

GPCA COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 6, 2021 - 7:30 PM- 9:30 PM

(1) Roll call: (5 minutes)

There are currently 14 CC committee members. This means quorum is a simple majority of 8.
CC members: David Bond, June Brashares, Nicole Castor, David Cobb, Mica Daniel, Barry Hermanson, Greg Jan, James Lauderdale, Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Christine Pepin, Nicole Raglin, Audra Walton and Laura Wells.

Present: June Brashares, David Cobb, Mica Daniel, Barry Hermanson, Greg Jan, Karen Nyhus, Christine Pepin, Nicole Raglin, Laura Wells.

Quorum was achieved at 7:35pm (with 9 of 14 CC members).

Present guest: Justin Richardson (Treasurer).

David Bond joined at 7:38

James Lauderdale joined at 7:39

Audra Walton joined at 8:20

Absent: Nicole Castor and Nassim Nouri"

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(2) Roles (4 minutes):

Facilitator: June Brashares, Stack-taker (to assist Facilitator) : Mica Daniel, Note Taker: Barry Hermanson, Time Keeper: Christine Pepin, Vibes Watcher: ----

Roles for next month's CC Call on Jan 3, 2022:

Facilitator: Nicole Raglin, Stacktaker (to assist Facilitator): Christine Pepin, Note Taker:

Time Keeper: -----, Vibes Watcher: Audra Walton

(3) Approval of Agenda (3 minutes)

(3a) Late items: Approved adding late item from Laura at the end of the agenda.

Approved by consensus

(4) Approval of CC minutes (2 minutes) as posted to the CC listserv by Greg Jan/gpca-cc@lists.cagreens.org on November 11 at 7:56PM.

Approved by consensus

(5) Consent Items (5 minutes)

Background and Purpose: The consent calendar is intended to pass non-controversial items or items consensed prior to the actual meeting. Any item may be objected to and that item will be placed at the end of the evening's agenda.

Proposal: Accept the following committee reports for inclusion in the meeting minutes:

Finance, Fundraising, & Budget Committees November meeting minutes - Appendix A
Media Committee November meeting notes - Appendix B
Clearinghouse Committee & GROW joint meeting November - Appendix C
Electoral Reform Working Group meeting notes - Appendix D
Bylaws Committee meeting minutes November - Appendix E
Statewide Candidates SubCommittee meeting notes - Appendix F

Approved by consensus

(6) Decision Item: Nicole Castor's appeal of one-year suspension from SGA email list

Sponsor: Nicole Castor

Background: On September 28, 2021, I had received a notice that I would be put on “read only” status on the SGA email list for one year, due to alleged email decorum violations.

As such, I am writing to appeal this suspension based on the following:

1. The rules on the matter state that warnings are to be issued, and no warning was issued regarding possible violations before penalties were applied.
2. No examples of alleged violations were cited.

References: Email Rules of Decorum, Intro

(Full text) <http://www.cagreens.org/it-protocol/email-decorum>

(Partial text) "Participants who break these rules willfully and repeatedly will be given reminders/warnings and may be subject to suspension for a period of time. Subscribers have the right to appeal their suspension to the state Coordinating Committee."

The appeal was denied by consensus.

(7) Decision Item: GPCA to Support SB 90 and AB 1416: ballot label, aka ‘Ballot Disclose Act

Sponsor: Nicole Castor, GP of Sac County Legislative Working Group

Background: This comes from the CA Clean Money Campaign’s supported bills, and has to do with transparency. SB 90 and AB 1416 aim to require a list of supporters and opponents of measures to be printed on the actual ballot.

Timeline: By Jan. 1, 2022; the bills will continue to be worked on after January, next year.

Proposal:

1. For GPCA to support SB 90 and AB 1416, and send letters of support to the legislature. Info on Position Letter Portal:

<https://shou.senate.ca.gov/sites/shou.senate.ca.gov/files/2019%20Advocates%20Portal%20Reference%20Guide.pdf>

2. For GPCA to forward letter of support to California Clean Money Campaign, who collects these letters: trent.Lange@CAclean.org, <http://www.caclean.org/>

A basic position letter can also be provided upon request, within about a week, if needed.

References:

SB 90

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB90

AB 1416

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB1416

This item was moved to our January agenda.

