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Coordinating Committee minutes, June 4th, 2018

DRAFT COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting held June 4, 2018, 7:30PM to 9:30PM

(01) Roll call (2 min)

There are currently 23 committee members. This means quorum is a simple majority of 12.

Victoria Ashley, Alternate Co-Coordinator

Doug Barnett

Marla Bernstein

June Brashares

Eric Brooks

Susan Chunco

Deatra Cohen

Maxine Daniel, Co-Coordinator

Angelica Duenas

Sanda Everette

Mike Feinstein

Sadie Fulton

Josh Jones

Bert Heuer, Co-Coordinator

Tarik Kanaana

Eric Luna

Ann Menasche

Mike Murphy

Mimi Newton

Ajay Rai

Erik Rydberg

Laura Wells

Stephen Zollman, Alternate Co-Coordinator

Present (16): Victoria Ashley, Doug Barnett, Marla Bernstein, June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Susan Chunco, Deatra Cohen, Maxine Daniel, Sanda Everette, Mike Feinstein, Tarik Kanaana, Ann Menasche, Mimi Newton, Ajay Rai, Laura Wells, Stephen Zollman

Absent (7): Angelica Duenas, Sadie Fulton (but joined the call later), Josh Jones (but joined the call later), Bert Heuer, Eric Luna, Mike Murphy (but joined the call later), Erik Rydberg (but joined the call later).

7:38 pm quorum

Absent during roll call, but joining later (4): Sadie Fulton (joined the call at 7:40 pm), Josh Jones (joined the call at 7:40 pm), Mike Murphy (joined the call at 7:45 pm), Erik Rydberg (joined the call at 8:22 pm).

(02) Roles (2 min)

Facilitator: Mica Daniel
Minutes taker: Mimi Newton
Time keeper: Eric Brooks
Vibes Watcher: Stephen Zollman

(03) Approval of agenda (2 min)

Sponsor: Mica Daniel

Proposal: Approve the agenda (draft 2 from Stephen on 6/3/18 at ~ 7:31 pm.)

Tarik - the Online vote for approving the San Joaquin GA Agenda failed for lack of quorum; would like to add it as an item.

Mimi - requests we move items 8, 9 & 10 to the Consent Calendar

(Josh & Sadie joined the call at 7:40 pm.)

Approval of the Agenda as sent by Stephen Zollman (draft 2):

There are no concerns.

Approved by consensus.

Adding Tarik's late item re: the GA Agenda approval as new item 10B:

There are no concerns.

Approved by consensus

Moving items 8, 9 and 10 to the consent calendar:

There are no concerns.

Approved by consensus

(Mike Murphy joined the call at 7:45 pm.)

(04) Decision: Approval of prior month's Minutes (2 min)

Sponsor: Mica Daniel

Proposal: Approve the minutes for the May 7, 2018 meeting as recorded by Mimi Newton

Reference: See email from Mimi Newton on 5/13/18 at ~ 5:30 pm .

Mike - stands aside with concerns about Ann not being a CC member. He indicates that he will send his recitation of these concerns to the CC for inclusion in the Minutes. [The note taker has not seen any email from Mike on this subject since the CC meeting, but is including the following, which she recycled from an email from August 2017 and which Mike is free to modify before these minutes are approved: "Ann Menasche was not elected to the GPCA Coordinating Committee because write-in voting is not provided for in GPCA bylaws, nor has it ever been used nor counted in the GPCA's history for at-large Coordinating Committee seats http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/2016-07-03#Section_8-4_Elections; and because advocates for seating Ann Menasche failed to propose a bylaws interpretation under Article 13 of GPCA Bylaws that would have allowed this, which is the only procedure under party rules for which such write-in votes could be allowed http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/2016-07-03#Article_13-3_Bylaws_Interpreta...."]

No other concerns.

Approved by consensus.

(05) Announcement: Consent Calendar (2 min)

Sponsor: Co-Coordinator, Mica Daniel

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 for inclusion into the meeting minutes

The following Committee/Working Group reports were submitted and will be included into the meeting minutes:

GROW (Appendix A)

Bylaws (Appendix B)

CCWG* (Appendix C)

* June submitted the CCWG report on 5/30/18 at 1:34 am. It did not appear on the Consent Calendar when it was approved by the CC during this meeting, but the NoteTaker has included it here and in Appendix C, for information and the sake of accuracy only.

The following committees did not send reports:

Campaign Funding Support

ERWG

Fundraising

IT

Media

Platform

State Meeting Planning

Agenda Items 8, 9, 10.

Clarifying questions - Answered by Mica.

Approved by consensus.

(06) Subject Decision Item: Invitation to non-greens to attend the San Joaquin General Assembly on June 9th and 10th. (requested time: 5 min)

Sponsor: Tarik Kanaana (on behalf of the GA Planning Committee)

Background and purpose: According to Article XI of the CC Internal procedures, non-party individuals can attend a GA only if invited by the CC to do so. The GAP is in contact with more than one individual to present along with members of GPCA and San Joaquin GP on the high explosives testing facility in SJC. Because this needs to be done on a short time schedule, we ask that the CC delegate this authority to the GA Planning Committee for this GA meeting only.

