

Draft
Green Party of California General Assembly Minutes
December 4 & 5, 2021



Note taker: Laura Wells

https://cagreens.nationbuilder.com/dec_2021_ga

Saturday, December 4, 2021

8:00-9:00 am - Registration/check-in. Please check in early so that the opening of the General Assembly is not delayed. Once you have been checked in you will be able to turn your video and audio off until it is time to start.

Facilitator(s): June Brashares and Karen Nyhus

9:00-9:20 am - Opening Session: welcome - Agreements - other info

9:20-9:30 am - Quorum Count - for starting GA and approving agenda.

See list of Delegate/Alternates attending in Appendix A.

Quorum reached at 22 of the 24 (92%) active counties present, and 52 of 64 registered (81%) Delegates present.

9:30-10:10 am - Agenda Approval

Questions, concerns, affirmations:

- Jane Jarlsberg, Tim Laidman, Peggy Koteen, Marla Bernstein, Nicole Castor, Ajay Rai, Charisse Cordero, Linda Piera Avila, expressed concerns mainly suggesting to change decision items to discussions items and move them to SGA.

- Mimi Newton, Nicole Raglin, Christine Pepin, Tarik Kanaana, Mark Adams affirmed the agenda as is.

- Ajay Rai had an outstanding concern about approving the agenda until the list of GA Delegates are available.

Proposed amendments to the agenda:

1. Add Mica Daniel as facilitator to Sunday morning session - **Approved by consensus**
2. ERWG and GROW have submitted to add confirmation of new co-coordinators (add to the agenda at 11:25 on Saturday, 5 minutes) - **Approved by consensus**
3. Change the Bylaws amendments from a decision item to discussion item
 - o Mimi Newton has a blocking concern on this amendment, facilitator tested for consensus with a preliminary vote.
 - o Laura calls for a vote by the Delegates/Alternates (YES = change, NO = leave as is)
 - o Votes 55 GA delegates; 12 YES, all remaining NO.
4. Change the endorsement decision item to a discussion item. Call is made for a raise of hands for supporters of this amendment = 13. At this time there is not enough support for this amendment.

Call for outstanding concerns on approval of the agenda (with the above #1 and #2 amendments already approved). A number of the same concerned delegates above had outstanding concerns.

AGENDA APPROVAL VOTES: 52 voters at this time: 40 YES, 12 NO; 76.92% for Yes
Of 56 registered GA delegates; 1 Abstain, 4 not voting

Agenda is approved

* Chris Richardson asked to be recognized as Alternate Delegate for Sacramento County. Delegation approved recognizing Chris Richardson as Delegate.

10:10-11:10 am - Decision: [2022 Budget](#) and [Strategic Plan](#). (Finance Committee & Coordinating Committee)

Strategic Plan - Presenter: Karen Nyhus. See Appendix C.

Strategic Plan is approved by consensus

Budget - Presenters: Mica Danial and Justin Richardson

See Appendix B for full file. The current draft of the budget has been slightly changed to accommodate NationBuilder expenses based on their latest pricing and what we can reasonably afford. ([1st draft of 2022 Budget](#))

Questions were answered and concerns expressed.

- Nicole Castor has an outstanding concern about the SCSC \$15,000 budget allocation.
- Tim stands aside with a concern that the beginning and ending balances and amount owed to FEC should be recorded in the budget.

In light of the outstanding concern, call is made for a vote

BUDGET APPROVAL VOTES: 49 voters at this time: 44 YES, 5 NO; 89.80% for Yes
Of 56 registered GA delegates; 2 Abstain, 5 not voting

Budget is approved

11:55-12:02 pm – Decision: Confirmation of Working Group Co-Coordiators (Approved agenda amendments)

Grassroots Organizing Working Group (GROW): proposed confirmation of Rick Greenblatt as Coco
No questions or concerns, Laura Wells affirms.

Approved by consensus

Electoral Reform Working Group: proposed confirmation of Caledon Myers as Coco
No questions or concerns, Eric Brooks affirms.

Approved by consensus

12:02-1:00 pm - Lunch Break

Facilitator(s): Christine Pepin

1:00-2:00 pm - Discussion: County delegate introductions and round robin. (Marin County Greens)

See proposal in Appendix D. All active counties at the GA have a few minutes each to introduce their delegates and identify some of their priorities, challenges and successes.

Delegates from counties introduce themselves and gave updates on what their county Green Parties were engaged in.

2:00-3:00 pm - Decision: Bylaws amendment regarding “No Other Candidate.” (Coordinating Committee), see Appendix E. Presenters: James Lauderdale and Laura Wells

Questions were answered and concerns expressed.

A call is made for any outstanding concerns and stand asides. Some concerns were remaining.
Presenters asked for a vote.

NOC BYLAWS APPROVAL VOTES (Threshold 66.7%): 49 voters at this time: 39 YES, 10 NO; 79.59% for Yes
58 registered GA delegates; 1 Abstain, 8 not voting

The bylaws amendment is approved

3:00-3:15 pm - Announcement of Standing Committee vacancies

Announcement of Standing Committee vacancies along with regular meeting times and contacts were made by the Committee and Working Group co-coordinators.

3:15-3:30 pm - Break

3:30-5:00 pm – Discussion & Decision: 2022 Statewide Candidates presentation and endorsement

(Statewide Candidates Subcommittee)

Presenters: Greg Jan and Jared Laiti

1) Endorsed statewide candidates (the "Left Unity Slate")

Candidates present each spoke about their platforms and the issues facing the state; Meghann Adams (P&F), Gary Blenner (GP), Kevin Akin on behalf of Nathalie Hrizi (P&F), Dan Kapelovitz (GP), Laura Wells (GP), Luis J. Rodriguez (GP).

2) Decision to Endorse Luis J. Rodriguez for Governor, see Appendix F.

Questions were answered and concerns expressed.

A vote followed by a ranked choice voting process through an email that was sent to the 46 delegates present at this discussion.

- Quorum check and attendance: 20 counties and 46 initial voters meet quorum.

- The results of the votes, tallied were as follows:

27 ENDORSE, 3 OPPOSE, 7 NO POSITION, 9 did not vote - equals 73% on the first round, of votes cast for endorsement who voted to Endorse (in a ranked choice vote)

The endorsement of Luis J. Rodriguez is approved

3) Discussion about [Crystal Sanchez](#) running for Lt. Governor.

Greg Jan of SCSC had introduced the candidate and reminded delegates that since Crystal is currently registered with another party she can not be considered for endorsement by GPCA.

Anthony Prince read a statement on behalf of Crystal Sanchez.

Questions were answered and concerns expressed.

4) Present info about campaign needs and how individual Greens and county Green groups can get involved.

Greg presented information about the Left Unity Slate signature-in-leu campaign. Signatures mean a lot this year at \$0.75 per signature so candidates can use donations more effectively.

There will be details on the signature gathering process on GPCA website and counties are encouraged to designate a coordinator for the signature gathering process to liaise with the SCSC team.

5:17 pm - Adjourn for Saturday

Sunday, December 5, 2021

9:00-9:30 am - Registration/check-in. Please check in early so that the opening of the General Assembly is not delayed.

