

MINUTES GPCA COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 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

Quorum was achieved at 7:34 pm with 9 CC members present.

Present (9):

Megan Buckingham, Ann Garrison, Greg Jan, Don Manro, Mimi Newton, Shannel Pittman, Rohan Sabnis, John Schmit and Laura Wells

Absent (4):

Ashley Brown, Charisse Cordero, Richard Gomez and Susan Lamont

(2) Roles (4 mins):

Roles for CC Call on February 2, 2026:

Agenda Prep: Rohan Sabnis

Facilitator: Shannel Pittman

Note Taker: Mimi Newton

Time Keeper: John Schmit

Vibes Watcher: Mimi Newton

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

Agenda Prep: Don Manro

Facilitator: *ACTION ITEM: Greg will ask Richard if he is up for facilitating in March.*

Note Taker: *ACTION ITEM: Mimi will ask Charisse if she is up for note taking in March.*

Time Keeper:

Vibes Watcher:

(3) Approval of Agenda (3 minutes)

(3a) LATE ITEMS: See details further below

(7) Confirm that the Los Angeles Greens are inactive ("De-activated")

(8) Due 2/12 (requested by 2/11) Re: Our (longer) statement 4 SoS!

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

(4) Approval of CC minutes (3 mins)

January 5, 2026 corrected minutes were posted to CC email list by Charisse Cordero on January 24, 2026.

THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY CONSENSUS WITH THE CONDITIONS THAT MIMI SEND THE REPORTS THAT WEREN'T INCLUDED TO CHARISSE FOR INCLUSION IN THE FINAL

APPROVED MINUTES AND CHARISSE THEN FORWARD THEM TO ROHAN FOR POSTING.
(Reports missing for Policy & Platform, Candidates and Finance Committees)

ACTION ITEM: Mimi will forward the missing reports to Charisse and update her as to these conditions..

(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 *(those listed in italics with red ink were not received)*:

- 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**

(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

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

The Strategic Plan Calendar was reviewed. We discussed the timing of the GA being important in terms of understanding all our upcoming deadlines.

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

- Shannel to send her reports, - General Assembly Planning (CC subcommittee) and GP-US delegation from GPCA: January Delegation report sent.
- Mimi will follow up with Ashley regarding tracking items from approval/endorsement to needed action: DONE except Mimi spoke to Nassim instead >> Solution is for all Decision Items to include CLEAR implementation requirements to be tracked by the item's proposer(s).
- Susan and Shannel agreed to draft an announcement about vacancies on the Committees to be sent out in January: UPDATE: DONE - email dated 1/31/26 was sent to lists on 2/16/2026.
- Following approval by the CC, Greg will contact Noura and the Code Pink rep (Jacqueline Villanueva) about our endorsement: DONE.

AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE CC - None

LATE AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED TO THE CC

(7) *Subject/Title:* Confirm that the Los Angeles Greens are inactive ("De-activated")

Sponsor: Greg Jan

Background and Purpose: Please see the attached request from eleven (11) registered Los Angeles County Greens, asking for the (current) LA County Green Party to be "deactivated". As you can see in section 1 of that attachment, they note that the existing LA county group, for the past 4 years, has only met either once or twice per year, with their last meeting having been held on March 7, 2025. (The record of these meetings is on the existing LA Greens website, here:

<https://losangeles.cagreens.org/county-council/agendas-minutes> and the Los Angeles county bylaws, in section [10-3.7](#), state that, "Draft Agendas shall be posted to the GPLAC web site... no later than 14 days before the upcoming County Council meeting").

Yet section 5-2.2 of our [GPCA bylaws](#) state that, " A County does not have an Active County Council if the County Organization has not held a meeting for 6 consecutive months.". In addition, section 5-2.1 of our bylaws state that, "If no Active County Council exists, a new County Council may be organized as defined in 5-1. ". And organizing a new County Council (and an active LA county Green Party group) is exactly what these 11 LA Greens want to do (as noted in Section 5 of the attachment).

