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Dear Ms. Manning:

The Green-Rainbow Party, FEC ID C00359661 and Massachusetts State Party Committee CPF ID 13726, hereby requests from the Federal Elections Commission formal recognition as a state committee of the Green Party.

We are a state affiliate of the Green Party of the United States (GPUS), formerly the Association of State Green Parties. GPUS was granted national political party committee status in OA[R] 2001-13.

In AO[R] 2001-2, February 15, 2001, the FEC indicated that an element of state political party status is having at least one federal candidate that raises at least \$5,000 AND FORMS A COMMITTEE WITH THE FEC. The following Green-Rainbow Party Federal Candidate raised more than \$5,000 or more for the November 2000 election:

President: Ralph Nader: FEC ID: P20000527
Nader 2000 Primary Committee, Inc.: FEC ID: C00355222

In AO[R] 2001-6, May 7, 2001, the FEC indicated that ballot access is a requirement for recognition as a state political party committee. Mr. Nader attained ballot access in Massachusetts for his Presidential candidacy in 2000. We have maintained our ballot status with running statewide candidates in 2002 for Governor, Lt. Governor, and Treasurer and getting over the state law mandated 3% of the vote.

In AO[R] 2001-2, February 15, 2001, the FEC indicated that an applicant must prove that it is responsible for the day-to-day functions and operations of the state political party. The Green-Rainbow Party has a well-developed party structure. In addition to having a state law mandated State Committee, we also have the following elected state law mandated statewide officers: Grace Ross, Co-Chair; David Ebony Allen Barkley, Co-Chair; Gary Hicks, Secretary; Daniel Melnechuk, Treasurer. The statewide officers, as well as other elected directors (Fundraising, Communications, Membership, and 5

ecology, social justice, grassroots democracy, non-violence, decentralization, feminism, community economics, respect for diversity, personal and global responsibility, future focus & sustainability.
(Formerly known as the Massachusetts Green Party)

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Diversity seats), form the administration committee of the party.

We have by-laws (Exhibit A), hold state committee meetings at least three times a year, hold administration committee meetings at least once a month, and hold an annual state convention to nominate partisan candidates in state-wide and federal elections and endorse candidates in other local elections.

Our communications structure includes a website (www.green-rainbow.org) and an newsletter available online or in print (Exhibit B).

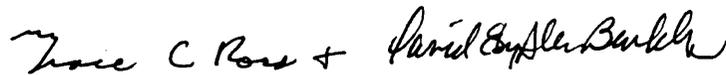
Enclosed is a copy of the Green Party of the United States letter to the FEC that both confirms we are an affiliate and supports our request for recognition (Exhibit C)

We have over 30 locals geographically dispersed throughout the state. Our list of locals is available on our website.

Our financial structure consists of bank accounts with Sovereign Bank.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions about this application.

Sincerely,



Grace Ross and David Ebony Allen Barkley
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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter confirms that the Green-Rainbow Party is an affiliate of the Green Party of the United States, and that we support the Green-Rainbow Party's request for recognition as a state committee of the Green Party in Massachusetts.

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Treasurer:
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Sincerely,



Emily Citkowski
Green Party Operations Director

Green-Rainbow Party By-laws

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1 Name and Definition

- 1.1 The Green-Rainbow Party is an autonomous independent political party sharing kinship with other Green Parties and Green organizations in the USA, through our common adherence to the Ten Key Values (See Articles 2 and 16). The Green-Rainbow Party also shares common goals and values with other Green Parties and Green organizations around the world.
- 1.2 The Green-Rainbow Party will take all available and necessary steps to insure and protect the integrity of the Green Party name.
- 1.3 The Green-Rainbow Party may effect a change of its official party name by taking all of the following steps.
 - 1.3.1 A resolution proposing a party name change is agreed upon by a two-thirds majority of a State Convention.
 - 1.3.2 Representatives of the party as designated by the State Committee, file a request with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to officially recognize this new name as the official name of the party.
 - 1.3.3 This name change is approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and will not impact the legal and ballot status of the party, the registration status of any party members, and the ballot status of any candidates of the party for office in Massachusetts.
 - 1.3.4 If conditions 1.3.1, 1.3.2, and 1.3.3 are not met, the name change will not take effect.
 - 1.3.5 If a party name change does take full legal effect, the bylaws of the party shall be immediately modified, replacing references to the old state party name with references to the new state party name. Bylaws references to the national Green Party will not be altered. The website and official literature of the party shall also be modified to reflect this new name within a reasonable amount of time.

2 Ten Key Values

The Green-Rainbow Party subscribes to the Ten Key Values of the Greens in the USA, which are:

- Ecological Wisdom
- Social Justice
- Grassroots Democracy
- Nonviolence
- Decentralization
- Community-based Economics
- Feminism
- Respect for Diversity
- Personal and Global Responsibility

- Future Focus / Sustainability

3 Purpose

The purpose of the Green-Rainbow Party shall be to:

- Promote throughout Massachusetts the Ten Key Values of the Greens;
- Encourage the development of Green-Rainbow Locals;
- Serve as a networking structure so that Greens in Massachusetts can better communicate, share ideas and experiences, and provide mutual support and fellowship;
- Nominate Green-Rainbow candidates for elected office (and occasionally endorse independent candidates), and support these candidates with contributions of money and labor;
- Promote unity, inclusion, and power sharing in the broader movement.

4 Membership Rights and Responsibilities

4.1 Membership in the Green-Rainbow Party is open to all residents of Massachusetts, regardless of age, who are not registered voters in another party or political designation and who fulfill at least one of the following criterion:

- Be a registered Green-Rainbow Party (J designation) voter in Massachusetts;
- Be a registered Rainbow Coalition (F designation) or GPUSA (G Designation) voter in Massachusetts through November 30, 2003;
- Pay dues to the Green-Rainbow Party. Fee waivers must be available for individuals who are active participants in the Green-Rainbow Party and are unable to pay due to economic constraints. Any membership application may only require a member to provide a name, address, signature, date signature was signed and whether the member applied for a fee waiver.

Members of the Green-Rainbow Party must uphold the following standards: uphold the Ten Key Values, the By-laws and Structure of the Green-Rainbow Party, be honest and forthright in all dealings, and be scrupulous in the handling of Green-Rainbow Party and/or Green Local funds.

4.2 Members can participate in the decision-making process of the Green-Rainbow Party in the following manner:

- Help form and participate in Green-Rainbow Party locals;
- Vote at or be elected as a delegate to the conventions;
- Be elected as a member of the state committee;
- Be elected as a member of the administrative committee;
- Participate in all Green-Rainbow Party primaries within the confines of state law.

Members who contribute or have a fee waiver are entitled to receive all Green-Rainbow Party publications.

- 4.3 The state committee shall form a mediation committee to handle charges of violation of the above membership standards. Such charges may be made by any member or members. Such charges must be forwarded to the chair of the mediation committee.

The mediation committee shall appoint a three person fact-finding committee, composed of:

- one person chosen by the mediation committee;
- one person chosen by the accused;
- a third person chosen by mutual agreement of the first two fact-finding members.

The fact finding committee will investigate and prepare a report of the extent of truth of the charges, and will report back no later than sixty days. After completing the report, the fact-finding committee will meet with the accused and the accuser to see if a mutually agreeable resolution can be found. If the situation cannot be resolved at this stage, then the dispute will be referred back to the mediation committee. If the dispute cannot be resolved there, then the mediation committee will bring the matter, including the written report of the fact-finding committee, to the next state committee meeting of the Green-Rainbow Party. The portion of the Green-Rainbow Party meeting considering the charges should be closed to observers. A two-thirds vote is required to withdraw the membership of the accused where the burden of proof is on those making the charges. However the process ends, the mediation committee must file a brief minute giving the names of the accused and the accuser, and stating what, if any, resolution was reached.

In the event that the state committee has not formed a mediation committee, the co-chairs shall act as the mediation committee.

5 Meetings and Decision Making

- 5.1 This article shall define the general decision making process for all levels of the Green-Rainbow Party: state and county conventions, state committee, administrative committee and working committees. These general rules may be adjusted by the by-laws to conform to characteristics of each level of the party.

- 5.2 Decisions shall be made through the consensus seeking process defined in the document **Addendum A (Consensus Seeking Process)**, attached to these bylaws.

- 5.3 If consensus cannot be achieved and in order to promote fairness and inclusiveness, a Single Transferable Vote Proportional Representation (STV PR) system shall be used when voting to select one or more proposals or candidates from many. The exact details of this voting system shall be specified in another document that is made publicly available.

We will refer to the number of desired selections as the number of Selections.