(8) Decision Item: GPCA to Support AB 260, Climate Corporate Accountability Act

Sponsor: Nicole Castor, GP of Sac County Legislative Working Group

Background: This is a two-year bill to require billion dollar companies to publicly disclose their greenhouse gas emissions.

Timeline: By Jan. 1, 2022

Topics: environment, regulations on corporations, public disclosures of pollution

Proposal: GPCA to support and send position letter to the CA State Legislature.

Position Letter Portal:

<https://shou.senate.ca.gov/sites/shou.senate.ca.gov/files/2019%20Advocates%20Portal%20Reference%20Guide.pdf>

A basic position letter can also be provided upon request, within about a week, if needed.

References: SB-260, Climate Corporate Accountability Act (2021-2022), Wiener.

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB260

This item was moved to the January agenda

(9) Decision Item: Plan CC Retreat (Time Requested: 30 min)

Sponsor: Karen Nyhus, Sonoma County

Background and Purpose: The CC normally holds an annual retreat around January for planning purposes.

Proposal: Decide whether we need a retreat this year. If so, pick a date, topic, and "preparers" who will lay the groundwork (if any) for our planning session(s).

Implementation/Timeline/Resources:

(1) This should happen in January (although the bylaws aren't clear). Planning should therefore occur in December.

(2) We need a Zoom account for any online meeting

(3) Discover who is willing to participate (i.e., attend)

(4) Discover who is willing to help prepare (and hold a planning convo or online discussion)

(5) Make preliminary plans of what to prepare

Karen and June will do a Doodle poll for two separate items. Political and operational discussions.

(10) Review of Voting Results, Updates and Ongoing Action Items (15 mins):

— Updates on Voting Since the Last CC Call (5 mins)

- Online CC Vote & Results:

- 48 HOUR VOTE - Proposal for CC to to censure Mike Feinstein

- Voting period started 11/16/21 at 10:50pm, ended 11/18/21 at 10:50pm.

- Full Text of the Proposal is at Appendix G

- RESULTS: The tally of online votes for this proposal are: YES votes: 13 (David Bond, June Brashares, David Cobb, Mica Daniel, Barry Hermanson, Greg Jan, James Lauderdale, Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Christine Pepin, Nicole Raglin, Audra Walton, Laura Wells) -

NO votes: 1 (Nicole Castor) - ABSTAIN votes: None

- The proposal was approved to censure Mike Feinstein for 90 days

- Online CC Vote & Results:

- 48 HOUR VOTE - Proposal to endorse Luis Rodriguez for Governor 2022 via SGA Online Vote
- Voting period started Nov 22 at 11:25AM and ended on Nov 24, 11:25AM
- Full Text of the Proposal is at Appendix H
- RESULTS: The tally of online votes for this proposal were - YES votes: 1 (Nicole Castor) - NO votes 13 (David Bond, June Brashares, David Cobb, Mica Daniel, Barry Hermanson, Greg Jan, James Lauderdale, Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Christine Pepin, Nicole Raglin, Audra Walton, Laura Wells) - ABSTAIN votes: None
- The proposal was not approved.

- Online CC Vote & Results

- 48 HOUR VOTE - Approve Draft GA Agenda and draft Strategic Plan
- Voting period started 11/30/21 at 11:30pm, ended 12/2/21 at 11:30pm
- Full Text of the Proposal is at Appendix I
- RESULTS: The tally of online votes for this proposal are: YES votes: 11 (June Brashares, David Cobb, Mica Daniel, Barry Hermanson, Greg Jan, James Lauderdale, Nassim Nouri, Karen Nyhus, Christine Pepin, Nicole Raglin, Laura Wells) - NO votes: 1 (Nicole Castor) - ABSTAIN votes: None
- * The proposal was approved.

- Online CC Vote & Results

- 48 HOUR VOTE - Approve non-party individuals to attend GA
- Voting period started 12/1/21 at 10:38pm, ended 12/3/21 at 10:38pm
- Full Text of the Proposal is at Appendix J
- RESULTS: The tally of online votes for this proposal are: YES votes: 8 (June Brashares, David Cobb, Mica Daniel, Barry Hermanson, Greg Jan, Karen Nyhus, Christine Pepin, Laura Wells) - NO votes: 1 (Nicole Castor) - ABSTAIN votes: None
- The proposal was approved.