Proposal: The Coordinating Committee delegates its authority to invite non-GPCA members to attend the San Joaquin General Assembly taking place June 9th and 10th, 2018.

Question about day and time - Answer from Tarik - the Planning Committee wants flexibility in case Saturday morning's schedule changes.

No other questions or concerns.

Approved by consensus.

(07) Decision: Current call for candidates and Delegation elections (10 mins)

Sponsor: Tarik Kanaana

Background and Purpose: The call for GPCA GPUS Delegate and Alternate Delegate candidate's in March 2018 deviated from previous delegation election announcements insofar as it explicitly advised applicants that they could apply for a Delegate position, an Alternate Delegate position or both. Other delegate election announcements have specifically advised applicants that they can only apply for one or the other, but not both. This deviation from previous practice has raised questions about the election and how it is tallied that deserve clarification by the CC.

Proposal: The Coordinating Committee shall affirm the following process for tallying the upcoming GPCA GPUS Delegate and Alternate Delegate Election Votes in order to assure the election of as many delegates and alternate delegates as possible under during this upcoming election. To that end, the regular Delegate Election (as distinguished from the Alternate Delegate Election) will have its votes tallied first and the winners of that election identified. If any of the winners of the (regular) Delegate Election also submitted applications to be considered in the Alternate Delegate Election, those individuals — and any votes cast for those individuals — shall be disregarded in the tallying of the

Alternate Delegate Election, which will occur after the (regular) Delegate Election winners have been identified. Thus, the top vote getters of the Alternate Delegate Election will be limited to those applicants who are not elected as regular Delegates.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: The SGA Vote Administrators shall be advised of this decision and shall ensure that this process is implemented. The SGA Vote Administrators are also requested to provide this information in full or in a summarized form to the SGA as well as the candidates that have submitted applications for either position.

References:

Mike - has outstanding concerns for which he is not willing to stand aside so the item will go to a vote.

YES (14): Victoria Ashley, Doug Barnett, Marla Bernstein, June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Susan Chunco, Maxine Daniel, Sanda Everette, Tarik Kanaana, Ann Menasche, Mike Murphy, Mimi Newton, Laura Wells, and Stephen Zollman.

NO (2): Mike Feinstein, and Ajay Rai.

ABSTAIN (1): Deatra Cohen

NOT PRESENT (6): Angelica Duenas, Sadie Fulton, Josh Jones, Bert Heuer, Eric Luna, Erik Rydberg

People who did not vote included Sadie & Josh, who have fallen off the line as of this vote.

14 yes votes & 2 no votes.

Item passes with approval of 87% of those voting. (Threshold was 60% of all yes and no votes cast.)

THIS ITEM WAS MOVED TO THE CONSENT CALENDAR AT THE TIME THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AND WAS THEREAFTER APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

(o8) Decision Item: That the Green Party of California endorse the Driscoll Boycott and the union of Alianza.

SPONSOR: Josh Jones, Sadie Fulton

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:

RESOLUTION: Driscoll Boycott of San Quintin Farmworkers' Union - Alliance of National Organizations, State Organizations and Local Organizations for Social Justice in the Baja California Valley of San Quintin (Alianza)

WHEREAS, 80,000 indigenous farmworkers from Oaxaca, Geuerro, Chiapas, Tabasco, and Vera Cruz, Mexico pick berries for Andrew & Williamson, BerryMex, and numerous growers in the San Quintin valley of Baja California while Driscoll corporation buys, packs, and distributes these berries in the U.S., and since March 2015 San Quintin farmworkers conducted strikes and mass mobilizations demanding an increase in wages from 100 to 300 pesos per day [raise from \$7.50 to \$15 per day], an 8-hour workday, overtime, healthcare, vacation, an end to sexual abuse of workers, and legal recognition of their independent union (Alianza) as representative of Alianza farmworkers who pick fruit primarily for export to the U.S. under Driscoll label through Mexican subsidiary BerryMex, while these very growers refuse to negotiate fair labor contract, therefore Alianza resorted to call for a U.S. national consumer boycott; and

WHEREAS, the San Quintin farmworkers live in rat-infested makeshift camps in make-do shelters of cardboard boxes, plastic tarps, and sticks, with no functioning toilets or proper water resources, while farmworker wages are illegally withheld, and they are gouged by overpricing at company stores, and are subjected to inadequate piece-work rates, and retaliation for their efforts to improve living and working conditions; and

WHEREAS, in California, State Board of Food and Agriculture protect the health and welfare of California citizens, while in San Quintin farmworkers have no such protection from exposure to the spraying of dangerous carcinogenic pesticides on the berries that result in diseases such as cancer, kidney failure, skin rashes, and respiratory problems;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that 80,000 San Quintin farmworkers seeking the boycott of Driscoll berries to force the Driscoll corporation to negotiate for better wages, working conditions, living conditions, and recognition of their union (Alianza) as their bargaining representative for farmworkers, and rehire farmworkers who had been fired for going on strike, and calling for the consumer boycott; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Green Party supports the San Quintin farmworkers' demand of a union contract and recognizes Alianza as a union, and therefore the Green Party of California supports the boycott of Driscoll berries.