A voter must rank her choices with her top choice ranked first, the second choice ranked second, and so on. A voter may choose to rank as many or as few of the proposals as she desires.

Each proposal must receive a threshold number of votes to be selected. In the case when one proposal or candidate is to be chosen, the threshold number of votes shall be $\frac{2}{3}$ of the votes cast. In the case when more than one proposal or candidate is to be chosen, the threshold number of votes is equal to the following formula: $((\text{the number of voters}) / (\text{the number of Selections} + 1)) + 1$, rounded down to the nearest whole number.

Votes are apportioned among their top-ranked choice. The choices that receive more than the threshold number of votes shall be deemed to be Selected and any votes they receive beyond the threshold shall be reallocated amongst their next-highest-ranked Eligible choices in an equitable manner.

This process is repeated until there are no more Selected choices who have more votes than the threshold. When this happens, the choice that received the fewest votes is deemed Defeated and the ballots for it are apportioned among their next-highest-ranked Eligible choices. The process of Selection, then Defeat, is repeated until all choices have either been Selected or Defeated.

Choices are Eligible to receive reallocated votes if they have not been Selected or Defeated.

- 5.4 Facilitators shall be used for all meetings and each meeting shall implement a technique for assuring equal opportunity for all voices to be heard.
- 5.5 Decisions of Green-Rainbow Locals will be considered in the process but do not directly affect consensus or voting.
- 5.6 Minutes must be recorded at every convention, state committee, administrative committee and working committee meeting of the Green-Rainbow Party, and shall be made available to all members no later than two weeks after the date of the meeting. Except for conventions, minutes shall be read, amended and approved as necessary at the next following Green-Rainbow Party meeting of that committee.
- 5.7 Participants in meetings of the Green-Rainbow Party are expected to treat each other with civility and consideration. Persons who violate this standard may be asked to remain silent and / or leave the meeting by a 75% vote of the other attending members of the meeting.
- 5.8 All Green-Rainbow Party meetings are open and may only be closed to non-members on 75% vote in personnel or criminal matters or if required by law.

6 Conventions

- 6.1 Conventions serve to ensure that the voice of grassroots Green-Rainbows are heard. Within the area the convention covers, the purpose of a convention shall be to:
 - Have members meet and share ideas;
 - Set policy;
 - Change the party platform or endorse positions;
 - Nominate candidates.
- 6.2 All members in the area covered by the convention are entitled to participate.
- 6.3 The convention shall choose its facilitators and other officers as needed. The convention shall adopt its own rules provided such rules to not contradict these by-laws.
- 6.4 The Green-Rainbow Party shall hold at least one state convention every year no sooner than February 1st and no later than the last day to file certificates of nomination with the secretary of state.
- 6.5 A state convention shall have the following additional purposes:
 - Elect members of the administrative committee;

- Change the by-laws;
 - Decide any other matter as specified in these by-laws.
- 6.6 A state convention can be convened in either of the following ways:
- by a 2/3 vote of the state committee;
 - by a 2/3 vote of the recognized Green-Rainbow Locals.
- 6.7 The state committee shall elect the working committees and personnel necessary for the conduct of the state convention including but not limited to working committees to handle the credentialing of delegates and the drafting of additional rules for the state convention. The state committee shall have final approval of all matters relating to the conduct of the state convention.
- 6.8 The state committee shall notify members and Green-Rainbow Locals of the date of the state convention and the number of delegates each city and town may elect three months prior to the date the state convention is to occur.
- 6.9 The co-chairs and secretary of the administrative committee shall be the co-chairs and secretary of the convention, until and unless the convention chooses other officers.

7 Green-Rainbow Locals

- 7.1 Green-Rainbow Locals form the basic organizing unit of the Green-Rainbow Party. As long as the Green-Rainbow Local adheres to the Ten Key Values and does not undermine the stated purpose of the Green-Rainbow Party, the Green-Rainbow Party cannot interfere with their internal affairs or decision making process.
- 7.2 Green-Rainbow Locals must work to expand their activities, Green-Rainbow Party members, locals and the number of candidates running for office in their area.
- 7.3 There are two types of Green-Rainbow Locals denoted by their level of development: clubs and party committees. The key difference between clubs and party committees is their level of official recognition by the state.

A Green-Rainbow Party club is any group of three or more Green-Rainbow Party members, who meet together on a regular basis to advance the Ten Key Values. These meetings must be open to the public and democratically run. Locals may be defined geographically or by common interest. It can be organized at regional, city, town, ward, precinct, neighborhood or street levels.

A Green-Rainbow Party committee is any group of three or more Green-Rainbow Party members, who meet together on a regular basis to advance the Ten Key Values and is a recognized party committee as defined by state law. It can be organized at city, town and ward levels as a local party committee, or at regional levels as a PAC, People's Committee, or 527 organization.

- 7.4 In areas where no Green-Rainbow Locals exist, members can form either type of local by holding a founding meeting and inviting all Green-Rainbow Party members in the area of the local to attend. The state committee or Green-Rainbow Locals can task individuals or groups of individuals to form locals within their jurisdiction.
- 7.5 Green-Rainbow Party clubs may affiliate with the Green-Rainbow Party by sending a letter to the Green-Rainbow Party indicating that they wish to act as the local representatives of the Green-Rainbow Party in their area. Green-Rainbow Party committees are automatically affiliated with the Green-Rainbow Party, but must send a

letter to the Secretary notifying the state party of their existence. The Secretary shall certify the locals.

- 7.6 When Green-Rainbow Locals are voting on matters, such as Article 6.6 (calling a state convention), Article 8.13 (overriding a state committee by-law change or decision), or Article 8.14 (calling a state committee meeting), the following voting rules shall apply.

A Green-Rainbow local shall have votes equal to the number of Green-Rainbow Party members in the local, dividing by ten, and then rounding any fractional amounts upward. Each Green-Rainbow local shall have at least one vote.

Green-Rainbow Locals with two or more votes are encouraged to use proportional representation to reflect the actual vote taken by the local members. For instance, a local with 49 members and 5 votes who decided an issue 30 to 19, could assign 3 votes to A and 2 votes to B. However, the disposition of votes by locals shall be up to the individual locals to decide.

- 7.7 The Green-Rainbow Party may disaffiliate a Green-Rainbow local for the following valid reasons:

- actions by the Green-Rainbow Local in contradiction to the Ten Key Values;
- efforts of the Green-Rainbow Local to undermine the stated purpose of the Green-Rainbow Party.

- 7.8 The state committee may disaffiliate a Green-Rainbow local by first voting to post a public notice to members giving the reasons for disaffiliation and include a statement by the affected local unless the local chooses not to provide such a statement. At the next state committee meeting, the state committee shall vote to disaffiliate the local. If such a motion passes, the Green-Rainbow Local will be disaffiliated from the Green-Rainbow Party and will no longer be considered in the Green-Rainbow Party decision-making process, or allowed to represent themselves as part of the Green-Rainbow Party structure.

8 State Committee

- 8.1 The state committee will serve as the legislature of the Green-Rainbow Party. It shall have general responsibility for the affairs of the Green-Rainbow Party between state conventions. This responsibility shall include:

- Maintaining regular communication with and provide training, information and other services to Green-Rainbow Locals;
- Formulating and disseminating statements of Party policy and platform;
- Coordinating and conducting the Party's state campaigns;
- Raising and disbursing monies needed for the successful operation of the Green-Rainbow Party and its locals;
- Overseeing the work and decisions of the administrative committee;
- Filling vacancies in the nominations for statewide and congressional offices;
- Amending the by-laws.

- 8.2 The state committee shall meet three times a year and at most once a season. The date, time and, if possible, location should be set at the previous meeting.

8.3 State committee members must be notified at least ten days before meetings, either in writing or by telephone. Such meetings shall also be announced in the appropriate Green-Rainbow Party publications.

8.4 It is the responsibility of the members of the state committee to:

- Actively participate in the business of the state committee, including attendance at meetings;
- Maintain regular communication and consultation with Green-Rainbow Locals in their area, and keep those locals informed of state party affairs;
- Expand the number and membership of Green-Rainbow Locals in her state senatorial district or region;
- Refrain from publicly criticizing party nominees.

8.5 The state committee will consist of three groups of members elected or appointed in the following ways. In all cases, state committee members must be members of the Green-Rainbow Party and their term of office will end on or before the thirtieth day following the presidential primary. Although these bylaws describe several methods of electing state committee members, all members other than the 80 elected at the presidential primaries are appointed seats in terms of Massachusetts State Law.

8.5.1 Forty women and forty men shall be elected to four year terms at the presidential primaries as described in Massachusetts General Laws. Their terms shall begin on the thirtieth day following their election and end four years later on the thirtieth day following the presidential primary to be held that year.