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Other Updates Since the Last CC Call (5 mins)

- * GA announcements

Email sent to GPCA Inform List multiple times

Subject: December 4-5 General Assembly - Draft Agenda

— Continuing ACTION ITEMS (5 mins):

- * Report out (if any) from Nassim, Tarik, Justin and James, who had volunteered to work on a subcommittee to draft written guidelines, rules and plans for next steps with respect to effective moderation and facilitation at GPCA meetings and calls.

LATE ITEM:

(11) Decision Item: Proposal for the GPCA to endorse Sanctions Kill! organization

Sponsor: Laura Wells

Background and Purpose: Greens across the state and country (see References section below) have been involved in the struggle for "Sovereignty not Sanctions" especially in this hemisphere and also around the world. The US now places UN-prohibited sanctions on three Latin American nations: Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela. The Biden administration has increase — not decreased — the sanctions imposed by Trump, and has not followed Obama's reductions of the 60-year embargo on Cuba. Many US activists on the "left" as well as the "right" routinely oppose governments which are elected by the citizens of the

country; the activists on the "left", however, also oppose US sanctions. By endorsing SanctionsKill!, the Green Party of California can play an important role in opposing sanctions and respecting sovereignty,.

Proposal: That the GPCA endorses Sanctions Kill! organization

Implementation/Timeline:

The GPCA co-coordinator(s) will fill out the form for endorsing organizations on the SanctionsKill! website within a week after CC approval.

Resources:

<https://sanctionskill.org/>

<https://sanctionskill.org/endorsers/>

https://www.gp.org/greens_elections_observer_in_venezuela_impressed_by_advanced_fair_and_democratic_process (Ahmed Eltouny)

<https://www.facebook.com/drjillstein/videos/jill-steins-fireside-chat-hands-off-venezuela/2268289029919983/> (Jill Stein)

https://m.facebook.com/BlackAllianceforPeace/videos/274060753522525/?locale2=ne_NP (Ajamu Baraka interviewed by Lee Camp)

<https://covidtaskforce.pacifica.org/2021/10/04/sanctions-kill/> (Margaret Flowers and Ann Garrison)

<https://laurawells.org/united-states-out-of-nicaragua-united-people-in/> (Laura Wells)

<https://dissidentvoice.org/2021/05/recognizing-lies-about-latin-america-seven-tips/> (Laura Wells)

https://www.codepink.org/codepink_san_pedro_greets_navy_hospital_ship (Rachel Brunke)

<http://www.cagreens.org/platform/foreign-policy>

Approved by consensus

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A - MINUTES: FINANCE and FUNDRAISING MEETING

Thursday, 11/18/21, 7:30pm

(1) Roll Call: Mica Daniel Co-coordinator, Justin Richardson Treasurer, Laura Wells volunteer

(2) Roles: Facilitator, Justin Richardson, Notetaker Mica Daniel Timekeeper, Vibes Watcher All

(3) Build and Approve Agenda
Update on the Budget added.

(4) Approval of minutes of 10-28-21 as posted to the CC by Justin Richardson by consensus.

(5) Update on the budget by Justin Richardson

Discussed: Adjusting the budget proposal to reflect specific pricing information received from Nationbuilder.

(6) Review 2021 schedules and deadlines from FPPC when we need to turn in our forms: Political Parties committees:

<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/learn/campaign-rules/where-and-when-to-file-campaign-statements/when-to-file-campaign-statements-state-local-filing-schedules.html>

Our next known/anticipated (EOY) report is due January 31, 2022.

(7) Treasurer's Report to the Finance Committee for November 2021

Submitted by Justin Richardson, Treasurer

Account Balances as of 11/17/2021

Travis Credit Union (savings) Federal account: &1606.97

Travis Credit Union (checking) State account: \$13,446.64

PayPal: \$582.69

Expenses (10/22-11/16/21)

Call Centric: \$10.45

ISP (political filing software): \$100.00

Treasurer stipend: \$200.00

WiredTree: \$106.00

(8) Update on Fundraising Letter (Laura Wells) Preliminary indication is an increase in CC member's sustainers and a small increase in donations since the November 3 email letter.

