



# Green Party of New York



## 2012 Presidential Primary Ballot

### **Ranked-Choice Voting Instructions:**

The Green Party of New York uses ranked-choice voting as its election method. Ranked-choice voting allows voters to rank a first, second, and third choice candidate during an election.

The voter selects his or her first-choice candidate by placing a “1” in the box next to the candidate's name. The voter selects his or her second-choice candidate by placing a “2” in the box next to that candidate's name. The voter selects his or her third-choice candidate by placing a “3” in the box next to that candidate's name. Voters wishing to vote for a write-in candidate for any of their three choices can write in the name of the candidate on the line provided. A voter may—but is not required to—rank three choices.

Voters wishing to use the “None of the Above” option may do so by placing a “1” in that box and leaving the remaining boxes blank.

### **How It Works:**

All first-choice votes are counted first, and if a candidate receives a majority (50%+1) of the first choice votes that candidate is declared the winner. If no candidate receives a majority of the first-choice votes, a process of eliminating candidates and transferring votes begins. The candidate who received the fewest first-choice votes is eliminated, and votes cast for the eliminated candidate are transferred to the voter's next-choice candidate.

The votes are then recounted. If any candidate receives a majority of the votes, that candidate is declared the winner. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, the process of eliminating candidates and transferring votes is repeated until one candidate receives a majority of votes.

Roseanne Barr

Harley Mikkelson

Kent Mesplay

Jill Stein

Write-In

None of the Above



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## This Form Must be Returned With Your Ballot

This is a secret ballot election. Mark your ballot and place it in the mail in accordance with the following instructions:

- After privately marking the ballot in accordance with the Ranked-Choice Voting Instructions, put the ballot in a sealed envelope and label it "Secret Ballot."
- Fill out the Voter Registration Information Form and have it notarized.
- Insert your "Secret Ballot" envelope and your notarized Voter Registration Information Form in a larger envelope and seal it.
- Mail the larger envelope with postage paid in the US mail to:

**Green Party of New York**  
**c/o Michael O'Neil**  
**35 Cooper Street #3**  
**Brooklyn, NY 11207**

- Only ballots received by **May 18th** will be counted - Visit [www.gpnys.org](http://www.gpnys.org) for more information

### The following information is necessary in order to confirm your Green Party enrollment with the NY Board of Elections:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

### This form must be notarized before it's returned:

STATE OF NEW YORK \_\_\_\_\_ :

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ : ss :

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, before me personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, to me known and known to me to be the individual described therein, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public