

GPCA Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2019 7:30pm - 9:30pm

> Approved decision items noted directly after the item title with
“> 8/5/2019 CC DECISION: Approved”
followed by any approval details

> If no decision – noted directly after item title with
“> 8/5/2019 CC DECISION: No action taken”
followed by any pertinent details

(1) Roll call: (5 minutes)

There are currently 20 committee members. This means quorum is a simple majority of 11.
Victoria Ashley (Female Alternate Co-coordinator), Doug Barnett, Marla Bernstein, Carol Bouldin, June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Maxine Mica Daniel (Female Co-coordinator), Melissa Guevara, Sadie Fulton, Colt Gonzales, Josh Jones, Tarik Kanaana, James Lauderdale, Ann Menasche, Mimi Newton, Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Shannel Pittman, Audra Walton, Laura Wells

15 Present (quorum at 7:41) : Doug Barnett, Marla Bernstein, Carol Bouldin (joined 7:47), June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Maxine Mica Daniel, Sadie Fulton, Colt Gonzales, Tarik Kanaana, James Lauderdale, Ann Menasche, Mimi Newton, Nassim Nouri, Audra Walton, Laura Wells

5 Absent: Victoria Ashley, Melissa Guevara, Josh Jones, Christine Pepin, Shannel Pittman

(02) Roles (2 min)

Facilitator - Mica Daniels
Note Taker - Eric Brooks
Time Keeper - Mimi Newton
Vibes Watcher - June Brashares

(03) Decision: Approval of Agenda

Proposal: Approve the Agenda Draft #3 (5 minutes) sent by Mica, August 4, 2019 at 4:10 pm.

> 8/5/2019 CC DECISION: Approved by consensus

(04) Decision: *Proposal* Approval of prior three months Minutes (4 minutes)

- 04a. Approve minutes of May 6, 2019 CC Mtg. James Lauderdale, Notetaker.

Sent by June Jul 18, 2019, at 8:22 AM, with corrections by June Brashares

> 8/5/2019 CC DECISION: Approved by consensus

- 04b. Approval of minutes of June 3, 2019 CC Mtg. Josh Jones, Notetaker

Sent by Nassim, Draft 2 June 3rd Coordinating Committee minutes

> 8/5/2019 CC DECISION: Approved by consensus

- 04c. Approval of minutes of July 1, 2019 CC Mtg. Nassim Nouri, Notetaker

Sent by Nassim, Draft 2 with corrections on Jul 19, 2019, at 4:44 PM

> 8/5/2019 CC DECISION: Approved by consensus with amend to correct meeting date to July 1—

(05) Decision: Consent Items:

Background and Purpose: The consent calendar is intended to pass non-controversial items or items consented prior to the actual meeting. Any item may be objected to and that item will be placed at the end of the evening's agenda.

Proposal: Accept the following committee reports for inclusion into the meeting minute.

Committee July Reports:

Appendix A – IT Committee

Appendix B - CH Committee / GROW Working Group

Appendix C - Bylaws Committee

Appendix D - Platform Committee

> 8/5/2019 CC DECISION: Approved by consensus

(06) Subject/Title: Decision Item - Letter to SOS requesting public ballot election for County Council elections

> 8/5/2019 CC DECISION: Approved by consensus

Sponsor: Mica Daniel (5 min)

Background and Purpose: This letter should be sent in accordance with California Elections Code § 7770 ("7770. The state party chairperson, no later than the 135th day before the presidential primary election, shall notify the Secretary of State whether or not a county central committee election will be held.")

The GPCA sent a letter similar to this letter to the SOS 4 years ago.

(<http://www.cagreens.org/action/letter/green-party-seeks-on-ballot-action-in-all-counties>)

This letter will be helpful for responding to questions from County Registrar of Voters, such as the inquiries received from Kern County and San Mateo County that GPCA SOS Liaison Jared Laiti informed the CC about in emails on July 22nd & July 1st.

Proposal: Direct SOS Liaison Jared Laiti to send letter informing the SOS that the GPCA requests the public ballot election option for County Council elections in all 58 CA counties. (See draft of letter below).

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: ASAP after CC approval, Co-Coordinator is to notify Jared to send the letter to the SOS. After it has been sent to the SOS, the letter will be useful for replying to Kern County which asked to receive a response by Aug 6th, and San Mateo County and possibly other counties.

