

GPCA COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 2, 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.

CC members:

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

Members present: Greg Jan , Charisse Cordero, Ann Garrison,Laura Wells,Mimi Newton,Megan Buckingham,Susan Lamont,Richard Gomez,Don Manro,John Schmit 7:47 Shannel Pittman

7:52 Rohan Sabnis

Members absent:

Ashley Brown (Ashley has missed three meetings and is off the CC)

Quorum was reached at: 7:36

(2) Roles (4 mins):

Roles for CC Call on March 2, 2026:

Agenda Prep: Don Manro

Facilitator: Greg Jan

Note Taker:Charisse Cordero

Time Keeper:

Vibes Watcher:

Roles for next month's CC Call on April 6, 2026:

Agenda Prep: Megan Buckingham

Facilitator:

Note Taker:

Time Keeper:

Vibes Watcher:

(3) Approval of Agenda (3 minutes)

(3a) LATE ITEMS: See details further below

- **(7) Discussion Item:** GPCA Should Discuss and Come Up with a Plan on How to Locate Our Next Treasurer to Start Working With Our Current Treasurer to Transition to the Treasurer Position for 2027 (10 mins.)
- **(8)** Focus on Fundraising
- **(9)** Recognition of the new "Los Angeles County Green Party" group
- **(10) Decision Item:** Approve a Statement Condemning the US War on Iran
- **(11) Decision Item:** Approve a Statement About the Recent Green Party Victory in the UK
- **(12) Subject: Decision Item:** Approve an Email Blast Regarding the idea of Oligarchy History Month

Approved by consensus

(4) Approval of CC minutes (3 mins)

February 2, 2026 draft minutes were posted to CC email list by Mimi Newton on February 17, 2026

Approved by consensus

(5) Consent Items (5 mins)

Background and Purpose: The consent calendar is intended to pass non-controversial items or items consensed 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 (Ashley Brown) - **Appendix C**
- Finance (Shannel Pittman, Justin Richardson, treasurer) - **Appendix D**
- Membership and Outreach (Laura Wells) - **Appendix E**
- Policy & Platform (Don Manro) - **Appendix F**
- General Assembly Planning (CC subcommittee) (liaison needed) - **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: None

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

(6.c) Strategic Plan Calendar review

GA should be on June 13. Tariq sends out notice to submit agenda items 50 days before that date. Shannel will contact Tariq.

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

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

- Greg will ask Richard if he is up for facilitating in March.
- Mimi will ask Charisse if she is up for note taking in March.

Done

AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE CC - None

LATE AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE CC

(7) Subject: Discussion Item: GPCA Should Discuss and Come Up with a Plan on How to Locate Our Next Treasurer to Start Working With Our Current Treasurer to Transition to the Treasurer Position for 2027 (10 mins.)

Sponsor: Mimi Newton, Marin County

Background and Purpose: Justin Richardson recently notified the Finance Committee of his intention to step down from the Treasurer position, which he has held — and done a marvelous job at — since 2021. Justin plans to remain in the position through the current calendar year, but the CC should move quickly to identify new Treasurer candidates so an appropriate candidate can begin to learn the ropes from our current Treasurer before Justin’s current term is up.

Proposal: Discuss recruitment of a new Treasurer and come up with a plan.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: TO BE DETERMINED BY THE CC

References:

GPCA Bylaws Pertaining to Treasurer and Finance Committee

GPCA Fiscal Policy Article II

GPCA Bylaws Section 4-6. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have the duties and responsibilities as defined in the Fiscal Policy. The term of the Treasurer shall be two years, beginning in odd-numbered years. The Treasurer shall be nominated by the Coordinating Committee and subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Coordinating Committee members are not eligible to serve as Treasurer. The Coordinating

Committee shall immediately fill any vacancy in the office of the Treasurer, subject to confirmation by the next meeting of the General Assembly.

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GPCA Bylaws 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.

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GPCA FISCAL POLICY

ARTICLE II TREASURER

Section 2-1 Duties and Responsibilities

The Treasurer shall have the duties and responsibilities as provided for in this Fiscal Policy, including:

2-1.1 Account for revenues and expenditures of the GPCA.

2-1.2 Maintain bank accounts as authorized in this Fiscal Policy.

