

GPCA Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday Nov 4, 2019 7:30 to 9:30pm

(01) Roll call: (5 minutes)

There are currently 19 committee members. This means quorum is a simple majority of 10:
Victoria Ashley, Doug Barnett, Marla Bernstein, Carol Bouldin, June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Mica Daniel (Alternate Female Co-Co), Sadie Fulton, Melissa Guevara, Colt Gonzales, Tarik Kanaana, James Lauderdale, Ann Menasche, Mimi Newton (Female Co-Co), Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Shannel Pittman, Audra Walton, Laura Wells

Present (16): Victoria Ashley, Doug Barnett,* Marla Bernstein,* Carol Bouldin, June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Mica Daniel (Alternate Female Co-Co), Sadie Fulton,* Colt Gonzales, Tarik Kanaana, James Lauderdale, Mimi Newton (Female Co-Co), Nassim Nouri, Christine Pepin, Audra Walton,* Laura Wells

Absent (3): Melissa Guevara, Ann Menasche, Shannel Pittman

Quorum was met with 12 out of 19 CC members present at 7:41 p.m.

*Doug Barnett and *Marla Bernstein arrived at 7:42 p.m.

*Audra Walton joined at 8:02 p.m.

*Sadie Fulton joined at 8:23 p.m. (4:23 a.m. in her time zone!)

(02) Roles (2 min) - Facilitator – Mica, Note Take - Mimi, Time Keeper – Nassim, Vibes Watcher -Tarik

(03) Decision: Approval of Agenda (8 minutes)

Proposal: Approve the Agenda based on the 3rd draft Mimi sent out on Monday, Nov. 4 at about 3:30 pm.

Eric sent text for the FBI Item at 6:21 p.m., (this text has been incorporated into the minutes below at Item No. 9).

Approve LATE AGENDA ITEMS 5A, 5B, 5C, and 8A. Also Added Late Item 10 in the order shown below -

5C was moved to 8C and 10 was moved to 8B.

Approved by Consensus

(04) Decision: Approval of prior months' Minutes: (A) September 9, 2019 and (B) October 7, 2016 (5 minutes)

(A) GPCA CC Meeting Minutes September 9, 2019 7:30 - 9:30pm

- See Draft Meeting minutes taken by Carol and posted by Mimi on 10/30/19 at about 9:30 am.

Approved by Consensus.

(B) GPCA CC Meeting Minutes October 7, 2019 7:30 - 9:30pm

- See Draft October meeting minutes posted by Christine 10/25/19 at 9:41 am.

Approved by Consensus.

(05) Decision: Consent Items: (5 minutes)

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 minutes:

Approved by Consensus.

LATE ITEM 5A: Decision: Appointing a CC member to the PNC Delegate Selection Committee. (5 minutes)

Sponsor: Tarik Kanaana

Background: The CC needs to appoint a member to the Presidential Nomination Convention (PNC) Delegate Selection Committee. This committee is an ad hoc committee of the General Assembly empowered to select and credential the California delegation to the national PNC. Details on the committee and delegate selection process can be found here: http://www.cagreens.org/rules#Article_II_Policies_and_Procedures_for_Selection_and_Conduct_of_GPCA_Delegates_to_the_GPUS_Presidential_Nominating_Convention.

Proposal: The CC appoints a member to the PNC Delegate Selection Committee to be chosen on the 11/4/19 call or conducts a ranked choice election following the call to choose one.

Nassim volunteers for this task. (!!! 🙌🌟)

Tarik - Proposal to appoint Nassim - twinkles all around. 🌟🌸🌟

Approved by consensus.

LATE ITEM 5B: Subject: Decision Item: Appointment of June Brashares, Mimi Newton and Vic Ashley to GPCA 2020 Budget Committee (10 minutes)

Sponsor: Mimi Newton, Marin County

Background and Purpose:

The GPCA Fiscal Policy includes requirements relating to the appointment and membership requirements for the GPCA Budget Committee, and requires the Budget Committee to propose an annual budget 6 weeks prior to the General Assembly scheduled to occur at the end of each fiscal year (*i.e.*, the end of each Calendar year). The Coordinating Committee is currently working to schedule an in-person GA sometime in December, which makes it necessary for the Budget Committee to send a proposed budget to GPCA Counties and delegates as quickly as possible.

The three Finance Committee members appointed by the Finance Committee to the 2020 Budget Committee include Frank Lambert, Maxine Daniel, and GPCA Treasurer, Ruscal Cayangyang. Three Budget Committee members must also be appointed by the Coordinating Committee. One of these individuals must be the Finance Committee Co-Co and CC Liaison, Vic Ashley, in accordance with our fiscal policy. Mimi Newton and June Brashares also now request appointment to the Budget Committee.