PROPOSAL: That the Green Party of California endorse the Driscoll Boycott and the union of Alianza.

SPONSORS: Josh Jones, Sadie Fulton, Yolo County

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:

RESOLUTION: Driscoll Boycott of San Quintin Farmworkers' Union - Alliance of National Organizations, State Organizations and Local Organizations for Social Justice in the Baja California Valley of San Quintin (Alianza)

WHEREAS, 80,000 indigenous farmworkers from Oaxaca, Geuerro, Chiapas, Tabasco, and Vera Cruz, Mexico pick berries for Andrew & Williamson, BerryMex, and numerous growers in the San Quintin valley of Baja California while Driscoll corporation buys, packs, and distributes these berries in the U.S., and since March 2015 San Quintin farmworkers conducted strikes and mass mobilizations demanding an increase in wages from 100 to 300 pesos per day [raise from \$7.50 to \$15 per day], an 8-hour workday, overtime, healthcare, vacation, an end to sexual abuse of workers, and legal recognition of their independent union (Alianza) as representative of Alianza farmworkers who pick fruit primarily for export to the U.S. under Driscoll label through Mexican subsidiary BerryMex, while these very growers refuse to negotiate fair labor contract, therefore Alianza resorted to call for a U.S. national consumer boycott; and

WHEREAS, the San Quintin farmworkers live in rat-infested makeshift camps in make-do shelters of cardboard boxes, plastic tarps, and sticks, with no functioning toilets or proper water resources, while farmworker wages are illegally withheld, and they are gouged by overpricing at company stores, and are subjected to inadequate piece-work rates, and retaliation for their efforts to improve living and working conditions; and

WHEREAS, in California, State Board of Food and Agriculture protect the health and welfare of California citizens, while in San Quintin farmworkers have no such protection from exposure to the spraying of dangerous carcinogenic pesticides on the berries that result in diseases such as cancer, kidney failure, skin rashes, and respiratory problems;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that 80,000 San Quintin farmworkers seeking the boycott of Driscoll berries to force the Driscoll corporation to negotiate for better wages, working conditions, living conditions, and recognition of their union (Alianza) as their bargaining representative for farmworkers, and rehire farmworkers who had been fired for going on strike, and calling for the consumer boycott; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the California Green Party supports the San Quintin farmworkers' demand of a union contract and recognizes Alianza as a union, and therefore the Green Party of California supports the boycott of Driscoll berries.

THIS ITEM WAS MOVED TO THE CONSENT CALENDAR AT THE TIME THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AND WAS THEREAFTER APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

(9) Decision Item: That the Green Party of California endorse the closure of all uranium mines and uranium fracking.

SPONSOR: Josh Jones, Sadie Fulton

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:

RESOLUTION: The Closure of All Uranium Mines and Uranium Fracking

WHEREAS, the Green Party of California recognizes the sovereignty of indigenous nations and supports the federal laws regarding treaty rights, and is working to establish a relationship with indigenous governments, and the Green Party of California values the environment as part of a historical, cultural, and economic value to all people and future generations, including National Parks, Wilderness and Conservation areas, Sacred Places, bodies of water, and watersheds; and

WHEREAS, uranium production has occurred throughout the western United States, including the state of California, prior to the existence of laws or regulations requiring clean-up of mines and mine wastes leaving thousands of abandoned uranium mines, which remain unreclaimed today, continue to contaminate land, air, and water with heavy metals, elevated levels of radioactivity, and past and current uranium mining, transport, and processing disproportionately occur on indigenous lands damaging the environment, water resources, and integrity of Sacred Sites; and

WHEREAS, uranium mines and fracking create undue risk of exposure of elevated levels of radioactivity and radioactive isotopes to regional populations, which leads to serious health effects, often passed on genetically to future generations, including but not limited to various cancers, kidney disease, auto-immune disease, and birth defects, and unreclaimed abandoned uranium mines and mills transmit uranium off site or into groundwater via wind, water cycle contaminating sources of fresh water, such as watersheds, such as surface drinking water, such as underground aquifers, and there is current and ongoing uranium mining, underground uranium placer deposit fracking, uranium processing, and proposals for new extraction within California and the Colorado Plateau that will exacerbate existing radioactive waste and

tailings, contamination, and negative health impacts, including uranium mining near the Grand Canyon, and there is no federal or state law enforcing clean up of all abandoned uranium mines, and no designated safe place to put mine waste, creating thousands of radioactive waste sites across the United States;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Green Party of California calls upon the California Legislature, California Governor, and U.S. Congress to create enforceable laws, adequate funding to clean up abandoned uranium mines, lands and bodies of waters contaminated by abandoned uranium mines and fracking, protect the environment and public health from new uranium mining and fracking, by enforcing stricter clean-up regulations limiting amount of uranium mines and production for either weapons or electrical power generation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Green Party of California supports this resolution and will take appropriate measures to circulate it to supporters and media.