References: Draft letter is below:

Green Party of California

To: California Secretary of State Alex Padilla, California County Registrars

From: Green Party of California State Coordinating Committee

Subject: Green Party requests public ballot election for County Council elections in all counties for 2020 Presidential Primary Election

Date: August 5, 2019

Dear Secretary of State Alex Padilla and California County Registrars,

We are writing to inform you that under California Elections Code § 7770, it is the intent of the Green Party of California (GPCA) to exercise the public ballot election option, conducted by the County Registrars, for the Green Party's County Council (aka Central Committee) elections in all of California's 58 counties for the Presidential Primary Election on March 3, 2020.

7770. The state party chairperson, no later than the 135th day before the presidential primary

election, shall notify the Secretary of State whether or not a county central committee election will be held.

We are also writing to inform you that the number of seats and their specific allocations (whether at-large or by legislative district as provided by § 7911) will remain the same in every county as was the case for the 2016 County Council elections.

7911. Members of county councils shall be elected from one or more multi-member districts. Multimember districts shall conform to the county boundaries or recognized jurisdictional boundaries of Congressional, State Assembly, State Senate, or Supervisorial districts within that county, in accordance with state Green Party bylaws and county Green Party bylaws.

We also note that since 2012 we have experienced County Registrars not only contacting our county parties to ask them whether they seek to retain the public ballot election option, but in some cases using language implying more of an 'opt-in' option for our party to continue to retain the public ballot election option, rather than the 'opt-out' language suggested by the former Secretary of State's office in CCROV #15161 (<http://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/ccrov/pdf/2011/december/11138lf.pdf>).

As a party that believes in grassroots democracy as one of its Ten Key Values, the Green Party is uncomfortable with this subtle difference in language, as it could be understood as an attempt to influence our party to abandon a practice that we've never indicated that we have any interest in changing.

The GPCA believes it is unequivocally in the public interest that the elections of the leadership of ballot qualified political parties are conducted in the transparent, regulated and accountable and professional manner that County Registrar's offices provide.

Thank you for ensuring that the public ballot election option for Green Party County Council elections is available in all of California's 58 counties in 2020.

Sincerely,

Mica Daniel

Co-coordinator, Coordinating Committee
Green Party of California

(07) Subject/Title: Decision Item - Proposal to authorize Jared to use template below to respond to County ROVs inquiries regarding County Council elections for the March 2020 Presidential Primary Election

> 8/5/2019 CC DECISION: Approved by consensus

> 8/5/2019 CC DECISION: Implementation, Coordinating Committee Co-Coordinators

Sponsors: Mica Daniel

Background and Purpose: SOS Liaison Jared Laiti informed the CC in emails on July 22nd & July 1st about inquiries received from the Kern County Registrar and from the San Mateo County Registration & Elections Division. (those emails are copied below) These County's Registrar of Voters (ROV) had questions about the County Council elections for the March 2020 Presidential Primary Election. Kern County requested a response by August 6th. The CC has approved a letter to the SOS that the GPCA requests public election for County Council elections in all 58 CA counties. In addition to that letter, the template below is to address the additional specific requests from Kern County and San Mateo County. The template could also be used to respond to other CA County ROVs that may come forward with inquiries with short deadlines to reply.

Proposal: to authorize Jared Laiti to use the template below to respond to County ROVs inquiries regarding County Council elections for the March 2020 Presidential Primary Election.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: ASAP after CC approval, Co-Coordinator is to notify Jared to (after sending the letter to the SOS) use the template to send letters to: Kern County Registrar by their requested response deadline August 6th, and to San Mateo County Registration and Elections Division well before their deadline September 13, 2019, and to any other County ROV that comes forward asking about the County Council elections for the March 2020 Primary.

References:

TEMPLATE -

LETTER FOR KERN COUNTY

Dear Kern County Registrar:

I am writing in response to your letter of July __, 2019.

Please see the attached letter that states it is the intent of the Green Party of California to exercise the public ballot election option for the Green Party's County Council (aka Central Committee) elections in all of California's 58 counties for the Presidential Primary Election on March 3, 2020.

This is consistent with past Presidential Primary elections. There is no request for other than a public election.

As the attached letter also states, the number of seats and their specific allocations will remain the same as was the case for the 2016 County Council elections. It is our understanding that the Green Party of Kern County Council seats are to be structured to have seven (7) seats allocated for election at-large in county-wide district.

