

## **Candidate Questionnaire for Harris County Green Party Endorsement** (a.k.a. "Green Screen, Part 2")

The Harris County Green Party (HCGP) designed this questionnaire to facilitate the selection and endorsement of candidates for public office. The HCGP seeks out progressive candidates whom we believe have the ability to make a real difference in the lives of the people whom they represent.

Because we believe strongly in a representative government, we would like to know more about you and whether your positions are consistent with our values. The Green Party's Ten Key Values are the following: Social Justice, Community-Based Economics, Nonviolence, Decentralization of Power, Future Focus and Sustainability, Feminism, Personal and Global Responsibility, Respect for Diversity, Grassroots Democracy, and Ecological Wisdom.

Please answer in your own words the following eleven questions. Your answers will be reviewed by our Steering Committee (the elected body of the HCGP) and made available to our membership. Your answers will form the basis of our decision for formally supporting your efforts and/or endorsing your campaign.

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1. Do you intend to run as a Green Party candidate?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

(Note: an answer of "No" does not disqualify you from consideration.)

2. Do you believe the Green Party can make a useful contribution to American political life? How?

3. Please briefly discuss how your public life has promoted the Ten Key Values.

4. If you have held public office, please comment on at least two issues you have raised or supported that have advanced the Ten Key Values.

5. Please comment on how the office you are now seeking will allow you to advance the Ten Key Values.

6. Are there any Ten Key Values you do not support? If so, comment briefly on which ones and why.

7. How will the office you are now seeking allow you to serve the people you represent?

8. What do you believe are your two main issues?

9. How much money do you intend to spend on your campaign? How and from whom do you plan to raise it?

10. How will you make yourself available to the public when you hold office (i.e., how will you listen to the concerns of the people you represent)?

11. Briefly comment on your position on the following issues:

a) Instant Run-off Voting

b) Financing of Elections

c) Living Wage (\$15/hr minimum)