Discussed the possible timing and focus of the next Fundraising letter. December year-end or January New Year.

(9) Frank Lambert will be encouraged to apply for reappointment to the Finance Committee prior to the December 6, 2021 CC meeting.

(10) Confirmed next meeting December 16, 2021, from 7:30 PM until 8:30 PM

(11) Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

APPENDIX B

MINUTES: Media Committee meeting notes - Monday, 11/15/21, 2:00 pm

ATTENDEES: Laura Wells, (Co-coordinator, NOTETAKER), Thomas Leavitt (member)

AGENDA:

* Discussed possible media release on climate, as specifically relates to California GP, although it's being covered by USGP media, which is more where it belong. (It was a very short meeting due to personal time conflicts.)

* The Media Committee will need to gear up to support the Left Unity Slate.

NEXT MEETING: Third Monday, December 20, 2021, 2-3pm.

APPENDIX C

MINUTES: Clearinghouse/GROW Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, 11/9/21, 7 pm

1. Roll Call (5 min) - CH: Nassim Nouri (Santa Clara), Mica Daniel (Alameda)

2. GROW: Laura Wells (Alameda), Rick Greenblatt (San Diego), Christine Pepin (Santa Clara), Barry Hermanson (SF), Michael Shin (Orange) Michael Shin found the information about GROW on our website and subscribed to GROW listserve, and is interested in observing and learning about how to grow the GPCA.1. Roles (5 min)– Facilitator: Rick,

Notes: Nassim, Timekeeper: Christine

3. Adopt agenda - review last month's min & actions (5 min) – Approved

4. GROW co-coordinator approval (5 min)

Laura nominated Rick Greenblatt as Coco for GROW and suggested Barry Hermanson serve as CC liaison. Rick accepted the nomination.

o Approved by consensus to appoint Rick Greenblatt as Coco of GROW.

5. Clearinghouse Report

o Call for newsletter content (Nassim) (5 min) – we have many of the GROW members provide content for newsletters but we need more, please ask Greens you know who are interested in sharing content for our newsletter.

o Updating contact lists (5 min), Nassim will set up a call with Rick and IT to discuss the process for updating our database of contacts.

o IT county outreach project (Nassim, 10 min – agenda item moved up to CH) – IT used to send offers of help to county parties with their Greens contact lists, Nassim suggested

in preparation of 2022 election year, GROW help get a fresh SoS list and asked Rick if he could help with the process of obtaining and parsing data, Rick agreed and asked for some lead time. Nassim will connect with IT and help with the process and with announcements to counties to:

§ 1) Offer them lists of SoS registered Greens

§ 2) Ask if their county contact information on GPCA website is correct.

6. GROW Report

- o Junior State of America (JSA) forum (Laura/Nassim; 5 min) – GPCA received a request for a speaker to attend the 11/21 JSA online forum to present on GP values and platform. Laura had suggested Nassim to do the presentation and she agreed and explained JSA work.

- o GROW 2021 county outreach (Barry/Laura; 15 min) – on the last call Laura noted we can learn what county parties are doing, by calling their county council and ask about their work and how the state party can assist them. Barry had volunteered to help with calls. Laura and Barry will connect on this.

- o Growing GROW (Nassim/all; 15 min) – can we each follow up with Greens we know to ask if they can get involved with the work of GROW?

- o Laura reminded that we can have someone to speak about the work of GROW and CH at the Dec. GA to get more people involved.

- o Rick reported there was an outdated GA page linked in the email sent to inform list today announcing the Dec GA registration – Nassim (IT volunteer) was able to update the page.

7. Confirm next second Tuesday conference call, Dec. 14, 2021, 7:30 pm (5 min) - confirmed

8. Announcements (5 min) - none

9. Adjourned 8:45

APPENDIX D

MINUTES: Electoral Reform Working Group (ERWG) Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, 12/1/21, 6:30pm

Attendees: Caledon Myers, Kevin Sabo, June Brashares, Eric Brooks

Discussion and Decisions re ERWG presentations for upcoming GA

The members at the ERWG meeting were informed that Mike Feinstein was censured (for verbally assaulting Nassim Nouri at the GPUS Delegation monthly call on 8/23/21). No one at the ERWG meeting had availability to confirm a presenter for the Recall Reform session for the GA. The ERWG decided by consensus to rescind its sponsorship of the Recall Reform discussion and withdraw that session from the December GA.