2-1.3 Make expenditures on behalf of the GPCA.

2-1.4 Prepare and present reports to the General Assembly and GPCA committees and working groups.

2-1.5 Review and approve an annual balance sheet and statement of revenues and expenditures reflecting revenues earned and obligations incurred during the previous fiscal year.

2-1.6 Serve as a voting member of the Budget Committee and a voting ex-officio member of the Finance Committee.

2-1.7 Sign contracts on behalf of the GPCA

2-1.8 Prepare and file any official reports required by the State of California and the Federal Elections Commission.

Section 2-2 Assistant Treasurers

The General Assembly may appoint Assistant Treasurers to support the work of the Treasurer.

(8) Subject: Focus on Fundraising

Sponsor: Laura Wells, Finance Committee

Background and Purpose: When the GPCA annual 2027 budget was presented at the General Assembly on November 15 by treasurer Justin Richardson, it was clear that we need to increase our income in order to meet the critical need in this state — and country and world — for a real opposition party. The Green Party is uniquely positioned to be that political party, and to serve as the electoral arm of the growing social and peace movements. To fulfill that critical need, we need strong fundraising to cover the basics, and more.

Proposal: Include a Fundraising Report/Update in the CC monthly agenda so that we increase our focus on fundraising. Set a goal of increasing our donation income by at least \$1,000 a month. Average donation income over the past three months of December, January, and February is \$1,220. Sustaining (monthly) donations are included in that total, currently 49 people (an increase from 35 a year ago) are donating an average of \$15 a month. Increasing both the number of sustainers and the average amount will greatly help create a stable base of income. Achieving the thousand-dollar-a-month goal will increase average monthly donations to over \$2,000.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: To be discussed, for example: Individual appeals. Phone banks. Members of the committees and delegations becoming sustainers. Current sustainers increasing their monthly donations. Etc.

Richard says the Women's Day might be a good time to raise money.

Mimi says a good idea will be to invite Mr. McKay to GA to talk about fundraising

Laura will contact him

Shannel says we perhaps should be a dues- paying organization

References:

GPCA Finance Committee reports

Donation link: <https://cagreens.nationbuilder.com/donate>

(9) Subject/Title: Recognition of the new "Los Angeles County Green Party" group

Sponsor: Greg Jan

Background and Purpose: At last month's Coordinating Committee meeting, we confirmed that the former Los Angeles county Green Party group (the "Green Party of Los Angeles County") was inactive (i.e., "de-activated"), for violating the GPCA bylaws, and in particular, the requirement that they meet at least once every 6 months, which had been violated several times. And we also noted that a new Green Party group was forming in the county. Then, that new group by February 3 started publicizing a "reactivation meeting", to be held on February 28 (including on Eventbrite, here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/la-county-greens-reactivation-meeting-tickets-1981951666788> Also, a list of the Feb. 28 meeting attendees is included in the References section, below). And then yesterday evening we received their application for recognition (please see the "References" section below), including minutes of their February 28 meeting and a copy of their approved bylaws (please see the attachments). As required by our bylaws, the names of their County Council members (including CC member Shannel Pittman) and General Assembly delegates (including both Shannel and Policy and Platform Co-coordinator Shane Que Hee), are included in the attached minutes of their February 28 meeting.

Proposal: That the CC recognizes the new "Los Angeles County Green Party" group.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: Following approval by the CC, Greg (and/or another CC member) will notify the Los Angeles County Green Party of their new status as a recognized county Green Party group. Their GA delegates will also be added to our current list of GA delegates (by Laura, I assume).

** Feb. 28 meeting attendees -- please see immediately below.

** Activation (recognition) application, emailed on March 1, 2026 -- please see a bit further below
Good Evening Greg and Laura,

I'm writing on behalf of the new Los Angeles County Green Party Council (they are CC'd).

Please see the attached bylaws and minutes as requested by GPCA for County Party Activation.

The minutes are from our LA County Green Party activation meeting held yesterday, February 28th, where we successfully confirmed quorum and elected our provisional County Council. You will also find the adopted bylaws, which include the amendment to use Congressional Districts as our geographic structure for legal compliance.

Please advise on next steps regarding the submission to the State Party Coordinating Committee.