At the request of the Treasurer, on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019, Mimi participated in a conference call, along with CC Member Nassim Nouri, Vic and the three other Budget Committee Members already appointed by the Finance Committee, in reviewing and commenting on the proposed budget already developed by the Finance Committee. Neither Mimi nor Nassim had reviewed the proposal prior to the call, but they were both able to ask questions and make suggestions regarding the draft 2020 budget. Mimi is asking that her appointment to the Budget Committee be considered retroactive to Saturday Nov. 2, so that her participation in that call may be retroactively considered a quorum (5 members having been present) in order that the Budget Committee's decision to forward the draft Budget to the GA Planning Committee be endorsed by this body.

Proposal:

That the GPCA Coordinating Committee appoint 3 Members from the Coordinating Committee to the 2020 Budget Committee, including the Coordinating Committee liaison to the Finance Committee, Vic Ashley, and two at-large members, June Brashares and Mimi Newton, and that Mimi's appointment be made retroactive to November 2, 2019.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: Immediate implementation, work with remainder of Budget Committee to revise draft budget for presentation at either in-person GA or SGA Vote for 2020 Fiscal/Calendar year.

References: GPCA Bylaws: Section 9-8. Finance Committee The Finance Committee shall have the duties, authority and membership as defined in the Fiscal Policy.

Fiscal Policy:

ARTICLE III FINANCE COMMITTEE

Section 3-1 Duties and Responsibilities

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

3-1.1 Support the Treasurer to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer.

3-1.2 Provide assistance for GPCA fundraising activities.

3-1.3 Establish a format for Requests for Payment and for Requests for Reimbursement.

3-1.4 Budget

3-1.4(a) Standardize the naming of budget lines for use in the annual budget process;

3-1.4(b) Establish a format for standing committees and working groups to submit annual budget requests;

3-1.4(c) Provide income projections for the annual budget, including income projections from work done by GPCA staff and independent contractors;

3-1.4(d) Recommend to the Budget Committee a prudent reserve for the fiscal year and explain its rationale;

3-1.4(e) Compile all annual budget requests, income projections and income and expense narratives from standing committees and working groups, combine them into an initial draft budget and submit it to the Budget Committee;

3-1.4(f) provide an oral presentation of the written report to the General Assembly.

3-1.5 Make proposals to the General Assembly to amend this Fiscal Policy.

3-1.6 Collect funds owed to the GPCA.

Section 3-2 Membership

3-2.1 The Finance Committee shall be a standing committee of the General Assembly. It shall have eight members appointed by the Coordinating Committee, including the Coordinating Committee Liaison, and the Treasurer shall serve a voting ex-officio ninth member.

3-2.2 The Treasurer shall serve for the duration of their tenure as Treasurer. The terms for the other committee members shall be two years with no term limits.

ARTICLE IV BUDGET COMMITTEE

Section 4-1 Duties and Authority

The Budget Committee shall prepare and present an annual draft budget to the General Assembly. It shall be based upon the budget requests and income projections from standing committees and working groups as described in 5-2 and the prioritization of expenses as described in 7-2, and shall contain income and expense narratives that explain the purpose of each budget line item.

Section 4-2 Membership

4-2.1 The Budget Committee shall be a standing sub-committee of the General Assembly and be composed of six members: three from the Finance Committee and three from the Coordinating Committee. Members from the Finance Committee shall include the Treasurer and two at-large members, appointed by the Finance Committee. Members from the Coordinating Committee shall include the Coordinating Committee liaison to the Finance Committee and two at-large members, appointed by the Coordinating Committee.

4-2.2 No one may be member of the Budget Committee who is recommended in the budget to receive funding for services provided, except in the case where the Treasurer may be recommended to receive a stipend for services provided as Treasurer, in which case the Treasurer shall recused from the separate vote whether to include the stipend in the budget, but then may otherwise vote on the Draft Budget.

4-2.3 The Treasurer shall serve for the duration of their tenure as Treasurer. The Coordinating Committee liaison to the Finance Committee shall serve for the duration of his/her tenure as liaison.

The at-large Finance Committee members and the at-large Coordinating Committee members may each serve for up to three consecutive one-year terms, but then may not serve a fourth, after which this timing begins anew.

Section 4-3 Decision-making

4-3.1 The Budget Committee shall seek consensus in its work, but when unresolved, outstanding concerns remain, shall operate upon the basis of majority vote.

4-3.2 Quorum shall be at least five members, whether upon a teleconference, at a face-to-face meeting or as part of an on-line vote.

4-3.3 The Budget Committee shall have its own email list upon which to conduct committee business.