ERWG is still sponsoring the GA session on The Representation for the People Act. ERWG members - Caledon Myers and Kevin Sabo confirmed they are prepared to be the presenters for the Representation for the People Act discussion on Saturday at the GA.

NEXT MEETING: January 5 at 6:30pm (Until further notice, the set schedule for the regular meeting date will be the 1st Wednesday of each month)

APPENDIX E

MINUTES: Bylaws Committee Meeting Minutes, Sunday, 11/7/21, 12:30 pm

Present: Mimi Newton, NOTETAKER (Marin), James Lauderdale (Los Angeles at large)

Guests: Mike Feinstein, Laura Wells

(1) Any significant actions the Committee is taking:

The Bylaws Committee provided comments on proposed Bylaws amendments to Mike Feinstein and Laura Wells in advance of proposals being presented at the GA.

(2) Continued work by the Bylaws Committee will include:

The Bylaws Committee will follow up regarding bylaws-related decisions and discussions occurring at the winter 2021 GPCA General Assembly, including the decision regarding NOC made at the Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021 gathering and the Bylaws Committee's discussion item regarding the future of the SGA to be held at the Sunday, Dec. 5 2021 gathering.

Date of the next By Laws Committee Meeting:

Sunday, Dec. 12, 2021 at 12:30 pm pacific

APPENDIX F

MINUTES: Statewide Candidates SubCommittee Meeting Minutes,

Thursday, 12/2/21, 7:30 pm

Attendees: Committee members Steve Breedlove (Butte), Greg Jan, facilitator (Alameda), and Jared Laiti (Sacramento)

Any significant actions the Committee/Working Group is taking:

(1) We are continuing to meet approximately monthly with the Peace and Freedom Party. And as most of you know, the GPCA has now endorsed all 7 "Left Unity slate" candidates, including 3 P&F members (and most recently, Luis Rodriquez). P&F has also now endorsed all 7 of the "Left Unity slate" candidates, and we're discussing with them how to "optimize" the signatures-in-lieu of the filing fee campaign that will begin during the first week of January. And of course, most of you heard P&F candidates and/or representatives during the Saturday afternoon GA session which we organized.

(2) Also, as those of you who were at the Saturday afternoon GA session heard, it's going to be up to the county parties as to whether they want to endorse and/or support Crystal Sanchez for Lt. Governor. However, if she does actually leave the Democrats, we'll then consider whether she should be endorsed by the GPCA.

(3) Over the next 10 days or so, as we prepare for the signatures-in-lieu of the filing fee campaign, we'll also request that Greens across the state help with it! And we'll also be in touch with our endorsed candidates about other aspects of gearing up their campaigns.

Continued work by the Committee/Working Group will include:

(1) We are still working on a "Needs Assessment", which will list various "needs" for the GPCA to undertake in order to have the best campaign possible for our statewide candidates. However, our top priority right now is to prepare for the start of the signature-gathering campaign that starts in January.

(2) As we have been, we are planning to continue meeting every other week, on Thursday evenings

Next Meeting: Thursday, 12/16/21, 7 pm

APPENDIX G

48 HOUR VOTE for CC to censure Mike Feinstein

Voting Period: Starts Nov 16 at 10:50 PM and ends on Nov 18 at 10:50 PM

Co-sponsors: David Bond, June Brashares, David Cobb, Mica Daniel, Barry Hermanson, Greg Jan, James Lauderdale, Christine Pepin, Nicole Raglin, Audra Walton, Laura Wells

Background and Purpose: At the last GPUS Delegation monthly call on 8/23/21, while delegate Nassim Nouri was responding to delegate Mike Feinstein about a bylaws amendment proposal by Sonoma County, Mike Feinstein interrupted Nassim Nouri and screamed "FUCK YOU NASSIM" multiple times before leaving the Zoom meeting. This incident is reported in the GPCA Coordinating Committee (CC) September meeting minutes; see first the agenda item "(6). Discussion Item re: Nassim's request" and then Appendix I with Nassim Nouri's email dated 8/24/21