8.5.2 A number of state committee seats, to be known as proportional representation seats (PR seats), shall be created and apportioned to twelve regions. The number of PR seats shall be 40 in 2002 and increase to 60 in 2003. Starting in 2004, the number of PR seats shall be the larger of the number of state committee members elected in the previous presidential primary and the number required for the total size of the state committee to be 60.

These state committee members shall be elected at twelve regional conventions to be organized by locals in the region. After the presidential primaries, regional conventions shall take place within the time period allowed by state law for the organization of the state committee and again two years later. The terms of members so elected will begin the day following their election and end two years later.

Eleven regions will be the counties of Berkshire, Bristol, Essex, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, and Worcester. The twelfth region will consist of Barnstable, Dukes, and Nantucket counties. Each region shall be assigned at least two PR seats. The number of PR seats assigned to each region shall be determined as follows:

1. For each region, compute the "desired number" of PR seats as the fraction of registered Green-Rainbow Party voters in that region on February of that year multiplied by the total number of PR seats. This number will be left as a fraction to break ties.
2. Allocate the minimum number of PR seats to each region.
3. Allocate one PR seat to the region with the largest negative difference between allocated and desired seats.
4. Repeat step 3 until all PR seats are allocated.

Each region must reserve half (rounded down) of their PR seats for each gender. In the event that there are not enough candidates of a gender, then those seats will remain empty. Candidates must be nominated by at least two other members of the party. State committee members elected in this way may be removed through a 2/3 vote of a regional convention.

In the event of a vacancy of a PR seat and a candidate presents herself, the locals in the region must hold a regional convention at the earliest opportunity to elect a replacement state committee member provided that it is not within six months of another regional convention.

- 8.5.3 The state committee will create additional state committee seats, when necessary, to ensure the diversity of the state committee.

By the end of March in every even year, the State Committee shall receive a report of the racial distribution of the general population of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including estimated percentages of uncounted individuals and undercounted segments.

The duty for determining the source of this report shall be assigned to a subcommittee of the state committee.

The state committee shall take the figure, contained in this report, for the percentage of the population that are people of color and add 5% to this amount. The result of this addition shall be known as the diversity goal for the purposes of these bylaws. The value of the diversity goal for the year 2002 shall be 25%.

Whenever the percentage of the state committee members who are persons of color fails to achieve or exceed the diversity goal for that year, additional diversity seats shall automatically be created to meet the diversity goal.

In addition, the state committee may, by a 2/3 vote, create or remove any additional diversity seats that it desires, to represent other under-represented groups, such as but not limited to, on the basis of gender, geography, class, and sexual orientation.

Candidates must be nominated by at least two other members of the party. Nominees for unfilled diversity seats shall be appointed by a 2/3 vote of state committee members prior to the consideration of regular business at any state committee meeting. Nominations which are backed by endorsement of issue or identity caucuses directly related to the diversity issue being addressed or by a petition of 25 signatures from such a caucus shall be considered by the state committee first. After this, any unfilled diversity seats may be filled by other candidates.

- 8.5.4 The state committee can establish a subcommittee to work on balancing the requirements of state law and the goals of proportional representation and diversity in the ongoing composition of the state committee membership.

- 8.5.5 Conventions may elect alternate delegates to the State Committee; the central office of the Green-Rainbow Party shall be notified of the results of such elections and said delegates will be recognized by the State Committee as bona fide. Regular delegates have seating precedence over alternates, only regular delegates may vote via email, and the delegation's gender balance must be adhered to.

Bylaw 8.5.5 shall take effect only after a favorable ruling on it's legality from the Secretary of State.

- 8.6 State committee members may be removed with a 2/3 vote of the state committee. The individual being removed from the state committee shall not be allowed to vote.
- 8.7 An individual may resign from the state committee by submitting a letter of resignation to the co-chairs of the Green-Rainbow Party and notifying all Green-Rainbow Locals in their state senatorial district or region in writing.
- 8.8 The state committee may amend the by-laws by a vote of 75%. A state convention may override this change by a majority vote.
- A 2/3 vote of the recognized Green-Rainbow Locals will also override any by-laws change or decision of the state committee, but this method cannot be used to override a by-laws change or decision of a state convention
- 8.9 An emergency or special state committee meeting may be called:
- by a written or proxy vote or a petition of 1/3 of the state committee members;
 - by a petition or vote of 1/3 of the recognized state Green-Rainbow Locals;
 - by a simple majority of state committee members at an assembled state committee meeting.
- Emergency or special state committee meetings would not count towards the limit on the number of state committee meetings.

9 Administrative Committee

- 9.1 The administrative committee is responsible for the week-to-week administrative functions of the party and must follow the policy set out by the state committee and state convention. The administrative committee shall send meeting minutes to all state committee members within two weeks of the meeting. The administrative committee shall report its progress and decisions.
- 9.2 The administrative committee shall consist of a female co-chair, male co-chair, treasurer, secretary, membership director, fundraising director, communications director and five diversity representatives. These positions (except for the diversity representatives) shall be elected once a year at a state convention and will serve until the next yearly convention.
- 9.3 Any member may be nominated. Candidates are not required to be members of the state committee. Candidates must submit a statement to the Green-Rainbow Party office at least (2) weeks prior to the state convention. Candidates cannot be self-nominated, but must be nominated by at least five other members. Nominations from the floor will be taken only if there are no more than three (3) objections to a particular candidate.
- 9.4 There shall be distinct sections of the same ballot for each co-chair position, treasurer, secretary, membership director, fundraising director and communications director. A member may only be elected to one position but may run for up to three positions. In the event a candidate wins more than one position, she shall choose the position she desires and the votes for the other positions will be recounted to determine the candidate selected. The job skills of each candidate and the diversity of the overall committee should be considerations when voting to elect the members of the committee.
- 9.5 The co-chair who has the highest percentage of the vote for their position shall be deemed the Party Chair for any governmental reporting requirements. The treasurer shall be deemed the Party Treasurer for any governmental reporting requirements. The

secretary shall be deemed the Party Secretary for any governmental reporting requirements.

- 9.6 The recall of any administrative committee member may take place at any state committee meeting. A vote of the state committee is required. Should the individual being recalled also be a member of the state committee, she will not be allowed to vote on this recall proposal.
- 9.7 An administrative committee member will be considered to have resigned if they fail to attend four consecutive administrative committee meetings which occur at least a week apart, or if they miss more than eight meetings more than a week apart in a given year. The administrative committee may not schedule meetings at times that always conflict with a member's employment schedule as a way of forcing their resignation.
- 9.8 In the event of a vacancy of an administrative committee member between state conventions, the state committee must elect a Green-Rainbow Party member to fill the open position. The new administrative committee member will serve until the next state convention.
- 9.9 All administrative committee members shall be able to oversee the work of all Green-Rainbow Party staff. The co-chairs and treasurer may authorize financial expenditures that are not in the budget and have not been approved by the rest of the administrative committee if two of the three agree.
- 9.10 Duties of the co-chairs shall be to:
- Act as official spokes people for the Green-Rainbow Party;
 - Set the agenda for administrative committee meetings;
 - Arrange for facilitation of all state conventions, state committee and administrative committee meetings;
 - Notify other administrative committee members of meetings;
 - Ensure that other administrative committee members are performing their duties.
- 9.11 Duties of the treasurer shall be to:
- Ensure that the Green-Rainbow Party prepares a yearly budget.
 - Record all financial transactions involving the Green-Rainbow Party;
 - Present summary financial reports at every administrative committee meeting
 - Present a full financial report at every state committee meeting;
 - Present an annual financial report at state conventions;
 - File financial and tax reports as required by law;
- 9.12 Duties of the secretary shall be to:
- ensure that minutes are recorded at all Green-Rainbow Party meetings;
 - distribute minutes to members in a timely manner;
 - certifying locals.
- 9.13 Duties of the membership director shall be to:
- Chair the membership and diversity working committee;
 - Ensure that locals have assistance with expanding their membership and improving their organizing efforts;