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Section 5-4 Draft Budget

During the first quarter of each calendar year, the Budget Committee shall prepare the Draft Budget. The Draft Budget shall be distributed at least six weeks before the General Assembly. The Draft Budget shall:

5-4.1 Incorporate budget requests and income projections from standing committees and working groups as described in 5-2 and the prioritization of expenses as described in 7-2;

5-4.2 Contain an attached Income Narrative to explain the income categories and line item projections of the budget, and provide a plan for raising that income, corresponding to the income projections;

5-4.3 Contain an attached Expense Narrative to explain expense categories and line item projections, that identifies legal and contractual obligations as provided in Section 7-2, provides job descriptions where they exist for GPCA staff and Independent Contractors, and provides a plan to fund a Reserve Fund as specified in 6-2.1(b);

5-4.4 Contain any budget approval resolutions necessary to award contracts, hire staff or independent contractors or other discretionary choices;

5-4.5 Contain an attached balance sheet and statement of revenue and expenditure from the most recently completed fiscal year and a statement of the year-to-date and a projected year-end total of the current fiscal year.

Approved by Consensus.

(06) Agenda Item:

Decision: Proposal: Coordinating Committee to approve the updated version of the GPCA Statement of Purpose for the 2020 primary voter information guide (10 minutes)

Sponsor: Nassim Nouri

Background and Purpose: The SoS has contacted Jared Laiti GPCA SoS liaison on 10/17 with an opportunity to submit a GPCA Statement of Purpose for the primary voter info guide. The deadline is [11/14](#), 200 word limit, no references to other parties or their candidates, or solicitations for donations. Recently, on Oct 3rd, a subcommittee of the CC went through the process of minor updates the GPCA Statement of Purpose for the League of Women's Voters (including minor changes to the previous version). This is the same content that the SoS is currently offering us a chance to updates. The SoS requirement for 200 words is more strict so we need to reduce our current LWV version to 200 word.

Proposal: The CC approve Jared to share with the SoS the new slightly updated version of the LWV GPCA Statement of Purpose below.

Implementation/requirements: time requested for this agenda item: 10 minutes. Once approved Jared to share this copy with the SoS within five days of being notified by the CC to forward this statement.

Content:

[Political Party Statements of Purpose](#)

People Vote Green for viable solutions to our greatest challenges from inequality to climate change. Greens' actions match our values because we refuse contributions from corporations. Since 2010, Green candidates **have put a run on the real Green New Deal at the heart of their campaigns and** over 350 California Greens have served in elected office since 1990.

Green's early vision and leadership has led to successes including cannabis legalization, closing California's last nuclear power plant, and enabling public banking.

Voting Green means:

ECONOMIC FAIRNESS

- Living wages, green jobs, workers' rights
- Universal healthcare, **tuition**-free higher education, affordable housing, food security for all
- Reforming Proposition 13 to close corporate loopholes, restore schools and public services
- Taxing the super-rich

ACTION ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS

- Going 100% renewable through publicly-owned, clean energy and efficiency programs
- Switching from fossil fuels to clean electric-powered public transportation
- Restoring groundwater and watersheds
- Reforestation, restorative agriculture

HUMAN RIGHTS

- Ending oppression based on race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, economic status
- **End scapegoating** **Protecting** immigrants **with** sanctuary **and develop** pathways to **and** citizenship
- Black Lives Matter, police accountability
- Gun control/safety
- Abolishing the death penalty, ending private prisons, reducing prison populations

ELECTORAL REFORM

- Publicly-financed elections to eliminate corporate money
- Proportional representation, ranked choice voting
- Overturning Top Two primary

Register and vote Green.

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Please note that Nassim sent an update at 3:40 pm, which was not included in the latest draft agenda that the CC received prior to the meeting. However, the 3:40 p.m. version is the one around which the following discussion revolves. For that reason, it is reflected above, rather than the previous iteration that had been included in the 3rd draft agenda. The final, agreed upon language is found below, at Appendix C.

Exactly at 200 words minus Header/address etc.

- The 3 main things that Nassim changed since the previous draft were adding "voting green means" back and she edited language regarding "Immigrants" and "scapegoating."

- James asked if anyone saw Ann's message proposing language re: sexual oppression.

Carol was going to bring this up too - rather than using the redundant word, "gender," substitute "sex."

- Carol proposed changing the phrase:

"Ending oppression based on race, **gender**, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, economic status..."

to

"Ending oppression based on race, **sex**, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, economic status..."

- Nassim counters with the following proposal:

"Ending oppression based on race, **sex, gender**, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, economic status..."

Carol agrees.

- June recommends putting "Have" back in - Nassim agrees.

If there are too many words, Nassim could remove "primary" after "Overturning top two..."

If more word deletions are required, then, under “climate crisis,” Nassim could delete “going” “100% renewable” and “THROUGH” to read “100% renewable publicly owned.”

Eric proposed we also delegate the authority to Nassim to add or drop words if all of this is rejected and additional deletions are required.

Approved by consensus. (The final language, as reflected in email from Nassim at 8:31 p.m. on November 4th, is found at Appendix C.)

