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Green Party of California General Assembly Minutes

July 9-10, 2022



Note taker: Rick Greenblatt

Agenda: https://cagreens.nationbuilder.com/july_ga_agenda

Saturday, July 9, 2022

8:00 am – Registration

9:00 am – Opening session

Facilitators – Mica Daniel, Nassim Nouri

Time Keeper for GA – Eric Brooks

New Delegate Orientation

Nassim Nouri reviewed meeting, Zoom, and chat procedures.

Quorum Count

Laura Wells reported 19 of 23 active counties present (82%), exceeding the 50% threshold for quorum.

9:30 am – Agenda approval

Laura Wells takes roll call (see Appendix A). Nassim Nouri presents the proposed agenda.

Tim Laidman and Peggy Koteen express concerns about the Bylaws decision item (Sat. 1:10 pm), Tim proposes to change to discussion item. Peggy supports Tim’s amendment. Others affirm the agenda, Tim stands aside, Peggy does not stand aside, decision goes to a vote.

Mimi Newton proposes to remove the Sunday 10:10 am agenda item on “Future of Voting in the GPCA’s GAs and SGAs”. Nicole Raglin proposes to add this time to the next agenda item (Ecosocialism discussion). Mimi and Nicole’s agenda amendments are approved by consensus.

Decision: Agenda as amended with change to Sunday agenda is approved by vote: 30 yes, 12 no, 2 abstain, 71.4% in favor. A

9:50 am - How do we create the people’s movement we need to save our world?

Dr. Jill Stein and Ms. Margaret Kimberley, in conversation. Margaret Kimberly notes that the current crisis of legitimacy provides us with opportunities. Jill Stein observes that we are living in a time of international crisis but also of resistance. Greens can help to build a collaborative left coalition.

Discussion from Orlando Cruz, Ann Menasche, and Michael Rubin

10:50am – Break

11:00 am - Discussion: The 2022 Left Unity Slate campaign, and beyond

Facilitator – Greg Jan. Kevin Akin, Peace and Freedom (PF) state chair, presents for P&F, noting that the slate was a useful advance towards increased collaboration between Greens and PF. Several candidates spoke next. Gary Blenner (GRN) described the positive role played by TV commercials. Meghann Adams (PF) pointed to coalition building, including endorsements from Ventura and LA DSA chapters. John Parker (PF) noted improved vote percentage over his 2018 campaign. Laura Wells (GRN) and Dan Kapelovitz (GRN) endorsed the positive role of TV.

12 noon – Lunch break

1:00 pm - Reconvene & Quorum Count

Facilitators: June Brashares and Greg Jan

1:10 pm - Decision: Proposal to adopt Bylaws amendment to reorganize GPCA Committees and Working Groups

Sponsor: Bylaws Committee

Presenters: Mimi Newton, James Lauderdale and Laura Wells

Laura Wells motivated the proposed bylaw changes by describing the need to consolidate committees and working groups and eliminate non-functioning committees. Under the new bylaws, people may volunteer for committees before applying for membership. Mimi Newton advocated deciding this at the current GA rather than tabling to a subsequent SGA. James Lauderdale emphasized the need for paired-down procedures to enhance our ability to get work done and get more people involved.

Commenters and questioners included Michael Rubin, Ann Menasche, Eric Brooks, Tim Laidman, Randy Hicks, Peggy Koteen, Shane Que Hee, Tim Morgan, and Nadia Nouri

Elizabeth Green (who asked (unsuccessfully) for the GA to delete 9-3.2 and 7-5.5(h) of the current bylaws).

Rick Greenblatt offered a friendly amendment to Sec. 9-9.1, accepted by the sponsor, and incorporated in the approved Bylaws amendment.

Nine people (names unrecorded) had outstanding concerns and did not stand aside. The decision therefore went to a vote.

Decision: 46 delegates voted, 38 Yes, 6 No, 2 Abstain, 86.4% in favor. The Bylaw Amendment is approved as amended. See Appendix A for the vote breakdown and Appendix B for the Bylaws Article 9 as adopted.

2:00 pm - Decision: Proposal to adopt Summaries of the Platform Pillars

Sponsor: Platform Committee

Presenters: Nassim Nouri and Peggy Koteen

Peggy Koteen emphasizes the need for an overview of our platform to enhance accessibility. Nassim Nouri notes that the website is where most people see our platform. Adopting these summaries means that these pillars will be formally approved, incorporated into our platform, and displayed on the website.

