

Don would prepare a May CC discussion item on the Ware campaign's present status and to strategize on how GPCA can best help him if he asks for that.

PLATFORMS

The Indigenous Reparations platform won't be considered until June
Next Meeting: Thu, May 28 2026 7-8p

APPENDIX G

General Assembly Planning (CC subcommittee)

See Appendix J for GA Agenda proposal

APPENDIX H

GP-US delegation from GPCA

APPENDIX I

Proportional Representation Coalition (ProRep) update (meets quarterly)

APPENDIX J

RE: Item (6.b) 48-hour online vote

Proposal: That the CC approve the draft GA Agenda as recommended by the GA Agenda Planning Team.

Sponsor: Mimi Newton, **Contact:** [REDACTED]

Implementation/requirements/timelines

The Bylaws require publication of the proposed Agenda at least 42 days prior to the GA, which is scheduled for June 13, 2026: Thus, we need to publish the proposed Agenda by no later than May 2, 2026.

GPCA Bylaw 7-5.1

"Draft Agenda

(a) 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. . . "

Background and Purpose:

The GA Agenda Team met this evening to work on the draft agenda for the GPCA's June 13, 2026 General Assembly.

TEXT OF DRAFT GA AGENDA AS RECOMMENDED BY THE AGENDA PLANNING TEAM:

June 13, 2026 General Assembly Agenda

8:30-9:00 am - Registration/check-in.

We urge all delegates to check in early, once you have been checked in, turn your video and audio off until it is time to start.

Facilitators: Nassim Nouri, Tarik Kanaana

9:00-9:20 am - Opening Session

- Welcome
- Land & Labor acknowledgment
- Community agreements - Tech info

9:20 - 9:30 am - Quorum Count - Laura

Required to start GA and to approve agenda

9:30 - 9:45 am - Decision: Agenda Approval - Mimi

9:45 - 10:30 am - Presentation: Gabriel Medina "Decolonizing Education in CA", Q&A

10:30 - 11:15 am - Presentation: Dr. Butch Ware: "Reflections on the campaign and Greens' path forward", Q&A -

11:15 - 12:00 pm - Discussion: Reports by County Green Parties and Green County Organizations on recent successes, activities & challenges.

12:00-12:30 pm - Discussion: Coordinating Committee & GPUS delegation candidates for 2026-2028 make statements, 2 min each

12:30 - 1:00 pm - Lunch Break

Facilitators: Greg Jan, Mimi Newton

1:00 - 1:45 - Presentation: Adam McKay: "Filmmaking and Political Change" (title subject to confirmation)

1:45 - 2:15 pm - Presentation: (Justin Richardson & David Cobb) Midyear Budget Review & realities of funding a grassroots political movement; a call for fundraising

2:15 - 2:45 pm - Announcements:

- Standing Committees vacancy announcements
- Reminder Standing General Assembly Online voting begins on June 15
- GP-US Annual National Meeting in July
- Next GA's approximate dates

2:45 pm - Adjourn the GA

APPENDIX K

The GA agenda for June 13 GA was approved, see Appendix J. This provides more detail on three of the agenda items. Submitted by Mimi Newton.

(i) GA Agenda Item: Presentation: Gabe Medina on Decolonizing Education in CA

This session "Decolonizing Education in CA" is a presentation by elected Green Party member, Trustee Gabe Medina who will discuss his work as an elected Green fighting for student representation and a new vision for community-driven educational policies.

Request Gabe share presentation materials (if any) for inclusion in GA minutes (pending)

References/contacts:

<https://www.instagram.com/medina4pvusd/>

<https://linktr.ee/trusteemedina>

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(ii) GA Agenda Item: Presentation: Reports by County Green Parties on recent successes, activities & challenges.

This election year the campaigns of Dr. Ware and the Left Unity Slate, have inspired many voters to register Green and to join, strengthen and expand their county Green parties. In this session members of recently activated or re-energized counties are invited share a report about their experience and plans going forward, 2-4 min ea.