Toward this end, Laura Wells has already forwarded to them the info on how to (re-)activate a county Green Party group, and Mimi Newton has reviewed our bylaws regarding confirming that the current LA group is inactive, and how to (re-)activate a new group there. Plus, one of the attachment signers separately noted that Shannel Pittman (who is the only current CC member from Los Angeles County) is, "enthusiastic about reactivating the party [[in Los Angeles]]". Also, as a supplement to section 4 of the attachment, 2 emails that were sent last Fall, which the current LA Greens did not answer, are included further below. And finally, in the first paragraph of Section 4 of the Attachment, please note that the signers of this request note that the Butch Ware campaign has 9 coordinators and 155 volunteers in Los Angeles County (with all or most of the signers being part of Butch Ware's campaign).

Proposal: That the CC confirms that the existing Los Angeles Greens (the Green Party of Los Angeles County) is inactive (i.e., "de-activated").

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: Following confirmation that the existing LA Greens are inactive, Greg will notify those who requested this confirmation about our decision. And hopefully our Membership and Outreach Committee will be able to assist them in (re-)activating a new group there.

References:

** Request from eleven (11) registered Los Angeles County Greens: Please see attachment

** GPCA Bylaws, including Section 5-2:

https://www.cagreens.org/bylaws-green-party-california#Section_5-2_Active_County_Organizations

** Agendas and Minutes of meetings of the Green Party of Los Angeles County:

<https://losangeles.cagreens.org/county-council/agendas-minutes>

** Green Party of Los Angeles County bylaws, including section 10-3.7:

<https://losangeles.cagreens.org/bylaws/2023-05-21#Section-10-3-Agendas>

**** Two email messages (from Eddie Aguirre and Axel Gibson) to the (existing) LA Greens' email address that have gone unanswered, copied immediately below. PLEASE NOTE >> ATTACHMENTS TO THIS ITEM, INCLUDING THE REFERENCED EMAIL MESSAGES, HAVE BEEN MOVED TO APPENDIX J, BELOW.**

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS.

(8) Subject/Title: Due 2/12 (requested by 2/11) Re: Our (longer) statement 4 SoS!

Sponsor: Greg Jan

Background and Purpose: The Secretary of State does NOT have the most recent version of our statement on their website! As far as I can tell, our most recent version was sent to them in July of 2024, per the July 16 message that I posted to us, copied below! And in particular, the Secretary of State has a wrong mailing address for us posted on their website! (So, I guess we should write to that address and see if they've received any mail for us?).

Proposal: To update the GPCA statement by Jared's requested deadline of Feb. 11

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: Jared Laiti will find the most recent version of the GPCA statement sent to the Secretary of State and re-send it, so they can correct what is on their website.

References: SEE **APPENDIX K**, BELOW.

The CC discussed some comments from Shannel and Mimi regarding (1) Black Lives Matter as a slogan which could be revised; (2) mentioning the need to abolish ICE; and (3) whether adding punctuation, and lots of it, would add to the word count.

A proposal was made to exchange email messages on the CC List serve in order to revise the Statement before the deadline to address these three items and submit any revised Statement to Jared Laiti in time to meet his deadline.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:47 p.m.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

Bylaws and Rules Committee Report January 2026

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

Date of the last By Laws and Rules Committee Meeting:
Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 12:30 pm pacific.

Present: Mimi Newton, James Lauderdale

Date of the next Bylaws and Rules Committee Meeting:

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

Any significant actions the Committee is taking:
None at this time.

APPENDIX B

Candidates Committee meeting minutes - Sat, Jan. 17, 10:00 am

1 -- Attendees & Introductions: Shane Que Hee, Valielza Huynh-O'Keefe, Greg Jan, Peggy Koteen, Chris Lozinski, Alex McDonald, Marjorie Mikels, and Glenn Turner

2 -- Preparing for the June primary election, with a focus on our statewide candidates -- With two of our statewide candidates in attendance (Marjorie and Glenn), and the significant majority of the rest of the attendees being involved in signature-gathering, we mainly discussed details related to their campaigns, and especially the signatures in lieu of the filing fee process, which will end on February 4. We also discussed fundraising and campaign bank accounts, and candidate websites, 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 February that's the 21st.

APPENDIX C

THERE WAS NO REPORT RECEIVED FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE FOR JANUARY 2026.

APPENDIX D

GPCA Finance Committee Report

DRAFT AGENDA - Meeting time: Thursday, 1/27/2026 at 8:00pm

(1) ROLL CALL:

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

(3) Approval of the Agenda –

(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 receive a very large donation or have transactions in connection with the June primary election.