Thank you,

LETTER FOR SAN MATEO COUNTY

To: pboyd@smcare.org

Penny Boyd, Elections Specialist

San Mateo County Registration & Elections Division

40 Tower Road San Mateo, CA 94402

650-312-5506 | | www.smcacre.org

Dear Penny Boyd, San Mateo County Registration & Elections Division,

I am writing in response to your email of July 1, 2019.

Please see the attached letter that states it is the intent of the Green Party of California to exercise the public ballot election option for the Green Party's County Council (aka Central Committee) elections in all of California's 58 counties for the Presidential Primary Election on March 3, 2020.

This is consistent with past Presidential Primary elections. There is no request for other than a public election.

As the attached letter also states, the number of seats and their specific allocations will remain the same as was the case for the 2016 County Council elections. It is our understanding that the Green Party of San Mateo County Council seats will be structured to have seven (7) seats allocated for election at-large in county-wide district.

Thank you,

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Dear Registrar:

I am writing in response to your letter of ____{date}____.

Please see the attached letter that states it is the intent of the Green Party of California to exercise the public ballot election option for the Green Party's County Council (aka Central Committee) elections in all of California's 58 counties for the Presidential Primary Election on March 3, 2020.

This is consistent with past Presidential Primary elections. There is no request for other than a public election.

As the attached letter also states, the number of seats and their specific allocations will remain the same as was the case for the 2016 County Council elections. It is our understanding that the Green Party of _____ County Council seats will be structured to have_ ** ____ seats allocated for election ____**.

Thank you,

** The number of seats is determined according to the GPCA

bylaws <http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/06-24-2019> in Article 6:

6-1.3 If a county has less than 150 registered Green Party voters, the number of members to be

elected shall be three;

6-1.4 If a county has between 150 and 500 registered Green Party voters, the number of members to be elected shall be five;

6-1.5 If a county has more than 500 registered Green Party voters, the number shall be either:

6-1.5(a) The greater of the number seven or the integer nearest the resulting quotient obtained by dividing 100 times the number of Green Party registered voters in the county by the number of Green Party registered voters in the state

See county registration numbers report from Feb. 10, 2019:

<https://elections.cdn.sos.ca.gov/ror/ror-odd-year-2019/politicalsub.pdf>

*** Most counties have their county council seats "allocated for election at-large in county-wide district" so that is usually the default, but check the County's by-laws (many are online at <http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/county>) to see if the County does it differently (such as Los Angeles County).

The GPCA bylaws state:

6-2.2(b) A County Organization's bylaws shall specify that members shall be elected from either a single, countywide multi-member district or multiple, multi-member districts corresponding to the boundaries of the Congressional, State Assembly, State Senate or Supervisorial districts within that county.

6-2.2(c) The number of seats to be elected for each district shall be proportional to the number of registered Green Party members in that district, compared to the number of registered Green Party members county wide.

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

From: Jared Laiti <jared.laiti@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Jul 22, 2019 at 5:48 PM

Subject: Re: [gpca-cc] March 2020 Presidential Primary Election - Options for Central Committees

To: GPCA Coordinating Committee <gpca-cc@cagreens.org>

CC,

I received a similar notice from the Kern County registrar, asking us to inform them whether we want to use the public ballot for our county council election, and if so, how the membership will be structured - i.e., number of seats and area to be elected from. They are asking for a response by 9/6/19. Let me know how GPCA would like me to respond and if you want more info about this letter.

Thanks,

Jared

SOS Liaison

On Mon, Jul 1, 2019 at 7:21 PM Jared Laiti <jared.laiti@gmail.com> wrote:

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

From: Penny Boyd

Date: Mon, Jul 1, 2019 at 1:40 PM

Subject: March 2020 Presidential Primary Election - Options for Central Committees

To: liaison@cagreens.org <liaison@cagreens.org>

Dear Central Committee Members:

California Election Code sections 7230 and 7425 provide an alternative to a public election where, a county central committee, in accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the committee, may determine the number, the district allocation, and the manner of election of its members at any time by holding a caucus or convention, or by using any other method approved by the committee. Our office needs to know if your central committee will make a choice other than a public election, which is the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election. If you do choose to use the public ballot, you will need to inform us by Friday, September 13, 2019 how the central committee membership will be structured, the number of seats and allocation of seats by assembly district, supervisor district, municipality, or other system. Upon receipt of that membership structure, we will initiate

the nomination process under Elections Code 8101 and 8020 for the number of seats selected. Nomination papers will be available beginning Monday, November 11, 2019 per Elections Code 10407.