(07) Agenda item: Update on GA Tarik Kanaana for the Agenda Team (5 minutes)

Tarik reported good news in the past few days with a venue identified in Fresno for Dec. 7 & 8: Back Room. \$1000 cost.

There will be an Email announcement to the Inform list and all the email lists soon. There will be a Meeting on Wed. Night, that announcement was sent earlier today. Tarik is seeking Ideas for the GA - we have the budget and the strategic plan.

Sadie - there is a Video training that we were going to use at the last GA that is still available.

Question: What is the deadline for adding things to the agenda?

Tarik's answer: There is no date, but ASAP would be perfect.

(08) Agenda Item: Proposal: GPCA to endorse the California Schools and Local Communities Act (Repeal of prop 13) (10 minutes)

Sponsors: Nassim Nouri & Laura Wells

Background and Purpose:

- The current California Schools and Local Communities Act is a new attempt at repealing parts of the CA 1978 prop 13 under which currently state property taxes are assessed at 1 percent of the purchase price and increased annually by a maximum of 2 percent or the rate of inflation. This applied to both residential and commercial properties, and has resulted in the state losing billion in tax revenues for decades.

- The Act is a “split roll” proposal that would set taxes for commercial, industrial and vacant land properties based on their market value, but excludes businesses whose California property holdings are worth less \$2 million and companies with 50 or fewer full-time employees. Residential properties are unaffected by this Act.

Read more here: <https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article198755304.html#storylink=cpy>

- The Act will bring over \$12 billion per year for education (40%) and communities and local government services (60%). This revenue is estimated to come from only 8% of all commercial properties currently exempt.

- 1.2 million signatures on the petition are required by end of March 2020.

- The GPCA can play a strong statewide role in campaigning for these reforms, engage volunteers and Green activists, and encourage candidates to endorse and support this ballot proposition for 2020.

Implementation/requirements: If GPCA endorses the proposal, CC coco or designated representative will notify the Schools and Communities First campaign within 5 days and complete the endorsement form for GPCA to be added to the list of supporters.

- CH and Media will work to prepare a GPCA announcement to state contact list and county parties.

References: <https://schoolsandcommunitiesfirst.org/>

See the [Fact sheet](#) and an [FAQ](#) by Evolve.

[https://ballotpedia.org/California_Tax_on_Commercial_and_Industrial_Properties_for_Education_and_Local_Government_Funding_Initiative_\(2020\)](https://ballotpedia.org/California_Tax_on_Commercial_and_Industrial_Properties_for_Education_and_Local_Government_Funding_Initiative_(2020))

**California Schools and Local Communities Act - ballot petition statement
INITIATIVE MEASURE TO BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO THE VOTERS**

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following circulating title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

(19-0008 Amdt, #1) INCREASE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL, COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES BY CHANGING TAX ASSESSMENT OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY, INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. Increases funding for K-12 public schools, community colleges, and local governments by requiring that commercial and industrial real property be taxed based on current market value. Exempt from this change: residential properties; agricultural properties; and owners of commercial and industrial properties with combined value of \$3 million or less. Increased education funding will supplement existing school funding grantees. Exempts small businesses from personal property tax; for other businesses exempts \$500,000 worth of personal property. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Net increase in annual property tax revenues of \$7.5 billion to \$12 billion in most years, depending on the strength of real estate markets. After backfilling state income tax losses related to the measure and paying for county administrative costs, the remaining \$6.5 billion to \$11.5 billion would be allocated to schools (40 percent) and other local government (60 percent).

REFORM of Prop 13 approved in 1978 that started the corporate tax age blossoming

If you say nothing else when you explain it, explain it affects no property tax for any residential property even corporate owned residential. Not homeowners, not renters, not vacation homes, etc.

Aiming for Disney Land type facilities, that pays 1/8 of what a house a few blocks away pays - sweetening it for small businesses so big corps can hide behind small biz.

In our platform re: reforming Prop 13, this is very close.

Approved by consensus.

LATE ITEM (8A): Decision: Proposal: CC to approve the draft GPCA 2020-2021 Strategic Plan for submission to the December GA.

Sponsors: Greg Jan & Nassim Nouri

Background and Purpose:

- According to the GPCA Bylaws Section 11-2 Strategic Plan:

"The Coordinating Committee shall present a draft Two-Year Strategic Plan to the General Assembly for approval along with the annual budget, using input from a brainstorming session of the General Assembly and the Work Plans of the Committees and Working Groups. The Two-Year Strategic Plan shall include a two-year General Assembly schedule, including potential agenda items, based upon the requirements for General Assembly decisions in these bylaws and the projected agenda items in the Work Plans of the Committees and Working Groups. The two-year General Assembly schedule shall be revised annually, with scheduling remaining flexible and final agenda approval for each General Assembly up to each General Assembly."