Facilitator(s): Justin Richardson & Mica Daniel

9:30-9:40 am - Opening Session: welcome - Agreements - other info

9:40-9:45 am - Quorum Count

No Quorum count is necessary due to lack of decision items.

See list of Delegate/Alternates attending in Appendix A.

Roster was called and 46 delegates reported as present.

9:45-10:00 am - Presentation: How to get involved with GPUS (GPUS Delegation) A quick Introduction to GPUS committees and platform

- Tarik Kanaana of the GPUS Delegation shared a presentation on the different ways California Greens can get involved in serving on GPCAs Delegation to GPUS, as well as all the different National Committees that CA Greens can serve on. More information on GP.org.

- Randy Hicks shared that the GPUS Disability Caucus is forming with 10 new members and welcomes other members, another caucus also welcoming members is the Lavender Caucus. Tarik explained more on GPUS identity caucus.

* Justin suggested that since today's lunch break is 2 hours, those interested in sharing information can come back from lunch earlier and share an open mic.

10:00-11:00 am - Discussion: Representation for the People Act (ERWG)

Presenters: Kevin Sabo and Caledon Myers

See Appendix H and the [Presentation](#). A presentation on a statewide initiative proposal: The Representation for the People Act.

- Caledon and Kevin shared a presentation on a new approach to CA electoral reform to introduce a mixed number propositional representation in CA Assembly in the form of a ballot initiative.

- Gary Blenner expressed strong affirmation for the project and suggested he'd incorporate the ideas into his SoS campaign.

Other questions were answered and concerns shared. Chris Richardson asked to share a 40-page document with the presenters.

11:00-11:05 am - Break

11:05-12:00 pm - Discussion: The path forward for future SGA Votes (Bylaws Committee)

Presenters: James Lauderdale, Mimi Newton, Nicole Raglin.

The Bylaws Committee would like to engage delegates in an exploration of options for improving the virtual/online discussion and voting process

- James Lauderdale started the presentation with an introduction to how the GPCA overall democratic process compares with other parties and those Green parties in other states. Further it focused on how to streamline our democratic process.
- Nicole Raglin shared her experience as SGA administrator, and suggested there are other ways to broaden the field of participation using new tools that can eliminate ableist practices.
- Mimi Newton described how the GA and SGA were formed and how to move forward

Discussions ensued and attendees shared suggestions and solutions on streamlining GPCA decision-making process.

12:00-2:00 pm - Lunch Break

Some participants came back early for had free-form discussions on zoom.

Facilitator(s): Greg Jan

2:00-4:00 pm - Discussion: 7 proposals coming in front of the next SGA (GPLAC)

See Appendix K.

Presenter: Michael Feinstein (absent)

- (1) GPCA Direction to CC - Posting CC agendas and minutes
- (2) GPCA Bylaws Amendment - CC Duties and Responsibilities
- (3) GPCA Bylaws Amendment - CCWG Duties and Responsibilities
- (4) GPCA Bylaws Amendment - Endorsements/Opposition of Statewide Ballot Measures and Candidates
- (5) GPCA Bylaws Amendment - Rescission of Endorsement of Statewide Candidates
- (6) GPCA statewide candidate endorsement procedures
- (7) GPCA Bylaws amendment - Declining counting votes of a statewide candidate

A presentation with details about the content of the proposals was not given by Ajai Rai, the presenting delegate from the sponsoring county, the Green Party of Los Angeles County (GPLAC). Concerns and dissatisfaction, however, were expressed by GPLAC about the Sunday afternoon timing of this agenda item and about the coordination of the state party in general, which was given as an explanation for why more GPLAC members were not attending the GAs.

Other attendees expressed concerns that delegitimizing the GA's decision-making role and isolating all decision-making to SGA votes were not appropriate. Other concerns about lack of GPLAC preparedness to present on their proposals were expressed and a few questions were answered.

4:00-4:05 pm - Next General Assembly Meeting Date and Place

Tarik Kanaana opened the discussion for the next GA to be held in late May or June.

- Delegates noted important events in the June, for example; May dates close to Mother's Day and Memorial Day, as well as the June 7th election, Juneteenth, Pride, Father's Day etc. Others suggested holding the GA after the primary as to not interfere with elections. Others suggested a hybrid model depending on how the pandemic is shaping up.

*** Brief Announcement:**

Rich Stone spoke about his experience running for the KPFA Pacific Radio's Listener Board member and the number of Greens who are members and serving to save the public radio station. He encouraged other Greens to run and get involved.

4:05-4:15 pm - Closing Session

4:15 pm – Adjourned

Appendix

Appendix A. General Assembly Attendees

First Name	Last Name	County	SGA Del/Alt	Saturday Roll Call & Quorum count	Sunday Roll Call & Quorum count
Mica	Daniel	Alameda	SGA-alt	Present	Present
Greg	Jan	Alameda	SGA	Present	Present
Orlando	Johnson	Alameda	SGA-alt	Present	Present
James	McFadden	Alameda	SGA	Present	Present
Michael	Rubin	Alameda	SGA	Present	Present
Laura	Wells	Alameda	SGA	Present	Present
Justin	Richardson	Alameda	SGA-alt	Present	Present
Dale	Baum	Alameda	alt if needed	Present	Present
Vicente	Cruz	Alameda	alt if needed	Present	Present
Jan	Arnold	Alameda		Present	Present
Caledon	Myers	Alameda		Joined later	Present
Steve	Breedlove	Butte	SGA	Present	
Brooke	Houston	Butte	SGA	Present	
Tim	Laidman	Contra Costa	SGA	Present	Joined later
Jessica	Montiel	Contra Costa	SGA	Present	Present
Richard	Gomez	Fresno	SGA	Present	Present

Thomas	Cassidy	Fresno		Absent	
Joshua	Gonzales	Fresno		Present	Present
Mark	Adams	Humboldt	SGA	Present	
David	Cobb	Humboldt	SGA	Present	Present
David	Grover	Humboldt	SGA	Present	Present
Marla	Bernstein	Los Angeles	SGA	Present	Present
Dan	Kapelovitz	Los Angeles	SGA	later	
Linda	Piera Avila	Los Angeles	SGA	Present	Present
Shannel	Pittman	Los Angeles	SGA	Present	Present
Ajay	Rai	Los Angeles	SGA	Present	
Lisa	Taylor	Los Angeles	SGA	Present	Present
James (Henk)	Conn	Los Angeles		Present	Present
Elizabeth	Green	Los Angeles		Joined later	Present
Andrea	Houtman	Los Angeles		Present	
James	Lauderdale	Los Angeles		Present	Present
Jimmy	Rivera	Los Angeles		Present	Present
Rohan	Sabnis	Los Angeles		Absent	
Paul	Maldonado	Marin	SGA	Present	
Mimi	Newton	Marin	SGA	Present	Present
Dominique	Wade	Monterey	SGA	Present	Present
Audra	Walton	Monterey	SGA	Present	Present
Michael	Gaboury	Nevada	SGA	Present	Present
Nicole	Raglin	Nevada	SGA	Present	Present
Michael	Shin	Orange		Present	
Gary	Blenner	Sacramento	SGA	Present	Present
Nicole	Castor	Sacramento	SGA	Present	Joined later
Randy	Hicks	Sacramento	SGA	Present	Present
Kevin	Sabo	Sacramento	SGA	Present	Present
Chris	Richardson	Sacramento	SGA later	Joined later	Present
Jared	Laiti	Sacramento		Joined later	Joined later
Jane	Jarlsberg	San Bernardino	SGA	Present	
Rick	Greenblatt	San Diego	SGA	Present	Present