Sincerely,

Jordan, Shannel, Trina, Henry, Roma, Hamid

Shannel says she will get the contact information required on the new county council members.

(10) Subject: Decision Item: Approve a Statement Condemning the US War on Iran (10 mins.)

Sponsor: Mimi Newton, Marin County

Background and Purpose: WAR! What is it good for? Absolutely nothing.

Proposal: See the draft message below.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: Mimi to help Nassim send out the final version of an email blast on Wednesday, March 4 for distribution far and wide.

References:

DRAFT EMAIL MESSAGE

As we woke up to the devastating news of the U.S. and Israel starting yet another illegal war on yet another country, the sounds of this empire's last breaths became even louder.

The Green Party of California rises in solidarity with the Iranian people, to speak for their sovereignty, their self-determination, and their right to be free of intervention, occupation and exploitation by the U.S. or any other foreign government.

We Greens already understand the impact of global wars and U.S. military actions that have destabilized countries across the world, subjecting millions of people to displacement, dispossession, injury, and death.

Iran has been no exception.

U.S. interventions through deposing leaders, manufactured coups, and brutal economic sanctions have riddled Iran's history. A timeline:

- The empire's plan for Iran goes back to 50 years ago when a CIA plot overthrew a Democratically elected Iranian socialist who planned to nationalize Iran's oil. Empire could not allow that!
- The recent unrest and violence in Iran was spawned by the 50-year economic warfare of sanctions that collapsed Iran's economy last December.
- The people of Iran rightfully took to the streets protesting for better living conditions, economic relief and demanding accountability from the Islamic Republic leadership.
- As early as June 2025, an [Israeli funded propaganda campaign](#) went to work manufacturing support for Reza Pahlavi, the son of the Pahlavi monarch deposed and exiled in 1979, a U.S. resident for 47 years, and a strong ally to Israel.
- Reports of Mossad agents and agitators working in Iran during 2025 started surfacing in recent months. Their goal being to instigate unrest and spread the promise of a puppet regime that would ease the economic hardship people were suffering from.
- Eventually BOTH [Israeli Officials](#) and former US Secretary of State, [Mike Pompeo](#) proudly admitted last month that the Mossad agents were operating in Tehran and "walking besides Iranians in the streets".]

The play book is the same in so many countries where indigenous people's legitimate movements against their own governments are co-opted and exploited by foreign interests that fracture their countries. The war and surveillance industrial complex rakes in billions of tax dollars, then a following cast of western vulture capitalists come to reap the spoils of war.

The U.S. government must be held accountable to us, the people. WE, ordinary working people are represented by what THIS government is - what it does - and what it has the potential to become!

- ***It is OUR government that funds and enables the Israeli rampage of terror across the region***
- ***It is OUR government raining bombs on school children sitting in their classrooms***
- ***It is OUR government that is run by sold-out Democrat & Republican servants to the billionaire class that betray both their constituents and humanity.***

No US government intervention and orchestrated coup has ever benefited the people.

No bombs destroying precious infrastructure have ever solved poverty and scarcity in countries whose resources have been plundered by multinational corporations.

No democracy has ever been exported from the U.S. because this government doesn't even practice democracy here at home!

Malcolm X suggested that the people's voice can manifest itself through the ballot or the bullet. Let's give the ballot a chance!

Dump the Oligarchy

Vote Green Party

Build the Green Party

Donate to the Green Party

Approved by consensus

(11): Decision Item: Approve a Statement About the Recent Green Party Victory in the UK (10 mins.)

Sponsor: Mimi Newton, Marin County

Background and Purpose: Green Party Brits Beat Labour and Reform Party Candidates in Surprise Win by a Plumber with a Purpose!

Proposal: See the draft message below.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: Mimi to help Nassim send out the final version of an email blast on Tuesday, March 10 for distribution to Greens statewide with a request for donations.

References:

DRAFT EMAIL MESSAGE

If the Greens across the pond can do it, what about the Green Party in the US?

UK Green Party candidate Hannah Spencer, a plumber, beat out both the Labour and Reform parties' candidates in last week's "byelection," following a vacancy in the House of Commons in Northern England. This was a BIG win in a district where Labour had held the seat since 1931. Spencer earned 41% of the vote, while the Reform and Labour Parties' candidates unexpectedly took second and third place.