If we do not hear from you by Friday September 13, 2019 at 5:00 p.m., the public ballot option will not be available to your county central committee for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election.

We look forward to working with your committee if you select the public ballot process. If you have questions or comments, please contact our Candidate Services Representative, Penny Boyd at 650.312.5506 or candidateservices@smcacre.org.

Penny Boyd | Elections Specialist
San Mateo County Registration & Elections Division
40 Tower Road San Mateo, CA 94402

(08) Nominations Coordinating Committee Co-Co's (5 minutes)

Mimi Newton nominated for Female Co-Coordinator.

> 8/5/2019 CC DECISION: Approved by consensus

Maxine Mica Daniel nominated for alternate female Co-Co

> 8/5/2019 CC DECISION: Approved by consensus

(09) Agenda Item: Report back and Action Item review: (10 min all)

- GA Agenda team re: Venue for GA (Tarik Kanaana)

> 8/5/2019 CC DECISION: No action taken

> NOTE: Tarik plans to bring item back in September

(09a) - Fundraising Committee report back on status of next fundraising letter

> 8/5/2019 CC DECISION: No action taken – Eric Brooks (Fundraising Committee Member) reported that no July Fundraising Committee meeting took place, so no report available - take up next month

(10) Agenda Item: Decision Item: Disposition of Camp Fire Relief Funds (10 mins)

> 8/5/2019 CC DECISION: The following approved by consensus:

The Coordinating Committee directs the GPCA Treasurer to notify Erik (Yahmo) Rydberg that these funds were sent to the GPCA incorrectly and to return the funds to Erik Rydberg with a communication to that effect.

> 8/5/2019 CC DECISION: Implementation - Co-Coordinator Mimi Newton will work with the Treasurer to facilitate the logistics of the return and the proper legal wording for the communication to Erik Rydberg on returning the funds.

Sponsor: Mimi Newton, Marin County

Background and Purpose:

The GPCA Coordinating Committee has received information that \$430 dollars has been transferred to GPCA via our donation link. The funds are "the cash funds that were donated by the General Assembly to the Camp Fire Relief effort at the 2018 General Assembly in Tulare County," according to Humboldt County Green, yahmó? ?ahq^ha who undertook to transfer these funds.

Yahmó? ?ahq^ha's message to the CC states, in part:

"...Several thousand dollars were raised by Greens in an alternative online effort and these GPCA GA donations have gone unused. There are several organizations still providing relief to displaced victims and there will likely be future disasters of this nature. Here are some of the recommended orgs to donate to. Or I might suggest placing these funds aside for future disaster aid.

- **The American Red Cross:** Visit the [Red Cross' special donation page](#) or call [1-800-RED CROSS](#) or text the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.
- **The Salvation Army:** A special page, [SalArmyCampFire.org](#), has been created to accept donations. People can also call [1-800-SAL-ARMY\(725-2769\)](#) and specify "Camp Fire" for designated funds.
- **United Way of Northern California:** A fund to provide emergency help to fire victims has been set up. Visit the [fundraising web page](#) or text BUTTEFIRE to 91999 to donate.
- **Firefighters Charitable Foundation:** The foundation [accepts donations](#) to help fire and disaster victims, support volunteer fire stations and help children in need.
- **Northern California Fire Relief Fund:** 100% of all [donations to this fund](#) go to the organizations and agencies on the ground who are helping those affected by the fires.
- **Air BNB:** Air BNB is helping connect victims and people willing to open their homes to victims for free. Hosts can take in victims through the [Open Homes Program](#) to provide free housing.
- **Caring Choices Chico:** 100% of your [donation will be used to directly offer aid to those in need](#). Donors can indicate if they are making a contribution or a donation to a specific person, area or need.
- **Northern Valley Community Foundation:** This [fund will provide financial resources](#) to organizations and agencies responding to those affected by the fires in Northern California.

The two orgs I would personally lean towards donating to are the Northern Valley Community Foundation and the Northern California Fire Relief Fund... again I would also suggest that the Green Party of California set aside funds for Greens to be able to physically respond to disaster situations. Many Greens responded to the Camp Fire Relief effort from all over the state. If the Green Party had its own relief fund it could assist members in their efforts, either by purchasing needed supplies and/or by assisting in the travel funds to deliver supplies. Also I would recommend asking the 80k registered Green Party members in California who could provide housing, water and food in the case of a disaster. If the Green Party CA creates a support system within its own ranks it could be an effective vehicle for disaster relief in the future..."