- Ensure that our organizing manual is up-to-date;
 - Ensure that the locals have access to training classes on organizing and membership development;
 - Find experienced organizers who will work with locals to improve their organizing.
- 9.14 Duties of the fundraising director shall be to:
- Ensure that the Green-Rainbow Party prepares a fundraising plan with the yearly budget;
 - Ensure that the fundraising plan is executed;
 - Ensure that the Green-Rainbow Party meets its fundraising goals;
 - Ensure that locals have assistance with expanding their fundraising efforts;
 - Find experienced fundraisers who will work with the state party and locals to improve their fundraising.
- 9.15 Duties of the communications director shall be to:
- Chair the communications and media working committee;
 - Ensure that we develop media strategies for state party campaigns;
 - Organize the creation of our newsletter, email newsletters and web site;
 - Organize a speakers' bureau;
 - Ensure that we develop relationships with members of the media;
 - Ensure that press releases are written and distributed to the media;
 - Ensure that locals have assistance they need to improve their skills for developing and implementing media strategies.
- 9.16 For the purposes of geographic diversity considerations on the administrative committee, the following five regions are defined:
- Western Massachusetts is defined as Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden counties;
 - Central Massachusetts is defined as Worcester county;
 - North Shore Massachusetts is defined as Essex and Middlesex counties;
 - Metro Boston Massachusetts is defined as Suffolk and Norfolk counties;
 - South Shore/Cape Massachusetts is defined as Plymouth, Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, and Nantucket counties.
- 9.17 The five diversity representatives shall be elected by a 2/3 vote of the state committee at the first state committee meeting following the state convention. Any member of the party may be nominated by at least five other members of the party.
- 9.18 The state committee should consider the job skills of each candidate and the diversity of the overall committee when voting to elect the members of the administrative committee. The diversity considerations should include gender, geographic, racial, and other types of diversity of representation, background, and experience.
- 9.19 The duties of the diversity representatives (not in any particular order) shall be to:
- Work to increase the diversity of the general party membership and to promote, encourage, and recruit diversity in the leadership of the party;

- Build the party membership, locals development, and regional organization in the region in which they reside;
- Participate in the membership and diversity working committee and in the communications and media working committee;
- In a timely manner, notify the organizers of all Green-Rainbow Party publications of the successes and events of the Green-Rainbow Locals in the region in which they reside;
- Work on the state newsletter, email communications and web site;
- Ensure that locals in their region are kept up to date of administrative committee decisions and progress;
- Keep the state committee members in their region are kept up to date on the decisions and progress of the administrative committee;
- Keep the administrative committee up to date on all issues raised by the locals in the region in which they reside, and on all issues raised by the state committee for consideration by the administrative committee.

10 Working Committees

- 10.1 Working Committees shall serve to attain and implement the Green-Rainbow Party's goals and purposes. Working Committees shall meet as often as necessary.
- 10.2 The state committee may form more working committees as needed.
- 10.3 Working Committees may have as many or as few members as are available. Any member of the Green-Rainbow Party may serve on a committee. Each state committee member must serve on at least one Working Committees but not more than three Working Committees.

11 Political Practices

- 11.1 Accountability to Membership. The Green-Rainbow Party is accountable to its Green-Rainbow Locals.
- 11.2 Immediate Recall. Clerks, officers, delegates and other representatives of the Green-Rainbow Party shall be recallable. Candidates who violate Green-Rainbow Party policy or platform, shall lose our endorsement and support.
- 11.3 Imperative Mandate. Representatives and delegates of the Green-Rainbow Party may express personal opinions, but must act and vote within the guidelines agreed on by the Green-Rainbow Party.
- 11.4 Minority Opinions. Significant minority opinions within the Green-Rainbow Party will be recorded and communicated to other national and regional Green organizations as appropriate.
- 11.5 Affirmative Action. The Green-Rainbow Party is committed to encouraging participation by all Massachusetts residents. Every measure shall be taken to insure that no person shall be abridged of the right to participate on the basis of gender, religion, race, creed, economics, or sexual orientation.

- 11.6 Freedom of Information. Meetings and records of finances, membership, and minutes of the Green-Rainbow Party shall be open to inspection by any member of the Green-Rainbow Party in good standing. Green-Rainbow Party meetings may be closed to non-members on 75% vote in personnel or criminal matters or if required by law.
- 11.7 Strategic Diversity. A full range of nonviolent strategies and tactics shall be considered permissible and desirable in pursuing Green-Rainbow social change, such as rallies, demonstrations, boycotts, citizen's initiatives, civil disobedience, direct action, building alternative institutions, and/or electoral politics.

12 Candidate Nomination and Endorsement Policy

- 12.1 The Green-Rainbow Party may nominate or endorse candidates for local, regional, state, and national offices.
- 12.2 The word "nomination" will be used when the candidate will be publicly identified with the Green-Rainbow Party. The word "endorsement" will be used in all other cases.
- 12.3 A nomination/endorsement may occur at the state convention or at any official state committee meeting of the Green-Rainbow Party. Any nomination/endorsement by the state committee will be subject to the usual process of review by the locals, unless:
- the local has already nominated or endorsed the candidate;
 - the proposed nomination or endorsement was specified on an announcement distributed to all affiliated Green-Rainbow Locals at least one month prior to the state committee meeting.
- 12.4 A candidate may be proposed for nomination / endorsement by any member of the Green-Rainbow Party or affiliated Green-Rainbow Local.
- 12.5 No candidate will be nominated or endorsed by the Green-Rainbow Party if the nomination or endorsement is opposed by any affiliated Green-Rainbow Local in that candidate's electoral district and that engages in electoral activity.
- 12.6 It is mandated that candidates who wish to be considered for nomination:
- Seek the nomination of all locals within their district, and then seek the Green-Rainbow Party nomination;
 - Attend or send a letter to the Green-Rainbow Party meeting at which their nomination will be considered.
- 12.7 It is encouraged that candidates be active members of an affiliated Green-Rainbow Local.
- 12.8 Candidates who accept a Green-Rainbow Party nomination for office will be considered official Green-Rainbow Party candidates. As such, they should be a member of a Green organization, embrace the platform of the Green-Rainbow Party, and identify themselves as "Green-Rainbow Party candidates."
- 12.9 State conventions or an affiliated Green-Rainbow Local may endorse independent candidates who support the Ten Key Values and who generally endorse the state platform.

13 Legal Requirements for Consideration as a Political Party

- 13.1 The Green-Rainbow Party recognizes that its internal structure may not always coincide with the traditional hierarchical structures evidenced in other political parties and organizations. As required by local, state, or federal law, the Green-Rainbow Party will create committees and/or organizations that comply with any and all necessary legal requirements for ballot access, elections, fund raising, voter registration, etc. These committees and/or organizations will always remain subject to Article 5 of this document, but may be allowed limited autonomy as specified by the Green-Rainbow Party.
- 13.2 The Green-Rainbow Party will seek and maintain statewide ballot access as allowed by state law. This will include, but is not limited to, running candidates for local, regional, state, and federal offices in order to gain and retain ballot access. The Green-Rainbow Party will also reserve the right to exercise legal action (i.e. lawsuits, amica curiae, etc.) as necessary where ballot access or electoral laws are determined to be unduly restrictive or not in accordance with democratic principles.
- 13.3 Candidates representing themselves as " Green-Rainbow" candidates or " Green-Rainbow Party" candidates must be approved through the Green-Rainbow Party nomination process as described in Article 12. The Green-Rainbow Party will utilize all legal means to prevent such self-description by persons who have not been approved through this process.
- 13.4 The constituency of the Green-Rainbow Party will be defined as the body of individuals who are members and in accordance with our principles and by-laws.

14 Other Green Organizations

- 14.1 The Green-Rainbow Party is an affiliated state party of the Green Party of the United States (USGP).
- The Green-Rainbow Party may, by any of its regular decision-making processes, also decide to affiliate or disaffiliate itself with national, regional, issue-based, or identity-based Green membership organizations.
- The Green-Rainbow Party shall encourage its membership to become involved with and donate to the USGP.
 - The Green-Rainbow Party shall encourage its membership to join any Green member organizations that the Green-Rainbow Party decides to affiliate with.
 - The Green-Rainbow Party shall seek representation to the USGP in accordance with the USGP bylaws, and shall choose its delegates from amongst Green-Rainbow Party members to serve as our representatives to the USGP coordinating committee according to the rules defined in Article 5.
 - The Green-Rainbow Party shall seek representation in any other organizations with which it affiliates in accordance with the bylaws of that organization, and shall choose its delegates from amongst Green-Rainbow Party members to serve as our representatives according to the rules defined in Article 5.
- 14.2 The Green-Rainbow Party affirms its agreement with the Ten Key Values of the USGP.
- 14.3 Decisions and rules of the USGP, other Green state parties, or any other Green organizations will in no way be considered binding upon the Green-Rainbow Party.

- 14.4 The selection of Green-Rainbow Party representatives to the USGP and other organizations shall take place at a state convention using the procedures defined in Article 5. Such representatives shall serve for a term of one year, and may not serve more than two consecutive terms as representative to that organization.

The GRP shall reserve half (rounded down) of the seats in its delegation to the USGP and other organizations for each gender. If there is an odd number of seats in the delegation, the extra seat shall be a female seat.