(5) Monthly Treasurer's Report
DECEMBER

12/01-12/31/25 Income

\$309.00	One-time donations (9)
\$752.11	Recurring monthly donations (49)

12/01-12/31/25 Expenses

\$10.45	Call Centric (Phone)
\$77.00	Electric Embers (Email)
\$221.49	WiredTree/Liquid Web (Website)
\$19.50	Next (Insurance)
\$60.00	ISP (Finance Software)
\$300.00	Treasurer's Stipend
\$16.96	PayPal transaction fees
\$29.33	NationBuilder transaction fees
\$318.00	PO Box annual fee

12/31/25 Account Balances

\$50.00	PayPal
\$1,108.24	Mechanics Bank (savings) Federal
\$7,622.19	Mechanics Bank (checking) State

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

- Recent \$100 donors / thank you letter /card
- *Justin to enter financial actuals through end of Dec. and send 2026 approved budget PDF*
- Adam McKay fundraising – *Mimi to follow up with Nassim*
- Brainstorming on how to raise money

Treasurer's Report Format Discussion:

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

(7) Confirm next meeting (typically 4th Tuesdays): 2/24/26

APPENDIX E

THERE WAS NO REPORT RECEIVED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE FOR JANUARY 2026 BECAUSE NASSIM AND JOHN DID NOT CONNECT AT A MEETING AND IT'S UNCLEAR WHAT CAUSED THE SNAFU.

APPENDIX F

GPCA POLICY AND PLATFORM COMMITTEE REPORT

ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY January 22 2026 7-8P

Present: Eric Brooks (San Francisco); Elizabeth Green (Los Angeles); Peggy Koteen (San Luis Obispo); Joe Leadem (guest); Shane Que Hee (Los Angeles) [; Don Manro (Tulare)]

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PAST MEETING BUSINESS: Consensus

PLATFORM

Initiatives, Referenda, Recall:

Peggy had more comments:

I do like the idea of the double majority in section 5.

1. Regarding WHEN the voting occurs for initiatives. It is MUCH too expensive to hold a separate voting time. One source claims it cost tax payers \$282 million for that election. Thus, I disagree with the following:

- When an initiative achieves the needed number signatures, our elected officials must do one (or more) of three things:

1. Take a vote among the elected officials. If the initiative is approved by the elected officials, adopt it as is.

2. Regarding the following, what is the threshold for approval? 50% +1? It should be stated.

- When an initiative achieves the needed number signatures, our elected officials must do one (or more) of three things:

1. Take a vote among the elected officials. If the initiative is approved by the elected officials, adopt it as is.

3. Regarding collecting signatures. I agree to reduce the number of valid signatures to get an initiative on the ballot. However, going from 6 months to 18 months seems too extensive. I would like to see something about signatures must be collected by a certain percentage of volunteers rather than paid gatherers. I do not know how that is overseen, and maybe that is why that sort of requirement does not appear in this draft.

4. In the first paragraph of section 4, delete, " We can't let that continue"

- a) Take a vote among the elected officials. If the initiative is approved by the elected officials, adopt it as is.

Eric agreed with most of the plank including the 18-month time period. He suggested other items to include. Eric suggested an action item to the CC to have an SGA since the next General Assembly will probably be after the primary election day.

Joe would supply the revision by next Monday.

POLICY: Ran out of time.

Elizabeth would send Shane GPUS platform drafts for possible endorsements

NEXT MEETING: Thurs February 19 2026 7-8p

APPENDIX G

THERE WAS NO REPORT RECEIVED FROM THE CC's GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE FOR JANUARY 2026 BECAUSE THERE WAS NO MEETING.

APPENDIX H

California GPUS Delegation notes

Attendance: Peggy Koteen, Susan Lamont, Rick Greenblatt, Richard Gomez

Richard to be reappointed to the National Diversity Committee

Susan to be reappointed to the Peace Action Committee

There was some confusion over when signatures in lieu were due but that got resolved on the call after reaching out to Greg.

APPENDIX I

Proportional Representation Coalition (ProRep) update (meets quarterly)

Will 2026 Be the Year PR Goes Mainstream?

Dear Friends,

If you're receiving this newsletter, chances are... you get it. You get that our politics are broken. You get that things would be a lot better if we had more than two political parties. You get that adopting proportional representation (PR) – the electoral system used by most of the world's advanced, multiparty democracies – is the most reliable path to fostering a multiparty California. And you get that ProRep Coalition is building a movement to champion a ballot initiative that will adopt some form of PR in California's state legislature.