- The draft plan outlined below is prepared by Greg Jan is spanning 2020-2021, and is to serve as a guideline for the CC for planning activities and track deadlines. There is a CC annual retreat included for late Jan 2021, according to previous years' practice.

Implementation & Requirements: Decision time requested 15 minutes

- CC to approve the draft plan to be submitted to the December GA.

- CC to appoint a committee member to track activities and deadlines outlined in the plan and bring those up for discussion and decisions on CC calls throughout the year.

References: - Bylaws Section 11-2 Strategic Plan - <http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/06-24-2019>

GPCA 2020-2021 Strategic Plan 2020

[January 6](#) - CC monthly teleconference

[January 31](#) - Deadline: Work Plans submitted from committees and working groups.

[February 3](#) - CC monthly teleconference

[March 2](#) - CC monthly teleconference

Spring - Deadline to release Draft General Assembly agenda; at least 42 days before General Assembly (GPCA Bylaws 7-5.1(a))

Spring - Determination of active Counties and calculating of delegates to the Spring General Assembly (GPCA Bylaws 5-2.2) at least 42 days before General Assembly (GPCA Bylaws 7-6.1(b)); and for the 2020-2021 Standing General Assembly

[April 6](#) - CC monthly teleconference

Spring - Spring General Assembly, w/ CC meeting the night before the GA. The GA is to also include Confirmation of new Assistant Treasurer(s), if any.

[May 4](#) - CC monthly teleconference

[May 4 - June 14](#) - Discussion period for Standing General Assembly voting, to include elections for the Coordinating Committee and the California Delegates to the GPUS, as well as other votes. ***Deadline for applications is April 27***

[June 1](#) - CC monthly teleconference

June - Coordinating Committee sends reminder via GPCA Inform list to counties reminding them to appoint delegates to the GPCA FY2020-2021 Standing General Assembly for one-year terms ([July 1 - June 30](#))

[June 10](#) - Semi-annual notice announcing vacancies and seeking applicants for GPCA Standing Committees

[June 15 - 21](#) - Voting period for Standing General Assembly (Elections for the Coordinating Committee and the California Delegates to the GPUS, as well as other votes)

[June 30](#) - Delegates to the GPCA FY2020-2021 Standing General Assembly shall be appointed by active County Organizations and shall serve for one year terms ([July 1 - June 30](#)), with no term limits

[July 1](#) - Standing General Assembly Delegate terms begin and run [through June 30, 2021](#)

[July 6](#) - CC monthly teleconference

Summer - GPUS Presidential Nominating Convention (and Annual National Meeting)

[August 3](#) - CC monthly teleconference

September 14 CC monthly teleconference

October 5 - CC monthly teleconference

Fall - Deadline to release Draft FY2021 Budget; at least 42 days before General Assembly (GPCA Bylaws 7-5.1(a))

November/December - Winter GA w/ CC meeting the night before the GA. The GA is to include Approval of the Annual Budget and Annual Strategic Plan (GPCA Bylaws Section 11-2 Strategic Plan); Annual Treasurer's Report (GPCA Fiscal Policy Sections 5-2 and 10-1); and Confirmation of any new Assistant Treasurer(s), if any

[November 9](#) - CC monthly teleconference

[November 11](#) - Semi-annual notice seeking applicants for GPCA Standing Committees

[December 7](#) - CC monthly teleconference

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[January 4](#) - CC monthly teleconference

[January 23-24](#) - CC annual retreat

[January 31](#) - Deadline: Work plans submitted from committees and working groups

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[April 26](#) - Deadline for applications for candidates for the Coordinating Committee and the Green Party of the United States (GPUS) Delegation

[May 3 - June 13](#) - Discussion period for Standing General Assembly voting, to include elections for the Coordinating Committee and the California Delegates to the GPUS, as well as other votes

[May 3](#) - CC monthly teleconference

May - Coordinating Committee sends reminder via GPCA Inform list to counties reminding them to appoint delegates to the GPCA FY2021-2022 Standing General Assembly for one-year terms ([July 1 - June 30](#))

May/June - Spring General Assembly -- Including Confirmation of the Treasurer and the Liaison to Secretary of State, and Confirmation (or Re-confirmation) of Assistant Treasurer(s), if any

[June 7](#) - CC monthly teleconference

[June 14 - 20](#) - Voting period for Standing General Assembly (for more detail, see "Discussion period" above)

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[July 1](#) - Standing General Assembly Delegate Terms begin and run [through June 30, 2022](#)

[July 12](#) - CC monthly teleconference

Summer - GPUS Annual National Meeting

[August 2](#) - CC monthly teleconference

September 6 - CC monthly teleconference

October 4 - CC monthly teleconference

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November 1 - CC monthly teleconference

[November 10](#) - Semi-annual notice seeking applicants for GPCA Standing Committees

[December 6](#) - CC monthly teleconference

2022

February - Submit Green Party Statement to SOS for CA Voter Guide

Discussion: Mimi points out that the County Council Elections will be held on March 3, 2020, during the Presidential Primary Election and requests that we switch the March CC monthly teleconference to March 9, 2020. Others can make additional comments during the GA.