PROPOSAL: That the Green Party of California endorse the closure of all uranium mines and uranium fracking.

THIS ITEM WAS MOVED TO THE CONSENT CALENDAR AT THE TIME THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED AND WAS THEREAFTER APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

(10) Decision Item: That the CC motion to support oil severance tax resolution to fund public schools

SPONSOR: Josh Jones, Sadie Fulton

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:

RESOLUTION: California Oil Severance Tax

WHEREAS, the State of California faces major attacks on the rights of its citizens for healthcare, education, and public services, while the federal government is moving to eviscerate and eliminate healthcare benefits under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), federal funding for education, social services, and public worker pensions while at present the Trump cabinet has passed legislation to create major tax cuts for billionaires and millionaires nationally that includes the 1% in California, and as a result the State of California must pass legislation to protect its citizens by immediately passing an Oil Severance Tax; and

WHEREAS, the State of California loses close to \$3 billion annually because of the oil tax loophole, and is the only major oil producing state that has no tax on oil extracted onshore or offshore, while the State of Alaska’s oil extraction tax raises 25% for its citizens, and the state of Texas uses an extraction tax that produces \$2 billion for education annually with education cheaper in Texas than in California; and

WHEREAS, the State of California could place a 15% tax on crude oil and natural gas raising \$3.5 billion annually for education by passing an Oil Severance Tax to fully fund public education, four year public colleges, community colleges, and trade schools, and California has over 130 billionaires and we must make the 1% pay for this medical and educational crisis, as California is falling behind in providing free/affordable education, while California is 43rd in “per pupil” spending K-12, out of 50 states, has cut \$20 billion from education in recent years, we must take legislative action to defend the people of California, we cannot wait for ballot initiatives to save citizens’ lives in California; and

WHEREAS, the State of California must move the people of California off of fossil fuels and onto sustainable energy by 2030 to avoid climate catastrophe, and the State of California must build physical infrastructure to enable electric cars and trucks charging stations, and the State of California must build integrated distributed energy generation power plants of all kinds to reach the goals of being off of fossil fuels by 2030, and many more power plants such as solar electric megawatt large arrays, wind turbines, geothermal plants, wave and tidal power generators, and an Oil Severance Tax will encourage the State of California regarding conversion of energy infrastructure from 20th century fossil fuels to 21st energy infrastructure;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Green Party of California carries this motion in full force to pass an Oil Severance Tax to fully fund, free for all, including immigrants, public education, four year public colleges, community colleges, and trade schools, and to move California from fossil fuels and onto sustainable energy by 2030 to avoid climate catastrophe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Green Party of California supports this resolution and will take appropriate measures to circulate it to supporters and media.

PROPOSAL: That the Green Party of California endorse an California Oil Severance Tax.

THIS ITEM WAS ADDED TO THE AGENDA AS A LATE ITEM AT THE TIME THE AGENDA WAS APPROVED.
10B - GA Agenda -

The online version of Tarik's item failed for lack of quorum.

See his Email entitled online vote GA agenda, dated 5/27/18 at 9:28 am, also found at Appendix D, below.

Questions and answers about budget, timing of agenda, what happens if CC doesn't approve it tonight, etc. (Answers from Tarik.).

Further Discussion

Mike has an outstanding concern for which he is not willing to stand aside: This is the 3rd straight GA where the Agenda hasn't been out with enough time for Counties to review it, which is unacceptable.

Item will go to a vote:

Yes (12): Victoria Ashley, June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Susan Chunco, Deatra Cohen, Maxine Daniel, Tarik Kanaana, Ann Menasche, Mike Murphy, Mimi Newton, Laura Wells, and Stephen Zollman.

No (4): Doug Barnett, Marla Bernstein, Mike Feinstein, and Ajay Rai.

Abstain (1): Sanda Everette.

Not present (6): Angelica Duenas, Sadie Fulton, Josh Jones, Bert Heuer, Eric Luna, Erik Rydberg*

* Erik joined the call for the vote (and voted "yes") but, his vote was not counted because he came into the call at 8:22 pm, after the discussion of the Item was over.

12 yes votes, 4 no votes, and 1 abstention.

(People who did not vote included Sadie & Josh, who remain off the line as of 8:22 pm.)

Item passes with approval of 75% of those voting. (Threshold was 60% of all yes and no votes cast.)