Yet, as much as we appreciate your support, we also have to acknowledge that most Californians still don't know what proportional representation is — or what our organization is doing to advance it. In other words, PR has yet to have a breakthrough moment and go “mainstream.”

In U.S. politics right now, two forces are making that breakthrough difficult: noise and apathy. The constant barrage of foreign and domestic developments from the White House has produced a news cycle that revolves almost entirely around the President and his daily impulses. Amid all this noise, and in the absence of meaningful resistance, many Americans are feeling a deep sense of hopelessness and apathy about politics and the state of our democracy. It feels as if the train we're all on is heading for a cliff — and nothing can be done to stop it.

But that's where we come in... because something can be done. Adopting proportional representation would transform our politics and pull our democracy back from the edge. PR would diversify representation, create a more competitive political climate, and help hold leaders accountable when they fail to deliver. We're not powerless—we can change the systems that no longer work for us or our democracy.

So, will 2026 be the year PR goes mainstream? We don't know for sure. But we do know that ProRep Coalition doubled in size in 2025, and we expect to grow even more in 2026. With your help, we have a real opportunity to cut through the noise, earn a breakthrough moment, and put PR at the top of the democracy reform agenda.

If you'd like to get more involved with our work this year, we've got good news: we're expanding our in-person and virtual opportunities to participate. To learn more, check out the updates below — and, in particular, sign up for our first statewide volunteer meeting on January 21st from 6–7 p.m. PT. We'll be hosting monthly meetings throughout 2026 for volunteers across California to learn more about our work, connect with local chapters, and figure out how they can help build a multiparty California.

APPENDIX J

Regarding Item (7) and the status of the Los Angeles County Green Party County Council

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Eddie Aguirre

Date: Fri, Oct 31, 2025 at 3:57 PM

Subject: GPLAC and Butch Ware for Governor

To: <gplac-info@cagreens.org>

CC: Wendy Keslick, Jordan King, diana aguirre, Green Panther, Henry ouzounyan

Hello GPLAC,

This is Eddie Aguirre, a member of the Butch Ware for Governor (BW4G) volunteer team in Los Angeles County.

With about 6 months until ballots are mailed for next year's primary, our efforts to raise awareness and visibility for Butch are ramping up. I'm reaching out today to see if GPLAC and BW4G can work together to get Butch on the ticket in November 2026.

We'd love to collaborate with GPLAC. If this is an initiative your team is able to support, let us know when we could meet to discuss further.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Eddie Aguirre

(The individuals copied on this message include the BW4G Volunteer Coordinator and LA County Volunteer Leads.)

From: Axel Gibson
Date: Sep 9, 2025 7:22 AM
Subject: Butch Ware Campaign
To: gplac-info@cagreens.org
Hi!

My name is Axel, I'm a volunteer for the Butch Ware Campaign operating in Los Angeles. I'm not sure that anyone from our campaign has reached out to the LA county green chapter yet.

Would the LA greens be interested in holding organizing and fundraising events with us? We'd love to get more LA volunteers on board, the LA team is a bit small at the moment.

And please let me know if there's anything the campaign can do to support your efforts in Los Angeles as well! These are trying times and we must support each other!

Looking forward to working together with you,

Axel Gibson

APPENDIX K

Regarding Item (8) and the references pertaining to the GPCA Statement to the California Secretary of State for 2026

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Greg Jan <gregjan4@yahoo.com>
To: GPCA Coordinating Committee <gpcaccc@lists.cagreens.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 07:18:46 PM PDT

Subject: This is approved: 72 HOUR VOTE - Proposal: GPCA to approve an updated Political Party Statement

This proposal has been approved.

There are 21 CC members (Megan Buckingham, Susan Chunco, David Cobb, Charisse Cordero, Sean Dougherty, Ann Garrison, Richard Gomez, Greg Jan, Jane Jarlsberg, Susan Lamont, James Lauderdale, Don Manro, James McFadden, Mimi Newton, Christine Pepin, Shannel Pittman, Rohan Sabnis, John Schmit, Chris Specker, Audra Walton, and Laura Wells)

Of those 21 CC members, 14 voted "Yes" (namely: David Cobb, Charisse Cordero, Sean Dougherty, Greg Jan, Susan Lamont, James Lauderdale, James McFadden, Mimi Newton, Christine Pepin, Shannel Pittman, Rohan Sabnis, John Schmit, Audra Walton, and Laura Wells) and there was zero "No" votes and zero abstentions.

