

# GREEN PARTY OF CALIFORNIA

## General Assembly, San Francisco May 18-19, 2019

Hosted by the Green Party of Alameda County

### MEETING MINUTES – [Approved by SGA vote Sept 2020, ID#210](#)

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Location: San Francisco Labor Temple, now known as the Redstone Building located at 2940 16th Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

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## Saturday, May 18

### 1- 8:00 am **Breakfast, registration**

GA Notetaker: Mimi Newton (Marin Co)

Facilitators: Yahmo Ahqha (Erik Rydberg) (Humboldt Co) & June Brashares (Sonoma Co)

Timekeeper: David Bond

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### 2- 9:00 am **Opening**

Delegate orientation – June presented a brief on GA process

Announcement of Standing Committee vacancies – referred to breakout sessions

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### 3- 9:25 am **Quorum Count**

Delegates from 50% of counties are present.

At 9:30 am 40 of the 46 registered delegates for Saturday were present, quorum is achieved at 87%.

Six more delegates arrived after quorum check.

See **Appendix F** for the list of Delegates/Alternates and other attendees.

See **Appendix G** for photos and album link.

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### 4- 9:30 am **Agenda approval**

- Proposal to add a new discussion item “Next GA” to Saturday 5:30, but also keep the decision item on “Next GA” in the Sunday 9:05 am agenda.
- Suggestion was made for Greens to take a long lunch hour on Saturday in order to participate in the “Hands Off Venezuela” protest nearby in San Francisco.

### **Approved by consensus**

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### 5- 9:45 am **Confirmation of Jared Laiti as the Liaison to the Secretary of State.**

(Coordinating Committee)

Section 4-7 Liaison to the Secretary of State: The Liaison to the Secretary of State is the official contact of the GPCA with the California Secretary of State. The term of the Liaison shall be two years, beginning in odd numbered years. The Liaison shall be nominated by the Coordinating Committee, and subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Coordinating Committee members are not

eligible to serve as Liaison to the Secretary of State. The Coordinating Committee shall immediately fill any vacancy in the office of Liaison, subject to confirmation by the next meeting of the General Assembly.

No questions

Concerns:

- Sid: Akbar: Jared is difficult to get in touch with and not attending GP Sacramento county council meetings – stood aside
  - Jennifer Woodward: Suggested Jared keep a log of his work – stood aside
  - Shannel Pittman: suggested Jared create a manual or a how-to document on his role – stood aside
- Affirmations: Faygo Clark, Nassim Nouri

### **Jared Laiti appointment to Liaison to Secretary of State - approved by consensus**

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6- 10:00 am **Decision: Confirmation of Ruscal Cayangyang as Treasurer for the 2019-2021 term** (Coordinating Committee)

Section 4-6 Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have the duties and responsibilities as defined in the Fiscal Policy. The term of the Treasurer shall be two years, beginning in odd-numbered years. The Treasurer shall be nominated by the Coordinating Committee and subject to confirmation by the General Assembly. Coordinating Committee members are not eligible to serve as Treasurer. The Coordinating Committee shall immediately fill any vacancy in the office of the Treasurer, subject to confirmation by the next meeting of the General Assembly.

No Questions

Concerns:

- Sanda Everett: doesn't agree with the decision to switch the fiscal year and other decisions by Ruscal – stood aside
- Anthony Krzywicki: it is very important to have the budget paperwork ready ahead of the GAs – stood aside
- Yahmo (Erik Rydberg): preserving independence for Greens is very important, concerned about Ruscal supporting and working for Democrat Jovanka Beckles campaign for CA Assembly – stood aside

Affirmations: Josh Jones, Randy Hicks

### **Ruscal Cayangyang appointment to GPCA Treasurer - approved by consensus**

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7- 10:00 am **Presentation: Coordinating Committee candidates for FY 2019-2021 make statements**

Coordinating Committee candidates currently running in the June 2019 SGA vote, spoke about their experience and goals for serving on the Coordinating Committee:

Eric Brooks (San Francisco)

Mimi Newton (Marin)

Josh Jones (Yolo)

Karen Nyhus (Sonoma)

Tarik Kannana (Sonoma)

Sidra Walton (Monterey)  
Shannel Pitmann (Los Angeles)  
Mica Daniel (San Joaquin)  
Christine Pepin (Santa Clara)

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8- 10:30 am **Presentation: GPUS Delegation Delegate and Alternate candidates for FY 2019-2021 make statements**

Candidates currently running for Delegate, Alternate or both in the June 2019 SGA vote, spoke about their experience and goals for serving on the GPUS Delegation:

Sanda Everett - Del (San Mateo)  
Karen Nyhus - Alt (Sonoma)  
Rick Greenblatt - Alt/Del (San Diego)  
Susan Chunco - Alt/Del (Sonoma)  
Rohan Sabnis Del (Los Angeles)  
Jan Arnold Alt (Alameda)  
Phoebe Ann Sorgen Del (Alameda)  
Yahmo Ahqha (Erik Rydberg) Del (Humboldt)  
Peggy Koteen Del (San Luis Obispo)  
John Schmit Alt/Del (Stanislaus)

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9- 10:55 am **Discussion: Preparing Politically for 2020.** (San Diego)

Presenter: Rick Greenblatt

The Green Party at every level (national, state, and local) will face serious challenges as we approach the 2020 election season. In addition to the usual issues we face as a small party in a fundamentally flawed and undemocratic electoral system, there will be special challenges in 2020, including the likelihood that Trump will run again and that the Democrats will advance some as-yet-unknown version of the Green New Deal. We need to prepare ourselves not only organizationally, but also politically if we have a realistic expectation of coming out of 2020 stronger than we came in.