Michael Rubin had concerns and did not stand aside, Ann Menasche and Michelle Mashburn suggested amending the use of “heteropatriarchy”, by adding patriarchy to the list. David Grover offers a friendly amendment on formatting accepted by sponsors. Affirmations by Nadia Nouri and Nicole Raglin. Decision goes to a vote.

Decision: 43 delegates voted, 40 Yes, 2 No, 1 Abstain, 95.2%. The Platform Amendment is approved (see Appendix A for the vote and Appendix C for the text as adopted).

2:50 pm - Approval of GA minutes

- Decision: Approval of [Dec 2021](#) General Assembly Minutes

Approved by consensus with typographic errors corrected, as proposed by Greg Jan.

- Decision: Approval of [June 2021](#) General Assembly Minutes

Approved by consensus

- Decision: Approval of [Nov 2020](#) General Assembly Minutes

Approved by consensus

- Decision: Approval of [June 2020](#) General Assembly Minutes

Approved by consensus

- Decision: Approval of [Nov 2018](#) General Assembly Minutes

Approved by consensus

3:15 pm - County Green Parties Reports & Social

Reports were presented from several counties, including Santa Clara (Nadia Nouri), Sacramento (Randy Hicks), Fresno (Meg Buckingham), Santa Barbara (Cherise Cordero), San Francisco (Eric Brooks), Humboldt (David Grover), Alameda (Greg Jan), and San Diego (Rick Greenblatt).

4:15 pm- Adjourn for the day

Sunday, July 10, 2022

9:00 am - Opening Session

Facilitator: Diana Brown

New delegate abbreviated orientation.

Quorum count

Laura Wells reported 14 of 23 active counties present (61%), exceeding the 50% threshold for quorum.

9:10 am – Discussion: Ecosocialism

Sponsor – Humboldt County

Presenters: Mark Adams, Nicole Raglin, and David Cobb

Mark Adams introduced the characteristics of capitalism contrasted with ecosocialism. Breakouts followed on how capitalism effects our lives and how ecosocialism could change this.

Nicole Raglin shared her views on the socialism we are trying to build. Breakouts followed on how ecosocialism can alleviate current crises.

David Cobb spoke on the GP as a socialist party and the role of non-reformist reforms, followed by breakouts.

Mark Adams, Nicole Raglin, Nassim Nouri, David Bond, David Cobb, and Greg Jan reported on discussions within their breakout groups.

10:50 am Break

10:55 am – Democratic Party failure and our opportunities

Sponsor – Green Party Alameda County

Presenters: Barry Sheppard and Michael Rubin

Barry Sheppard described the inadequacy of the Democratic Party and its complicity with the Republicans in supporting the current state structures, like the Supreme Court.

Michael Rubin pointed out that the Democrats are seen increasingly as incapable to doing what needs to be done in areas like abortion rights, cost of living, immigration. We have an opportunity to rebuild our party through movement building.

Discussants included Rick Greenblatt, Peggy Koteen, Mark Labato, Dominique Wade, Terrance Tovar, Nassim Nouri, Eric Brooks, Karen Nyhus, Spenser Bradley, Ann Menasche, Orlando Johnson, Elizabeth Green, Pam Spevy, David Quinley, Diana Brown, and Vicente Cruz.

11:55 am – Announcement of Standing Committee Vacancies

Presenter: Nassim Nouri

Nassim Nouri summarized the Bylaw amendment adopted earlier in the GA and its effects on committee membership. She invited all to contact current coordinators and volunteer for the newly formed committees.

12:20 pm – Next General Assembly Meeting Date

Presenter: Tarik Kanaana

An online poll was taken to determine preferences for the next GA date and format. 69% of respondents preferred 11/12-13, with 31% preferring 11/19-20. 92% of respondents could attend on 11/12-13, and 81% could attend on 11/18-19.

The question of in-person, online, or hybrid GA was also discussed. No formal decision was reached on date or format.