Requesting 45 minutes in mid-morning on June 13.

Members of a number of the recently energized County Green Parties have agreed to share reports.

(iii) GA Agenda Item: Adam McKay Presentation

Adam McKay, the director (and author) of such films as *The Big Short*, *Vice*, and *Don't Look Up* is a registered member of the Green Party of California. Mr. McKay had previously been scheduled to attend but was forced to cancel his planned presentation at the June 2025 General Assembly, due to a last-minute conflict on No King's Day: This year, Laura has reached out to ask Adam McKay to speak at the General Assembly, potentially about the intersections of his filmmaking and politics.

Requesting 45 mins - 1 hour in early afternoon (between 1 and 3 pm) potentially with Q and A.

APPENDIX L

References for Item (9): Upcoming Standing General Assembly

Section 8-1. Duties and Authority (excerpt)

The Coordinating Committee shall authorize and carry out decisions of the General Assembly and make executive decisions, but not set policy between General Assembly meetings, and shall be generally responsible for coordinating General Assemblies and other statewide meetings, internal communications and other Party administrative tasks as defined in these Bylaws, including to

8-1.1 Establish draft agendas and select facilitators for General Assembly meetings.

8-1.2 Forward proposals to the Standing General Assembly.

***** Section 8-4. Elections**

8-4.1 Elections shall be conducted each year by the Standing General Assembly by secret ballot, using Ranked Choice Voting with a No Other Candidate option, with the four-week discussion period beginning on the third Monday of May and the one week voting period commencing immediately thereafter.

8-4.2 Candidates must submit an application to the Coordinating Committee by the second Monday of May to be eligible. Applications must include a biography and what they wish to accomplish on the Coordinating Committee.

8-4.3 The election as it is posted to the Standing General Assembly shall include:

(a) Each candidate's application;

(b) A full and detailed explanation of Ranked Choice Voting, an explanation of the No Other Candidate option, and an encouragement that delegates make their choices seriously and a reminder that they do not have to fill all seats unless they feel there are enough qualified candidates.

8-4.4 Candidates shall be given time to present themselves and respond to questions on a Standing General Assembly teleconference during the Standing General Assembly discussion period in 7-6.3. Where General Assemblies or Gatherings occur after the close of the submission date in 8-4.2, and before the close of the voting period in 7-6.3, candidates shall be given time to present themselves to any General Assembly or Gathering occurring this period.

8-4.5 (As last amended March, 2019 by SGA vote ID#177) Upon five (5) mid-term vacancies occurring on the Coordinating Committee (but not a vacancy occurring as a result of any seats not being filled during an annual regular election), or if due to a mid-term vacancy occurring the membership on the Coordinating Committee drops to below fifteen (15) members, the Coordinating Committee shall publish a Notice of Vacancy and Call for Candidate Submissions to the active County Organizations, for candidates seeking election to the Coordinating Committee. An election will be held to fill the remainder of the vacated terms and any unfilled Coordinating Committee seats (such as seats remaining unfilled from past Coordinating Committee elections). At any time, the Coordinating Committee may, by a majority vote, call for an election to fill any Coordinating Committee vacancy and/or unfilled seat.

The Coordinating Committee Election Notice shall contain the timing of the submission, discussion and election process, and the time remaining in the terms for which vacancies have occurred. The Notice shall be published within a month of the fifth vacancy occurring. The submission deadline shall be 21 days from the publishing of the Notice. The discussion period shall begin on the first Monday after the close of the submission period. No vacancy shall be noticed to be filled if from the resultant timeline above, the seat would be filled after the first Monday of the April before the end of the vacated term. The top vote getter(s) will fill the two-year seats and the others will fill the one-year seats.

8-4.6 Unfilled vacant Coordinating Committee seats previously held by females are to be filled only by female candidates, other vacancies can be filled by candidates of any gender.

APPENDIX M

ONLINE 48 HOUR VOTE: Proposal for Green Party of California to take action prior to May Day to: (1) endorse General Strike US's List of Demands and urge people to sign the organization's Strike Card; and (2) endorse calls for action and a National Shutdown on May Day.

