

## **GPCA POST PLENARY REPORT**

GPCA Moorpark Plenary, Dec. 4-5, 2004

The Dec. 4-5, 2004 GPCA plenary was held at Moorpark College, Moorpark, and hosted by the Green Party of Ventura.

The keynote speaker Saturday at lunch was Nativo Lopez, national president of the Mexican American Political Association (MAPA). Nativo has recently and very publicly re-registered Green from Democrat, and is urging others to do the same. Among the issues we may work together on are drivers' licenses for immigrants and voting rights for non-citizens in local school elections.

Likewise, the concept of a Standing General Assembly was discussed at some length, with many suggestions from the floor, and the committee working on that will continue discussion online and return at our next state meeting for further discussion. The work done so far on Green Party electoral code and on reformulation of state bylaws to separate true bylaws from policies and procedures was reported and affirmed, but no final documents were adopted.

Electoral Reform and Campaigns and Candidates both talked about implications of Governor Schwarzenegger's proposed October 2005 special election, and the options that creates for the Green Party to circulate initiative petitions, including one for a statewide minimum wage increase or true living wage. GROW delineated various outreach strategies for the coming year. Green Issues Working Group is activating issue based focus groups and will sponsor a wage initiative proposal to the General Assembly at the spring plenary. Both groups had many new faces and volunteers in attendance. Both groups are to continue their monthly teleconferences.

Food, homestay lodging, the venue and hospitality were all good. All in all it was a well received plenary with generally good vibes. Thanks to all who helped make our statewide Green Party plenary a success.

Complete minutes of Plenaries and Working Group and Standing Committee meetings will be found on our website at: <http://www.greens.org/plenary/archives/>. *(Note that the common GPCA login/password are required to view the minutes until they are approved at the next plenary.)*

### NEXT PLENARY

The next GPCA state plenary is tentatively set for **Apr 30 - May 1, 2005, in Northridge, Los Angeles County**. The site for the next GPCA state plenary is tentatively set at Cal State University / Northridge.

### SUBMITTING AGENDA ITEMS

The final submission date for items will be two months before the next plenary, approximately Feb. 15 to March 1. All proposed plenary agenda items must be submitted through a Standing Committee, Working Group or the Coordinating Committee. Please consult your Regional Representative or County Council on this submission process. A template of the GPCA proposal format is provided at the end of this document.

### SUMMARY OF DECISIONS FROM MOORPARK PLENARY

- Media Standing Committee established and approved; Tom Bolema, CC member, and Erika McDonald affirmed as co-coordinators.
- Peter Camejo-Sacramento, Forrest Hill-Alameda, David Cobb-Humboldt and Kent Mesplay-San Diego elected to GPUS-CA delegation.

- Devin Letzer-Los Angeles Co, Michael Rubin-?, San Francisco Co, Rebecca Markussen-Sacramento Co, Judith Grant-?Alameda Co, Hank Chapot-Alameda Co, Sanda Everette-San Mateo Co and Tim Fitzgerald-Tuolomne elected as alternates to GPUS-CA delegation.
- A GPCA ad hoc committee was formed to examine reform of national party presidential candidate nomination rules.
- Mitchell Smith, San Mateo Co. and Dee Brady, Humboldt Co., elected and affirmed by the GA as new co-coordinators for the GPCA GrassRoots Outreach Working Group (GROW).

PROPOSALS NOT PASSED

- Platform: Foreign Policy
- Platform: Secular Principles
- Platform: Health Care

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GREEN PARTY OF CALIFORNIA - PROPOSAL FORMAT

*(May be found on-line at <http://cagreens.org/cc/internal/admin/PropFormat.rtf>)*

PRESENTER: (group, Local or individual)

CONTACT: (name, address, phone number, email)

SUBJECT: (10 words or less)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE:

(100 words or less; include relationship, reasons and/or justification to the GPCA.)

PROPOSAL: (200 words or less)

COMMITTEE DECISION

(Report if the proposal had consensus of the committee, and/or what concerns where expressed)

TIMELINE:

RESOURCES:

(personnel, number and frequency of meetings, projected work hours, finances, etc.)

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