The discussion will be motivated by the presenter as a set of questions that we need to consider, including, for example:

- What are our most important objectives for 2020?
- How can we develop a strategic perspective to help guide us in successfully realizing these goals?
- What should be the principal aspects of such a perspective?
- How does ecosocialism fit into our perspective?
- What are the major strengths that we can bring forward to advance this perspective?
- What are the major obstacles that we will face in realizing this perspective; how can we work to overcome them?

Rick presented (see slides **Appendix C**) on exciting opportunities within the progressive movement, inspiring discussions on how Greens can coalesce and engage newly activated movements.

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10 - 11:55 am **Announcements**

- Nicole Caster: mentioned the Voter's Choice act of CA passed in 2016 which is enrolling more counties into automatic vote-by-mail process starting in March 2020, Greens need voter outreach and education on this. <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voters-choice-act/>

- June Brashares: applications are being solicited for 10-year aid position on the CA Redistricting Commissioners. Referred to website for requirements and details: <https://shapecaliforniasfuture.auditor.ca.gov/index.html>

- Nassim of Clearinghouse Committee invited delegates to check out the Clearinghouse table for literature on CA Public Banking Bill AB-857, Ranked Choice Voting flyers in addition to the GPCA standard trifold and contact cards and green t-shirts, see pictures in **Appendix G**.

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#### 11- 12:00 pm **Lunch**

A delicious vegetarian Mediterranean lunch was served, thank you Green Party of Alameda County!

**Hands Off Venezuela protest** – Following lunch many attendees headed out to participate in the protest, carrying GP signs and banner. At the protest organized by Party of Socialism and Liberation of San Francisco, Laura Wells spoke on behalf of the Green Party of California on our opposition to endless wars and coup attempts, noting our platforms on non-violence and the peace dividend to fund the Green New Deal and our many social needs. See link to protest pictures and event album link in **Appendix G**.

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#### 12 – 2:00 pm **Reconvene**

Facilitators: Sanda Everette (San Mateo) & Tarik Kanaana (Sonoma)

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#### 13 – 2:00 pm **Breakout sessions for committees and working groups (CCWG, ERWG, Bylaws, ATDWG)**

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14 – 3:09 pm **Reconvene, Quorum count** (if any confirmations are to be done in next session)  
At 2:50 pm 43 of the 46 registered delegates for Saturday are present, quorum is achieved at 93%.

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#### 15 - 2:55 pm **Confirmation: Standing Committee and Working Group Co-Coordinators Confirmation**

GPCA Bylaws Section 10-2 Co-coordinators states: “Each Working Group shall elect two coordinators from among its membership. Elected coordinators shall take office upon confirmation by the General Assembly and shall serve for two years in staggered terms. Co-coordinators who shall be responsible for preparing and announcing the draft agenda for committee meetings, to submit annual work plans and budgets on behalf of the working group and otherwise represent the working group in official communications with other committees, working groups and the General Assembly.”

- Nicole Raglin (Nevada) and David Bond (Los Angeles) were submitted to the General Assembly as IT Committee Co-Coordinators. Both spoke about their ongoing work and projects on the IT Committee.

No questions or concerns. Affirmations were made by many.

## Approved by consensus

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16 - **Announcement** - June Brashares (Sonoma) and Randy Hicks (Sacramento) present information on [SB 212](#) Ranked Choice Voting, the bill authorizes a general law city, a general law county, or an educational district to conduct a local election using ranked choice voting (RCV) and also to elect a candidate for nonpartisan office at a primary election by majority vote, instead of a plurality vote.

- June requests that the GA members support this bill, as it is a significant part of the GPCA Platform on Democracy.

- A straw poll for support showed overwhelming support for the bill among the delegates.

- Mimi suggest that in light of the delegates support, June forward a proposal to the Coordinating Committee (CC) after the GA and for the CC to ratify the delegates support for SB 212 to document GPCA endorsement.

- Delegates affirmed

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17 - 3:00 pm **Decision: Proposal: Platform Amendments.** (Platform Committee)

- Proposal: Platform Amendment: Recycling plank (renamed) Zero Waste plank **Appendix A**
- Proposal: Platform Amendment: Toxic Wastes plank. **Appendix B**

No Questions.

Concerns:

- Greg Jan: the word of ‘toxins’ can also refer to naturally occurring toxins produced by plants and animals, as this is not the intention of the plank this could be made clearer in the platform language i.e. add ‘harmful’ – stood aside

- Josh Jones: suggested the word toxin be replaced by human-made toxins in the language – stood aside

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18 - 3:45 pm "**The total campaign package**"/**Greens Tool Kit**

A Training Workshops by the Activist Training & Development WG

Presenters Diana Brown, Aidan Hill, and David Bond

- David presented information on how to build a campaign tool kit, including campaign team structure, training on public speaking, building a fundraising plan (see **Appendix D**).