Maryann	Halse	San Diego	SGA	Absent	
David	Morrison	San Diego	SGA	Present	
Eric	Brooks	San Francisco	SGA	Joined later	Joined later
John-Marc	Chandonia	San Francisco	SGA	Present	Present
Rich	Stone	San Francisco	SGA	Joined later	Joined later
Colt	Gonzales	San Joaquin	SGA	Present	
Mary	Goodin	San Joaquin	SGA	Present	
Peggy	Koteen	San Luis Obispo	SGA	Present	Present
Charisse	Cordero	Santa Barbara	SGA	Present	Present
Leo	Raabe	Santa Barbara	SGA	Present	Present
Diane	Harrison	Santa Clara	SGA-alt	Present	Present
Michele	Mashburn	Santa Clara	SGA	Present	Present
Jeanne	Merigot	Santa Clara	SGA	Present	
Nadia	Nouri	Santa Clara	SGA	Present	Present
Christine	Pepin	Santa Clara	SGA	Present	Present
Arzhang	Kalbali	Santa Clara		Absent	
Elia	Meza	Santa Cruz		Absent	
Don	Yost	Shasta	SGA	Present	Present
Kim	White	Solano	SGA	Joined later	
Susan	Chunco	Sonoma	SGA	Present	Present
Tarik	Kanaana	Sonoma	SGA	Present	Present
Tim	Morgan	Sonoma	SGA	Present	Present
Susan	Lamont	Sonoma	alt if needed	Present	Present
June	Brashares	Sonoma		Present	Present
Karen	Nyhus	Sonoma		Present	Present
David	Mustart	Sonoma		Sunday	Present
John	Schmit	Stanislaus	SGA	Present	
Don	Manro	Tulare	SGA	Present	Present
Steve	Pendleton	Tulare	SGA	Present	Present
Connor	Gorman	Yolo	SGA	Present	Joined later
Randy	Toler	NOT CA Green		Absent	Joined later
TOTALS				64	52

Appendix B. GPCA 2022 Budget ([full file](#))

Appendix C. Strategic Plan

GPCA Strategic Plan 2022-2023

Green Party of California 2022-2023 Two-Year Strategic Plan / Calendar, per GPCA Bylaws Section 11-2

2022 (election year)

January 3: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

February 7: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

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

March 1: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

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 2022-2023 SGA Spring: email WGs and Committees to start thinking about Work Plans for GA strategic planning brainstorm.

April 4: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

April 25 - Deadline for applications for candidates for the Coordinating Committee and the Green Party of the United States (GPUS) Delegation

May 2: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

May 2 - June 12 - 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 - 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: California Direct Primary Election

June 13: CC monthly meeting (virtual) – date changed from Eve of Election June 6

June 13 - 19 - Voting period for Standing General Assembly (for more detail, see “Discussion period” above) June 8 - Semi-annual notice announcing vacancies and seeking applicants for GPCA Standing Committees June 30 - Delegates to the GPCA FY2021-2022 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

Summer - GPUS Annual National Meeting

July 1 - Standing General Assembly Delegate Terms begin and run through June 30, 2024 July 11: CC monthly meeting (virtual) – date changed from 4th of July

August 1: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

September 12: CC monthly meeting (virtual) – date changed from Labor Day Sept. 5

Fall - Deadline to release Draft FY2022 Budget; at least 42 days before General Assembly (GPCA Bylaws 7- 5.1(a))

October 3: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

November 8: Election Day

November 15: CC monthly meeting (virtual) – date changed from Eve of Election November 7

November/December - Winter GA with 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); the Annual Treasurer's Report (GPCA Fiscal Policy Sections 5-2 and 10-1); and Confirmation of any new Assistant Treasurer(s), if any

December 5: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

2023

January 2: CC monthly meeting (virtual) February 6: CC monthly meeting (virtual) March 6: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

April 3: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

April 24: Deadline for applications for candidates for the Coordinating Committee and the Green Party of the United States (GPUS) Delegation

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Spring: email WGs and committees to start thinking about Work Plans for GA strategic planning brainstorm. 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 2023-2024 SGA

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August 7: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

September 4: CC monthly meeting (virtual) (unless rescheduled for Labor Day?)

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November 6: CC monthly meeting (virtual) December 4: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

Appendix D. County delegate introductions and round robin.

Sponsoring County Organization: Marin County Greens

Presenters: Delegates from all active counties

Subject: County delegate introductions and round robin

Background: Green Party of California County Delegates engage in conversations online about proposals that come before the SGA but these conversations don't necessarily allow for party delegates to share their immediate concerns, their priorities, and identify areas where Greens throughout the State can support each other.

Text of proposal: Marin County proposes a GA session to be devoted to County delegate introductions and round robin. The idea would be for all active counties at the GA to have an opportunity to spend a few minutes each introducing their delegates and identifying some of their priorities, challenges and successes.

Approval threshold: N/A

Timeline: 90 minutes requested; Since there are 26 active counties, each county should only take about 3 minutes. (If the Agenda team thinks each county should have more time for the round robin, additional time should be allotted.) For counties with more delegates, one spokesperson should be appointed to speak on behalf of the county.

Resources: N/A

County decision: Marin County Greens have discussed this idea both internally and with a couple of other counties' delegates. The Marin County Greens determined by consensus to submit this proposal on October 15, 2021.

References/attachments: N/A

Appendix E. Bylaws amendment regarding “No Other Candidate.”

SPONSOR: GPCA Coordinating Committee

PRESENTER: James Lauderdale and Laura Wells

TIME REQUESTED: One hour if possible, or 45 minutes, is requested.

SUBJECT: Bylaws Amendment to Section 7-2.4 regarding filling open seats in internal elections
- Decision item

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: In the Standing General Assembly (SGA) election of June

2021, half (12) of the Coordinating Committee seats were open, but nobody was elected. No Other Candidate (NOC) was ranked #1 by 19 delegates. Following that, only 8 members were left in the 24-member committee. This Bylaw Amendment will allow delegates to use the NOC option, and will also allow other candidates who pass the threshold to be elected, thus reflecting the voting preferences of the other delegates, which numbered 50+ in June 2021.
PROPOSAL: To strike the sentence that prevented the election of candidates who won enough voter approval from delegates to pass the required threshold.

7-2.4 Voting Systems

7-2.4(a) Multi-Seat Elections: Ranked Choice Voting Each delegate shall be provided a ballot containing the names of the candidates in alphabetical order. The ballot shall also include a No Other Candidate option. The delegates shall vote by ranking the candidates along with the No Other Candidate option in order of preference. The ballots shall be tabulated utilizing a Ranked Choice Voting system with fractional transfers and a Droop threshold, $1/(n+1)$ ($1/3$ threshold with two open seats). No candidate shall be seated who does not cross the threshold before No Other Candidate. For the purpose of calculations, n = open seats shall be adjusted, when necessary, so that the value of n shall not be higher than the number of candidates qualified for the ballot.