(11) Subject: Decision: Delegation election announcements

10 mins

Sponsor: Tarik Kanaana, Sonoma County

Background and Purpose: The call for GPCA GPUS Delegate and Alternate Delegate candidate's in March 2018 deviated from previous delegation election announcements insofar as it explicitly advised applicants that they could apply for a Delegate position, an Alternate Delegate position or both. Other delegate election announcements have specifically advised applicants that they can only apply for one or the other, but not both. This deviation from previous practice has raised questions about the election and how it is tallied that deserve clarification by the CC.

Proposal: All future announcement of vacancy or call for candidates for Delegation elections shall be consistent with procedures established in the document titled "How to apply to serve on the Green National Committee" found at <http://www.cagreens.org/delegation/how-apply>. This is to stay in effect until a procedure is established by the Delegation in cooperation with the Coordinating Committee with a deadline of December 31st, 2018. If this matter is not resolved by that date, it will be revisited in the January 2019 Coordinating Committee meeting.

Implementation: Immediately

References:

I. Grassroots Democracy (1st of the GPUS Ten Key Values)

All human beings must be allowed a say in decisions that affect their lives; no one should be subject to the will of another. We work to improve public participation in every aspect of government and seek to ensure that our public representatives are fully accountable to the people who elect them. We also work to create new types of political organizations that expand the process of participatory democracy by directly including citizens in decision-making.

II. "How to apply to serve on the Green National Committee" found at <http://www.cagreens.org/delegation/how-apply>:

Delegates and alternates from the Green Party of California (GPCA) to the Green National Committee (of the Green Party of the United States) are elected every year in June elections, by the GPCA's Standing General Assembly.

* Eligibility is open to all Green Party members in California. Experience at the national, state, county or local party level is desired. Please

review and reference the bylaws establishing the delegation and the delegate duties and guidelines. Here are previous candidate statements.

* To submit a candidate application, send email no later than the last Monday of April to applications at cagreens.org. The subject header should be either "Application for GPUS Delegate" or "Application for GPUS Alternate.", depending upon for which you apply. You can not apply for both at the same time.

* Candidates must submit an application to the Coordinating Committee by the last Monday of April to be eligible.

* Applications must include a biography and what they wish to accomplish on the Coordinating Committee, as well as the applicant's city and county. Biographies have traditionally included prior Green Party and other related work, as well as other qualifications as the applicant sees relevant.

Your application will be posted on-line alongside other applicants for the delegation, and will be presented to Standing General Assembly members for their votes.

For more information, contact Tarik Kanaana and Peggy Koteen, delegation co-coordinators.

Tarik - Will agree to change the language in the proposal from:

"This is to stay in effect until a procedure is established by the Delegation in cooperation with the Coordinating Committee with a deadline of December 31st, 2018."

To:

"This is to stay in effect until a procedure is established by the Coordinating Committee after consultation with the Delegation with a deadline of December 31st, 2018."

Discussion.

(Sadie and Josh are back on the call as of 8:42 pm.)

Outstanding concerns?

Eric Brooks - has a major concern if we pass this and there's no Bylaws amendment, this measure locks us into a process, and he is not willing to stand aside.

This item goes to a vote (as amended).

YES (15): Victoria Ashley, June Brashares, Susan Chunco, Deatra Cohen, Maxine Daniel, Sanda Everette, Mike Feinstein, Tarik Kanaana, Ann Menasche, Mike Murphy, Mimi Newton, Ajay Rai, Erik Rydberg, Laura Wells, and Stephen Zollman.

NO (1): Eric Brooks.

ABSTAIN (4): Doug Barnett, Marla Bernstein, Sadie Fulton, and Josh Jones.

NOT PRESENT (3): Angelica Duenas, Bert Heuer, and Eric Luna.

15 yes votes, 1 no votes, and 4 abstentions.

Item passes with approval of 93% of those voting. (Threshold was 60% of all yes and no votes cast.)

(12) Decision Item: Sign onto climate petition/letter "Brown's Last Chance", and endorse September 8 "Global Day of Action"

SPONSOR: Laura Wells, initiated by GROW organizers Anthony Krzywicki (Ventura County, GROW co-co) and Christine Pepin (Santa Clara County)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: To show support for meaningful climate action and solidarity with over 800 organizations including county Green Parties and Peace and Freedom Party, and to become a partner in a Global Day of Action on September 8, to pressure the Global Climate Action Summit on September 12-14 in San Francisco.

PROPOSAL: That the GPCA sign onto the "Brown's Last Chance" letter/petition and become a Rise for Climate Partner in building the Global Day of Action.

IMPLEMENTATION/TIMELINE/RESOURCES: One of the CC co-coordinators would sign-on, and one or more email blasts would be sent to inform Greens about the actions.

REFERENCES:

Brown's Last Chance letter/petition

<http://brownslastchance.org/signed-orgs/>

<http://brownslastchance.org/#sign-now>

Rise for Climate Partner Sign-on Form - September 8 Global Day of Action

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfFJF3JvtWXtg2v_KPok61nbKMYJ-1g...

