

****Updated at the Nov 12, 2022 General Assembly - at the request of presenters, updated the name of the organization and clarified the title, and added a link to the GA presentation. (see italic sections)***

Subject/Title: *The Green Party of California to join the ProRep Coalition as a coalition member to help educate Californians about, and eventually build an initiative for, proportional representation.*

Co-sponsors: Green Party of Humboldt County, Green Party of Sonoma County, Green Party of Santa Clara County

Background and Purpose:

As detailed in the [GPCA's Platform on Electoral Reform](#), "Greens support the use of multi-seat districts with proportional representation for the state legislature, and ranked-choice voting for statewide executive office. Greens also support a larger legislature, which will allow for results to be more proportional."

"Pro(portional) Rep(resentation) Coalition" is an emerging non-profit organization actively assembling a coalition of California's ballot-qualified minor parties and electoral reform experts and advocacy organizations to begin working towards bringing PR to the California state legislature. The ultimate goal of this effort is to champion a ballot initiative in the next 4-6 years.

This organization has extended an invitation to GPCA to join their *coalition*, and since Greens are one of the largest beneficiaries of these reforms, we are proposing that GPCA accept this invitation to join.

A representative appointed by the GPCA would; attend coalition meetings, report back on activities to the GPCA General Assembly and Coordinating Committee, and serve as a GPCA liaison to the coalition. All proposed policy items drafted by the coalition (including potential ballot initiative campaigns) would be communicated by this representative to GPCA General Assembly for endorsements or support decisions.

The invitation also asks that GPCA allow *ProRep Coalition* to use our logo on its website and promotions and list GPCA as a coalition member. The only instances in which GPCA's support would be publicized are those strictly relating to the Coalition and its mission towards Proportional Representation.

Proposal:

The Green Party of California to join the ProRep Coalition as a coalition member to help educate Californians about, and eventually build an initiative for, proportional representation, appoint David Cobb (Humboldt County) to serve as the coalition member representing GPCA, and allow the use of GPCA name and logo to be listed as coalition member on ProRep Coalition webpage and promotions.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources:

If the proposal passes:

- There are no financial commitments required of the GPCA.

- The appointed representative will immediately be recognized and assume duties as the GPCA representative to the *ProRep Coalition*.
- Time and work requirements are mainly from the GPCA representative through participation in the Coalition meetings and discussions, and report-backs to GPCA.
- The Communications Committee will also commit some minimal time in sharing the GPCA logo with *ProRep Coalition* and reporting and publicizing this collaboration and the coalition's accomplishments in the future.

County Decisions:

- The Green Party of Humboldt County unanimously endorsed this proposal on Sept 19, 2022.
- At the Green Party of Sonoma County (GPSC) meeting on Sept 19, 2022, GPSC approved by unanimous consensus to co-sponsor this proposal.
- The Green Party of Santa Clara County approved to co-sponsor with a 48-hour online vote on Sept 22, 2022.

References:

- GPCA's Platform on Electoral Reform:
<http://www.cagreens.org/platform/proportional-representation>
- *ProRep Coalition*: <https://www.prorepcoalition.org/>
- [*GA Presentation*](#)