7-2.4(b) Single Seat Election: Instant Runoff Voting Each delegate shall be provided a ballot containing the names of the candidates in alphabetical order. The ballot shall also include a No Other Candidate option. The delegates shall vote by ranking the candidates along with the No Other Candidate option in order of preference. The ballots shall be tabulated utilizing a Ranked Choice Voting system and a majority threshold, $1/(n+1)$. No candidate shall be seated who does not cross the threshold before No Other Candidate.

TIMELINE/RESOURCES: Bylaw effective upon approval by the General Assembly.

Appendix F. Proposal to Endorse Luis J. Rodriguez for Governor
(As part of the 2022 Statewide Candidates presentation)

GPCA position on endorsing Luis J. Rodriguez for Governor
Ranked Choice Vote: GPCA position on endorsing Luis J. Rodriguez for Governor
Choices:

- GPCA endorses Luis J. Rodriguez for Governor
- GPCA opposes (does not support) endorsing Luis J. Rodriguez for Governor
- GPCA takes no position on endorsing Luis J. Rodriguez for Governor

The choices are to rank 'endorse', 'oppose', or 'no position', or to 'abstain.' Delegates can rank as many or as few of these options in their order of preference. An 'endorse' vote would mean the GPCA would endorse Luis J. Rodriguez. An 'oppose' vote means the GPCA would oppose (does not support) endorsing Luis J. Rodriguez. A 'no position' vote means the GPCA would not take a position on endorsing Luis J. Rodriguez. An 'abstain' vote means the voter is not expressing a preference, but is voting to help achieve quorum. Any of these positions that receives $2/3$ after all preferences are transferred is the position of the party. If neither 'endorse' nor 'oppose' receives $2/3$, the GPCA's position will be 'no position'.

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Dear Greens,

The Statewide Candidates Subcommittee (SCSC) is pleased to inform you that our 2014 Governor candidate, Luis J. Rodriguez, is interested in running for Governor in next year's statewide election. In addition to previously heading our slate of statewide candidates, Luis is a respected author who has written 16 books, including the award-winning *Always Running: La Vida Loca, Gang Days in L.A.*, and he also was chosen as Poet Laureate of Los Angeles. More info about Luis is on his personal home page, here: [Luis Javier Rodriguez](http://LuisJavierRodriguez.com) and on his Wikipedia page, here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luis_J._Rodriguez Luis's statement to run with the other "Left Unity Slate" candidates, whom we recently endorsed, is immediately below. The SCSC wholeheartedly and enthusiastically recommends that Luis J. Rodriguez be endorsed as our 2022 Governor candidate.

Respectfully,

Greg Jan, on behalf of the
Statewide Candidates Subcommittee

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Statement by Luis J. Rodriguez to join "Left Unity" Slate in California's 2022 Governor's Race:

I'm proposing that the Green and Peace & Freedom parties endorse me, Luis J. Rodriguez, as the "Left Unity" candidate for California's 2022 Governor's race. Since my "Imagine a New California" campaign in 2014, I've stayed Green. I've also worked with the newly formed Justice Party, with progressives within the Democrats, the Poor People's Campaign, and with radical thinking activists among independents, especially in the large (and largely forgotten) Mexican/Central American, Black, Queer communities, Asian/Pacific Islander, and U.S. Indigenous and Indigenous migrant communities.

I'd like to call this "Imagine a New California" candidacy. I'm not just seeking Green Party or Peace & Freedom Party support in isolation, but to be part of larger strategy to unite the progressive left in the state as we help lead the most marginal voices fed up with Republicans and Democrats, fed up with compromised and superficial answers to deep rooted problems, fed up with politics as usual.

For this campaign to gain traction, we need to raise at least one million dollars. Not from corporations or big donors, but from the very people we galvanize. In California there are 40 million people. Can we get one dollar from a million people in the poor and working-class communities? I think we can. Even homeless people can give a dollar. This will require mastery of social media and other networks. This will require grassroots organizing at the highest levels. This will require commitment and hard work. This is necessary if we are to meet the challenges of these times.

In 2014, I obtained around 70,000 votes in a primary of 15 candidates, against a relatively popular Governor Brown, who had amassed a \$20 million war chest. We managed to raise \$30,000. Nonetheless, I came in 5th

from the whole lot, and first among third party and independent candidates. I won precincts along the border, in Watts, East Los Angeles, Northeast

San Fernando Valley, Fresno, Salinas, and the Bay Area (perhaps more). I came in second after Governor Brown in San Francisco. I helped pull youths, teachers, workers, students, and others not engaged in electoral politics. However, there was virtually no party building, no recruiting, nor establishing of campaigns in those communities. I assume some places did—but not to what was possible. I'm not just criticizing willy-nilly. Self-criticism is also in order. Still, many Poor People Campaign groups arose from some of those areas. And the Union of the Homeless, with leaders arising from encampments across the state, became a growing national phenomenon from my campaign.

I'm advocating bringing in more of the poor, BIPOC, Queer, youth, and women residents into any and all progressive parties. Our progressive organizations must look like much of the state. It must center the mass of poor and working-class leaders emerging from the battlements.

I'd run again on similar pillars I introduced the last time: The end of poverty, the end of environmental destruction, the end of social injustices including dismantling the carceral state, AND the end of war at home and war abroad. Of course, this includes no more homelessness as well as quality and free healthcare and quality and free education for all. This time around we must think bigger, broader, and build, build, build.

Now is the time—a reckoning is at hand.

If, however, this is not fully endorsed by the California Green or Peace & Freedom parties, that's fine. I'm going to keep working along these lines with Greens, Justice Party, and others. My aim now is for this to be seriously considered, debated, and hopefully approved. I'm convinced we are on the threshold of the greatest victories progressives have ever witnessed. Not because it benefits the Green or Peace & Freedom parties per se, but because this enhances true radical change for the poor and working people of California. And in the short and long run this will inevitably benefit any progressive/revolutionary political parties and organizations.

Respectfully submitted,
Luis J. Rodriguez

References from the current GPCA bylaws:

Section 7-4. Endorsements

General Assembly Delegates may rank the following choices and the result shall be calculated by instant run-off voting: 'Endorse' (that the GPCA should support the measure or candidate), 'Oppose' (that the GPCA should oppose the measure or candidate), 'No Position' (that the GPCA should not take any position on the measure or candidate) or 'Abstain' (that the delegate takes no position on what should be the GPCA position). A GPCA position to endorse or oppose shall require 2/3. Abstentions are counted to determine quorum, but not towards the approval/disapproval threshold. If quorum is not achieved, or if the 2/3 threshold is not reached for a 'Endorse', 'Oppose', the GPCA's position will be 'No Position', as would it be if the 2/3 threshold is reached for 'No Position.'

Appendix G. Representation for the People Act

SPONSOR: GPCA Electoral Reform Working Group

PRESENTERS: Kevin Sabo & Caledon Myers

SUBJECT (DISCUSSION): Representation for the People Act (Sabo & Myers)

DESCRIPTION: A presentation led by Caledon Myers & Kevin Sabo on a statewide initiative proposal: The Representation for the People Act.