If the organization to which the GRP belongs allows it, the GRP may elect alternates. In general, female alternates shall stand in for female delegates and male alternates for male delegates. Female alternates can stand in for male delegates if not doing so would result in a reduction in Massachusetts' level of representation.

An alternate may vote in the event that a delegate is not able to vote or chooses to let the alternate vote in her/his place. An alternate may not vote in order to override a delegate's abstention.

If delegate or alternate seats are vacant, whether due to resignation, recall, the failure of a convention to elect all vacant seats or the creation of new seats by the USGP or another organization, the State Committee may elect interim delegates and/or alternates to fill these vacancies between state conventions.

- 14.5 The recall of a representative may take place at any state committee meeting. A majority vote of the state committee members is required to recall the representative. Should the representative also be a member of the state committee, she will not be allowed to vote.
- 14.6 If due to resignation or recall, the position needs to be filled, this election can take place at any state committee meeting with the new representative serving until the next state convention.
- 14.7 The duties of such representatives will be:
- Attend meetings of the organization
 - Send to the entire state committee in a timely manner:
 - any proposals put forward for comment
 - how the representative voted on proposals
 - the minutes from all meetings of the organization

15 Amending the By-laws

- 15.1 Any part of these by-laws may be amended at a state convention of the Green-Rainbow Party through a consensus seeking process, or, failing this, a vote of 2/3 of the membership or delegates attending said Congress.
- 15.2 The state committee shall be able to amend these by-laws by a 75% vote. A state convention may override this change by a majority vote.

16 Execution of Papers

- 16.1 Except as the Board of Directors (administrative committee) may generally or in particular cases authorize the execution thereof in some manner, all deeds, leases, transfers, contracts, bonds, notes, checks, drafts and other obligations made, accepted or

endorsed by the corporation shall be signed by the president (co-chairs) or by the treasurer, and shall have been approved through a process of consensus or through a 2/3 vote, with a quorum present.

17 Indemnification of Members, Directors, Officers, Employees and Other Agents

17.1 Right to Indemnification.

The corporation shall indemnify and reimburse out of the corporate funds any person who at any time serves or shall have served as a member of the Board of Directors (administrative committee), officer, employee or other agent of the corporation, or who shall have served at its request, against any all claims and liabilities to which s/he may be or become subject by reason of such service, and against and for any and all expenses necessarily incurred in connection with the defense or reasonable settlement of any legal or administrative proceedings to which s/he is made party by reason of such service, except with respect to any matter as to which s/he shall have been adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his or her action was in the best interest of the corporation.

17.2 Insurance.

The corporation shall have power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a member of the Board of Directors (administrative committee), officer, employee, or other agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation, against any liability incurred by him or her in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify him/her against such liability.

18 Corporate Records

18.1 The original or attested copies of the Articles of Organization, by-laws, and records of all meetings of the incorporators and members, the names and addresses of all members shall be kept at the corporation's principal office or at any office of the secretary or of the counsel to the corporation. Said copies and records shall be open to inspection by any member of the corporation during regular business hours.

19 Corporate Powers

The corporation shall have the following powers in furtherance of its corporate purposes:

- 19.1 The corporation shall have perpetual succession in its corporate name.
- 19.2 The corporation may sue and be sued.
- 19.3 The corporation may have a corporate seal that it may alter at pleasure.
- 19.4 The corporation may elect or appoint directors, officers, employees, and other agents, fix their compensation and define their duties and obligations.
- 19.5 The corporation may purchase, receive or take by grant, gift, devise, bequest or otherwise, lease, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, employ, use and otherwise

- deal in and with, real or personal property, or any interest therein, wherever situated, in an unlimited amount.
- 19.6 The corporation may solicit and receive contributions from any and all sources and may receive and hold, in trust or otherwise, funds received by gift or bequest.
- 19.7 The corporation may sell, convey, lease, exchange, transfer or otherwise dispose of, or mortgage, pledge, encumber or create a security interest in, all or any of its property, or any interest therein, wherever situated.
- 19.8 The corporation may purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, employ, sell, lend, lease, exchange, transfer, or otherwise dispose of, mortgage, pledge, use and otherwise deal in and with, bonds and other obligations, shares, or other securities or interests issued by others, whether engaged in similar or different business, governmental, or other activities.
- 19.9 The corporation may make contracts.
- 19.10 The corporation may lend money provided any interest charged is equal only to administrative costs of developing and carrying the loan.
- 19.11 The corporation may do business, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the powers granted by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 180, in any jurisdiction within or without the United States, although the corporation shall not be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on for profit a trade or business unrelated to its tax exempt purposes.
- 19.12 The corporation may pay pensions, establish and carry out pensions, savings, thrift and other retirement and benefit plans, trusts and provisions for any or all of its directors, officers and employees.
- 19.13 The corporation may make donations in such amounts as the members or directors shall determine, irrespective of corporate benefit, for the public welfare or for the community fund, hospital, charitable, religious, educational, scientific, civic, or similar purposes.
- 19.14 The corporation may be an incorporator of other corporations of any type or kind.
- 19.15 The corporation may be a partner in any business enterprise that it would have power to conduct by itself.
- 19.16 The directors may make, amend or repeal the by-laws in whole or in part, except with respect to any provision thereof which by law or the by-laws requires action by the members.
- 19.17 Meetings of the members must be held in the state of Massachusetts.
- 19.18 No person shall be disqualified from holding any office by reasons of any interest. In the absence of fraud, any director, officer, or member of this corporation individually, or any individual having any interest in any concern in which any such directors, officers, members, or individuals have any interest, may be a party to, or may be pecuniary or otherwise interested in, any contract, transaction, or other act of this corporation, and
- Such contract, transaction, or act shall not be in any way invalidated or otherwise affected by the fact;
 - No such director, officer, member, or individual shall be liable to account to this corporation for any profit or benefit realized through any such contract, transaction, or act; and
 - Any such director of this corporation may be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at any meeting of the directors or of any committee thereof which shall authorize any such contract, transaction, or act, and may vote to authorize the same;

Addendum A: Consensus Seeking Process

1) Proposal presentation

The sponsors of the proposal present the proposal as written, along with any background information they think is pertinent, so that the proposal does not exist in a vacuum (e.g., what situation prompted the proposal). There should usually be a 5 minute maximum on this. Facilitators may give longer if the proposal seems to require it.

2) Clarifying questions

Only questions that clarify the wording or meaning of the proposal are allowed. The sponsors answer the questions. If they need help, the sponsors may call on others with technical expertise, someone who was involved in the drafting of the proposal, or anyone else they feel can help. Opinions or concerns in the guise of clarifying questions are not allowed. The facilitator can decide on a reasonable time limit for clarifying questions.

3) Discussion of the proposal

A broad discussion by the group will bring up the issues and constraints involved in the proposal. This should be an exploration, as a group, of the dimensions of the proposal so that all aspects of the proposal and what it attempts to address are explored. Discussion is not a time to merely list concerns about how a proposal might go wrong in one way or another. Instead it is a time to present alternative ways of doing something or ask why the sponsors chose one way over another. To gauge the sense of the group and keep track of time, an initial 10 minute time period is allotted for discussion. Additional 10 minute extension periods can be allotted repeatedly by majority Straw Poll.

4) Call for consensus

After the discussion is over, the facilitator asks "Are there any concerns remaining?" Anyone with concerns that they believe still need to be addressed should say they have concerns. Concerns are all equal at this point. There is never a need to say one has a blocking concern. ***If no concerns are voiced, then consensus is reached.***

5) Listing of concerns

People state concerns about the proposal and its proposed effects. This is not a time to resolve concerns or determine their validity. Each concern is written down. Concerns are grouped where appropriate to identify themes in the concerns. The facilitator can decide on a reasonable time limit for listing concerns.

6) Addressing concerns

The sponsors of the proposal attempt to address each group of concerns. Often someone's concern is a misunderstanding that can be cleared up by the sponsor. The sponsors can modify the proposal to address the concerns if they so decide, or can decide that a concern should have no effect on the proposal as it is being presented. The sponsors are free to accept or reject "friendly amendments" (proposal modifications) from the group that attempt to address concerns. An initial 10 minute time period is allotted for addressing concerns. Additional 10 minute extension periods can be allotted repeatedly by majority Straw Poll.