- Aidan Hill presented on how his campaign in Berkeley has centered community as the focus, establishing the People’s Park as a place to engage with and the most vulnerable of the community.

- Diana presented information on how to get the Green Party’s message out to progressives using social media, GPCA literature and also by building alliances with local organization who share our values.

- Shannel Pittman spoke about how to best engage volunteers.

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19 – 5:15 pm **Break** - Facilitators: Sanda Everette & Tarik Kanaana

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20 - 5:20 **Announcements** - Postponed to tomorrow

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21 - 5:20 pm **Discussion on Next General Assembly Meeting Date and Place (Coordinating Committee)**

Delegates were invited to discuss options and opportunities.

**Date Preferences:** first Dec 7-8, second Nov 16-17, third Dec 14-15

- Jennifer: concerned that students are in the midst of exams in mid Dec.

- Greg: we should prioritize a Spring 2020 Plenary in April

**Location, Southern CA preferred:**

- Fresno county's Richard Gomez suggested they may consider hosting but will need assistance.

- Randy Hicks: it is important to ensure accessibility for GAs.

- Suggestions were made for more than one southern California county to collaborate on hosting, in the same manner Alameda County is hosting this GA in San Francisco.

- Diana Brown suggested LA could host the next GA but brought concern about upfront costs. Tarik was asked to share estimates of GA costs with Diana and GPLAC.

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22 - 5:52 **Adjourned**

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23 - **Dinner** on your own - host committee provided nearby recommendations for dinner.

**GPUS Delegation met during dinner**

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24 - 7:30 pm **Evening Gathering**

Some Greens came together after dinner for socializing and games! Thank you for sharing your talents.

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**Sunday, May 19**

1- 8:00 am **Breakfast, registration**

Facilitators: Nassim Nouri & David Bond

Timekeeper: Mark Adams

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2 - 9:00 am **Convene, Quorum count**

At 9:15 am 37 of 43 registered delegates for Sunday are present, quorum is achieved at 86%.

For a list of Delegates and attendance see **Appendix F**.

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3 - 9:05 am **Proposal: Approval of Next General Assembly Meeting Date and Place** (Coordinating Committee)

Delegates were invited to bring county approved proposals for hosting the next GA to the floor.

Based on discussions at the Saturday 5:30 pm session, Diana suggested LA county to host possibly with help from a neighboring county. Diana will confirm with GPLAC and will notify the agenda team.

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4 - 9:20am **Discussion: Growing the party by running candidates by GROW**

**Presenters: Shannel Pittman, and Laura Wells.**

The question is always asked on how do we continue to grow as a party and what can we do? In our experience, the most effective way to do this is to make sure we have candidates carrying a strong Green message within their campaign platform. We will talk about how each county could hold themselves accountable to running candidates for various offices.

Laura and Shannel presented on how GPCA can support counties to help run Green candidates, inspiring discussion and shared experiences.

- For local offices: each county party to appoint someone to search county election office websites for each election cycle and compile a list of offices for which no candidates are running, or if there are no challengers to an incumbent, counties can follow up by recruiting Greens to run for those offices. These are local offices and control essential services and policies like School Boards, or Water, Fire & Sewer District Boards.
- There are also appointed commissions whose work align with Green values like the County Human Rights, Planning and Open Space commissions.
- For State and Federal offices: the top-two primary has limited our ability to get on the general ballots, but same strategy applies to search for unopposed offices or adopt a write-in strategy.
- Counties can refer their interested members to the Campaigns and Candidates Working Group to work with others on both strategy and tactics.

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5 - 10:15 am **Breakout sessions for committees and working groups (Media, Green Issues, Platform, IT)**

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6- 11:30 am **Reconvene**

At 11:49 am 39 of 43 registered delegates for Sunday are present, quorum is achieved at 91%.

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7- 11:50 am **Concurrent Discussion Sessions:**

- **Women's Caucus meeting**
- **Organizing around Improved Medicare for All** - Presenter: Barry Hermanson

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8 - 12:30 pm **Announcements**

Counties, Committees and Working Groups are invited to share announcements of events, projects and campaigns they are involved in. Counties reported on local campaigns and efforts:

- Nassim (Santa Clara County) shared Jake Tonkel campaign for San Jose City council -

<https://jake4d6.com/>

- Cesar Flores (LA County) shared about his campaign for state Senate:

<https://www.facebook.com/CesarFlores2020/>

- Aidan Hill (Alameda County) spoke about his campaign and the Peoples Park Project in Berkeley.

- Christine Pepin (Santa Clara County) shared about affordable housing work by Green, Sandy Perry (co-founder of the Affordable Housing Network of SCC), who has organized 7 tenant Associations to empower renters and is working on establishing a South Bay Community Land Trust and campaigning for a ban on No Cause Evictions.

- Shannel Pittman (LA County) spoke about how young LA Greens are engaging in local movements.

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9 - 12:25 pm **Lunch** – All enjoyed another delicious and bountiful vegetarian lunch.