I will now inform Jared to forward the updated statement to the Secretary of State.

Thanks to everyone who voted!
Greg

On Saturday, July 13, 2024 at 06:42:38 PM PDT, Greg Jan via gpca-cc <gpca-cc@lists.cagreens.org> wrote:
Dear CC,

PLEASE VOTE on this proposal by replying to this email with your vote of "Yes", "No", or "Abstain".

Subject/Title: 72 HOUR VOTE - GPCA to approve an updated Political Party Statement

Voting Period: Starts now and ends on TUESDAY, July 16, 6:40 PM
For quorum this needs votes from a majority of the current CC members

Decision Item: That we approve an updated Political Party Statement

Sponsor: Greg Jan

Background and Purpose:

On Saturday, June 29 at 2:17 pm I posted to the CC list the agenda item that is copied further below, to approve changes to our Political Party Statement. As that agenda item states, in order for any changes to be included for the upcoming November election, it is vital that we approve any changes by July 16. Please see that agenda item, further below, for more details.

Proposal: That we approve the updated Political Party Statement ("Statement of Purpose") as is shown immediately below.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources:

After this vote is concluded, Greg Jan will notify Jared Laiti to then forward the updated statement to the Secretary of State.

References: June 29 agenda item to the CC, copied further below. In addition, our existing statement, along with the statements from the other ballot-qualified political parties, is on the Secretary of State's website, here: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/political-parties/party-statements>

GPCA Statement of Purpose - July 2024

California and the world are in crisis. We must act!

Join the Green Party to build a socially and racially just, ecologically sustainable, democratic, peaceful EcoSocialist society that exists in harmony with nature.

Greens are the ONLY progressive national grassroots political party rejecting corporate funding.

Registering and voting Green means:

PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE

- Diplomacy and collaboration over war and domination, here and abroad
- Respect for international laws and sovereignty
- Ending the war economy and slashing the military budget

ECONOMIC FAIRNESS

- Living wages, unions, workers' rights
- Universal healthcare, free higher education, affordable housing, food security
- Tax the super-rich, close corporate loopholes

BOLD CLIMATE ACTION

- A Just Transition to a clean energy economy
- Phase out fossil fuels with publicly-owned, clean-energy mass transit
- Protect forests and watersheds
- Regenerative agriculture

HUMAN RIGHTS

- End all oppression based on race, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, income
- Protect immigrants, sanctuary and citizenship pathways
- Indigenous rights and Black-Lives-Matter
- Full abortion rights
- Police accountability
- End prison industries, over-incarceration, death penalty
- Gun control/safety

ELECTORAL REFORM

- Proportional representation, ranked choice voting
- Fair, publicly-financed elections, end corporate bribes

Greens' vision won cannabis legalization, closed nuclear power plants, enabled public banking.

It's time for change: register, vote, volunteer, and run Green!

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On Thursday, January 29, 2026 at 05:24:24 PM PST, Jared Laiti <jared.laiti@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi,

As Greg anticipated, the SOS mailed me a notice that our statement for the voter guide is due to them by 2/12 at 5 PM, so I'd like to get it by the day before, 2/11, since I'm not available to send it during my work hours. The word limit is 200, and they included a copy of the prior statement. Usual rules, no solicitations for donations, references to other parties or their candidates, contact info not subject to word limit.

They seem to have recently switched to mailing everything when I used to get most of these notices by email. Not too long ago I emailed them because they mailed something to my old address even though I'd updated it with them, and I emphasized that email was preferred..

Thanks,
Jared
SOS Liaison

On Mon, Jan 5, 2026 at 4:45 PM Greg Jan <gregjan4@yahoo.com> wrote:
For the 2nd item under 6.d, the Green Party statement that we have a chance to revise by sometime next month is actually the longer statement, as is posted on the Secretary of State's website via this webpage: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/political-parties/party-statements> I forget the word limit (maybe 200 or 250), but whatever it is, the existing statement is very close to being at the word limit, so any suggested additions will also need to include suggested deletions!

Thank you!,
Greg

-END-