7) Call for consensus

After the concerns have been addressed there is the call for consensus. Before asking if there are any concerns remaining, the facilitator has the proposal read aloud with the new wording one last time. ***If the concerns have all been addressed to the satisfaction of the group and no one voices that a concern still stands, then consensus is reached.*** If anyone still believes the concern that they have has not been addressed, they may say so by saying that their concern still stands. The facilitator at this point asks the person with the concern to "stand aside" and allow consensus to be reached. ***If the person with a concern will stand aside, consensus is reached.***

8) Remaining concerns

At this point, the facilitator allows a small amount of time for the full group to address the remaining concerns. If the concerns cannot be addressed during this time period, the facilitator charges the persons with concerns to caucus with the sponsors of the proposal to see if they can come up with some way to resolve the concerns. While they meet, the meeting moves on to the next proposal. When the caucus comes back, they are put on the agenda immediately following the current proposal or agenda item. The caucus reports whether they have a solution. ***If a solution has not been found that addresses the concerns, then the process moves to a vote. If a solution is found, it is presented. If there are no more concerns to the reworked proposal, consensus is reached. Otherwise, the process moves to a vote on the proposal.***

9) Move to vote

If consensus is not reached, then under GRP bylaws on decision making, a vote is called on the proposal. A two-thirds majority vote is needed for a proposal to pass. In the State Committee, a three-quarters majority is needed to pass a proposal that changes bylaws.

Notes:

- A) At any time, the sponsors of a proposal can withdraw the proposal from consideration.
- B) If any decision is to be made that involves more than one choice, the GRP rules as specified in section 5.3 of the bylaws require that STV PR shall be used, provided that consensus cannot be reached.

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter confirms that the Green-Rainbow Party is an affiliate of the Green Party of the United States, and that we support the Green-Rainbow Party's request for recognition as a state committee of the Green Party in Massachusetts.

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Sincerely,

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News

SUMMER-FALL 2003

New Logo for a New Party Name!

By Daniel Melnechuk

Welcome to the new Green-Rainbow Party logo (see above). After reviewing 27 submissions, the Logo Committee settled on a design from Mary Richinick of Charleton. Her submission had the qualities of good logo design and also embodied the spirit of the new party name by having both a rainbow and a leaf which is found in many Green Party logos around the world.

Others who helped refine the logo were party members Amy Rothstein, a page production artist who does the page layout of this newsletter, and art director and book designer Eve Melnechuk. A check for \$25 is on its way to Mary Richinick for having her logo submission chosen. Congratulations and thanks, Mary!

Our thanks also to all who worked on and submitted designs for our consideration. It's nice to know there's so much talent among us.

To see the logo in color, you can visit the web site at <www.green-rainbow.org>. We encourage local chapters that wish to use the logo to download the versions provided on the web site for best print quality. The logo is available in both color and greyscale, in various sizes.

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Eric Wasileski washes the flag at a workshop on peace issues at the State Convention.



Like others on the state convention planning committee, Richard and Samantha Zitola have their "antennas" up to respond to questions and needs. Here they read the election results of the instant runoff voting (IRV) process.

State Convention Adopts Electoral Strategic Plan

Reported by the Candidate Development Committee

The state convention approved an electoral strategic plan for 2003/2004 that:

- Establishes a set of electoral and organizational goals for the 2003–2006 timeframe.
- Details our efforts for 2003 city and 2004 town elections.
- Details our efforts for 2004 state representative elections.
- Details our efforts for 2004 state senate elections.
- Details our efforts for 2004 presidential election.
- Defines a set of deliverables the committee will give to the State Committee for approval and due dates for those documents.
- Provides a timeline of key election-related dates in 2003 and 2004.
- Provides information on the number of registered Green-Rainbow voters in each state senate district as well as how our 2002 state treasurer candidate did in that district.

The plan calls for the Candidate Development Committee to present

State Convention Excitement

By Grace Ross for the Administrative Committee

As the renamed Green-Rainbow Party state convention got underway June 21 at Clark University in Worcester, we opened with a pictorial and verbal history of the Mass. Greens and Rainbow Coalition, and our strength nationally. But real excitement started in the afternoon.

After the names of candidates already on the ballot for administrative positions, officers, and national Green delegates had been presented and some procedures for nomination were haggled over, magic happened. Nominations from the floor started and caught fire. Dozens of the informal leaders of this Party were put forward. Some declined, but many accepted nominations for all the Party positions. The depth of our leadership and willingness to serve was an exciting expression of our growing strength and the rainbow diversity of our new activist base.

With 27 nominees, we had to quickly revamp our nomination process and time for discussion of the candidates. With many reminders that we will need to tap an additional five Administrative Committee members in the next

March to Follow Martin Luther King's Leadership

By Lisa A. Richards for the March Planning Committee

This year's convention was historic for several reasons, one of which is that we are now the Green-Rainbow Party (GRP). On a personal note, it gave me a chance to bring a proposal for an exciting and important event — a statewide anti-poverty march to address the increasingly worse situation in this state and to commemorate the 35-year anniversary of Martin Luther King's April 4 assassination. He was killed while the ground-breaking poor people's march on Washington was still being organized.

As part of our commitment to abolish poverty in Massachusetts, the GRP agreed to be a primary sponsor of a 14-day, history-making march through the lowest income communities of Massachusetts. We will help bring together anti-poverty activists, educate the public, register voters, and provide visibility for the platform of the Green-Rainbow Party. We will focus on such issues as welfare and the safety net, homelessness and lack of decent affordable housing, and loss of jobs and health coverage. Proposed dates are the two weeks leading up to April 4.

This march gives our Party an opportunity to be an active force on these issues. And by providing the political vehicle for justice on these issues, we can attract potential Party members. The march is likely to bring together constituencies that do not usually stand together; by doing this, we will create more credibility for the Party.

We expect to march 5 to 15 miles per day. The proposed route starts from Hyannis and goes through New Bedford, Fall River, Worcester, Southbridge, Ware, Springfield, Holyoke, S. Berkshires, Pittsfield, North Adams, Greenfield, Northampton, Amherst, Orange/Amherst, Gardner, Fitchburg, Lowell, Lawrence, Salem, Lynn, Chelsea, Somerville, Cambridge,



Newly-elected officers of the Green Rainbow Party. Back row: Daniel Melnechuk, Treasurer; Aimee Smith, Membership Director; Gil Obler, Fundraising Director; Ebony Barkley, Co-Chair; Keith Wright, Communications Director. Front row: Ron Francis, USGP Alternate; Grace Ross, Co-Chair; Rudy Perkins, USGP Delegate. Not available for photo: Gary Hicks, Secretary; Gerthy Justafort, USGP Delegate.

couple of months, the following elected officials are now welcomed:

Co-Chairs – David Ebony Allen Barkley and Grace Ross

Treasurer – Daniel Melnechuk

Secretary – Gary Hicks

Financial Director – Gil Obler

Membership Director – Aimee Smith

Communications Director – Keith Wright

USGP reps – Rudy Perkins and

Gerthy Justaforte

USGP rep alternates – Ron Francis and Vanessa Bliss

A very informative and inspiring candidate panel closed dinner Saturday night (after wonderful music from the Raging Grannies). Three of our sitting party members spoke of their experiences and creative strategies running for and serving in elected office. Five-term State Representative Mel King moderated the panel

of Marblehead Library Trustee Judy Gates, Newburyport School Committee Member Bruce Menin, and Boston City Councillor Chuck Turner. (See photo, facing page.)

Unlike previous years, the Party asked participants to devote more than a day to the convention — with exciting outcomes. We began the process of having county activists

meet each other and begin working together. There are now active caucuses and ally groups for several subgroups: people of color, low-income/working class, women, and gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgendered. A range of workshops addressed internal skill building for our Party (candidate development, consensus decision-making, and undoing racism, for instance) and political concerns (Palestine/Israel, anti-poverty organizing, etc.). Many of these workshops could be made available to your local area.

While we did not have time to address all proposals (they will be taken up at the September 13 State Committee meeting), critical issues were addressed such as: fighting for adequate medical coverage in our hospitals, building a large and effective anti-poverty march, and agreeing on an electoral strategy for 2003–2004. (See related articles.)

The entire event was a coordinated effort of volunteers, unlike in previous years when a convention planner was hired. We will get a much earlier start for the 2004 convention; the planning committee begins work this September. We have surely hit the ground running – next year we hope more of you will be able to join us!

If You Came or If You Didn't, Your Feedback Please

We are continually trying to improve the state conventions and increase attendance.