Spencer's dramatic win is causing Greens in the US to ask ourselves,

"If she can do it, why don't we?!"

WE CAN with YOUR help!

[DONATE](#)

The Green Party in Great Britain has spent the last few years on more media visibility and focusing on populist issues like affordability and humane immigration policies.

After her win in 2024, when Britain's elected Green MPs rose from 1 to 4, Green MP Carla Denyer spoke with the British Press about the Party's success: "I think it's because the Green Party has been the only party being honest about the state of public services in this country, the level of investment that's needed, not shy about talking about how we would raise it, and proud of the fact that we want a more inclusive society."

Green candidates like Spencer are openly critical of British Prime Minister Keir Starmer and the Labour Party without bringing all the negativity represented by the right-leaning Reform Party.

So there you have it, a roadmap for success!

- Show the voters you care about the issues important to them.
- Recognize our shared humanity and promote humane policies locally and globally.
- Be real about the obstacles in the path of progress and what it's going to take to overcome them.
- Maintain an optimistic but honest outlook about our ability to thrive if we work together and take care of one another.

These are the winning strategies we all can master. When our words and actions lay out the values held by ordinary working people, the power held by the political duopoly, which only serves the billionaires, autocrats and fascists, will ultimately crack.

Let the victory of one Green Party plumber in Great Britain be representative of that crack in the *status quo* and a sign of Greener times to come!

Approved by consensus

(12) Subject: Decision Item: Approve an Email Blast Regarding the idea of Oligarchy History Month (10 mins.)

Sponsor: Mimi Newton, Marin County

Background and Purpose: We wish it were History, but Oligarchy is here amongst us. The call is coming from inside the House! Laura Wells authored this brilliant piece, so we thought we could send it State-wide!

Proposal: See the draft message below.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: Mimi to work with Laura and Nassim send out the final version of an email blast on during the week of March 16 for distribution to Greens statewide.

References:

DRAFT PROPOSED EMAIL

By Any Means Necessary

In her blog entitled "Oligarchy History Month?" GPCA Spokesperson Laura Wells wrote about Malcolm X, Butch Ware, and Epstein survivors. Excerpts are below, with the full piece [HERE \(https://laurawells.org/oligarchy-history-month/\)](https://laurawells.org/oligarchy-history-month/). If you are not already receiving her newsletter, you can sign up for it at laurawells.org <https://laurawells.org/>.

EXCERPTS

Don't we wish the US oligarchy were *ancient history* instead of *daily reality*? ... I am writing this piece at the cusp of Black History Month and Women's History Month, all the while wanting to do away with the oligarchy. How? "By any means necessary." Malcolm X's fuller quote, as spoken in the last year of his life, is, "We want freedom by any means necessary. We want justice by any means necessary. We want equality by any means necessary." ...

I became interested in Malcolm X again recently because his autobiography strongly inspired [Dr. Butch Ware](#), Green Party candidate for Governor of California in the June 2primary election.

I sure hope Butch Ware places in the "top two" primary. He has a good chance. Then, hallelujah, in November we can vote for someone who is NOT an oligarchy-backed candidate! He will lead the state, which can then lead the country, toward life-enriching policies including accessible and affordable healthcare, education and a better environment. Let's face it. It's been 15 years that the Democratic Party has had a [state trifecta](#), dominating all three centers of power: governor's seat and both branches of the legislature. We need a change.

READ MORE about oligarchy, Malcolm X, and Epstein survivors.
<https://laurawells.org/oligarchy-history-month/>

Approved by consensus

Meeting adjourned: 8:52

Next meeting:

April 6 th 2026 7:30-9:30 pm

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

Bylaws and Rules Committee Report February 2026

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

Date of the last By Laws and Rules Committee Meeting:

Sunday, February 8, 2026 at 12:30 pm pacific.

Present: Mimi Newton, James Lauderdale

Date of the next Bylaws and Rules Committee Meeting:

Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 12:30 pm pacific.

Any significant actions the Committee is taking:

The Bylaws and Rules Committee discussed the Bylaws regarding county councils and some of the questions that arise with respect to reconstituting inactive counties.