Nassim asks for additional suggestions she can track but she will not be at the GA and needs a person to shepherd it thru 2020 and CC Process.

1. A CC member who will shepherd and track this - Tarik volunteers! 🙏📧😊
2. Some one who can shepherd the strategic plan thru the GA process - Laura volunteers & she asks June to assist & June agrees!! ❤️📧❤️

Approved by consensus, with the change to March 9, 2020 CC meeting incorporated.

MOVED MIMI's LATE ITEM 10 to 8B: Subject: Decision Item: Authorize Jared Laiti to forward SOS Communications to Green Presidential candidates (5 minutes)

Sponsors: Mimi Newton, Marin County

Background and Purpose: There is a new process for primary ballot access for presidential candidates about which the CA SOS recently wrote to Jared Laiti. Jared has asked the CC if we would like him to forward this information to the candidates GPCA has recommended for placement on the ballot, with a copy of the recommendation letter that he sent to the SOS.

Proposal: That the CC authorize Jared Laiti to forward SOS Communications to Green Presidential candidates as appropriate based on the direction of the CC Co-Co(s) and Alternate Co-Co(s) in advance of the March 2020 Presidential Primary Election in California.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: As soon as possible and as additional information is forthcoming.

References: Email Message from Jared Laiti to the CC dated Nov. 4:

CC,

See below and attached info re the new process for primary ballot access for presidential candidates. Would GPCA like me to forward this to the candidates GPCA has recommended for placement on the ballot, with a copy of the recommendation letter I sent to the SOS? Actually, it looks like they may need a letter "requesting," not just "recommending" placement on the ballot, unless they meet one of the other methods..

Thanks,

Jared

SOS Liaison

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

From: Elections Div Candidate Filings <candidate-filings@sos.ca.gov>

Date: Mon, Nov 4, 2019 at 3:34 PM

Subject: [March 3, 2020](#), Presidential Primary Election: Generally Advocated for or Recognized Presidential Candidates

To: liaison@cagreens.org <liaison@cagreens.org>, Jared Laiti

Cc: Elections Div Candidate Filings <candidate-filings@sos.ca.gov>

Dear Mr. Laiti,

Please see the attached letter regarding Generally Advocated for or Recognized Presidential Candidates for the upcoming [March 3, 2020](#), Presidential Primary Election. Please expect the original letter to arrive via mail.

Thank you,
Kirsten

Kirsten Larsen
Program Manager, Candidate Filing and Election Night Reporting
California Secretary of State (Elections Division)
[1500 11th Street, 5th Floor](#)
[Sacramento, CA 95814](#)

Approved by consensus.

MOVED Item 5C to 8C: Subject: County Council Elections (5 minutes)

Co-sponsors: June Brashares & Mimi Newton

Background: GROW along with other GPCA entities and many CA Greens have been working hard to encourage CA Greens to be County Council candidates for the upcoming March Primary Election. There is an important goal to have enough candidates in each county (or Senatorial district in the case of Los Angeles) to be able to achieve on ballot elections. Right now is the time period when County Council candidates can gather signatures to be official candidates. The deadline by which candidates must submit the required signatures and documents is rapidly approaching; the deadline it is [Dec 6th](#).

Proposal: Share information on the status of the County Council campaigns for the various counties and determine how the CC can help inform/encourage/remind Counties about the process, and support the efforts to increase the number of County Council candidates and utilize on ballot County Council elections in as many Counties as possible.

Timeline: Must happen **now** and be complete by the [Dec 6th](#) deadline.
Discussed.

(09) Decision Item: To Not Respond To Or Participate In Any Way With FBI On Its Requests To GPCA (15 minutes)

Sponsor: Eric Brooks

Proposal: That the Coordinating Committee and its individual members will in no way voluntarily interact with the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation, or any other federal law enforcement agency – and that any interaction with such agencies will only be done in response to a legal warrant or order, and the CC will communicate this decision immediately to Secretary of State Liaison Jared Laiti, Laura Wells, Treasurer Rusal Cayangyang, and any other GPCA representatives (who received the recent communication from the FBI regarding its investigations of elections).