12:30 pm – Closing Session and Adjournment

Appendix A – Attendance and Quora

Last Name	First Name	County	GA online Jul 9-10 2022	Roll Call 7/9/22 Sat	Vote approve agenda	Quorum count	Vote Bylaws	Vote Platfor m Pillars	Roll Call 7/10/22 Sunday
Arnold	Jan	Alameda	<i>not Del</i>	1					1
Cruz	Vicente	Alameda	<i>not Del</i>						
Daniel	Mica	Alameda	Alt	1	YES	1	YES	YES	1
Jan	Greg	Alameda	Del	1	YES	1	YES	YES	1
Johnson	Orlando	Alameda	Alt	1	abstain	1	YES	YES	1
Morrison	Fred	Alameda	<i>not Del</i>						
Rheinheimer	Eric	Alameda	<i>not Del</i>						
Richardson	Justin	Alameda	<i>not Del</i>	1					1
Rubin	Michael	Alameda	Del	1	NO	1	abstain	NO	1
Sheppard	Barry	Alameda	<i>not Del</i>						
Sorgen	Phoebe	Alameda	Alt	1		1	--	YES	
Spevack	Pam	Alameda	Del	1	-	1	YES	abstain	
Wells	Laura	Alameda	Del	1	YES	1	YES	YES	1
Kerr	Mike	Contra Costa	<i>not Del</i>	1					1
Laidman	Tim	Contra Costa	Del	1	NO	1	NO	--	
Larudee	Paul	Contra Costa	Del	1	NO	1	NO	--	
Buckingham	Megan	Fresno	Del	1	YES	1	YES	YES	1
Gomez	Richard	Fresno	Del	1	YES	1	YES	YES	1
Rivera	Salvador Adrian	Fresno	<i>not Del</i>	1					

Tovar	Terrance	Fresno	Del	1	YES	1	YES	YES	1
Warnert	Jeannette	Fresno	<i>not Del</i>						
Adams	Mark	Humboldt	Del	1	YES	1	YES	YES	1
Cobb	David	Humboldt	Del	1	YES	1	YES	YES	1
Grover	David	Humboldt	Del	1	YES	1	YES	YES	1
Sheppard	Penny	Kern	Del	1	YES	1	YES	YES	1
Bond	David	Los Angeles	<i>not Del</i>						1
Brown	Diana	Los Angeles	Del						1
Green	Elisabeth	Los Angeles	<i>not Del</i>	1					1
Jeffries	Jane Anne	Los Angeles	<i>not Del</i>						
Lauderdale	James	Los Angeles	<i>not Del</i>	1					
Meurer	William	Los Angeles	<i>not Del</i>	1					
Piera-Avila	Linda	Los Angeles	Del	1	NO		NO	--	1
Que Hee	Shane	Los Angeles	Del	1	NO	1	YES	YES	1
Sabnis	Rohan	Los Angeles	<i>not Del</i>	1					1
Sweeney	John	Los Angeles	<i>not Del</i>						
Maldonado	Paul	Marin	Del	1	YES		YES	YES	
Newton	Mimi	Marin	Del	1	YES	1	YES	YES	1
Walters	Myron	Marin	<i>not Del</i>						
Wade	Dominique	Monterey	Del	1	YES	1	YES	YES	1
Walton	Audra	Monterey	Del	1	YES	1	YES	YES	1
Raglin	Nicole	Nevada	Del	1	YES	1	YES	YES	1
Blenner	Gary	Sacramento	Del	1	YES	1	YES	YES	
Hicks	Randy	Sacramento	Del	1	YES		YES	--	1
Obrigewitsc h	Sharyn	Sacramento	<i>not Del</i>	1					
Quinley	David	Sacramento	<i>not Del</i>						1
Sabo	Kevin	Sacramento	Del						
Groeling	Robert	San Benito	<i>not Del</i>	1					
Bradley	Spencer	San Diego	Del	1	NO	1	YES	YES	1
Greenblatt	Rick	San Diego	Del	1	NO	1	abstain	YES	1
Halse	Maryann	San Diego	Del	1	NO	1	YES	YES	
Ky	Ariel	San Diego	<i>not Del</i>	1					
Menasche	Ann	San Diego	Del	1	NO	1	YES	YES	
Morrison	David	San Diego	Del	1		1	YES	YES	