(here: https://www.cagreens.org/sites/cagreens.huang.radicaldesigns.org/files/Sept13-2021_CCMinutes%20.pdf). As requested by Nassim, Tarik Kanaana (co-coordinator and facilitator of the 8/23/21 GPUS Delegation call) attended the CC meeting of 9/13/21 and confirmed Nassim's detailed accounting of the incident per her email, with an exception (see agenda item #6 in the September minutes). As Tarik Kanaana later wrote in his 10/19/21 email to the GPUS Delegation forwarded to the CC: "Repeatedly yelling obscenities at a fellow delegate and similar hostile acts are inconsistent with our Green values and will not be allowed to continue in our gatherings whether at in-person meetings, online meetings or in our email communications." Mike Feinstein's conduct violated rules #3, #5, and #6 of the GPCA Email Rules of Decorum.

Not only is cursing another person repeatedly clearly an egregious violation of Rules of Decorum, but it is the "tip of the iceberg" and the continuation of a long history of disrupting vital meetings. The above verbal assault was only the latest and most overt example of a long pattern of dominating, disruptive, and abusive conduct that has damaged our party. There are many examples, among them these three. (1) A clear and specific example of disruption was the entire cancellation of a General Assembly and Presidential Forum in San Diego in January 2016, in a virtually unilateral decision by Mike Feinstein, not by the organizing county or the state Coordinating Committee. (2) Another clear example was in the lead up to a high-participation state General Assembly (100+ attendees) in Bakersfield in early 2017. After his involvement delayed the GA by three months, Mike Feinstein opposed the chosen site, and denied access to websites and financial institutions, forcing the organizers to figure out how to handle things in new ways. (3) The same denial of access occurred with the SGA online voting system.

Mike Feinstein's complaints about that high-participation General Assembly and the SGA voting system have continued to the present day and have obstructed state meetings and consumed the valuable time of our volunteers. Therefore, this proposal is presented in order to strengthen the Green Party of California in these times when the party is very much needed, and to retain hard-working volunteers who are driven away by such dominant and damaging behavior.

Proposal: Given the extremely offensive and disruptive nature of Mike Feinstein's conduct in August, Mike Feinstein shall be suspended from state meetings and participation for 90 days. The state meetings include state General Assemblies (GAs), meetings of all Committees and Working Groups, and the California delegation to the national. He may attend a GA in order to vote only if he is muted and not on video; otherwise he may be represented by an alternate.

Mike Feinstein will be allowed to receive/read emails from the SGA mailing list, and if there is an SGA vote during the 90-day suspension, he will be allowed to cast a vote, but he will not be allowed to reply/post. He will be removed from any state mailing lists, such as gpca-ccwg, gpca-forum, etc., for the entire duration of the suspension.

In addition, Mike Feinstein shall apologize to Nassim Nouri and shall state that he will abide by the Rules of Decorum guidelines, both verbally and in writing. If he has not made the apology and statement during the 90 days, the suspension will be extended until it is complete. The text of his apology will be the following, or better, without blaming others for his behavior, "I, Mike Feinstein, apologize to Nassim Nouri for my inexcusable treatment of her during the call on August 23, 2021. I will abide by the Rules of Decorum in my future communications with Nassim and others whether the communications are in-person, on the phone, or online."

Implementation/Timeline/Resources:

An urgent vote is needed since the GPCA will hold a state General Assembly (GA) on December 4 & 5, before the next regular CC meeting on December 6. That meeting must not be disrupted. At this point, Mike Feinstein cannot be trusted to not disrupt it based on his recent and past behavior. Therefore, we are submitting a 48 hour vote on this proposal. References: GPCA Coordinating Committee (CC) September meeting minutes; Tarik's email forwarded to the CC on 10/19/21; GPCA Email Rules of Decorum.

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48 HOUR VOTE - Proposal to endorse Luis Rodriguez for Governor 2022 via SGA Online Vote

Voting Period: Starts Nov 22 at 11:25AM and ends on Nov 24, 11:25AM

Sponsor: Nicole Castor, CC

Background and Purpose: The GPCA had held an SGA vote for 2022 statewide candidate endorsements early in the election timeframe, and as such, at least one more Green has declared a candidacy past the time of this vote. As a solution, GPCA had added this endorsement vote to the upcoming General Assembly agenda, so the candidate may still apply for endorsement.