DECISION ITEM TEXT

Because the GPCA Coordination Committee finds that:

- 1) Law enforcement official are legally permitted to lie to those with whom they interact, and it can be extremely dangerous both physically and legally, to interact with law enforcement agents voluntarily without a legal order, and without the formal presence of legal counsel.
- 2) The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has a long and well known history of purposely, both overtly and covertly, of acting to undermine left political organizations like the GPCA, often through infiltration, entrapment, and/or violence.
- 3) The FBI recently sent the GPCA a communication asking that the GPCA voluntarily participate in investigations of California's electoral system, and the prospect of the FBI involving itself in our

electoral process is both legally inappropriate, and present an alarming potential danger to free and fair elections in California, and the unhindered, free participation of the GPCA in those elections.

ACTION: Therefore, the GPCA Coordinating Committee and its individual members shall not respond in any way to the recent communication from the FB, or any future such communication from the FBI or any other federal law enforcement agency which requests voluntary interaction, and shall only interact with such agencies in response to a legal warrant or order, and with formal legal counsel being present for the GPCA, in order to vet and provide guidance for any communication with any such agency or agencies. The Coordinating Committee may, at its discretion, by a 60% vote, waive this policy in individual circumstances that it deems warrant an exception to this policy.

SPONSOR Eric Brooks, San Francisco County

BACKGROUND

GPCA Platform policy on the FBI and other intelligence agencies:

<https://www.cagreens.org/platform/intelligence-agencies>

Jacobin article on the history of FBI interference with the left:

<https://www.jacobinmag.com/2016/08/fbi-cointelpro-new-left-panthers-muslim-surveillance>

UK Guardian article on FBI and other agencies infiltration, repression and undermining of the Occupy Movement:

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2012/dec/29/fbi-coordinated-crackdown-occupy>

IMPLEMENTATION

Upon passage of this decision:

- The GPCA CC Co-Coordinator will notify this decision to Jared Laiti, Laura Wells, Treasurer Rusal Cayangyang, and any other GPCA representative who received the FBI communications noted below, as soon as possible, and in no less than three days.

REFERENCES

Two communications from FBI representative Elvis Chan in order of the most recent received first:

----- Forwarded message 2 (referenced report attached as PDF) -----

From: **Chan, Elvis M. (SF) (FBI)**

Date: Mon, Oct 21, 2019 at 1:09 PM

Subject: FBI Liaison Information Report

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

Cc: treasurer@cagreens.org <treasurer@cagreens.org>

Lauren/Jared,

The FBI has just produced a Liaison Information Report titled "U.S. Politicians Targeted by Pranksters with the Intent to Embarrass or Discredit Election Campaigns." I've attached it for your reference. I left a voice message on your main number, but am still endeavoring to provide a defensive cyber briefing to the appropriate personnel at the California Green Party. Please reach out if you're interested. Thanks!

Regards,

Elvis

Elvis M. Chan

Supervisory Special Agent

Squad CY-1, National Security Cyber

FBI San Francisco

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----- Forwarded message 1-----

From: **Chan, Elvis M. (SF) (FBI)**

Date: Wed, Oct 9, 2019 at 1:17 PM

Subject: Introduction to FBI San Francisco

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

Greetings Lauren and Jared,
As part of the FBI's mandate to protect the 2020 elections, we've been asked to establish channels of communication with major political campaigns and parties. I'm running point for FBI San Francisco regarding election protection from a cyber perspective. If you are interested, I can come to your office to provide you a defensive cyber briefing as part of our Protected Voices Initiative. You can feel free to respond to this email, call my direct numbers, or call the FBI San Francisco main line and request to be transferred to Elvis Chan. Thanks for your consideration.

Regards,
Elvis

Elvis M. Chan
Supervisory Special Agent
Squad CY-1, National Security
FBI San Francisco

Eric Brooks
[SE, CA](#)

Eric discusses Moving this Item to an online vote.
Nassim's proposed amendment - Mimi will instruct Jared and others not to respond to this request.
As amended, approved by consensus.

Audra QUICK ANNOUNCEMENT - Calif. Coastal Commission report recommended de-sal denial!

Adjourned 9:32.

(10) Decision Item: Bylaws Interpretation Allowing Greens a 2 Month, Temporary Inactive, GPCA Membership Status, To Vote In Other Party Primaries (10 minutes)
Sponsor: Eric Brooks, Details to follow

WITHDRAWN BY ERIC
[MIMI's LATE ITEM 10 was moved up to Item 8B.]

APPENDICES:

APPENDIX A

Clearinghouse Committee & GROW joint Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, Oct. 8th, 2019 7:30 - 9 pm

1- Roll Call CH members/Cocos: Mica Daniel, Nassim Nouri

CH Present: Mica Daniel, Nassim Nouri

GROW present: Laura Wells, Christine Pepin, Richard Gomez, Audra Walton, Brian Good

2- Roles: Facilitator: Laura Notes: Nassim Timekeeper: Mica

3- Update on CH t-shirt order and online shop. (CH, 10 min)

The shirts and the online store are ready to launch, Nassim asked for input on a pricing strategy. Previously we charged \$25 for t-shirts at GAs and shipped but did not charge people for shipping (which Mica has been personally paying). CH has been stretched thin with only 2 members and we've been asked to establish an online store so Greens can order t-shirts at times other than GA. With the union shop printers setting up our online store, the shipping charge is \$10 (due to union labor) so the total price to customers would be \$35.