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10 - 1:25 pm **Reconvene**

At 3:09 am 34 of 43 registered delegates for Sunday are present, quorum is achieved at 79%.

Facilitators: Mica Daniels & Rohan Sabnis

Timekeeper: Shannel Pittman

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11 - 1:30 pm **Breakout sessions for committees and working groups** (Finance, GROW, Clearinghouse, Fundraising)

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12 - 2:45 pm **Effective Communication: A Training Workshop by the Activist Training & Development WG**

- Presenter Josh Jones distributed a hand out (**Appendix D**) and engaged attendees in a discussion.

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13 - 4:15 pm **Closing session** - Thank you to our host, the Green Party Alameda County.

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## APPENDIX

### Appendix A.

#### Platform Amendment: Recycling plank (renamed) Zero Waste plank

The redlined version and clean copy versions were submitted by the Shane Que Hee of Platform committee to the GA agenda team on March 22, 2019 at 1:05:39 am.

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#### Recycling Zero Waste

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**SPONSOR:** Platform Standing Group

**PRESENTERS/CONTACTS:** Peggy Koteen, San Luis Obispo County, [pkoteen@aol.com](mailto:pkoteen@aol.com)

**SUBJECT:** Recycling in the Ecology & Earth Stewardship section. Personal and global responsibility, ecological wisdom, and sustainability are the involved 10 Key Values of the GP.

**Background and Purpose** **ONLY THE CHANGES ARE TO BE DISCUSSED**

~~Zero waste is a Utopian goal but r~~Reliance on recycling has not been sufficient to produce zero waste achieved anything like that and in addition recycling has become overly corporatized with the root



causes of waste left unaddressed since it is not in corporate interests. ~~to change basic human behavior.~~  
Recycling is adequate for cans, bottles, paper and cardboard.

~~Though~~ Nature uses and reuses everything through continual recycling, while in industrial recycling the profit motive subverts the supposed goal. ~~there is no profit motive to subvert that as there is in industrial recycling.~~ We should pattern our use of resources after nature in sustainable cycles. ~~This means that humans should use what they need and not what is wanted.~~ For example, ~~However,~~ about one-third of food produced for human consumption is lost or thrown away. Reasons range from poor planning, logistical difficulties, greed, an aversion to the look of the food. In 2017, the average person in North America threw away 255 pounds of food annually compared with 13-25 lb in developing countries. Single use plastic items often end up in landfills or exported overseas rather than being recycled.

California alone produces more waste than the whole of China. We squander our resources through wasteful practices like excessive packaging, and throw away useful resources by burying them in massive and useless landfills.

Nearly all CalRecycle waste and recycling regulations are found in [Title 14](#) and [Title 27](#) of California Code of Regulations (CCR). In January 2010, CalRecycle was created from a merger of the Department of Conservation, Division of Recycling and the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB). Regulations approved before 2010 refer to CIWMB, CalRecycle's predecessor, and those created after January 2010 refer to CalRecycle but all are in effect unless noted as "repealed".

The Green Party ~~promotes conservation and recycling~~ believes focus on waste minimization and reuse of items will get us closer to zero waste. GPCA recommends to: .

1. ~~12.~~ Stop planned obsolescence. It promotes waste and the need for recycling. This has always been a corporate strategy to ensure profits. Design and produce high quality goods that are durable, repairable and reusable
2. ~~4.~~ Rapidly phase out composites and other materials that cannot be reused ~~eyeled~~ or biodegraded
- 3-~~5.~~ Educate our children and the public on the benefits of zero waste and conservation. recycling and conservation especially relative to food, use of energy, personal practices, and in purchasing goods.
4. ~~14.~~ Encourage all businesses to minimize their use of 'virgin' resources, replacing them with reusable/recycled/biodegradable resources.
1. ~~Create a markets for recycled and disposed of goods through legal and tax incentives.~~ 2. Institute convenient curbside recycling (including yard clippings) in all urban areas. ~~3. Manufacture "recycled" paper, labeled as such, out of as much a specific percentage of post-consumer waste paper as possible.~~
4. ~~Rapidly phase out composites and other materials that cannot be recycled.~~ 5. Educate our children ~~on the benefits of recycling and conservation.~~ 6-5. Simplify procedures that let people choose not to receive junk mail and messages. ~~7. Maintain deposits on glass, metal and plastic beverage containers or incorporate them into broader, more comprehensive community solid-waste recycling programs.~~
- ~~8.6.~~ Legislate limitations in packaging and impose penalties for wasteful packaging. ~~9.7.~~ Legislate ~~in favor of recycling used tires, and against burning of tires (tire-derived fuels) in manufacturing.~~
- <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/tires> [see Protection of the Atmosphere plank] ~~10 8.. Remove obstacles to the sale of items in bulk, and sStandardize containers to make their reuse easier.~~ ~~11.9.~~ Restructure garbage rates to encourage reduction in the volume of waste. ~~12. Design and produce high quality goods that are durable, repairable and, then, recyclable at the end of their useful life; this concept is the opposite of the current "planned-obsolencee."~~ ~~13. Expand recycling and conservation promotion programs to keep the importance of recycling and conservation active in the minds of Californians.~~ ~~14.~~
10. Encourage all businesses to minimize their use of 'virgin' resources, replacing them with reusable/recycled/biodegrdable resources.

