Who are the candidates?
Candidates seeking GPUS Presidential nomination:

Jesse Johnson
http://www.jesse08.org

Cynthia McKinney
http://www.runcynthiarun.org

Kent Mesplay
http://www.mesplay.org

Kat Swift
http://www.bexargreens.org/katforprez

Other options:
Ralph Nader
http://www.votenader.org

’No Candidate’

Uncommitted

Write-In candidates

SPECIAL CAUCUS ISSUE

Green Party Presidential Caucus

The Green Party of Pennsylvania (GPPA) sends you this newsletter because you are an active Registered Green Party Voter. As a minor party, the state does not allow us to have a Primary. Thus, in order to determine who are candidates will be, we will be holding caucuses across the state.

We invite you to participate in our upcoming caucus to help determine who, if anyone, will be our 2008 Green Party Presidential Candidate. Please see the schedule in this newsletter that shows when your local Green Party caucus will occur, sometime in late April and early May.

Please turn to page 3 to find the time, date, and location of your county’s caucus

What if my county doesn’t have a caucus or the date is inconvenient for me?

If you live in a county that does not have a caucus, or if the scheduled date is inconvenient, you may opt to participate in a caucus of a nearby county.

Will there be absentee ballots?

There are no provisions for absentee voting.

What is a caucus? How does it work?

A caucus is a meeting at which registered Green voters discuss the options for Presidential nominee and then vote on who the nominee should be. These votes are used by GPPA to determine how (and whether) GPPA delegates to the Green Party of the United States (GPUS) nominating convention in July, in Chicago, should vote.

The caucuses will consist of some discussion, after which each caucus attendee will indicate their Green Party Presidential nominee preferences in rank order. The principal options are listed below. The caucus is not limited to these options.

Each attendee will also be asked whether the GPPA should support the GPUS candidate, as we usually do, in which case the preferences will determine how our GPPA delegation votes at the GPUS nominating convention in Chicago, July 10-13, or conversely, whether GPPA should forego the GPUS nomination process and instead support the winner of the GPPA caucus.

Do I have to have backup choices and rank order my preferences?

No. You must vote for at least one preference (e.g. a candidate, ‘No Candidate’, Uncommitted, etc.). You may list as many or few additional choices (2\textsuperscript{nd}, 3\textsuperscript{rd}, etc) as you desire.

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Open the newsletter to read about the candidates!
2008 Green Party Presidential Candidates

Jesse Johnson – [http://www.jesse08.org](http://www.jesse08.org)


“Our world is filled with exploiters illegally preying upon our most valuable resources. Coalmining companies value short-term gain, limiting profits. Lending institutions don’t care who loses their homes… They care about usurious interest rates. Health Insurance companies care that their bottom line is healthy… Every citizen must become a steward of our democratic ideal. We must put ourselves forward to become leaders in the fight to save our nation, environment and each other… let’s build a movement.”


A courageous voice for the voiceless, unafraid to speak truth to power:
* Consistently opposed funding for bloated military and secret intelligence budgets;
* Introduced Articles of Impeachment for George Bush, Dick Cheney, and Condoleezza Rice;
* Authored a living wage bill in Congress

* Cosponsor of every bill to create a national, single-payer system for universal access to health care.
* Sponsored legislation for ranked choice voting and to restore auditability to Federal elections.

Kat Swift – [http://www.bexargreens.org/katforprez](http://www.bexargreens.org/katforprez)

Born 1973 in Shreveport, LA. Attended Mount Holyoke College; Studies in: anatomy, biology, computer science, aromatherapy, herbalism, spirituality, comparative religion, peer counseling, energy & body therapy techniques. Worked in food service, business administration; as substitute teacher; computer science, aromatherapy, herbalism, spirituality, comparative religion, peer counseling, energy & body therapy techniques. Worked in food service, business administration; as substitute teacher; computer science, aromatherapy, herbalism, spirituality, comparative religion, peer counseling, energy & body therapy techniques.

Active Green since 1999. Co-Chair GP of TX. SEC 2005-7; Co-Spokesperson for National GP Women’s Caucus. Ran for San Antonio city council 2007 and received 30% of the vote. Key issues include Education, Capital Punishment, Global Warming, Legalization of Marijuana, proportional representation; affordable single-payer healthcare.

Kent Mesplay – [http://www.mesplay.org](http://www.mesplay.org)

Born 1962, in Papua New Guinea. Undergraduate engineering degree from Harvey Mudd College and Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering from Northwestern University. Informally studied energy methods of healing. Worked at VA Medical Center, Long Beach, CA; taught High School math; currently works as Air Quality Inspector in San Diego.

Registered Green since 1995. California delegate to the Green National Committee; On County Council of the Green Party, San Diego County; Green Party Presidential candidate, 2004; member of Environment California and a strong advocate of alternative energy legislation. His campaign focuses on environmental and health care issues, political reform, and US-Mexico relations.

Other Presidential Options

Ralph Nader – [http://www.votenader.org](http://www.votenader.org)

Born 1934, in Connecticut. Consumer advocate, lawyer, author. Named by Time Magazine as one of the 100 Most Influential Americans in the Twentieth Century, his efforts have helped to create a framework of laws, regulatory agencies, and federal standards that have improved the quality of life for two generations of Americans. AB magna cum laude from Woodrow Wilson School of International Affairs, Princeton University; LLB from Harvard Law School. Presidential candidate of the Green Party in 2000 and independent Presidential candidate in 2004.

Nader is not seeking the Green Party nomination in 2008. He has chosen to seek ballot access in Pennsylvania with the “Populist Party” slogan. Included as a candidate here because many Greens support his candidacy despite his not running as a Green. (continued on page 3)
Other Presidential Options (cont'd)

No Candidate

Caucus attendees may vote 'No Candidate' as one of their preferences, supporting the idea that GPUS (or GPPA) ought not to run any Presidential candidate.

Uncommitted

Caucus attendees may vote 'Uncommitted' as one of their preferences, supporting the idea that the GPPA delegation to GPUS should be allowed flexibility to vote in whatever way they deem best at the nomination convention in Chicago in July.
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