Everyone agreed that \$35 (\$25+\$10) is too high a price and will affect our sales, so all agreed to drop the t-shirt price to \$20 so GPCA would lose \$5/tshirt in profit but we'll share the shipping costs with the customers.

4- CH prep for GA (CH, 10 min)

CH will bring card, trifolds, some SCC tabling kits and buttons to the Fresno GA, t-shirts however will be available through the online shop only. Mica will bring the few oversized ones we have left from the last order.

5- GA prep in Fresno (Richard, 10 min) Planning for [Dec 7-8](#), still trying to finalize venue. Richard is looking for sponsorship from one of the local clubs so the venue would be cheaper. He is also working on paperwork for the expenses and budget.

Laura suggested Richard keep Tarik updated on the GA planning.

Richard has been thinking about speakers and plans to connect with the presidential candidates to join at the GA.

6- County Council filings (all, 10 min)

- Laura reported AC still looking for more people to run, Greg is coordinating to have 12 candidates.
- Richard reported FC, he has filed but other current council may not run, so Richard is looking for more.

- Mica reported for SJC, there are 2 current council, have had a couple of events to get Greens out but had a hard time to get them to show. They had done phone banking and will do canvassing next.

- Christine reported SCC has 8 candidates for a contested election, a group of 4 got on one petition. RoV was originally applying the 12-month rule of being Green to candidates so 2 candidates did not qualify, Jared wrote a letter to RoV communicate the 9/9 CC decision on changing that rule to 3 months. SCC Greens are awaiting the RoV decision.

- Audra reported for MC, recently got registered voters list, have 441 people with emails, to sign GPMC letter to CA Coastal Commission and also to come out to their winter fest and to sign petitions and vote.

7- Confirm next second Tuesday call, [Nov. 12th](#). Confirmed

APPENDIX B

October - November Finance & Budget Committee Meeting

Saturday, November 2nd, 2019, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Present:

Victoria Ashley – Finance Co-co, Budget, CC Liaison

Ruscal Cayangyang – Treasurer

Maxine (Mica) Daniel – Co-co

Frank Lambert – Finance

Mimi Newton – CC Co-co, Bylaws Co-co, Budget

Nassim Nouri – CC member

1. Agenda Review *Approved by consensus*

2. Review of Last Month's Minutes *Approved by consensus*

3. Updates / Treasurer Report

Balances (11/1/19)

Travis Credit Union state acct: \$10,001.40

Travis Credit Union federal acct: \$1,600.00

Main PayPal: \$48.08

Barnett PayPal: \$32.07

October 2019 Expenses:

\$150 Treasurer expenses

\$90.00 Liquid Web Wired Tree

\$10.45 Call Centric

4. Next General Assembly - Budget

The draft 2020 GPCA Budget was discussed. Mimi will put together a late CC agenda item for the Budget Committee members to be approved. Frank offered to host the GA in Monterey if it cannot work out elsewhere. Ruscal explained the rationale for the Budget and made changes as discussed. Victoria took minutes and will send out the Budget requests to committee Co-cos.

5. Next Meeting: [Thursday, Nov 21st, 2019](#)

APPENDIX C

[Political Party Statements of Purpose](#)

Vote Green for viable solutions to our greatest challenges from inequality to climate change. Greens' actions match our values because we refuse contributions from corporations.

Since 2010, Green candidates have run on the real Green New Deal. Over 350 California Greens have served in elected office since 1990.

Green's early vision and leadership has led to successes including cannabis legalization, closing California's last nuclear power plant, and enabling public banking.

Voting Green means:

ECONOMIC FAIRNESS

- Living wages, green jobs, workers' rights
- Universal healthcare, free higher education, affordable housing, food security for all
- Reforming Proposition 13 to close corporate loopholes, restore schools and public services
- Taxing the super-rich

ACTION ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS

- Going 100% renewable through publicly-owned, clean energy and efficiency programs
- Switching from fossil fuels to clean electric-powered public transportation
- Restoring groundwater and watersheds
- Reforestation, restorative agriculture

HUMAN RIGHTS

- Ending oppression based on race, sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, economic status
- Protecting immigrants with sanctuary and pathways to and citizenship
- Black Lives Matter, police accountability
- Gun control/safety
- Abolishing the death penalty, ending private prisons, reducing prison populations

ELECTORAL REFORM

- Publicly-financed elections to eliminate corporate money
- Proportional representation, ranked choice voting
- Overturning Top Two primary

Register and vote Green.

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