Brooks	Eric	San Francisco	Del	1	YES	1	NO	YES	1
Chandonia	John-Marc	San Francisco	Del	1	YES				
Hachem	Abbas	San Francisco	<i>not Del</i>	1					1
Hermanson	Barry	San Francisco	<i>not Del</i>						
Rivera	Mara	San Francisco	<i>not Del</i>	1					
Koteen	Peggy	San Luis Obispo	Del	1	NO	1	NO	YES	
Cordero	Charisse	Santa Barbara	Del	1	NO	1	YES	YES	1
Raabe	Leo	Santa Barbara	Del	1	NO	1	NO	NO	1
Good	Brian	Santa Clara	<i>not Del</i>						
Harrison	Diane	Santa Clara	Alt	1	YES	1	YES	YES	1
Kalbali	Arzhang	Santa Clara	<i>not Del</i>						
Koerner	George	Santa Clara	Alt	1	YES	1	YES	YES	1
Mashburn	Michele	Santa Clara	Del	1	YES	1	YES	YES	
Nouri	Nadia	Santa Clara	Del	1	YES	1	YES	YES	1
Nouri	Nassim	Santa Clara	Del	1	YES	1	YES	YES	1
Pepin	Christine	Santa Clara	Del						
White	Kim	Solano	Del	1		1	YES	YES	
Brashares	June	Sonoma	Del	1	YES	1	YES	YES	1
Chunco	Susan	Sonoma	Del	1	YES	1	YES	YES	1
Kanaana	Tarik	Sonoma	Del	1	YES	1	YES	YES	1
Lobato	Mark	Sonoma	<i>not Del</i>	1					1
Morgan	Tim	Sonoma	Del-Sat	1	YES				
Nyhus	Karen	Sonoma	Del-Sun			1	YES	YES	1
Schmit	John	Stanislaus	Del	1	YES	1	YES	YES	
Manro	Don	Tulare	Del	1	abstain	1	YES	YES	1
Pendleton	Steve	Tulare	Del	1	YES	1	YES	YES	1
Toler	Randy	NOT CA	<i>not Del</i>	1					
Kapelovitz	Dan	Guest							
Kim	Soo Yun	Guest							

Parker	John	Guest							
Akin	Kevin	Guest							
Adams	Meghann	Guest							
Stein	Jill	Guest							
Kimberley	Margaret	Guest							

Appendix B – Bylaws amendment (as adopted)

Approved – Bylaws Amendment Committees – 7/9/22, with minor amendment to Section 9.9.

Section 9-1. Membership

9-1.1 Appointments: Committees consist of voting members, appointed by the Coordinating Committee to serve two-year terms, including a Coordinating Committee liaison, who serves as one of two committee Coordinators. The other committee Coordinator is elected by the committee members, and shall take office upon confirmation by the General Assembly.

9-1.2 Eligibility: To be eligible for appointment, an individual must:

- (a) Provide evidence of being registered with GPCA or attests they would be registered, but are ineligible under federal or state law.
- (b) Attend Committee meetings and serve as a volunteer for the Committee prior to being appointed.
- (c) Demonstrate a working knowledge of the Committee’s work.

9-1.3 Eligible individuals may submit an application in writing to the Coordinating Committee stating their interest, qualifications, and evidence of registration with the GPCA.

i. Vacancies:

- (a) If a committee member misses three consecutive meetings, the individual cycles out of the committee and a vacancy shall occur.
- (b) The Coordinating Committee shall regularly publish a call for appointments to committees.
- (c) Any committee member or coordinator may be dismissed from coordinator role membership, by at least a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly, Coordinating Committee, or the committee membership.

Section 9-2. Coordinators

Coordinators represent the committee and shall be responsible to:

- (a) Prepare and distribute draft monthly meeting agendas.
- (b) Submit annual work plans, budgets, and monthly reports to the Coordinating Committee.
- (c) Coordinate guest and volunteer participation in meetings and provide onboarding and training as necessary.
- (d) Represent the committee in all communications and in the General Assembly.

Section 9-3. Meetings

9-3.1 Committees shall meet monthly and during GPCA state meetings, in-person, by phone or online to achieve the objectives outlined in their work plans. Meetings outside any regularly scheduled meetings shall be called only with a minimum of one-weeks' notice to committee members.

9-3.2 The decision-making process for committees shall be based on consensus seeking as described for the General Assembly in 7-5.5. Quorum shall be at least 50% of the committee's voting membership.

Section 9-4. Internal Procedures

Committees may establish additional Internal Procedures as necessary, that are not in conflict with the GPCA's governing rules documents, to facilitate the duties and authority of the committee.

Section 9-5. Bylaws and Rules Committee

The Bylaws and Rules Committee is charged with supporting the development of the GPCA's governing rules documents, including its Bylaws, Rules and Procedures, Fiscal Policy, and others, including to:

9-5.1 Propose amendments to the General Assembly and issue written interpretations of the GPCA's governing rules documents.

9-5.2 Review proposed amendments to governing documents submitted by others and provide recommendations to the sponsors, including to promote consistency in meaning, terminology, and format with existing documents.

9-5.3 Review bylaws annually to identify outdated or inconsistent content and to ensure approved amendments are accurately represented in GPCA documentations.