~~15.~~ 11. Educate all to use and purchase what is needed to minimize waste and resource usage.  
~~16.~~ 12. Educate all about the difference between hazardous waste and non-hazardous waste relative to solid waste, and measures of waste minimization such as segregation of recyclables, compostables, and reusables and the banning of single-use plastic nonbiodegradable consumer items.

~~16.~~ 13. Minimize plastic waste by minimizing useage of single-use items replacing plastic items with recyclable or biodegradable substitutes.

14. Emphasize plant-based diets since their wastes are biodegradable and compostable and because livestock farming causes about 15% of global greenhouse-gas emissions

~~17.~~ 15. Minimize combustion processes to dispose of wastes to slow the progress of climate change.

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### **Background and Purpose**

Reliance on recycling has not been sufficient to produce zero waste and in addition recycling has become overly corporatized with the root causes of waste left unaddressed since it is not in corporate interests. Recycling is adequate for cans, bottles, paper and cardboard.

Nature uses and reuses everything through continual recycling, while in industrial recycling the profit motive subverts the supposed goal. We should pattern our use of resources after nature in sustainable cycles. However, about one-third of food produced for human consumption is lost or thrown away. Reasons range from poor planning, logistical difficulties, greed, and aversion to the look of the food. In 2017, the average person in North America threw away 255 pounds of food annually compared with 13-25 lb in developing countries. Single use plastic items often end up in landfills or exported overseas rather than being recycled.

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2. Rapidly phase out composites and other materials that cannot be reused ~~eyeled~~ or biodegraded
3. Educate our children and the public on the benefits of zero waste and conservation. especially relative to food, use of energy, personal practices, and in purchasing goods.
4. Encourage all businesses to minimize their use of 'virgin' resources, replacing them with reusable/~~/~~recycled/biodegradable resources.
5. Simplify procedures that let people choose not to receive junk mail and messages.
6. Legislate limitations in packaging and impose penalties for wasteful packaging.
7. Legislate against burning of tires (tire-derived fuels) in manufacturing. <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/tires> [see Protection of the Atmosphere plank]
- 8.. Standardize containers to make their reuse easier.
9. Restructure garbage rates

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11. Educate all to use and purchase what is needed to minimize waste and resource useage.
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  13. Minimize plastic waste by minimizing useage of single-use items
  14. Emphasize plant-based diets since their wastes are biodegradable and compostable and because livestock farming causes about 15% of global greenhouse-gas emissions
  15. Minimize combustion processes to dispose of wastes to slow the progress of climate change.

**COMMITTEE DECISION** The revised Platform plank was first posted on the Platform list serve on September 19 2018, with revisions on September 25, September 26, 2018, January 27 2019. The plank was to be presented at the PorterVille General Assembly but was prevented by the fall of the CoCo.

**RESOURCES:** This is a revision/renaming of the current GPCA platform plank Recycling

<http://www.cagreens.org/platform/recycling>

Title 14 -

<https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Browse/Home/California/CaliforniaCodeofRegulations?guid=I9B44DC50D47F11DEBC02831C6D6C108E&transitionType=Default&contextData=%28sc.Default%29>

Title 27 –

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## **Appendix B.**

### **Platform Amendment: Toxic Wastes Plank**

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### **Toxic Wastes Platform Plank**

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**SPONSOR:** Platform Standing Group

**PRESENTERS/CONTACTS:** Peggy Koteen, San Luis Obispo County, [pkoteen@aol.com](mailto:pkoteen@aol.com)

**SUBJECT:** Toxic Wastes in the Ecology & Earth Stewardship section. Personal and global responsibility, ecological wisdom, and sustainability are the involved 10 Key Values of the GP.

### **Background and Purpose ONLY CHANGES WILL BE DISCUSSED**

We must adopt attitudes and practices that respect the rights of present and future generations to a healthy environment. Toxic waste poisons the ecosystem rendering it unhealthy and often unlivable. Through pollution, toxic wastes and radioactive contamination, our society is seriously damaging our environment. Once toxic materials are released into the environment it is difficult, and sometimes impossible, to contain or neutralize them. Governmental EPA standards including those of the US EPA [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov), the California Department of Toxic Substances <https://www.dtsc.ca.gov/>, and local county and city agencies for the control of toxins are inadequate, poorly enforced, and allow for the export of known toxins to other countries as well as interstate and intrastate. Identification and clean-up of toxic sites, even critical Superfund sites, are severely inadequate.

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products. It has failed so far.

The Green Party promotes an aggressive policy to control and counter toxins:

1. Develop, or bring back into common use, alternatives to toxins so that we can eliminate toxin ~~their~~ use.
2. Contain and neutralize toxins at their point of use or generation. Once the toxins are introduced into the environment, controlling them becomes difficult or impossible.
3. Fine companies convicted of dumping toxins at a rate higher than it would have cost them to neutralize the poisons in the first place.
4. Apply a standard of "dangerous until proven safe" to questionable substances, with the burden of proof on manufacturers and industrial users rather than on the public.
5. ~~Cleaned~~ up toxic wastes on military and industrial sites. Companies hired to perform toxic clean-ups must not have previously profited from the production, supply or use of those substances. Companies that previously profited should be required to perform clean-up services at cost.
  