Total time requested: 1 hour.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:

Item #1 (Recall Reform): “The legislature is going to hold hearings and will most likely put something on the ballot in 2022 to change the law regarding recalls. Generally Greens support the right to recall - we could lose it next year, and if we don’t have a position that we favor, we will have less to say in the debate. I want to strongly suggest the GPCA ask for an agenda item at the December GA, to discussion a party position on Recall reform.”

Item #2 (Representation for the People Act): The electoral system of California, which establishes the rules and methods by which we conduct elections, is fundamentally designed in a way that encourages the political representation of only two parties. Many other democracies around the world, however, use electoral systems that are conducive to ensuring the political representation of multiple parties. The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of an initiative/ plan that will reform our state electoral system so that it encourages the legislative participation of multiple parties.

ERWG DECISION: The Electoral Reform Working Group voted “yes” over email to present These two items to the GA.

TIMELINE/RESOURCES: None Requested. This presentation is strictly informational.

Appendix H. The path forward for future SGA Votes

Sponsoring committee: The GPCA Bylaws Committee

Presenter: Mimi Newton, Co-Coordinator, Bylaws Committee

Subject: Discussion Item: The path forward for future SGA Votes, and possible ways to improve the process.

Background/purpose: The SGA Voting process has been continually called into question by a vocal minority. Protocols by the delegation are not always followed, there have been chronic violations of decorum and attempts to undermine the work that is done by others to present items for voting and those who worked to make the vote possible. Moreover, at its July 12, 2021 meeting, the CC committed to review the Bylaws that address the SGA and take steps to reform the voting process. This proposal would begin the process of following up on that decision.

Text of proposal: The Bylaws Committee would like to engage delegates in an exploration of options for improving the virtual/online discussion and voting process and whether a new format for GPCA voting could be developed that would provide for a free exchange of ideas but impose less of an administrative burden on a handful of SGA volunteers administering the voting system.

Approval threshold: N/A

Timeline: 1 hour is requested.

Resources/budgetary implications: N/A

Committee decision: The Bylaws Committee discussed this proposal at its September 19, 2021 meeting and again at its October 10, 2021 meeting at which it was agreed that this proposal would be submitted to the GA Planning Committee.

References/attachments: Bylaws Section 7-6. Online Voting

7-6.1. General Assembly delegates, throughout their year of service, shall be called upon from time to time to vote on decision items as described in 7-2, 7-3, and 7-4 between in-person General Assemblies, and as such shall constitute the Standing General Assembly (SGA).

Decision items shall be placed before the SGA by the Coordinating Committee, and such votes shall be administered by Voting Administrators, according to procedures as set forth in these Bylaws and the Information Technology Protocol.

7-6.2 Discussion and Voting Period

7-6.2(a) The discussion period for Proposals and Elections shall be six weeks, beginning on a Monday at 12:01 am and ending on a Sunday at 11:59pm. The discussion period for Coordinating Committee and GPUS Delegation elections shall begin on the first Monday of May.

7-6.2(b) The purpose of the discussion period is to provide an opportunity to utilize the consensus-seeking process in 7-5 within the context of utilizing electronic means, teleconferences and other methods of communication other than an in-person General Assembly.

7-6.2(c) Proposals may be amended at any time during the discussion period by the proposal's sponsor(s), except that the final amended version must be placed before the Standing General Assembly no later than on a Monday at 12:01 am preceding the end of the discussion period.

7-6.2(d) The voting period for Proposals and Elections shall commence immediately at the close of the discussion period, and shall be for one week beginning on a Monday at 12:01 am and ending on a Sunday at 11:59pm.

7-6.3 Quorum. A quorum has been reached when the number of votes cast is equal to a majority of delegate seats appointed under 7-1.2, together with a majority of all active County Organizations having cast at least one vote. In such cases, abstentions count as a vote cast.

Appendix J. 7 GPLAC proposals for December GA and next SGA

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Two proposals relate to the Coordinating Committee:

(1) GPCA Direction to CC - Posting CC agendas and minutes

Would establish mandate to publish separate CC agendas and minutes

(2) GPCA Bylaws Amendment - Coordinating Committee Duties and Responsibilities

Would clarify that the CC shall not assume for itself duties and responsibilities contained in the Duties and Responsibilities of GPCA Standing Committees and Working Groups, and that it must follow all applicable laws, including those specified for it in the California Elections Code.

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One proposal relates to the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group:

(3) GPCA Bylaws Amendment - Campaigns and Candidates Working Group Duties and Responsibilities

Would clarify that the existing CCWG charge to facilitate the electoral work of the party includes outreach to identify statewide Green candidates, receiving requests for endorsements from candidates for statewide office and forwarding such requests to the Standing General Assembly

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Three proposals related to the Endorsement process

(4) GPCA Bylaws amendment - Endorsements/Opposition of Statewide Ballot Measures and Candidates

Clean up proposal to add missing by omission text, and to better phrase existing text without changing meaning nor intent

(5) GPCA Bylaws amendment - Rescission of Endorsement of Statewide Candidates

Establishment of procedure to rescind endorsement under extreme circumstances

(6) GPCA statewide candidate endorsement procedures

Existing GPCA Bylaws provide for a Standing General Assembly vote on endorsing statewide candidates, but no procedure for how such a proposal to endorse would come to the SGA. This proposal would establish such a procedure.

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One proposal relates to the ability of the GPCA to take advantage of a option under the California Elections Code

(7) GPCA Bylaws amendment - Declining counting votes of a statewide candidate

Establishment of procedure to decline counting the votes of a statewide candidate towards the 2-percent threshold for the GPCA to retain statewide ballot status

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PROPOSALS

Proposal #1

SPONSOR: Green Party of Los Angeles County

SUBJECT: Bylaws amendment - Publishing Coordinating Committee minutes and agendas

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: Between 2000 and 2016, GPCA Coordinating Committee (CC) meeting agendas and meeting minutes were each posted separately to the CC meetings page <http://www.cagreens.org/committees/coordinating/meetings>. That practice provided at-large GPCA members the ability to learn what was on upcoming CC agendas and to provide input on those agenda

items to CC members before the meeting - similar to if the CC were an elected public body where constituents could provide pre-meeting input to their elected representatives.

The way the pre-meeting agendas were made available, was that when the agenda was posted to the CC email list, a link to that email was created in the archives of the CC email list, and that link was posted to the CC meeting page. That link was password protected, but the password was widely distributed to active party members each year via the GPCA Inform list, and was updated to a new password every year. Part of the reason it was done in this way, was that agendas could contain background information that the GPCA did not want to broadcast to the entire internet by posting it on a non-password protected link, but did want to make it available to active party members.

For CC minutes, because they contained a record of published decisions and did not contain background information for agenda items, they were posted directly to the CC website, and that link was shared via the CC meetings page <http://www.cagreens.org/committees/coordinating/meetings>.

Starting in 2017, the CC abandoned the long-standing practice of publishing CC agendas before its meetings, meaning party members can no longer easily learn what is on CC agendas, nor comment on them in advance of meetings, unless they have made special arrangements with individual CC members who share agenda items with them. The result has been a de facto lack of basic pre-meeting transparency and accountability between the CC and most of the rest of the GPCA.