Mike - offers a friendly amendment that we announce this on the GPCA Facebook page.

Laura - accepted.

No questions or concerns.

Proposal (as amended) is approved by consensus.

(13) Discussion: Re-establish regular calls or in-person meetings of the co-coordinators and CC liaisons of the GPCA Committees and Working Groups.

SPONSOR: Laura Wells, GROW/Grassroots Organizing Working Group Co-coordinator and CC Liaison

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: To improve coordination among the committees and working groups, and coverage of the many aspects of Green Party of California work.

PROPOSAL: That we hold the first meeting in person in Stockton on June 8, the Friday before the General Assembly, and schedule a future teleconference call. Since the "Friday before" is also typically the time that a CC meeting is held, particularly to finalize General Assembly details, the time and location of the two meetings would be coordinated.

IMPLEMENTATION/TIMELINE/RESOURCES: Laura Wells will invite the co-coordinators, and request a cagreens.org

Laura would now like to skip this item and send it around to the CC members to review and weigh in via email. There is a brief discussion regarding some concerns about Co-Cos of Committees seeking enhanced powers - (Sanda and Mike offer to fill Laura in on some of the history of this issue offline).

(14) Subject: Decision Item: Request that the GPCA IT Committee Prepare a Report to the Coordinating Committee (CC) With Additional Information Relating to CC Member Michael Feinstein's Unauthorized NationBuilder Hack

Sponsor: Mimi Newton, Marin County

Background and Purpose: At its May 7, 2018 CC meeting, the CC approved the censure of CC Member Michael Feinstein for his hack of the GPCA NationBuilder account for personal campaigning purposes. Some CC Members are requesting additional information from the IT Committee regarding the basis for the CC's decision. Other CC Members are also interested in further understanding the scope of the damage wrought by these unauthorized acts and the potential for the continued use of Party assets by CC Member Feinstein without authorization.

Proposal: The CC should, through the Co-coordinators, transmit a request to the IT Committee to provide a Report to the CC regarding what is known about the scope of CC Member Feinstein's unauthorized access and use of the Party's NationBuilder account. Such Report should, if possible, include any assessment of potential economic damages that may have been or continue to be sustained by the GPCA as a result of CC Member Feinstein's actions and conclusions analysis * *. The Report should also collect the various pieces of information the IT Committee has already shared into ONE comprehensive package that can be shared with all the CC members and/or legal council.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: The Co-coordinators are asked to send this request to the IT Committee via email as soon after this meeting as is practicable.

Question - information or conclusions?

Access without authorization.

Mimi accepts proposed amendments to change proposal from this:

Proposal: The CC should, through the Co-coordinators, transmit a request to the IT Committee to provide a Report to the CC regarding what is known about the scope of CC Member Feinstein's unauthorized access and use of the Party's NationBuilder account. Such Report should, if

possible, include any assessment of potential economic damages that may have been or continue to be sustained by the GPCA as a result of CC Member Feinstein's actions. The Report should also collect the various pieces of information the IT Committee has already shared into ONE comprehensive package that can be shared with all the CC members and/or legal council.

To this:

Proposal: The CC should, through the Co-coordinators, transmit a request to the IT Committee to provide an objective Report to the CC regarding what is known about the scope of CC Member Feinstein's unauthorized access and use of the Party's NationBuilder account. Such Report should, if possible, include any assessment of potential economic damages that may have been or continue to be sustained by the GPCA as a result of CC Member Feinstein's actions and include an analysis of the basis for the IT Committee's conclusions. The Report should also collect the various pieces of information the IT Committee has already shared with GPCA members, including CC members, and include the information provided to the CC in support of its May 2018 censure of Mike Feinstein. This information and analysis should be compiled into ONE comprehensive package that can be shared with all the CC members and/or legal council.

Outstanding concerns - Mike Feinstein is not willing to stand aside.

The item goes to a vote:

YES (14): Victoria Ashley, June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Susan Chunco, Deatra Cohen, Maxine Daniel, Sadie Fulton, Josh Jones, Ann Menasche, Mike Murphy, Mimi Newton, Erik Rydberg, Laura Wells, and Stephen Zollman.

NO (6): Doug Barnett, Marla Bernstein, Sanda Everette, Mike Feinstein, Tarik Kanaana, and Ajay Rai.

NOT PRESENT (3): Angelica Duenas, Bert Heuer, and Eric Luna.

14 yes votes, 6 no votes.

Item passes with approval from 70% of those voting. (Threshold was 60% of all yes and no votes cast.)

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(15) Subject: Decision Item: Transmit a CEASE AND DESIST Letter to GPCA Coordinating Committee (CC) Member Michael Feinstein for his Unauthorized NationBuilder Hack for Personal Purposes

Sponsor: Mimi Newton, Marin County

Background and Purpose: At its May 7, 2018 CC meeting, the CC approved the censure of CC Member Michael Feinstein for his hack of the GPCA NationBuilder account for personal campaigning purposes. However, censure is an internal Party decision with no potential legal consequences for these potentially illegal acts. A cease and desist letter will put CC Member Feinstein on notice that his continuing to benefit from the data that he accessed without authorization will not be tolerated. (Of course, this Agenda Item should give him that Notice too.)

