

Proposed Decision Item:

Approval of the 2026/2027 Two-Year Strategic Plan

Presenters:

The GPCA Coordinating Committee(CC) (through CC members Mimi Newton, Marin County & Shannel Pittman, Los Angeles County)

Background:

Section 10-2 of the GPCA Bylaws requires the CC to present a draft Two-Year Strategic Plan to the General Assembly for approval and updating on an annual basis.

Purpose:

The Strategic Plan serves to assist CC members and others in ensuring the smooth progress of party functions and operations.

Proposal:

The GA is requested to approve the attached Draft Two-Year Strategic Plan (Attachment 2YSP).

Implementation/Timeline/Resources:

Upon approval, the Two-Year Strategic Plan will be sent to the Communications Committee for uploading to the GPCA website in early January 2026, replacing the plan currently posted there.

References:

GPCA Bylaws Section 7-5.1:

7-5.1 Draft Agenda

(a) The Coordinating Committee shall establish a Draft Agenda for all General Assembly meetings, distribute it at least 42 days in advance to each County Organization and submit it for approval at the beginning of each General Assembly. (b) The Draft Agenda shall incorporate agenda items submitted by committees and County Organizations as provided for in these bylaws; shall distinguish among decision making items, reports and discussion items; shall distinguish among proposals, elections and confirmations; and shall when feasible include facilitators, times and the full text of each item as described in 7-2.2.

(c) The Draft Agenda may contain a Consent Calendar consisting of proposals that have been judged by their sponsors to be sufficiently non-controversial as to be considered and approved without the normal consensus-seeking process of presentations, clarifying questions, and affirmations and concerns. When the Consent Calendar is heard, any proposal for which there are outstanding concerns without stand asides shall be removed without approval. The sponsor(s) of the proposal shall make an effort to address the outstanding concerns, after which the proposal may be brought back to the General Assembly at a later point for approval.

GPCA Bylaws Section 10-2:

Section 10-2. Strategic Plan

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

Attachment 2YSP

DRAFT TWO-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

2026 (election year)

January 5: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

January: Send a semi-annual announcement via the Inform List seeking applicants for GPCA Standing Committees vacancies

February 2: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

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

Early March: Send a call for candidates for the Coordinating Committee and the CA Delegation to GPUS

March 2: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

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

Spring: Determine active counties and calculate the counties delegate distribution for the 2026-2027 General Assembly and Standing General Assembly (GPCA Bylaws 5-2.2) at least 42 days before General Assembly (GPCA Bylaws 7-6.1(b))

April 6: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

Late April: Send Counties a reminder via GPCA Inform list to appoint their delegates to the General Assembly for one-year terms (July 1 - June 30, no term limits)

April 27: Deadline for applications for candidates for the Coordinating Committee and the Green Party of the United States (GPUS) Delegation

May 4: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

May 4 - June 14: Discussion period for Standing General Assembly voting, to include elections for the Coordinating Committee and the California Delegates to the GPUS, and other votes

May/June: Conduct the Spring General Assembly to include consent items, and when applicable; confirmation of the Treasurer, the Liaison to Secretary of State, and confirmation of Assistant Treasurer(s).

June 2: California Direct Primary Election

June 8: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

June 15 - 21: Voting period for Standing General Assembly

June 30: Deadline for Counties to appoint their delegates to the General Assembly for one-year terms (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027, no term limits)

Summer: GPUS Annual National Meeting (ANM)

July: Send a semi-annual announcement via the Inform List seeking applicants for GPCA Standing Committees vacancies

July 1: Standing General Assembly Delegate Terms begin and run through June 30, 2027

July 6: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

July: Send a reminder to Committees to prepare their Work Plans/Budget

August 3: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

September: Committees Work Plans/Budget are due to Finance Committee

September 14: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

September - October: Deadline to release Draft General Assembly agenda, including the Draft annual Budget, at least 42 days before General Assembly (GPCA Bylaws 7-5.1(a))

October 5: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

November 3: Election Day

November 9: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

November/December: Conduct the Winter GA to include Approval of: the Annual Budget; the Two-Year Strategic Plan (GPCA Bylaws Section 10-2 Strategic Plan); the Annual Treasurer's Report (GPCA Fiscal Policy Sections 5-2 and 10-1); Confirmation of any new Assistant Treasurer(s); and consent items.

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April 26: Deadline for GPCA CC and GPUS Delegation Applications

May 3: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

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May 3-June 13: Discussion period for Standing General Assembly voting, to include elections for the Coordinating Committee and the California Delegates to the GPUS, and other votes.

June 7: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

June 14-June 20th: SGA Voting period

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July: Send a semi-annual announcement via the Inform List seeking applicants for GPCA Standing Committees vacancies

July 1: Standing General Assembly Delegate Terms begin and run through June 30, 2028

July 5: Independence Day Observed

July 12: CC monthly meeting (Virtual)

July: Send a reminder to Committees to prepare their Work Plans/Budget

August 2: CC monthly meeting (virtual)

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