APPENDIX B

Candidates Committee meeting minutes - Sat, Feb. 21, 10:00 am

1 -- Attendees & Introductions: Shane Que Hee, Greg Jan, Jordan King, Chris Lozinski, Marjorie Mikels, Donna Pulling, and Glenn Turner

2 -- Preparing for the June primary election -- With two statewide candidates in attendance (Marjorie and Glenn), as well as one state assembly candidate (Jordan) on the call, we mainly discussed details related to their campaigns, and especially items related to qualifying for the ballot by the March 6 deadline, such as the Statement of Economic Interests, the Ballot Designation Worksheet, and raising money for the filing fee. However, we also talked for a bit about other campaign aspects, such as contacting voters, campaign literature, websites, holding campaign events etc. There were many details to discuss, so this topic took up the entire meeting

3 -- Next meeting -- We usually meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 am, so for March that's the 21st.

APPENDIX C

APPENDIX D

GPCA Finance Committee MINUTES

Meeting time: Thursday, 2/24/2026 at 8:00pm

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

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

(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

The report due Feb. 2, 2026 for close of books Dec. 31, 2025 has been filed.

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

JANUARY

01/01-01/31/26 Income

\$275.00	One-time donations (5)
\$752.11	Recurring monthly donations (49)
\$35.00	Merchandise (1)

01/01-01/31/26 Expenses

\$10.45	Call Centric (Phone)
\$223.66	WiredTree/Liquid Web (Website)

\$38.50	Next (Insurance)
\$60.00	ISP (Finance Software)
\$300.00	Treasurer's Stipend
\$19.51	PayPal Transaction Fees
\$37.88	NationBuilder Transaction Fees
\$3.84	Postage
<u>1/31/26</u>	<u>Account Balances</u>
\$77.97	PayPal
\$1,108.24	Mechanics Bank Federal (Savings)
\$8,036.49	Mechanics Bank State (Checking)

(6) Fundraising Report

INTRODUCTION: Because of the critical need for a real opposition party in this state and country, the GPCA must be as strong as possible. To accomplish that, we need strong fundraising to cover the basics, and more. With this monthly Fundraising Report, we will focus on fundraising and share our progress.

UPDATE: We're on a roll. We have increased from 35 monthly sustainers a year ago to 49 currently, and the average sustaining donation has also increased. Our goal — and it is achievable when we all pitch in to the extent we are able — is to increase our donation income by at least a \$1000 a month.

You can help. Here's the [link](#). To make it a [sustaining donation](#) click the "Monthly" button:

<https://cagreens.nationbuilder.com/donate>

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

- Recent donors / thank you letter / card – **Laura** will send names and addresses to **Mimi**
- 2026 approved budget PDF
- Adam McKay fundraising
- Brainstorming on how to raise money – Phone banking (in conjunction with e-blast)
- Thinking ahead to Treasurer transition
- Laura email/fundraising report – see item #6 above
- 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): 3/24/26 at 8pm

APPENDIX E

APPENDIX F

GPCA POLICY AND PLATFORM ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY February 19 2026 7-8P

Present: Shane Que Hee (Los Angeles); Don Manro(Tulare)

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PAST MEETING BUSINESS:

Shane would contact Joe Leadem re a reply from Butch on the Initiatives, Referenda and Recall plank. Shane would contact Butch's campaign failing that.

Shane has sent the updated version below for our approval/disapproval for GPUS sponsorship

NEXT MEETING: Thurs March 26 2026 7-8p

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Proposal for GPUS, February 16, 2026, version

Sponsors:

CONTACT

Primary Presenter(s) Rita Maniotis, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Wisconsin;

SUBJECT / TITLE

Establish a Green Party Committee dedicated to Government Transparency and Accountability(GTA)

TYPE OF PROPOSAL, EXPECTED APPROVAL THRESHOLD

GPUS Bylaw 3-1.1

REQUESTED PROPOSAL DECISION-MAKING TIMELINE

3 week discussion period followed by 1 week voting period

As per GPUS Bylaw 6-2.1

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The GPUS has multiple platform planks that highlight the need for vigilant monitoring of multiple issues. In many cases, our position holds that government is too opaque, centralized, powerful, and unaccountable to citizens. For example, the GPUS calls for investigation into 9/11. A Government Transparency and Accountability Committee is a way for Green Parties to show leadership on difficult topics.