Proposal: The CC should, through the Co-coordinators, transmit a CEASE AND DESIST letter directly to CC Member Michael Feinstein demanding that he immediately stop the use of the Green Party of California's NationBuilder assets including contact information for individual Green Party of California members or donors and immediately destroy any data obtained through his unauthorized access to the Green Party of California's NationBuilder account.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: The Co-coordinators are requested to send a letter via email and registered mail as soon after this meeting as is practicable; proposed CEASE AND DESIST LETTER language below.

PROPOSED CEASE AND DESIST LETTER LANGUAGE:

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This letter acts as your final warning to discontinue this unwanted conduct and destroy the data you have stolen from the State Party. At this time, the Green Party of California Coordinating Committee is not contacting the authorities or filing civil suit against you, as the Coordinating Committee hopes to resolve this matter without authoritative involvement. As stated previously, however, the Green Party of California is not waiving any legal rights it has presently, or future legal remedies against you by sending you this letter. This letter acts as ONE FINAL CHANCE for you to cease your illegal activities or risk further action.

To ensure compliance with this letter, and to halt any other action the Coordinating Committee may take against you, the Coordinating Committee requires you to fill in and sign the attached form and mail it back to me within 10 days of your receipt of this letter. Failure to do so will act as evidence of your infringement upon the Green Party of California’s legal rights, and additional remedies may be pursued.

Sincerely,
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Mimi introduces item with caveat that the proposal would be to authorize the Co-coordinators to send out such a letter, BASED ON LEGAL ADVICE, which the CC would be directing the Co-Co’s to obtain PRIOR to sending such a letter.

Mike offers an amendment for the Co-co’s to also seek legal advice regarding the Party’s potential liability for libel.

Mimi agrees to Mike’s amendment.

Mike is opposed to the proposal and is not willing to stand aside.

The item goes to a vote:

YES (14): Victoria Ashley, June Brashares, Eric Brooks, Susan Chunco, Deatra Cohen, Maxine Daniel, Sadie Fulton, Josh Jones, Ann Menasche, Mike Murphy, Mimi Newton, Erik Rydberg, Laura Wells, and Stephen Zollman.

NO (6): Doug Barnett, Marla Bernstein, Sanda Everette, Mike Feinstein, Tarik Kanaana, and Ajay Rai.

NOT PRESENT(3): Angelica Duenas, Bert Heuer, and Eric Luna.

14 yes votes, 6 no votes.

Item passes with approval from 70% of those voting. (Threshold was 60% of all yes and no votes cast.)

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Meeting is adjourned at 9:31 pm.

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(16) Next meeting: July 2nd, 2018

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===== Appendix A =====
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GROW/Grassroots Organizing Working Group
Monthly report - teleconference notes, Tuesday, May 8, 2018

ATTENDEES and ROLES
Anthony Krzywicki (Ventura) - GROW Co-co - FACILITATOR
Laura Wells (Alameda) - GROW Co-co - NOTES
Audra Walton (Monterey)
Christine Pepin (Santa Clara)

Jennifer Hall (San Joaquin)
Nassim Nouri (Santa Clara)
Richard Gomez (Fresno)
Sadie Fulton (Yolo)

GROW WORKSHOP(S) at GENERAL ASSEMBLY

NASSIM, ANTHONY and LAURA will draft Voter Registration workshop and plenary session on “How we’ve registered people Green” for General Assembly

LAURA will ask Tarik to put in the GA announcement a request for people to bring their Voter Registration ideas and materials to show

LAURA will email the brainstorming we did during call (this is it!)

- Give rules about registering people
- What materials to have at the table
- Break up into groups, or line up in plenary, and/or brainstorm with a flip-chart?
- Generate what we’re already doing, and ideas we could do.
- One-liners to deal with, e.g. die-hard Dems, etc.
- Later, give unique awards to everyone or every county

NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

- GAs typically trade off North and South, which would mean the fall GA would be South.
- RICHARD said Fresno is possible, sometime, but too hot in summer
- AUDRA offered Monterey sometime
- JENNIFER and LAURA will be on the GA Agenda call to bring up next GA schedule

ELECTION 2020 PREPARATION

- An additional gathering or GA in spring 2019 was mentioned, in order to get an early start in the election process
- California’s presidential primary will be early March not June 2020, necessitating early signature-gathering (over the holidays...), much earlier endorsements for internal purposes and for public/official due dates for endorsements
- Discussed working with Bylaws and CCWG about earlier endorsement process

OTHER NOTES

NASSIM emailed Handbook drafts to the GROW list

ANTHONY will give feedback to NASSIM, including keeping active counties active

LAURA reported on Inform List updates, using lists that GROW gathered

ANTHONY will draft a proposal to re-establish Committee and Working Group Co-coordinators quarterly meeting, the first call to be in July after the new SGA and CC are elected (and maybe also meet June 8, Friday evening before the General Assembly).