However, our CC Co-co, Maxine Daniel has expressed the following concerns to the CC list serve:

"These are not cash funds donated by the General Assembly. These are cash funds donated by individual greens that were attending the General Assembly in Tulare.

We are not a 501c3 organization. We are a political party. At anytime during these last 13 months these funds could have been donated to any of the agencies that Erik (yahmo) suggested with no questions asked but to bring them to us without a complete list of who gave what is buying trouble for the Green Party. Return the money.”

Proposal:

That the CC discuss and decide on a course of action with respect to the funds at issue and direct the State Party Treasurer to implement the course of action upon which the CC has decided in a timely manner and report back to the CC before its September 2019 meeting.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources:

The GPCA Treasurer will implement the course of action upon which the CC has decided in a timely manner and report back to the CC before its September 2019 meeting.

References: Coordinating Committee Email String starting with the message from Maxine Daniel, dated Saturday, July 27, 2019 at 10:29 a.m.

(11) Agenda Item: Help Arizona! Sponsor Sadie Fulton (10 minutes)

> 8/5/2019 CC DECISION: Approved, in principle, by consensus – and Approved that the Coordinating Committee will notify the GPCA Inform email list of the effort and its approval (through the IT committee – with a draft sent to the Coordinating Committee for reference).

> 8/5/2019 CC DECISION: Implementation – Sadie Fulton will coordinate implementation, and bring any items needing formal GPCA Coordinating Committee approval to a future Coordinating Committee meeting and/or to electronic vote(s) of the Coordinating Committee.

Proposal: The CC will put out a formal call to start a taskforce aimed at organizing one or more trips for Californian Green activists to assist with the signature gathering efforts in Arizona for the next few months. (I will help oversee the initiation of such a taskforce, along with any other CC members who may be interested.)

Our neighboring state of Arizona has until November 28th, 2019 to collect 31,000 valid signatures for ballot access in the 2020 presidential election. They are aiming to collect 50,000 signatures in order to ensure that at least 31k of those are valid. This is obviously an extremely heavy task.

At the Annual National Meeting, and a prior call with the Ballot Access Committee, I was approached requesting concrete signature collection support from California. As some of our members in Southern California are a car ride away, I propose we organize a trip or series of trips to Arizona within the next few months in order to assist with the signature gathering initiative.

Such an initiative already has support from young CA greens, and many have expressed an interest in joining a trip and helping to organize it.

Appendices

**Appendix A.
GPCA IT July report**

7/15/19 IT Committee Meeting.

Next Meeting Monday 8/19, 7:30- 9 pm

GPCA-IT members: David Bond Co-Co (LAC), Nicole Raglin Co-Co (NC), Colt Gonzales (SJ), Audra Walton, CC Liaison' (MC), Nassim Nouri (SC)

Members present: Nicole, Audra, Nassim, Quorum at: 7:46

Members absent: Colt, David

Current IT Tickets and Issues - Nassim will find out where in the process of approval the GA minutes are with the SGA/GA.

Nicole will be adding the new Bylaws amendment update to the NB internal website and creating a table of content with anchors.

Adding Haikus to the bylaws page has been delayed until it can be added to the new NBsite.

Website Launch Schedule - October is the proposed launch time frame. IT committee will recruit testers soon.

Updating NB database - the plan is for David to clean up the current db then create a subset of contacts from the new database (registered Greens with emails) to add to NB database.

Appendix B. Clearinghouse Committee and GROW Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July. 9th 7:30 - 9 pm

1- Roll Call

CH members: Mica Daniel (SJC), Nassim Nouri (SCC) - **CH Members Present:** MD, NN, quorum at 7:35

GROW: Laura Wells (AC), Richard Gomez (FC), Audra Walton (MC), Barry Hermanson (SFC)

2- Roles: Facilitator: Mica Notes: Nassim

3- Discuss proposal "Getting County Council elections on March 2020 ballots"

(Laura emailed proposal Jul 6, 2019, at 4:56 PM)

- Barry Hermanson shared SFC requirements, suggested county parties call their Department of Elections (County Elections Office or Registrar of Voters) to get the detailed requirements, and deadlines. SF it is very simple, candidates collect 40 signatures to ensure there are at least 20 good signatures, contested election are not required to get on the ballot.