The Green Party, through the four pillars and Ten Key Values, recognizes that achieving and maintaining a healthy republic requires accountability, transparency, free speech, and the ability of

whistle-blowers to expose threats to our republic without fear of reprisal or prosecution. Without adequate oversight, malfeasance has become the norm.

The Green principles, especially of non-violence, decentralization, and social justice, impel Greens to call out malfeasance that harms living beings. We recognize the problem of the military industrial complex, the consolidation of the media, the suppression of free speech, and the use of government to commit crimes and discriminate against, even harm, people or inflict environmental devastation. Many of these issues are not common knowledge due to weaponized propaganda facilitated by some government officials. It is incumbent upon the Green Party, the only national political party that is not bought by or beholden to corporations or special interests, to work on government oversight and demand transparency in government affairs. Most people, would know very little of the truth about how our government on any level is serving the people without the tools of citizen participation and reporting including Freedom of Information Act requests, lawsuits, and the reporting of brave whistle-blowers. A Government Transparency and Accountability Committee would serve to support citizen efforts to call out government malfeasance and to petition Congress for investigations, hearings, and ultimately, holding to account, those involved in the malfeasance.

We resolve to recognize the value and need for a standing committee that would vigilantly address issues and concerns raised in the GPUS platform, including:

- "Greens will crack down on political corruption and strengthen the voice of the people at all levels of government (I-A. Political Reform);
- "We demand that our government adhere to international law" (I-D. Foreign Policy);
- "We call on congressional intelligence committees to conduct comprehensive public hearings on the development and deployment of weapons of mass destruction by all states in the (middle east) region. (I-D. Foreign Policy);
- "The Green Party calls for a complete, thorough, impartial, and independent investigation of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.." (I-D. Foreign Policy);
- "Development of full and open public debate about the implications of nanotechnology and the fusion of nanotech with biological, materials, and information sciences. (IV-L. Advanced Technology and Defense Conversion)
- "To reverse the private control of issuing our nation's money; to reverse the immoral and undeserved concentration of national wealth and income resulting from that private control;" (IV-N. Monetary Reform).

These areas and many others require monitoring and vigilant media attention to inform our citizens and protect our country while maintaining the struggle to advance the ideas embedded in our platform.

PROPOSAL

Create a standing committee titled Government Transparency and Accountability or (GTA) Committee.

Proposed Mission Statement:

Mission Statement

The Committee is dedicated to uncovering government crimes and corruption both past and present which serve as barriers to achieving the goals set out in our nation's founding documents: that our government is established of, by, and for the people. By exposing, and calling for correction of the criminal actions perpetrated by government officials and their contractors, whether openly or in secret, we can prevent future criminal actions and restore trust in our government. This Committee will, through meetings, research papers, webinars, forums, social media, and collaborations with other national committees, inform the Green Party about government crimes and corruption, serve as a resource for outside individuals and organizations, as well as grow the Green Party by attracting voters who are interested in government transparency and accountability.

IMPLEMENTATION / TIMELINE / RESOURCES

The GTA will function as a standing committee at the service of the National Green Party. Once recognized, the Government Transparency and Accountability Committee will meet and establish goals and objectives and be informed by its mission. It is anticipated that the Committee will meet monthly as a whole, while groups that work on individual issues will meet more frequently. The GTA Committee will be made up of Green Party members from states across the country who will serve without pay. GTA members will support a website as well as an introductory page on the gp.org website. The website will include current research as well as post any webinars or presentations or news of interest on the topics the Committee is covering. The website will also post links to references and to other websites working to uncover government crimes and corruption.

REFERENCES

GPUS platform, including: I-A. Political Reform; I-D. Foreign Policy; IV-L. Advanced Technology and Defense Conversion; and, IV-N. Monetary Reform

This proposal came out of a workshop at the 2025 Annual National Meeting.<https://www.youtube.com/watch>

Authority: The National Committee shall establish this new committee upon its approval by a two-thirds vote of the Mission Statement describing the committee's general mission and duties and responsibilities. GPUS Bylaw 3-1.1

END