RICHARD announced May 18 Fresno candidate event on May 18; he will email event details

SADIE will send RICHARD a photo for Erik Rydberg

NEXT MEETING: Breakout session on June 9th or 10th, and call on June 12, second Tuesday

=====Appendix B=====

Monthly Bylaws Committee Report to the GPCA Coordinating Committee – MAY 2018

From: The GPCA ByLaws Committee

To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee

Date: May 28, 2018

Submitted By: Mimi Newton, CC Liaison/Co-Co ByLaws Committee

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Date of the last ByLaws Committee Meeting:

Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Attendees:

Present (5): Steven Breedlove, Mimi Newton, Gloria Purcell, Adam Siegel and Laura Wells

Absent (2): Victoria Ashley, and Tim Laidman (This was Tim’s 3rd regular monthly meeting missed in a row).

There was a quorum at 7:10 pm.

Date of the ByLaws Committee’s next meeting:

Sunday, June 10, 2018 at the General Assembly in Stockton - Bylaws Breakout Session. {PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS NOT THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING DATE.}

Any significant actions the Committee is taking:

- Committee members are putting their Bylaws Template Project for the Counties on hold temporarily.
- Committee members are working in three subcommittees preparing for a Bylaws Committee presentation at the June 2018 General Assembly.

The call concluded at 8:30 pm.

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=====APPENDIX C=====

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Monthly CCWG Report to the GPCA Coordinating Committee – MAY 2018

From: The GPCA Campaigns and Candidates Working Group (CCWG)

To: The GPCA Coordinating Committee (CC)

Submitted By: June Brashares, CC Liaison to CCWG

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Candidates & Campaigns Working Group (CCWG)
had monthly CCWG Meeting on May 27, 2018 (on the 4th Sunday)
at 7:30pm

Call in number: 505-398-0507 (No PIN required)

In attendance:
Jason Kishineff, Napa
June Brashares, Sonoma
Laura Wells, Alameda
Richard Gomez, Fresno
Carol Bouldlin, San Bernardino
Barry Hermanson, San Francisco
David Cobb, Humboldt

Agenda

- 1) Agenda Review
- 2) Report re: GPUS Coordinated Campaign Committee
GPUS CCC continues to do webinars
David will keep us informed
David asked if anyone from CA wants to be more involved in CCC
- 3) Report re: GPCA Coordinating Committee

4) Discussion of 2020 Election Calendar

Primary moved from June to March 3rd 2020. Top two still likely in place. Need early start, early coordination. Signatures gathering in lieu of filing fee to start in Sept 12 2019 - Nov 6th 2019.

Considering timing of General Assemblies, possibly add another gathering in March in 2019 to focus on upcoming election cycle, 2020 vision. How well we can create a foundation of potential candidates and support, funding and staff. Have group recruit choose (like Richmond Prog Alliance & Seattle Socialist Alternative does) rather than driven by individual self selection. Maybe in Fresno if in March. Barry suggestion to talk about it at upcoming General Assembly CCWG session. Interest from Carol in having the meeting in So Cal. Consensus on the idea of having the gathering to focus on the elections, idea is to do it divided into 3 regions. David will think of how to put out the call for regions to host them. Barry is interested in Bay Area gathering. Laura mentioned situation of incumbents running unopposed in the Primary so there's an opportunity to then run write in campaigns since that takes less money than the high expense of the other method of getting a name on the primary ballot. Laura Wells is running as a write-in against incumbent Barbara Lee -- there are no candidates running against Lee listed on the ballot. Sadie Fulton is running as a write-in against incumbent Cecilia Aguiar-Curry -- there are no candidates running Aguiar-Curry listed on the ballot. Want to be coordinated and ready to not miss any of these types of opportunities elsewhere in the state in the future.

5) Discussion of upcoming GPCA General Assembly in Stockton June 9-10

There will be time for a CCWG led session to debrief on election and endorsement process

also workshops - one workshop proposal is in from Carol

June will email most the recent version of the proposed GA Agenda to CCWG list (CC is to vote online to confirm it in next few days)

6) Discussion of write-in campaigns

7) Support for our candidates prior to June 5th Election

By consensus approved the request to send out the email blast to all GPCA contacts to promote our endorsed candidates and inform voters about Green candidates. Includes hotlinks to their campaigns.

8) Announcements, questions & comments.

Adjourned - ended call at 8:35pm

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=====APPENDIX D=====

Good morning all,

Here is the amended GA draft agenda to be voted on starting Monday morning. I added in the presentation on the high explosive testing in SCJ, moved the bylaw change to Saturday afternoon, moved bylaws breakout to Sunday morning and did some time and ordering adjustments to facilitate the mentioned changes. Tarik

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