PLEASE VOTE NOW so that we achieve quorum, **YES, NO** or **ABSTAIN**

Online vote:

Starts Tuesday, 4/28, 12:01 pm

Ends Thursday, 4/30, 12:01 pm

Proposal: That the CC endorse and publicize May 1, 2026 as International Workers' Day and a call for a General Strike and acts of non-cooperation. Included would be endorsement of: (1) "[General Strike US](#)" and its list of demands and encourage people to sign a "strike card" to receive updates via text and email about upcoming activities; and (2) "[May Day Strong US](#)" and "[Code Pink's](#)" calls for action and a National Shutdown.

Sponsor: Mimi Newton,

Contact: [REDACTED]

Implementation/requirements/timelines

If approved, a volunteer will communicate our endorsement to General Strike US, Code Pink, and MayDay Strong and COMMS would issue email blast about May Day in the afternoon on April 30-ish.

Background and Purpose:

Endorse General Strike US

General Strike US is joining in solidarity with May Day celebrations across the country and standing firmly with labor rights, community care, and mutual aid initiatives. However, the organization is also pursuing the critical work to transform the May Day momentum into sustained, long-term change.

General Strike US invites everyone to commit not just to showing up on May 1st, but to building the enduring structures of mutual support and justice that our communities need every day of the year.

The list of General Strike US's demands is almost exactly a summary of our platform - it's a national organization, planning for decentralized long-term organizing for a national strike with a list of socialist demands.

Specific demands will come from leaders and experts of existing fights for racial, economic, gender and environmental justice once they reach 6 million Strike Cards.

The broad list includes, but is not limited to:

Affordable housing

Abolish ICE

Climate action

Constitutional convention

Criminal justice reform

Disability rights

End military aid for occupations and/or ethnic cleansing

Gun safety

Immigration reform

Indigenous rights

Labor rights & living wages

LGBTQIA+ rights
Paid family & medical leave
Racial justice
Repeal Citizens United
Repeal Right to Work laws
Reproductive rights
Student debt reform
Tax the rich
Universal healthcare
Voting rights
Welfare & child support reform

Endorse May Day Strong and Code Pink's Call for Action on May Day

Quoting Laura Wells' recent blog in the interest of not, despite my reputation, recreating the wheel:

MAY 1 - National Shutdown - No Work, No School, No Shopping

Let's do it!

As a strong follow-up to No King's Day, we have many hundreds of actions across the USA. See the map at [May Day Strong](#).

Something you can do now is follow this [link](#) to show your support for Code Pink's reasonable demands:

* ICE and US Military out of everywhere!

* No New Detention Centers or Military Bases!

* Cut the \$1 Trillion War Budget and invest in our communities!

APPENDIX N

SPONSOR: Coordinating Committee

PRESENTER: Mimi Newton, Marin County

SUBJECT: Decision: Approval of Minutes from the November 15, 2025 General Assembly (at EITHER the June 2026 General Assembly OR the upcoming online SGA Vote)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: GPCA Bylaw 7-5.6 (Minutes) requires that the Coordinating Committee ensure that minutes are taken at each General Assembly. The minutes must include the date, time, location and list of delegates in attendance, the subject/title, sponsor(s) and presenter(s) of all agenda items heard, the decisions-taken (including whether by consensus or by roll-call vote) and the text of all proposals, including amendments.

PROPOSAL: The delegates are requested to approve the DRAFT Minutes, below.

COMMITTEE DECISION: The CC will approve or disapprove the item and the appropriate platform (GA or SGA) when the CC approves the June 13, 2026 GA Agenda.

TIMELINE/RESOURCES: Upon approval by either the SGA or the GA, the approved minutes will be uploaded to the website by the Coordinating Committee.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE GREEN PARTY OF CALIFORNIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, NOV. 15,
2025 [See SGA Discussion Item # 269.]

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