NOTE: Nomination period for having the county council candidate name get on the ballot for the March primary is 9/27-12/6

- Others reported on rules and info for counties of Monterey, Fresno, Santa Clara and Alameda, all require contested ballot for county council candidates to get on the ballot. Laura thought the rules likely changed right after the Top Two Primary.

- Nassim: supports making a 'how to' for counties to get county council on the ballot, Laura and Barry suggested the counties must take the lead and contact their registrar of voters (election office) to connect with them locally.

- Barry and Mica suggested collecting signatures at the county monthly meeting and also calling the Green voter list for the county to collect signatures.

- All agreed that the proposal here will help with connecting more council members across CA.

4- Replying to incoming inquiries (Nassim, 10 min)

Currently CH has 2 members, Nassim and Mica, and needs help as we get ready for 2020 elections with literature and swag. They are clearing and responding to incoming emails, calls and directing volunteers, asked all to recruit volunteers for CH.

Mica: We rarely hear back when we reach out to some counties, and it has been difficult to ensure we have the right contacts.

5- Volunteer management & general outreach (10 min)

Nassim asked how to onboard volunteers more effectively at the state level, asked if GROW had done this before? Laura said GROW had not done volunteer outreach. But doing regular outreach and projects like the county council proposal discussed today can be a way to connect and engage with the councils.

Audra connects with Greens where ever she is, Monterey/Fresno are good models with a 'liaison' who is connected with GPCA thru serving on committees as Audra and Richard do) Audra suggested and Nassim agreed to add a suggested role of a liaison to the County Council Handbook.

6- Discuss our role in other aspects of upcoming 2020 elections, local and beyond

Laura shared another way for counties to get more Greens elected is to suggest that counties research and find the many public offices (elected and appointed) that often no one runs for.

Can GROW members do this research for their own counties in the next 2 months and share it with GROW listserve, and eventually make a database of these vacancies. All committed to start this research for their own county

Richard: Fresco publishes a list of vacant open public offices before every election, he will share when available.

7- Confirm next second Tuesday call, August 13. Confirmed

Appendix C. Bylaws Committee

Monthly Bylaws Committee Report to the GPCA Coordinating Committee – July/August 2019

From: The GPCA ByLaws Committee
To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee
Date: August 3, 2019
Submitted By: Mimi Newton, Co-Co ByLaws Committee

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Date of the last ByLaws Committee Meeting:

Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Present: Mimi Newton

Date of the next ByLaws Committee Meeting:

Saturday, Aug. 24, 2019 at 2:00 pm

CALL-IN NUMBER: (515) 606-5173, access code: 753142

Any significant actions the Committee is taking:

The Bylaws Committee (Mimi) has been working on the commitments made by the Committee at the spring 2019 General Assembly, namely:

1. Worked with the IT Committee to post updated, searchable version of the Bylaws, including a searchable table of contents; [email dated 7/14/19]

2. Work with the IT Committee to post haikus with Bylaws; [email dated 7/14/19; a haiku for new article 14 is needed] and
 3. Create a power point to better explain the Bylaws in terms that are easily understandable [in process].
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Appendix D Platform Committee

The Platform Committee does not have regular meetings but, rather, meets continuously via the list-serve in considering platform plank language since teleconferences are not good for such discussions. The Platform Committee holds in-person meetings at the GAs.

Last Platform Committee took place at the SF/Alameda GA on 5/18. (notes and attendance below)
Next planned meeting will take place at the next GA.

Notes from the SF/Alameda GA on 5/18 meeting:

We had our Platcom breakout session with Peggy Koteen, Tarik Kanaana, Jan Arnold, Randy Hicks, Pamela, and a new FABULOUS bright smart articulate woman named Susan (friend of Susan Chunco).

Please add all to the platcom email listserve.

Susan Lamont-

Randy Hicks-

Pam Spevack-

I'm sure Jan is already on the list. Is Pam or Randy already on too?

Susan Lamont will be asking the cc to add her as a voting member. I applaud that move.

I will send you the revised copy of the planks in the next 2 days.

A couple suggestions for writing the planks in the future is to put footnotes instead of websites within the planks since websites can change, for instance www.dtsc.ca.gov

Suggestion that instead of using Toxic Waste it should be called Harmful Toxins (as opposed to toxins that may help the body sometimes as cures)

Pam would like us to include organic foods in the future, like we suggest plant-based diets. The bullet point might read: Shift as much as possible to organic foods to eliminate the toxicity impacts from the enormous amounts of pesticides, fungicides, and herbicides used to grow foods.

We did not get to talk about future planks.

#END#