This proposal would address this gap by establishing a clear procedure for posting CC agendas and minutes. Specifically, the CC would be directed to post its agendas (and any updates to its agendas) to the gpcforum@cagreens.org email list at the same time as it posts them to the CC email list. That email list is by definition open to subscription by any registered GPCA member and is mostly subscribed to by active GPCA member, effectively mimicking the access by active party members to CC agendas comparable to the access previously available to the password protected links on the CC email list.

This would not require any additional work by the CC, other than sending an additional email. In fact, even the CC member sending the email would not have to be subscribed to the gpcforum@cagreens.org email list if they did not chose to be (even though it would be desirable for all CC members to be subscribed to that list), as long as the settings for the list provided that their email address was an approved one for sending to the list.

Under this proposal, the CC would also be directed to send the published link to its minutes to the gpcforum@cagreens.org list, so that the minutes of CC business may be more easily discussed among active GPCA members.

The reason that this proposal would use the gpcforum@cagreens.org email list for publication of CC agendas and minutes is that this provides an opportunity for party members to discuss each among themselves, contributing to party-building. The GPLAC would entertain an amendment to this proposal to also send the CC agendas and minutes to the GPCA Inform List, but does not believe the Inform List would be a suitable substitute for the gpcforum@cagreens.org email list for three reasons. First, because it would not provide for group discussion; second because the target audience for the Inform list is more narrow; and third, its not so clear how to get on the Inform List, whereas one can sign up for the gpcforum@cagreens.org email list by simply going to its homepage http://lists.cagreens.org/mailman/listinfo/gpcforum_lists.cagreens.org.

The authority for the SGA to give this direction to the CC comes from of GPCA Bylaws Section 8-1. Duties and Authority, which states that “The Coordinating Committee shall ... carry out decisions of the General Assembly.” As this is not a proposed bylaws change, under GPLAC Bylaws 7-2.3, it would be subject to a 3/5 approval threshold.

PROPOSAL: That the Standing General Assembly direct the CC to

1. Publish its agendas (and any updates to its agendas) to the gpca-forum@cagreens.org email list at the same time the agenda (and updates) are posted to the CC email list; and
2. Publish the links to its minutes and the content of those minutes to the gpca-forum@cagreens.org email list at the same time they are approved by the CC and posted to the CC website.
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COMMITTEE DECISION: Approved by consensus at the GPLAC County Council meeting, Sunday, October 10, 2021

TIMELINE/RESOURCES: Direction to CC effective upon SGA approval, starting with the agendas and minutes of any CC meeting held after this proposal is approved.

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Proposal #2

SPONSOR: Green Party of Los Angeles County

SUBJECT: Bylaws Amendment - Coordinating Committee Duties and Responsibilities

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: This proposal clarifies that the Duties and Responsibilities of the Coordinating Committee (CC) do not include assuming for the CC, duties and responsibilities contained in the Duties and Responsibilities of GPCA Standing Committees and Working Groups.

It also clarifies that, as a body mentioned in the California Elections Code (Division 7. Part 6. Chapter 4 https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=ELEC&division=7.&title=&part=6.&chapter=4.&article=), the CC must act in accordance with that Code and any other applicable laws in the carrying out of their duties and responsibilities.

PROPOSAL: That GPCA Bylaws Section 8-1. Duties and Authority be amended from from reading as present:

“The Coordinating Committee shall authorize and carry out decisions of the General Assembly and make executive decisions, but not set policy between General Assembly meetings, and shall be generally responsible for coordinating General Assemblies and other statewide meetings, internal communications and other Party administrative tasks as defined in these Bylaws, including to...”

To read thus

“The Coordinating Committee shall authorize and carry out decisions of the General Assembly and make executive decisions, but not set policy between General Assembly meetings, nor assume for itself duties and responsibilities contained in the Duties and Responsibilities of GPCA Standing Committees and Working Groups; shall at all times act in accordance with GPCA Bylaws and all laws and requirements both State and Federal, including those described for the CC in the California Elections Code; and shall be generally responsible for coordinating General Assemblies and other statewide meetings, internal communications and other Party administrative tasks as defined in these Bylaws, including to...”

COMMITTEE DECISION: Approved by consensus by the Green Party of Los Angeles County at its October 10, 2021 meeting.

TIMELINE/RESOURCES: Bylaw effective upon approval by the Standing General Assembly.

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Proposal #3

Section 10-5. Campaigns & Candidates Working Group

10-5.1 Duties and Authority The Campaigns & Candidates Working Group is charged with facilitating the electoral work of the party, including to:

10-5.1(a) Develop and implement a GPCA electoral strategy;

10-5.1(b) Establish internal procedures for and coordinate a process of inviting, receiving and compiling analysis and recommendations from Greens and others on statewide ballot measures, perform an analysis of each ballot measure in relation to the GPCA Platform, resolutions and Ten Key Values, and make proposals to the General Assembly for GPCA positions;

10-5.1(c) Identify, recruit and support credible Green candidates, and educate and train them and other GPCA members in campaign skills, organization and electoral strategy;

10-5.1(d) Promote and facilitate effective strategies for winning campaigns;

10-5.1(e) Identify key campaigns in which Green Party members can play a pivotal role;

10-5.1(f) Make appointments to the Campaign Funding Support Committee;

10-5.1(g) Facilitate post-election reporting and analysis from candidates and campaigns.

SPONSOR: Green Party of Los Angeles County

SUBJECT: Bylaws Amendment - Campaigns and Candidates Working Group Duties and Responsibilities

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: Existing GPCA Bylaws 10-5.1 states that the Campaigns & Candidates Working Group (CCWG) is charged with facilitating the electoral work of the party.

In keeping with this charge, from 1994 to 2014, the CCWG facilitated the outreach process to develop Green candidates in statewide elections; and for the 2014 elections (the first year of top two statewide elections in which the GPCA no longer had a party primary in which party members could chose the GPCA’s general election nominee), the CCWG facilitated the process to endorse statewide candidates.

This proposal would codify this specific practice in the CCWG Duties and Responsibilities.

PROPOSAL: That GPCA Bylaws be amended to add a new 10-5.2(d) to the CCWG Duties and Responsibilities, and to renumber the remainder of 10.5-2 accordingly:

10-5.2(d) Coordinate outreach to identify Green candidates for statewide office, receive requests for endorsements from candidates for statewide office and forward such requests to the Standing General Assembly for its consideration under the endorsement procedures and timelines established by the Standing General Assembly.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Approved by consensus by the Green Party of Los Angeles County at its October 10, 2021 meeting.

TIMELINE/RESOURCES: Bylaw effective upon approval by the Standing General Assembly.

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Proposal #4

SPONSOR: Green Party of Los Angeles County

SUBJECT: Bylaws Amendment - Endorsement/Opposition of Statewide Ballot Measures and Candidates

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: This proposal would amend GPCA Bylaws governing taking GPCA positions on statewide ballot measures and candidates in two ways to provide greater clarity in the process, but not change the intent or meaning of the bylaws govern that process.