However, SGA discussions and voting typically have higher participation from members, and members are allowed more time to consider proposals than during in-person (or the online equivalent of) meetings. Members also have an entire week to turn in ballots for SGA proposals, as opposed to GA, where members have a higher risk of missing a vote due to scheduling conflicts, and other reasons.

On November 16, 2021, the GPCA CC received a request from Green candidate for Governor 2022, Luis Rodriguez, asking to consider his endorsement request through the Standing General Assembly rather than through the (virtual) General Assembly. The reason for his request is that he wants his endorsement to be considered in the widest and most inclusive way possible under GPCA rules. He feels this process would show the most validity of his endorsement, and that this process would be the better way to apply our Key Value, Grassroots Democracy. Rodriguez also acknowledges this process may take longer, and accepts this. Please see Rodriguez's request below in References.

Note: The first question of this proposal is in response to rules for endorsements which may or may not apply in current times, since we no longer have a "Green Primary." If members

feel it does not apply, they may vote “no” on question 1, or they may also choose one of the options if they feel one may be relevant, even regardless of party primaries having been discontinued (because issues remain in proposing endorsement exclusively to one Green over others who are also competing).

Because the GA is scheduled before the next CC meeting, I am calling for a 48-hour vote for this topic.

The purpose of this proposal is to grant the request from the candidate to the GPCA CC, by implementing the method of endorsement, a vote held through the SGA, which he feels is the most inclusive, and shows the most validity to his potential endorsement.

Proposal:

1. To implement one of the following decisions:
 - a. Justify endorsement proposal of one candidate, but not others, in a contested primary where other Greens are running for the same seat, by approving the following (or similar) statement of findings: We, the GPCA CC find that though there are three Green Party candidates for Governor in 2022, only one has shown serious interest in obtaining Green Party of California’s endorsement, and only this one has sent such a request. Upon review of the two other candidates, it is determined that they are running as registered Greens, but show no evidence of genuine adherence to our Ten Key Values. Because of this determination, we find cause to present only the candidate who has requested endorsement as of this time, which is Luis Rodriguez. -or-
 - b. Implement an SGA vote, according to the guidelines set below, to include all three of the Green Party candidates who are known to be running for this seat at this time: Raymond E. Jenkins, Barbara McVeigh, and Luis Rodriguez.
2. To grant the candidate’s Rodriguez campaign’s request to have his endorsement presented to the Standing General Assembly of the GPCA, the CC propose an endorsement to the SGA for Luis Rodriguez for Governor, 2022.
3. To expedite this process due to time constraints, by implementing the following: The CC approve a bylaws interpretation, for this proposal only, that because of time constraints, a shortened discussion period is necessary, and that the purpose of a six-week period to utilize our consensus-seeking process will still be adequate under a shortened period, particularly since the candidate has committed to meeting “live” with members (at GA), and would be able to respond to questions, which can be seen as an added feature of the discussion period, giving it more significance than just members discussing among only the delegation for that period.

The discussion period can start at midnight, Monday, Nov. 29, and continue for one week. The voting period can begin at midnight on Dec. 6, 2021, which will be right at the conclusion of the General Assembly, and after attending members have seen the candidate’s presentation. This vote would then conclude after one week, at midnight of Dec. 13, with results to be posted promptly.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources:

An informal discussion has already opened on the topic, starting on the day of Rodriguez’s request, Nov. 16, and by the time of this writing will have been occurring for six days. The discussion may continue through the duration of the voting period, members shall: ask clarifying questions, express concerns and affirmations, hear responses from the sponsors, and vote. During this period amendments may also be offered and considered, or the sponsor may choose to withdraw the proposal.