9-5.4 Propose reforms to internal processes and administration that enhance effectiveness and realize efficiencies; such as advise GPCA on internal party voting mechanisms.

9-5.5 Review Committee Internal Procedures to ensure compliance with GPCA governing documents.

9-5.6 Compile, document and archive the governing rules documents of the GPCA as they have existed over time.

Section 9-6. Candidates Committee

The Candidates Committee is charged with facilitating the electoral work of the GPCA related to candidates and elections, including to:

9-6.1 Develop and implement a GPCA electoral strategy for candidates and elections, including to identify key campaigns for elected office.

9-6.2 Identify, recruit, educate, train and support credible Green candidates who uphold Party values, vet requests for endorsements and submit recommendations to the General Assembly.

9-6.3 Establish procedures for candidates to apply for funding, including application forms, questionnaires and other processes and communicate these procedures publicly as well as individually to all candidates known to Committee.

9-6.4 Designate funding and communicate such designations to the GPCA Treasurer.

9-6.5 Develop educational tools and materials for GPCA members on the California electoral process, GPCA platform, campaign skills and organizing.

9-6.6 Facilitate post-election reporting and analysis from campaigns.

Section 9-7. Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is charged with facilitating all GPCA external communications such as broadcast, media, press, social media and inquiries, including working to:

9-7.1 Develop and distribute communication and materials including media releases, social media posts, webpages, flyers, branding and graphics to publicize official GPCA positions, successes, endorsements, GPCA officeholders and appointed officials, and other newsworthy events about GPCA growth and development.

9-7.2 Respond to all external inquiries to GPCA and when necessary, refer inquiries to appropriate Committees or individuals.

9-7.3 Manage GPCA merchandising and collateral, including budgeting, ordering, storage and shipping;

9-7.4 Oversee the GPCA website content and ensure its accuracy.

9-7.5 Coordinate Party press conferences, and respond to press inquiries.

9-7.6 Support and assist County Green organizations in their media work.

9-7.7 Appoint GPCA spokespersons. Spokespersons are not required to be appointed members of this Committee.

9-7.8 Designate and train Committee members or volunteers to post to social media and manage platform permissions.

9-7.9 Administer, manage, and maintain GPCA websites, databases, and online assets.

9-7.10 Manage permissions and access on GPCA online tools and assets and provide training and support according to approved GPCA policies and procedures.

Section 9-8. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is charged with administering all GPCA's Fiscal responsibilities as provided for in these bylaws and in fiscal Policy, including:

9-8.1 Develop and present the annual GPCA budget to the General Assembly for approval; including expense and income projections for the annual budget.

9-8.2 Submit timely filings of required documents to federal, state, and local election officials where appropriate.

9-8.3 Support and oversee the work of the Treasurer to carry out the required duties and responsibilities.

9-8.4 Compile, review, revise, and approve or reject budget requests from Committees for appropriation from the GPCA budget.

9-8.5 Develop and execute fundraising strategies for ensuring fiscal solvency.

9-8.6 Establish general principles for prioritizing the designation of campaign funds. File draft principles with the Coordinating Committee and Candidates Committee for comments at least 15 days prior to adoption.

9-8.7 Establish and maintain the GPCA Fiscal policy, and all necessary forms and processes for finance and budget related work.

9-8.8 Collect funds owed to the GPCA.

Section 9-9. Membership and Outreach Committee

The Outreach and Membership Committee is charged with supporting County Organizations, membership development and organizing outreach and events.

9-9.1 Develop and promote resources in support of growing active County Organizations and to assist the activation of new County Organizations by providing education, training and resources for outreach and events.

9-9.2 Coordinate County Organizations into statewide efforts to register GPCA voters, engage in public voter outreach, and increase diversity in the party.

9-9.3 Develop, provide, and support training materials and programs on skills building grassroots organizing activities for individual volunteers and County Organizations.

9-9.4 Engage, onboard and train volunteers for membership in GPCA Committees and campaigns.

9-9.5 Maintain a current database of General Assembly delegates, Active County Organizations, County Council members, volunteers, and other entities relevant to GPCA efforts.

9-9.6 Develop training materials and engage, onboard and train volunteers for membership in GPCA Committees and campaigns.

9-9.7 Organize and promote GPCA and County Organization events.

9-9.8 Support and liaise with other Committees on their projects that require outreach and external communications.

9-9.9 Assist the Coordinating Committee as appropriate in the coordination, organizing, and outreach for General Assembly events and online votes.