(1) Existing GPCA Bylaws 7.4 Endorsements provide for a process to endorse or oppose statewide ballot measures and candidates, and that such positions require a 2/3 vote. But such proposals (to endorse or oppose) are not included in the GPCA Bylaws section 7-2.3 listing proposals that require a 2/3 vote. This appears to be an error of omission, not a policy choice, since 7.4 Endorsements already specifies the 2/3 threshold. This proposal would amend 7-2.3 to include listing proposals to endorse/oppose statewide ballot measures and candidates.

(2) Existing GPCA Bylaws 7.4 is entitled 'Endorsements', but it includes the option to endorse or oppose, so the title should reflect that. Therefore this proposal would rename 7.4 'GPCA positions on statewide ballot measures and statewide candidates'.

(3) Existing GPCA Bylaws 7.4 explains the process for taking positions on statewide ballot measure and candidates in a single paragraph. For clarity's sake, this proposal would break up that paragraph into four sub-sections. There also appears to be a typo in existing 7.4, where the word 'position' is missing from the end of "If quorum is not achieved, or if the 2/3 threshold is not reached for a 'Endorse', 'Oppose'", which this proposal would correct.

PROPOSAL: That GPCA Bylaws be amended to

1) Add '7-2.3(d) Endorsement of or opposition to statewide candidates' and renumber the sub-sections after that accordingly

2) Change the title of Section 7-4 from 'Endorsements' to 'GPCA positions on statewide ballot measures and statewide candidates'; and

3) Change the text of Section 7-4 from the existing language :

Section 7-4. Endorsements

General Assembly Delegates may rank the following choices and the result shall be calculated by instant run-off voting: 'Endorse' (that the GPCA should support the measure or candidate), 'Oppose' (that the GPCA should oppose the measure or candidate), 'No Position' (that the GPCA should not take any position on the measure or candidate) or 'Abstain' (that the delegate takes no position on what should be the GPCA position). A GPCA position to endorse or oppose shall require 2/3. Abstentions are counted to determine quorum, but not towards the approval/disapproval threshold. If quorum is not achieved, or if the 2/3 threshold is not reached for a 'Endorse', 'Oppose', the GPCA's position will be 'No Position', as would it be if the 2/3 threshold is reached for 'No Position.'

to read as follows

Section 7-4. GPCA positions on statewide ballot measures and statewide candidates

The GPCA may take positions on statewide ballot measures and statewide candidates in the following manner:

7-4.1 General Assembly Delegates may rank the following choices and the result shall be calculated by instant run-off voting: 'Endorse' (that the GPCA should support the measure or candidate), 'Oppose' (that the GPCA should oppose the measure or candidate), 'No Position' (that the GPCA should not take any position on the measure or candidate) or 'Abstain' (that the delegate takes no position on what should be the GPCA position).

7-4.2 A GPCA position to endorse or oppose shall require 2/3. Abstentions are counted to determine quorum, but not towards the approval/disapproval threshold.

7-4.3 If quorum is reached and 2/3 of Delegates either vote 'endorse' or 'oppose', the GPCA position shall be 'endorse' or 'oppose' respectively.

7-4.4 If quorum is not achieved, or if the 2/3 threshold is not reached for a 'Endorse' or 'Oppose' position, the GPCA's position will be 'No Position', as would it be if the 2/3 threshold is reached for 'No Position.'

COMMITTEE DECISION: Approved by consensus by the Green Party of Los Angeles County at its October 10, 2021 meeting.

TIMELINE/RESOURCES: Bylaw effective upon approval by the Standing General Assembly.

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Proposal #5

SPONSOR: Green Party of Los Angeles County

SUBJECT: Bylaws Amendment - Rescission of Endorsement of Statewide Candidates

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: Existing GPCA Bylaws provide a process to make endorsements of statewide candidates, but no process to rescind an endorsement in the rare case that reason/cause could arise. This proposal would establish such a process, by a 2/3 vote of the Standing General Assembly (SGA).

Because of the urgency of such a matter during a campaign season, the SGA discussion period for such a proposal would be shortened from the normal six weeks to two. Even though the discussion period would be substantially shortened, a safeguard from the SGA making a rash decision would be that a previously endorsed candidate needed to have received a 2/3 vote to be endorsed, and now a 2/3 vote in the other direction would be required to rescind the endorsement. This means the reason for rescission would need to be substantially convincing enough for SGA delegates that previously voted to endorse said candidate, to now vote to rescind the endorsement. Additionally the threshold of sponsors to initiate such a proposal would be high enough that only non-trivial proposals would advance for SGA consideration.

PROPOSAL: That GPCA Bylaws be amended as follows .

Part I: To add to the current list of proposals that require a 2/3 threshold under GPCA Bylaws 7-2.3 Approval Thresholds, the following language:

“Rescission of Endorsement of a Statewide Candidate”

And that it be added as ‘7-2.3(f)’ to follow ‘7-2.3(d) Endorsement of or opposition to statewide candidates’ should the concurrent proposal to add that language pass, or as 7-2.3(d) if that concurrent proposal does not pass; and in either case, renumber the rest of 7-2.3 accordingly

Part II: That GPCA Bylaws 7-6.2(a) be changed from

The discussion period for Proposals and Elections shall be six weeks, beginning on a Monday at 12:01 am and ending on a Sunday at 11:59pm. The discussion period for Coordinating Committee and GPUS Delegation elections shall begin on the first Monday of May.

To read

The discussion period for Proposals and Elections shall be six weeks, except as otherwise provided for in these Bylaws, beginning on a Monday at 12:01 am and ending on a Sunday at 11:59pm. The discussion period for Coordinating Committee and GPUS Delegation elections shall begin on the first Monday of May.

Part III: Add a new Section 7-5 and renumber the Sections afterward accordingly:

7-5 Rescission of endorsement of a statewide candidate

The GPCA may rescind its endorsement of a statewide candidate in the following manner:

7-5.1 A proposal to rescind endorsement of a statewide candidate must contain the written basis for rescission, be approved by County Councils representing 40% of the total number of General Assembly delegate seats, and be received by the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group and copied to the candidate before it can be forwarded to the Standing General Assembly for a vote.

7-5.2 The written basis for recall must be based upon a substantial example of one or more off the following, where the candidate:

7-5.2(a) Is not in compliance with applicable laws regarding being a candidate for public office, and/or has committed acts of moral turpitude

7-5.2(b) Does not generally support the platform, principles and policies of the GPCA; and/or misrepresents the positions of the GPCA

7-5.2(c) Misrepresents the candidate's own record, and/or that of others, and/or fails to make a good faith effort to be factually correct on matters of substance

7-5.2(d) Uses prejudicial, biased, and/or offensive language, images or graphics with respect to race, gender, ethnicity, physical ability, spirituality, sexuality, or age;

7-5.3 Upon receipt of such a proposal, the Coordinating Committee shall schedule a vote of the Standing General Assembly to begin at the next regular starting date. Discussion shall be for two weeks and voting for one.

7-5.4 The candidate shall have the right to submit a written response to the rescission proposal for inclusion with it, when the rescission proposal is published to the SGA.

7-5.5 No later than five days before conclusion of the SGA discussion period, the Coordinating Committee shall schedule a teleconference open to SGA members, members of the sponsoring County Councils, and the candidate, where the sponsors can present their proposal, the candidate can respond and SGA Delegates can ask questions of both.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Approved by consensus by the Green Party of Los Angeles County at its October 10, 2021 meeting.