6. Make companies that supplied the toxins at military sites pay at least 50% of the clean-up costs, with government funds from the military budget used for the balance.
7. Shift as much as possible to plant-based diets to eliminate the devastating toxicity impacts from the enormous amounts of toxic wastes generated by animal agriculture.
- ~~7.8.~~ Set and enforce stringent standards through a revitalized EPA and Department of Toxic Substances. We must not let businesses influence or hinder regulatory agency ~~the EPA's~~ work.
- ~~8.9.~~ Support "strict, joint and several liability" as enacted under Superfund legislation as the surest method of tapping the "deep pockets" of corporate polluters, and ensuring that responsible parties pay for hazardous waste cleanups. Liability reform must not become a shield protecting polluters' profits.
- ~~9. 10.~~ Protect the right of everyone to a healthy environment regardless of race, income, ~~or~~ national origin, sexual orientation and gender identity. Poor, minority or immigrant communities should no longer be convenient locations for hazardous waste facilities, ~~and~~ toxine dumping, and industrial facilities that use or generate toxins. These acts of toxic racism violate the principles of environmental justice. [see Environmental Justice plank]
- ~~10. 11.~~ Develop community-based systems to identify and organize "neighborhoods at risk," and to initiate actions to counter pollution.
12. Educate our children and adults about toxins not only in school and university curricula but in government agency publicity including websites and printed and other media
- ~~11.13.~~ See the ~~Reeyeling~~ Zero Waste plank for suggestions on how to cope with minimizing toxins.

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1. Develop, or bring back into common use, alternatives to toxins so that we can eliminate toxin use.
2. Contain and neutralize toxins at their point of use or generation. Once the toxins are introduced into the environment, controlling them becomes difficult or impossible.
3. Fine companies convicted of dumping toxins at a rate higher than it would have cost them to neutralize the poisons in the first place.
4. Apply a standard of "dangerous until proven safe" to questionable substances, with the burden of proof on manufacturers and industrial users rather than on the public.
5. Clean up toxic wastes on military and industrial sites. Companies hired to perform toxic clean-ups must not have previously profited from the production, supply or use of those substances. Companies that previously profited should be required to perform clean-up services at cost.
6. Make companies that supplied the toxins at military sites pay at least 50% of the clean-up costs, with government funds from the military budget used for the balance.
  
7. Shift as much as possible to plant-based diets to eliminate the devastating toxicity impacts from the enormous amounts of toxic wastes generated by animal agriculture.
8. Set and enforce stringent standards through a revitalized EPA and Department of Toxic Substances. We must not let businesses influence or hinder regulatory agency work.
9. Support "strict, joint and several liability" as enacted under Superfund legislation as the surest method of tapping the "deep pockets" of corporate polluters, and ensuring that responsible parties pay for hazardous waste cleanups. Liability reform must not become a shield protecting polluters' profits.
10. Protect the right of everyone to a healthy environment regardless of race, income, national origin, sexual orientation and gender identity. Poor, minority or immigrant communities should no longer be convenient locations for hazardous waste facilities, toxin dumping, and industrial facilities that use or generate toxins. These acts of toxic racism violate the principles of environmental justice. [see Environmental Justice plank]
11. Develop community-based systems to identify and organize "neighborhoods at risk," and to initiate actions to counter pollution.
12. Educate our children and adults about toxins not only in school and university curricula but in government agency publicity including websites and printed and other media
13. See the Zero Waste plank for suggestions on how to cope with minimizing toxins.

**COMMITTEE DECISION.** The revised Platform plank was first posted on the Platform list serve on September 19 2018 with a revision on September 24. Two voting members approved the submission on September 28. The plank was to be discussed at the Porterville GA but was not due to the fall of the CoCo.

**RESOURCES:** This is a revision of the current GPCA platform plank Toxic Wastes <http://www.cagreens.org/platform/toxic-wastes>

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**Appendix C. "Preparing Politically for 2020" Presentation by Rick Greenblatt (San Diego County)**

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## Preparing politically for 2020

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### Objectives

- How do we navigate the turbulence from now through the Nov. 2020 election and beyond?
- What are our goals, strategies, strengths (weaknesses), opportunities (dangers)?
- My goal:
  - present a framework
  - facilitate a discussion

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- Roland G. Aranjó
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- Sednam Kinamo Christin
- Moywasifza Curry
- Howie Hawkins
- Dario Hunter
- Dennis Lambert
- David Rolde
- Ian Schlakman.

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**ABB**  
(Anybody But Bernie)

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### 2020 - a time of real opportunity(?!)