Section 9-10. Policy and Platform Committee

The Policy and Platform Committee is charged with developing and implementing strategies for GPCA legislative campaigns and the development of the GPCA's Platform, including to:

9-10.1 Track legislative, executive, and judicial policymaking of interest to GPCA and convey summaries with recommended courses of action to the General Assembly and Coordinating Committee.

9-10.2 Analyze ballot measures and convey summaries with recommended courses of action to the General Assembly and Coordinating Committee.

9-10.3 Draft and submit position letters on policymaking to the Coordinating Committee.

9-10.4 Propose platform amendments to the General Assembly, review proposed Platform amendments submitted by other sponsors and provide recommendations to promote clarity and the existing Platform.

9-10.5 Review the Platform annually to identify outdated or inconsistent language and to ensure all approved amendments are accurately represented in GPCA documentations.

9-10.6 Seek input and feedback on the platform from experts in the field.

9-10.7 Organize advocacy actions at the State Capitol and support County Organizations advocating before local policymakers.

9-10.8 Build coalitions with other organizations working on Green issues, engage in discussions, and prepare proposals on issues and events that should be addressed by GPCA.

9-10.9 Establish and implement internal procedures to invite and compile analyses and recommendations from Greens and others on statewide ballot measures and analyze ballot measures in relation to the GPCA Platform, resolutions and Ten Key Values, and make proposals to the General Assembly for GPCA positions.

9-10.10 Compile, document, and archive the platform as it has existed over time.

9-10.11 Facilitate post-election reporting and analysis from legislative and initiative campaigns.

Appendix C – Platform Pillars

GPCA Platform Pillar Summaries

Approved by the General Assembly on 7/9/22 with the following friendly amendments:

- In the Social Justice and Livable Communities section’s first paragraph add the word patriarchy to ensure the meaning is clear and distinct from heteropatriarchy.
- In the second paragraph of the same section, capitalize the word “everyone” to accompany “BY”, to read “BY EVERYONE”.

Social Justice and Livable Communities

We work to confront the barriers of all forms of capitalist, class-based oppression such as inequity, white supremacy, racism, imperialism, colonialism, ableism, patriarchy, and heteropatriarchy that separate us from working together to build a society that honors diversity and supports self-definition and self-determination of all people.

We are building a society with an intimate connection and balance between our rights as individuals and our responsibilities to our neighbors, our communities and the Earth. Honoring this connection promotes participation BY EVERYONE in decisions that affect our well-being, economic security, and all our policies. The role of our government is to enable and flourish institutions that address human and planetary needs and solve the common challenges we face.

Community-Based Economy

The Green Party is focused on creating a new economy where economic vitality, social wellbeing, and ecological wisdom are compatible, complementary, and necessary for our survival in California, in the nation, and in the world. Our economic platform is founded on community-based economics, worker ownership and control, and need-based production, with public ownership of financial institutions, participatory planning and budgeting, and economic democracy.

The corporate parties legislate to maintain the status quo and to serve the special interests that control them. Greens reject an economy owned by an unaccountable government, private corporations, or the so-called free market. As long as the focus of our economy is on profit and corporate growth, we will not be able to protect ourselves and our resources.

Ecology and Earth Stewardship

As Greens we understand that humans are but one part of the ecosystem with a unique responsibility for both societal and environmental stewardship. Our most marginalized and underrepresented communities have been the most victimized by climate injustice. However, in a closed system like our planet we will all eventually live downstream of the toxic consequences of over production and over consumption.

We must live within our ecological means and end unsustainable, capitalist, extractive practices and policies that have led us to the edge of climate crisis.

Peace and Non-violence

Peace is not just the absence of violence, it is a willingness to resolve conflict in constructive, collaborative, respectful ways that honor diverse points of view. As a nation, and a people, we must prepare for peace in order to achieve it. We advocate for effective alternatives to society's current patterns of violence, including individual acts of personal violence, institutionalized acts of racist and economic violence, and our violent foreign policies that lead our government to incite and fund armed conflicts around the world to the benefit of a bloated war industry.

Democracy and Electoral Reform

To build a democratic political system, we aim to create a direct participatory grassroots democracy centered at local, bioregional, national and international levels. Grassroots democracy, one of the Green Party's 10 Key Values, allows us as individuals and communities to create our own futures, design our own lives, and determine our own priorities.

We advocate for electoral reforms such as proportional representation and ranked choice voting to mobilize large numbers of voters, offer more choices, remove hurdles of participation, and break up the two-party monopoly that has not served our people or upheld our democracy.