GA Agenda Proposal: Discuss the CC's "Draft Timeline for our Strategic Planning Process" below as a means of updating the General Assembly delegates on how the Coordinating Committee (CC) plans to proceed with our Strategic Planning process.

Background and Purpose: The CC members who attended our Sunday, August 16 special meeting, that was focused on planning for "effective use of the $500,000 donation," discussed many aspects of that subject, one of which was the idea of working on a Strategic Plan (and associated budget) to be presented to the Spring General Assembly (GA) meeting next year. One specific date that was mentioned would be to have that Strategic Plan ready by March of 2027, in order to meet the agenda submittal deadline for the Spring GA.

To help guide the GPCA in how we might best make use of the $500,000 donation, below is a draft outline of what the CC hopes to accomplish for each month between now and next March. (Note: The draft outline below assumes we must approve our Strategic Plan item by our March CC meeting).

In addition, the draft outline below is fairly brief, and it mostly only deals with generalities. That's because we're just getting started with this -- but as we spend more time working on our Strategic Planning process, we ought to then be able to fill in more details.

<u>Draft Timeline for our Strategic Planning Process</u>:

September* ---- Share general info about the Strategic Planning process with each other and perhaps start a dialogue about what the GPCA's long-term goals might be.

October -------- Decide if we need to engage a consultant to help us with this (Note: Due to the November election, we probably shouldn't expect to do very much Strategic Planning work during October).

November ----- If needed, contact one or more consultants and engage one of them to help us with this project. Perhaps also make substantial progress on clarifying our

long-term goals (and maybe even have a special Strategic Planning Zoom meeting in November or December).

December ----- Formally begin the process to create our Strategic Plan (including an associated budget).

January -------- Make substantial progress toward completing the Strategic Plan

February ------- Make "final revisions" to the Strategic Plan

March ---------- At our March CC meeting, approve our Strategic Plan agenda item (including an associated budget), to be submitted to the Spring General Assembly (GA) meeting

* NOTE: For September, where it says, "Share general info about the Strategic Planning process with each other" -- I'm mainly thinking about short articles about Strategic Planning which we might be able to share with each other. And that also includes info which we might find about engaging a Strategic Planning consultant.

Also, no Resources are needed unless and until we decide to engage a Strategic Planning Consultant, for which we've already requested up to $5,000 in the 2027 budget.