References: Relevant sections from the GPCA CC Internal Procedures, Article IV,

CA Secretary of State, Cal-Access, list of candidates who have filed intent to run in the 2022 Primary:
<https://cal-access.sos.ca.gov/Campaign/Candidates/list.aspx?view=intention&electNav=122>
GPCA Endorsement Procedures
GPCA CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENT POLICY FOR PRIMARY ELECTIONS
<http://www.cagreens.org/elections/endorsement-procedures>
Relevant Bylaws pertaining to discussion periods:
[http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/06-24-2019 Section 7-6](http://www.cagreens.org/bylaws/06-24-2019%20Section%207-6)
Email from Luis Rodriguez, November 16, 2021, 7:38 PM, main@luis4governor.org

Dear Green Party of California

I am very excited to run for Governor in 2022 and to run as a Green Party member.

A primary goal of my campaign is to appeal to Greens, Peace & Freedom members, progressive Democrats and others to help build the movement for social justice in our state.

As part of my effort to bring Greens together, I believe it is very important for my potential endorsement to be considered in the widest and most inclusive way possible under GPCA rules, so that it has the most validity going forward in uniting our party and my campaign.

Therefore I ask that the endorsement of my candidacy be placed before a broader number of Green county delegates via the Standing General Assembly process rather than at the upcoming GPCA General Assembly. I would like to have slot for (re)introducing myself to the Green Party members at the General Assembly. I understand that may take longer, but it is better to do it right at the start and most in keeping with our Green Party Key Value of Grassroots Democracy.

Sincerely

Luis J. Rodriguez

APPENDIX I

48 HOUR VOTE Approve Draft GA Agenda and draft Strategic Plan

Voting Period: Starts 11/30/21 at 11:30pm, ended 12/2/21 at 11:30pm

Co-sponsors: June Brashares and Karen Nyhus

Background and Purpose: Per the GPCA Bylaws, the Coordinating Committee shall establish a Draft Agenda for the General Assembly for approval at the beginning of the General Assembly. The CC shall also present a draft Two-Year Strategic Plan to the General Assembly for approval along with the annual budget.

This 48-Hour vote is for the CC to approve the most recent revision of the Draft Agenda for the GA along with the included draft Two-Year Strategic Plan for presentation at the GA.

Urgency: the CC needs to approve this Draft Agenda and Strategic Plan ASAP in order for them to be ready for this upcoming Saturday's General Assembly.

Proposal: The CC approves the attached Draft Agenda for the GA and draft Two-Year Strategic Plan. This is being done with the understanding that after the CC's approval if any entity (Committee, Working Group, or County) decides to withdraw its own sponsored agenda item, that agenda item will be removed from the Draft Agenda, and the remaining agenda items will be the approved Draft Agenda.

Implementation/Timeline/Resources: Upon approval, this Draft Agenda and draft Two-Year Strategic Plan is to be forwarded to the GA Planning Team. The Draft Agenda will be submitted to the General Assembly for approval at the beginning of the General

Assembly on Saturday December 4th. The draft Two-Year Strategic Plan is to be presented at the GA on Saturday during the session at 9:50am-11:10am.

References: GPCA Bylaws, Section 7-5.1 11-2, CC Internal Procedures Sections 2.3, 3-1.4 and 4-2.

APPENDIX J

48 HOUR VOTE Approve non-party individuals to attend GA

Voting Period: Starts 12/1/21 at 10:38pm, ended 12/3/21 at 10:38pm

Co-sponsors: Greg Jan

Background and Purpose: Per the CC Internal Procedures 8-1:

GPCA General Assemblies shall be open to County Delegates, Party Officers, members of the Coordinating Committee, Coordinators of Standing Committees and Working Groups. Space- permitting, all other members of the Green Party of California are also able to attend. The only non-party individuals who may attend shall be those invited by the Coordinating Committee, either at its own initiative or at the recommendation of other party committees, working groups or county party organizations, for purposes pertinent to the business of the GPCA.

This 48-Hour vote is for the CC to approve invitations to any non-party individuals who a GA Session Sponsor/Presenter or the GA Planning team invites to have in attendance at the GA.

Urgency: the CC needs to approve these invitations for the upcoming General Assembly that starts on Saturday December 4th. Proposal: The CC approves invitations to any non-party individuals who a GA Session Sponsor/Presenter or the GA Planning team invites to have in attendance at the GA Implementation

Timeline/Resources: Upon approval this is to be forwarded to the GA Planning Team and implemented for the GA December 4 & 5, 2021.

References: CC Internal Procedures Article IV and 8-1.