

# Wisconsin Green Party

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## General Candidate Questionnaire

Please return this questionnaire to WIGPelections@gmail.com, or the address listed above

Name: Bradley Karas

Office you wish to seek: Secretary of State

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1. Are you a member of the Green Party or are you willing to become one?   **Yes**    No
2. Do you support the Ten Key Values—Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, Grassroots Democracy, Nonviolence, Decentralization, Community-Based Economics, Feminism, Respect for Diversity, Personal & Global Responsibility, and Future Focus?  
**Yes**   No    If "No" please Explain.
3. What are the most important issues that need to be addressed? Expand the duties of the Secretary of State
4. Do you meet all of the legal qualifications for this office?   **Yes**    No
5. Why do you wish to run for this office? 1. To help keep the Green Party ballot status. 2. To have a platform to speak on Green party issues.
6. What is your path to victory? Dislike of the two-party system.
7. Are you willing to ask individuals for campaign contributions?   **Yes**    No
8. Will you agree not to accept contributions from corporations or corporate PACs?  
**Yes**   No
9. Will you share your donor and volunteer information with the WIGP?   **Yes**    No
10. Please describe how you are currently active in your community, including any volunteer experience you have with the Green Party or other organizations?  
Former delegate to GPUS convention.
11. Please briefly describe any other relevant experience you have had, including employment, working on other political campaigns, holding or running for office.  
I have worked on numerous Green Party campaigns.
12. Why do you want to run as a Green Party candidate?  
The Green Party values match my values.

13. We ask that candidates we have endorsed either support other Green candidates for office, or at least refrain from publicly endorsing candidates running against other Green candidates. Are you willing to agree to these requests? Yes.

14. Do you disagree with any of the positions in the Green Party platform? If so, please explain. Are these important issues for your campaign? No.

15. Greens often face discrimination from the political and media establishment and its supporters, and are often accused of “taking votes” from other parties and told to end their campaigns for the benefit of the two-party system. How do you plan to respond to these attacks if they arise?

People have the right to choose who they support for office and no candidate “owns” their votes.

16. Party members may research your background while considering your campaign for endorsement. Is there anything in your past that could be problematic if it arises during your campaign? While this would not disqualify you from consideration, we ask that you raise these issues up front and take this opportunity to explain how you would deal with them during your campaign.

No skeletons.

17. Our government, electoral system and society are facing a crisis of democracy. As a candidate and as an elected representative, how would you promote the Green value of grassroots democracy, including specific policies?

I would run a grassroots campaign.

18. How will you advocate for environmental protection and sustainability?

As Secretary of State, one of the few official duties remaining is to be a member of the Land Board. I would be a Green voice on that board.

19. How will you address poverty and inequality? What policies will you support to ensure that everyone is able to thrive?

As an elected State official, I will use the pulpit to fight poverty and inequalities.

20. Women, the LGBT community, immigrants, people of color, and other historically oppressed groups are still struggling for equal rights. How will you advocate for these groups, including specific policies?

I will be inclusive in all of my actions and appointments.

21. How will you address racial disparities in education, criminal justice and other areas? How will you be an advocate for communities facing racism and inequities?

As an elected State official, I will use the pulpit to fight all forms of racism and inequalities.

22. Our society is facing a crisis of violence, from mass shootings to police brutality to endless wars abroad. How would you promote the Green value of nonviolence, including specific policies?

I would advocate for strict gun laws.

23. What groups or organizations do you see as potential allies?

All 'leftie' groups.

24. How will you maintain your independence while in office? How will you manage not being part of one of the establishment parties?

I will hold an independent office and act independently.

25. How will you use your position to advocate for your constituents and your policy positions?

I will work to expand the duties of the office so I can have issues to both advocate and form policy.

26. Please provide any other general information you feel may be appropriate.

I am excited to hold a place on the ballot and keep the Green Party ballot line.