If you attended this year's convention, please fill out and return the feedback form from your convention packet. If you need another copy of the form, you can download it from www.green-rainbow.org

If you did *not* attend the convention in Worcester, June 21–22, 2003, please call or email your reason (include all that apply):

- Lack of interest.
- Unclear that I was eligible to attend.
- Did not know about it.
- Cost/travel issues
- Schedule conflict.
- Other (please specify)

First Steps to Becoming a Non-Racist Political Party

Notes from the Anti-Racism Workshop at the 2003 State Convention

By Lisa A. Richards

We were all challenged in this workshop in ways that were new to us, even though most of us had participated in anti-racism trainings in the past. Facilitators worked with us to identify some of the ways in which we operate as a Party that might be reinforcing the privilege of those of us who are white at the expense of people of color. We came up with the following list and urge that addressing these issues be considered a Party priority.

- Limited outreach (ignoring low-income and communities of color).
- Determining what issues get worked on. (Who decides? Whose perception of what's needed gets acted upon?)
- Assuming that everyone is online/technological divide. (Excludes those who are not). "Going to the library" is not an answer. The library is not perceived as a welcoming space for everyone; moreover, with slashes in funding, hours are being cut back drastically in many libraries.
- What we consider 'acceptable' in terms of our ways of doing things

(styles of communication, interaction, information presentation, etc. Does "acceptable" reflect white norms and leave little room for people from other cultures?)

- Controlling.
- Dominating the conversation/discussion.
- Being basically an English-only operation. How can we change this?
- Condescension (as reflected in our determining what modes of communication and interaction are acceptable and devaluing others).
- Types of food served at events/meetings.
- What counts as childcare and how available is it?
- Time and place of meetings.

We urge the Green-Rainbow Party to create a safe place and time to offer this training again. Our walk and talk must match for us to be trusted. If many of us turn out, then our Party will be on its way to earning the respect and collaboration of people of color and to becoming a truly multi-racial Party.

FROM THE SECRETARY

What's Required from All Local Chapters

Like other political parties, the Green-Rainbow Party is obligated to certify the locals in its organization. So the Party Secretary needs the following:

1. Bylaws
2. Minutes of the meeting where it was decided to form your local.
3. Names of all current leadership, their addresses, emails, and phones.
4. Where applicable: copies of any documents submitted to the Federal Election Commission (FEC), the Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF), the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR).

IMPORTANT: Your local must be certified by the party secretary to be a real local. That will happen only *after* your paperwork is complete and submitted to me. If you have any questions or concerns, please address them to me at:

secretary@green-rainbow.org

A helpful step-by-step guide to forming a local chapter is available online and by request.

Thanks in advance for your attention to this matter. Looking forward to hearing from all of you.

Sincerely yours,

Gary Hicks
Secretary, Green-Rainbow Party of Massachusetts

Please send this information by U.S. Mail to:

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As I receive these documents, I will review them and communicate with you if everything's in order, or what else remains to be done.

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Don't Complain, Run for Office!

By James O'Keefe for the Candidate Development Committee



Former and current candidates discuss the challenges and opportunities inherent in a run for office. Their message? Just run! From left to right: Former State Representative Mel King; Boston City Councillor Chuck Turner; Marblehead Library Trustee Judy Gates; Newburyport School Committee Member Bruce Menn.

The state convention set the goal of running at least 84 candidates in 2004. With the legislature gutting vital services and expanding corporate welfare, there is no better time to take a stand against business as usual. If we want to build a future based on justice, democracy, non-violence, and ecology, we need to get Green-Rainbows elected. To get our members elected, we need candidates for both state and local offices.

You should be one of them!

Towns hold their elections in the first half of 2004, and our goal is to run at least 38 members for elected town meeting. Many town elections are low-stress and low-budget affairs where the likelihood of winning is good. Town elections are non-partisan.

In 2004, the goal is to field candidates for a minimum of 40 state representative districts and 6 state senate districts. Since many of these elections are uncontested, the likelihood of running against only a Democrat or a Republican is pretty high. Due to our electoral system and the big money that incumbents command, we will lose many of these races. We will be in good company; in 2002 all Libertarians and most Republicans lost. However, the surest way to lose is to not field candidates.

We certainly need active candidates, especially for town offices where our chances of winning are high. However, we also need candidates who will get on the ballot for state offices, but might not campaign actively; lots of them! Seeing lots of names on the ballot with Green-Rainbow next to them, demonstrates to the media and voters our support. Plus, our Presidential ticket will do better in districts where we are running candidates for lower state offices. We need votes to maintain ballot status.

We need our candidates and activists to represent our diversity. The major parties feel that it is OK for our elected officials to speak with one voice, but our candidates must reflect the diverse voices of our Commonwealth.

Getting on the ballot is not difficult for any of these offices. Town offices have low signature requirements. To get on the ballot for state representative, you need only 150 valid signatures; for state senate, just 300. You and your supporters also have from February 10, 2004 to April 27, 2004 to gather them. As a bonus, in 2004 we will not need to gather a single signature to get our presidential candidates on our March 2nd, 2004 primary ballot. As a result, we can devote all of our effort to getting our state and town office candidates on the ballot.

Campaign Training September 20-21

To make your life easier, we have set up a campaign training for the

Considering running for office?
Contact James O'Keefe for more information.

<candidates@green-rainbow.org>

weekend of September 20-21 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Cambridge. We are working with the Green Party of the U.S. to bring together activists and candidates from around New England to learn about running grassroots campaigns. We have not yet set a fee, but are working to minimize it. If you wish to attend, please contact us at candidates@green-rainbow.org or call (978) 688-2068.

Additionally, the Party will provide each candidate with the following items to help them advance their candidacy and the Green-Rainbow Party:

- Literature on the Green-Rainbow Party and its candidates for campaigns to pass out when they are gathering signatures.
- Doing voter registration or going door-to-door.
- Demographic information on your district.
- Issue research on 6 to 8 key issues, including a 1- or 2-page summary and 15 to 20 pages of detailed information.

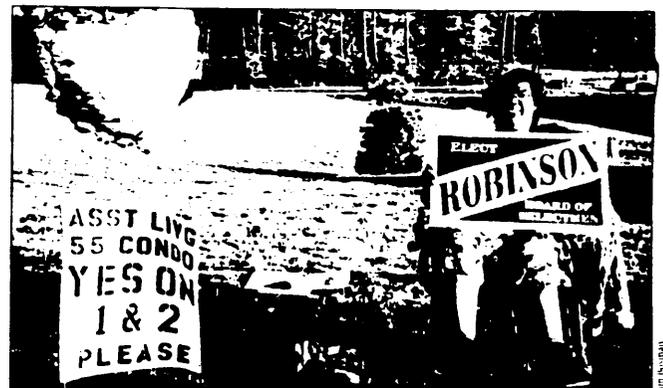
Running can be difficult. I know. I devoted 2002 to run for state treasurer while working and trying to eke out some time with my wife and son. But it is also rewarding. You meet many new people and build stronger bonds with the people who help with your campaign. Best of all you expose more people to our message and help build an alternative to our sham democracy.

If you are interested in running, please contact us at candidates@green-rainbow.org or call (978) 688-2068.

Please run, our future needs you!

Important Note

To run for state representative or state senate, you must register as a Green-Rainbow Party voter by February 24, 2004. By state law, if you were registered in the Democratic, Libertarian, or Republican parties anytime after May 25, 2003, then you cannot run in 2004 as a Green-Rainbow candidate for state representative or state senator.



Pictured here is Martina Robinson, who ran this spring for Selectman in Belchertown.

Green-Rainbow candidates seek your support

The state committee was in the process as we went to press of endorsing candidates so look on the web site for complete results at <<http://www.green-rainbow.org/Elections/2003>>.

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Somerville

By Paul Lachelier

Since its inception in November 2002, the Somerville Green-Rainbow Party has been quite busy. We quickly created three email lists — for announcements/news, discussion, and action — to reduce email flow for people who just want news. We have also been growing our database (now close to 600 people) and email news list (now over 185) through our weekly tabling at supermarkets and train stations.

Our aim is to propose modest political goals that committed members can typically achieve within three to six months, with progress reports at monthly meetings. In April, we approved a voter registration drive to register 100 new Green-Rainbows, and 100 new people of color (of any party registration) in Somerville by August 31, and have been progressing (faster on the former than the latter) primarily through tabling at T stops and supermarkets.

We also approved an initiative to report breakdowns in city public works (broken or missing street signs, clogged gutters, etc.), and an effort to sell 100 rainbow peace flags to fundraise as we promote peace activism and community.



Eli, Susie, and Jonathan holding up one of the Italian rainbow peace flags that we are selling to raise funds for the SGR.

Our three summer student interns — Susie, EJ, and Erika — have been instrumental in this work, and we thank them! For more information, contact Paul Lachelier: 617-661-4628, electpaul@electgreens.org.