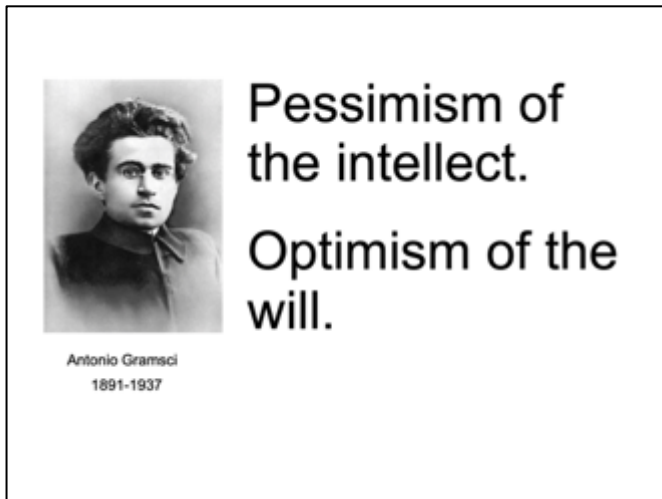
- Don't get caught up in the spoiler argument
- Consider 2016
  - Bernie's campaign (and loss to HRC at the convention) led to massive growth of left and "progressive" forces (e.g., AOC, DSA, CPA).
  - But these people are largely within the Democratic Party orbit.
  - If Bernie loses in the convention again, we want to be ready to join with them in building an independent political alternative.
- What will it take on our part?

### Ecosocialism

- Capitalism created climate change and environmental degradation through insatiable growth and profit accumulation
- We need a system based on working together for human need, not corporate greed
- Ecosocialism = political + economic democracy.

### GP: a Green/Left Alliance

- Organized around the 10 key values
- Ecosocialist at the national level
- Decentralized at the local level
- Think and act locally, nationally, and globally
- Act in the present to transform the future



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**Appendix D. "The total campaign package"/Greens Tool Kit Presentation by Diana Brown, David Bond, Aidan Hill.**

| Cost of running for office (Assumption: ~7 months of Campaigning) |              |               |                         |           |            |
|---|--------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Type of Election  | Money Effort | Weekly Effort | Total Time Effort (Hrs) | HQ-Rent   | Volunteers |
| US HR - Congress  | 50,000.00    | 30            | 840                     | 14,000.00 | 200        |
| Local School/Water Board  | 500.00       | 12            | 336                     | -         | 12         |
| State Senate/Assembly   | 3,000.00     | 20            | 560                     | -         | 25         |
| City Council (small city)   | 10,000.00    | 20            | 560                     | 5,000.00  | 100        |
| City Council (large city)   | 50,000.00    | 30            | 840                     | 14,000.00 | 250        |

**David Bond – Public Speaking For Political Activists** (Notes of slide presentation)

**Speaking Basics**

- Situational Awareness
- Messaging
- Vocal Variation, Hand Movements, Eye Contact
- Call to Action

**Audience & Situation**

- Where are you: Meeting Room, Outdoor Venue, Auditorium
- Are you Mic'd?
- Who are you talking to:
  - Large v. small groups
  - Like minded v. random
  - Old v young
- How Long do you plan on speaking for?

**Relatable Message**

- No one will listen to you if you don't relate to them.
- Make sure when you get their attention you keep it with:
  - Strong Intro
  - Humor
  - Interesting Facts

- Once you get going keep your main talking points to 3-5 items (or less for speeches less than 5 mins)
- Make sure your points have an emotional component

### **Speaking Tips**

- Vary your vocal tone, your volume and your pitch
- Use hand gestures for:
  - Describing yourself (thumbs/hand to self)
  - Others/people (hand outward)
  - Numbers (counting 1-5)
  - Here/there (motion right to left)
- Eye Contact is important to make sure people are engaged with you. Span across the room/audience, occasionally pausing on a person or small group of people.
  - Don't itch or put your hands in your pockets. Don't stare at one person, or look down for too long.

### **Call To Action**

- Engaged Audience check (raise hands, "think of a time", "sick and tired")
- Describe a large and difficult task
- Illustrate the first step to get there
- Bring the audience a clear and viable way for them to take the first step

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## **Appendix E. Effective Communications Presentation Handout:**

Effective Communication Presentation Handout - Presenter Josh Jones

### **The Debate Pyramid**

**Central Point Refutation:**  
explicitly refutes the central point.

**Refutation:**  
finds mistakes and explains why using citations.

**Counter-Argument:**  
contradicts backed with reasoning and supporting evidence.

**Contradiction:**  
states the opposing case with little or no supporting evidence.

**Tone Response:**  
critical to the tone of another without attacking the substance of their argument.

**Ad Hominem:**  
attacks another's characteristics or authority, but not the substance of their argument.

**Name-Calling:**  
sounds similar to this: you are an ass hat.

What we want to do with our effective communication: To change the attitudes of Green Party passive supporters to active supporters.

Support elevator: to move people from active opponents to passive opponents, passive opponents to neutral, neutral to passive supporters, passive supporters to active supporters, and active supporters to active with your county party, and then to organizers, activists and even candidates.

One way you encourage this is with short, small achievable goals between larger, bigger, more difficult goals.