TIMELINE/RESOURCES: Bylaw effective upon approval by the Standing General Assembly.

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Proposal #6

SPONSOR: Green Party of Los Angeles County

SUBJECT: GPCA statewide candidate endorsement procedures

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: Existing GPCA Bylaws provide for a Standing General Assembly vote on endorsing statewide candidates, but no procedure for how such a proposal to endorse would come to the SGA. This proposal would establish such a procedure.

Currently there is ambiguity in the California Elections Code, whether a political can only endorse one or more than one candidate for inclusion in the official Voter Information Guide. A request for clarification from the Secretary of State's office has been made by the sponsor of this proposal. This draft text provides for either possibility, pending a response from the Secretary of State.

Additionally the GPCA has not taken a position on whether it wants to endorse one or more than one candidate in statewide elections. This draft text provides for either possibility, pending discussion by SGA Delegates, who may indicate a preference for one or the other, or the ongoing flexibility to choose either or both.

The sponsors of this proposal believe that ultimately the GPCA may want to place such procedures in its Bylaws, but for the present believe that it is most important to provide clarity in the form of basic endorsement operating procedures in the near term, because the party is in an election season.

Therefore this proposal would be subject to a 3/5 approval, not a 2/3 as per a bylaws amendment.

The sponsors also believe there may be other elements to consider as part of basic endorsement operating procedures, and invite GPCA members to offer amendments to this proposal.

PROPOSAL: That the Standing General Assembly adopt the following procedure to guide the GPCA process for endorsement of statewide candidates.

1. Eligibility

Any GPCA member seeking GPCA endorsement for statewide office shall be considered for endorsement by the SGA if they

- apply to the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group (CCWG) by the timeline established by GA in the annual Two Year Work Plan, where the draft Work Plan presented by the Coordinating Committee shall include an endorsement timeline proposed by the CCWG; or where no Work Plan has been approved that contains such a timeline, by a separate proposal from the CCWG to the SGA; or via an amendment to the Work Plan by a separate proposal from the CCWG to the SGA
- include in their application a response to any questionnaire established by the CCWG regarding their statewide candidacy and
- filed a Form 501 Candidate Intention Statement by the time they have applied

2. Inclusion of endorsed candidate in official Voter Information Guide

If the California Elections Code is interpreted to allow only one endorsement per statewide office by a political party, the GPCA shall conduct an RCV vote among all candidates who have applied by the deadline.

If the California Elections Code is interpreted to allow more than one endorsement per statewide office by a political party, the GPCA shall conduct an endorse/oppose/no position for each candidate who has applied by the deadline.

3. Endorsement of statewide candidates regardless of whether candidates are listed in the official Voter Information Guide

If the GPCA has not made an endorsement in time for inclusion in the official Voter Information Guide, it may still make endorsements for statewide candidates

If the GPCA decides it wants to endorse only one candidate in a statewide race, the GPCA shall conduct an RCV vote among all candidates who have applied by the deadline.

If the GPCA decides it wants to endorse more than one candidate in a statewide race, the GPCA shall conduct an endorse/oppose/no position for each candidate who has applied by the deadline.

COMMITTEE DECISION: Approved by consensus at the GPLAC County Council meeting, Sunday, October 10, 2021

TIMELINE/RESOURCES: Effective upon SGA approval

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Proposal #7

SPONSOR: Green Party of Los Angeles County

SUBJECT: Bylaws Amendment - Declining counting the votes of a statewide candidate towards the 2-percent threshold for the GPCA to retain statewide ballot status

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE: This proposal would provide the GPCA a process to take advantage of an option offered to it under California Elections Code 5100(a)(2) for which it currently has no process.

Specifically, California Elections Code 5100 (a) describes three conditions under which a political party is qualified to participate in a primary election, where if it meets any of the three, it is qualified.

One of the three - 5100(a) (1) - states that a party may participate in a primary election if "At the last preceding gubernatorial primary election, the sum of the votes cast for all of the candidates for an office voted on throughout the state who disclosed a preference for that party on the ballot was at least 2 percent of the entire vote of the state for that office."

(https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=ELEC&division=5.&title=&part=&chapter=2.&article=)

That same section of the code goes on to stay in 5100(a)(2), that "Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a party may inform the Secretary of State that it declines to have the votes cast for a candidate who has disclosed that party as his or her party preference on the ballot counted toward the 2-percent qualification threshold. If the party wishes to have votes for a candidate not counted in support of its qualification under paragraph (1), the party shall notify the secretary in writing of that candidate's name by the seventh day before the gubernatorial primary election."

(https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=ELEC&division=5.&title=&part=&chapter=2.&article=)

The GPCA already has a process in its Bylaws 7-4 to endorse or not endorse a candidate seeking statewide office. However, non-endorsement does not imply that the GPCA would decline to have the votes received by such a non-endorsed candidate counted towards the 2-percent threshold.

Although it is unlikely to be used often, this proposal would establish a process for the GPCA to take advantage of this option under the California Elections Code, should it be so inclined to do so.

PROPOSAL: That GPCA Bylaws be amended

Part I: To add to the current list of proposals that require a 2/3 threshold under GPCA Bylaws 7-2.3 Approval Thresholds, the following language:

"Declining counting the votes of a statewide candidate towards the 2-percent threshold for the GPCA to retain statewide ballot status"

and that this shall be numbered 7-2.3(f) if the simultaneous proposal by the GPLAC passes to create a new 7-2.3(e) (regarding placing the already required 2/3 threshold to endorse a statewide candidate into the list of proposals that requires 2/3); and 7-2.3(e) if that proposal does not pass.

Part II: That GPCA Bylaws be amended to add a new Section 7-5 and to renumber the existing Section 7-5 as 7-6 and so on:

Section 7-5. Declining counting the votes of a statewide candidate towards the 2-percent threshold for the GPCA to retain statewide ballot status

The GPCA may take a position on declining counting the votes of a statewide candidate towards the 2-percent threshold for the GPCA to retain statewide ballot status in the following manner:

7-5.1 General Assembly Delegates may rank the following choices and the result shall be calculated by instant run-off voting: 'Decline' (that the GPCA should decline counting the votes of a statewide candidate towards the 2-percent threshold for the GPCA to retain statewide ballot status), 'Not Decline' (that the GPCA not take that position), 'No Position' (that the GPCA should not take any position whether to decline) or 'Abstain' (that the delegate takes no position on what should be the GPCA position).

7-5.2 A GPCA position to decline shall require 2/3. Abstentions are counted to determine quorum, but not towards the approval/disapproval threshold.

7-5.3 If quorum is reached and 2/3 of Delegates not abstaining vote 'Decline', the GPCA position shall be 'Decline'.

7-5.4 If quorum is not achieved, or if the 2/3 threshold is not reached for a 'Decline' position, the GPCA's position will be 'Not Decline.'

COMMITTEE DECISION: Approved by consensus by the Green Party of Los Angeles County at its October 10, 2021 meeting.

TIMELINE/RESOURCES: Bylaw effective upon approval by the Standing General Assembly. The GPCA Liaison to the Secretary of State shall notify the Secretary of State that the GPCA has established such a procedure. Should this proposal pass and the GPLAC proposal to add

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