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**Appendix F. Delegates in Attendance**

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| <b>First Name</b>          | <b>Last Name</b>  | <b>County</b> | <b>GA Alameda /SF<br/>May 2019 - Del-Alt</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|--|
| <b>James</b>               | McFadden          | Alameda       | Del  |
| <b>Laura</b>               | Wells             | Alameda       | Del  |
| <b>Jan</b>                 | Arnold            | Alameda       | Del  |
| <b>Michael</b>             | Rubin             | Alameda       | Del  |
| <b>Greg</b>                | Jan               | Alameda       | Del  |
| <b>Pam</b>                 | Spevack           | Alameda       | Del  |
| <b>Aidan</b>               | Hill              | Alameda       | Del  |
| <b>Justin</b>              | Richardson        | Alameda       | Del-alt                                      |
| <b>Bill</b>                | Balderston        | Alameda       | Del-alt                                      |
| <b>Phoebe</b>              | Sorgen            | Alameda       | Del-alt                                      |
| <b>Joan</b>                | Strasser          | Alameda       | not-del                                      |
| <b>Megan</b>               | Buckingham        | Fresno        | Del  |
| <b>Richard</b>             | Gomez             | Fresno        | Del  |
| <b>Hashid (Mark)</b>       | Felten            | Fresno        | not-del                                      |
| <b>Erik</b>                | Rydberg           | Humboldt      | Del  |
| <b>Mark</b>                | Adams             | Humboldt      | Del-alt                                      |
| <b>Rohan</b>               | Sabnis            | Los Angeles   | Del-alt                                      |
| <b>Diana</b>               | Brown             | Los Angeles   | Del-alt                                      |
| <b>David</b>               | Bond              | Los Angeles   | not-del                                      |
| <b>Vicenta</b>             | Martinez          | Los Angeles   | not-del                                      |
| <b>Máximino<br/>(Erik)</b> | Luis Pérez        | Los Angeles   | not-del                                      |
| <b>Victor</b>              | Verdin-<br>Flores | Los Angeles   | not-del                                      |
| <b>Shannel</b>             | Pittman           | Los Angeles   | not-del                                      |
| <b>Jimmy</b>               | Rivera            | Los Angeles   | not-del                                      |
| <b>Fernando</b>            | Ramirez           | Los Angeles   | not-del                                      |
| <b>Cesar</b>               | Flores            | Los Angeles   | not-del                                      |
| <b>Mimi</b>                | Newton            | Marin         | Del  |
| <b>Audra</b>               | Walton            | Monterey      | Del-alt                                      |

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|--------------------|------------|--------------------|---------|
| <b>Dominique</b>   | Wade       | Monterey           | Del-alt |
| <b>Nicole</b>      | Raglin     | Nevada             | Del     |
| <b>Pamela</b>      | Osgood     | Nevada             | Del     |
| <b>Sid</b>         | Akbar      | Sacramento         | Del     |
| <b>Randy</b>       | Hicks      | Sacramento         | Del     |
| <b>James Faygo</b> | Clark      | Sacramento         | Del     |
| <b>Chris</b>       | Richardson | Sacramento         | Del-alt |
| <b>Rick</b>        | Greenblatt | San Diego          | Del     |
| <b>John-Marc</b>   | Chandonia  | San Francisco      | Del     |
| <b>Jennifer</b>    | Woodward   | San Francisco      | Del     |
| <b>Barry</b>       | Hermanson  | San Francisco      | Del     |
| <b>Mike</b>        | Murphy     | San Francisco      | Del     |
| <b>Eric</b>        | Brooks     | San Francisco      | Del     |
| <b>Swain</b>       | Hwang      | San Francisco      | not-del |
| <b>Mica</b>        | Daniel     | San Joaquin        | Del-alt |
| <b>Colt</b>        | Gonzales   | San Joaquin        | Del-alt |
| <b>Peggy</b>       | Koteen     | San Luis<br>Obispo | Del     |
| <b>Sanda</b>       | Everette   | San Mateo          | Del     |
| <b>Bridget</b>     | Duffy      | San Mateo          | not-del |
| <b>Christine</b>   | Pepin      | Santa Clara        | Del     |
| <b>Nassim</b>      | Nouri      | Santa Clara        | Del     |
| <b>David</b>       | Han        | Santa Clara        | Del-alt |
| <b>George</b>      | Koerner    | Santa Clara        | Del-alt |
| <b>Tanya</b>       | Khaledi    | Santa Clara        | Del-alt |
| <b>Ruscal</b>      | Cayangyang | Solano             | Del     |
| <b>June</b>        | Brashares  | Sonoma             | Del     |
| <b>Tarik</b>       | Kanaana    | Sonoma             | Del     |
| <b>Susan</b>       | Chunco     | Sonoma             | Del     |
| <b>Susan</b>       | Lamont     | Sonoma             | Del-alt |
| <b>Karen</b>       | Nyhus      | Sonoma             | not-del |
| <b>John</b>        | Schmit     | Stanislaus         | Del     |
| <b>Judy</b>        | Pendleton  | Tulare             | Del-alt |
| <b>Stephen</b>     | Pendleton  | Tulare             | Del-alt |

|                |           |         |         |
|----------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| <b>Jewel</b>   | Krzywicki | Ventura | Del-alt |
| <b>Anthony</b> | Krzywicki | Ventura | Del-alt |
| <b>Josh</b>    | Jones     | Yolo    | Del     |

Appendix G.

Photo album of Green Party General Assembly in San Francisco, May 18 & 19, 2019



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