Greenfield

By Keith Wright

The Greenfield Green-Rainbows are having an exciting year. In the wake of the statewide campaigns of last year, local Green-Rainbow activist Mark Wisnewski urged members to run for Town Council this past January. On June 10 Mark himself was elected to the Council after knocking on every door in his precinct. His platform includes the creation of an alternative energy industrial park as a means for bolstering the region's sagging economy while simultaneously tackling the issue of foreign oil dependence and

global warming. I was not quite as fortunate. My Town Council race ended in a tie, proving that every vote does indeed count. The Town Council appointed my opponent to fill the seat for one year, at which time a new election will be held. In addition to working on campaigns, party members hosted two public forums for the mayoral race. Both forums were attended by over 100 people and were front page news.

Candidate Development and Legal

Please see page 1 for an article about our 2003–2004 electoral strategy plan that was approved at the State Convention and page 3 for how to run for office, including an announcement of a two-day New England-wide campaign training for Sept. 21–22, 2003 at MIT in Cambridge. We encourage you to attend. In addition, the committee

- Put together an hour-long training session on campaigning that is available for county conventions and local chapters. Please contact us to schedule this.
- Set up a joint meeting of the Membership, Communications, and Candidate Development committees to coordinate our activities.
- Proceeded to work on the documents that define how we will implement the Electoral Strategic Plan.

We welcome your input and participation. Please email candidates@green-rainbow.org or call 617-628-4136.

Media and Communications

At our July 17 meeting in Northampton, committee members took the following actions.

- Appointed Merelice as Co-Chair of the Communications Committee.

Announcement for All Northeast Green-Rainbow and Greens

Presidential Strategy 2004

There will be gathering of northeast Green-Rainbow Party and Green Party activists to discuss Green presidential strategy options for 2004. Please come so that all views can be represented. Time and place are:

Sunday, September 28, 2003
1 P.M. to 6 P.M.
Free Space Gallery
649 Main Street
Fitchburg, MA
Fitchburg is off Rt. 2 in north central Massachusetts, about 45 miles west of Boston.

The keynote speaker will be David Cobb, former counsel to the United States Green Party and one

of several Green Party presidential candidates. This conference will also include small-group workshops and information sessions on a variety of topics, including Instant Runoff Voting, the Electoral College, inter-party reciprocity, ballot access deadlines and requirements, voter registration, and an analytical review of the 2000 election.

- Appointed Owen Broadhurst as the email update coordinator.
- Sought to encourage locals to submit information about their activities for publication in the email update, which currently goes out to about 1,500 members.
- Spent a good deal of time determining the steps needed to create this newsletter.

Future goals of the committee include developing a statewide media strategy and updating brochures that can be used for grassroots organizing. The next meeting will be on September 8th at 7 PM. For more information, contact Keith Wright at 413-773-9454 or keith.wright@comcast.net.

Membership, Diversity, and Volunteer Recruitment

The Membership Committee is currently working on a plan to achieve goals for increased voter registration and increased party participation. One important component of the plan is to create several distribution centers around the Commonwealth for storing such materials as copies of brochures in various languages, stickers, pins, a folding table, a Party banner, and other tabling tools. These items can then be used by people around the state when attending public events. The next meeting will be on September 7. For more information, contact membership.director@green-rainbow.org.

Growing the Green-Rainbow Party: Join us in action

Grace Ross, Co-chair

I am very excited to welcome the new Green-Rainbow Party co-chair, David Ebony Allen Barkley (Ebony as I know him). Like when I came on for my first term last year, Ebony was somewhat drafted — by those of us who see in him a loving visionary who is full of the energy to get us all moving.

This year, we call on each of you to consider what you can do to grow the party. So many of us are committed to a real vision of democracy rooted in the grassroots and the rebuilding of healthy relationships and communities. Now we need to walk through our doubt and concerns, and be willing to share that vision with those around us. Otherwise our powerful values and vision will never have a chance to become reality. We are approaching 10,000 members; we hope to double that in the coming year.

Please contact us. Become part of one of the Party's committees (see page 8). Contact us about starting or joining a local in your area or beginning to do outreach in your county. Or talk to friends about doing a local event in the Party name and getting others involved (contact us for help or to bring in a workshop we already have prepared for these types of requests). Or even invite a Party official to come to a tea or barbeque or block party for others in your area to learn about the Green-Rainbow Party. Or consider getting some brochures or inviting your friends to check out the website. Every little piece of visibility or word of mouth helps! No action is too small.

In addition, we will be calling for local actions that express what we care about — and you can help put one on in your area. The state committee will be looking at calling for vigils to "bring the troops home" in late November. And next spring, we will be one of the initiators of a historic march across Massachusetts to abolish poverty (see page 1 article). This year includes preparing for the next presidential election; our first GRP presidential primary will be in March. We want to run lots of local candidates as well. Can you help?

Now is the time. We have the vision. Will you be one of those of us who help make it real?

Keep Informed!

Join the Announcements Email list

<www.green-rainbow.org/mailman/listinfo/announcements>

Independent Progressives Gather at Ann Arbor, Michigan

Written by conference participants

Two Green-Rainbow State Committee members brought key leaders of National and Michigan Welfare Rights to the sixth national summit of the Independent Progressive Politics Network (IPPN) in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Green-Rainbow and Green Parties, including those in Massachusetts, are among the members of IPPN.

More than 100 activists from 18 states and the District of Columbia, representing more than 50 organizations, gathered July 11-13, 2003 at the University of Michigan.

A highlight of the weekend was the heartfelt keynote speech of former Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney on the subject: "Racism, War & the Economy." She elaborated on the quote from the Declaration of Independence: "When a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce [the people] under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security."

The first major session Friday evening featured inspiring speeches by Baldemar Velasquez, director of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee and co-chair of the Labor Party, and Anita Rios, national co-chair of the Green Party of the U.S. The session, taped by C-Span, also featured discussion from the floor about 2004 and what independent progressives should be doing leading up to the November 2004 national elections.

"Movement music" opened many sessions on the summit's agenda. The performers — Matt Jones, founder of the SNCC Freedom Singers of the 1960s civil-rights movement; internationally-known folksinger David Rovics; and the inspiring duo of Pat Humphries and Sandy O. — also united for a moving concert Saturday evening.

Workshops of direct interest to the Green-Rainbow Party included popular education, centralizing race/challenging white supremacy, elections 2004, candidate training, using the internet for organizing, and fundraising. As was the case at the Green-Rainbow state convention, there were "dismantling oppression" caucuses for women, people of color, gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender (GLBT) attendees, and youth — and parallel discussions on heterosexism, sexism, racism, and ageism.

Whose Party? Our Party!

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Only you can make the Green-Rainbow Party a viable alternative to corporate-financed politics, since we do not take money from corporations, PACs, nor lobbyists. With over 9,000 Party members, a contribution of at least \$10 each will show that a grassroots-funded Party can succeed: financing party-growing activities, supporting our candidates, and providing news and information. Sending this newsletter to every Green-Rainbow Party member costs about \$3,700. We can continue to do this only if we get your financial support. See the financial supporter and membership form on page 7. And please contribute today!

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ending in Boston. With Boston the site of the Democratic National Convention, this is a critical time to educate the public on issues that the major parties will not even address. The voices and struggles of these communities are not being heard.

We need people from all walks of life to help join in the fight for our lives and our families' lives: the elderly, children, low-income families and individuals, the emotionally/mentally/physically challenged, the underemployed/unemployed, unions, groups that bring such issues to the forefront through a form of art, medical professionals, child-care workers, as well as Green-Rainbow local chapters and all non-profit organizations working on issues such as immigrant rights, human rights, workers rights, education, MCAS, health care, environmental justice, and housing.

You can participate in many ways, for example:

You can help organize turn-out, sites, press coverage, and food and sleeping arrangements in these communities; pass out flyers to all events and gatherings leading up to the dates of our march; march with us and bring a group of your co-workers, friends, or family members that believe that poverty is wrong; come entertain and inform the marchers and the public, focusing on how these issues affect people throughout the USA everyday; staff a medical van; staff a childcare van and help with other childcare needs, and many, many more needs still to be named. You may also choose to contribute needed items and financial donations.

Contact us now to get involved with the planning committee or to get your local Green-Rainbow chapter to participate in your part of the state. Call or email today. Contact Lisa Richards at Sisters Together Ending Poverty at 800-939-4600 or (508) 303-9960. Spanish and Portuguese speaking individuals should call (508) 769-1178. Email us at abolishpoverty@green-rainbow.org.

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the following documents for approval by the State Committee:

- 2004 Candidate Recruitment Plan - Due 9/1/2003
- 2004 National Presidential Convention Delegate Selection Rules - Due 9/1/2003
- 2004 Presidential Election Plan - Due 9/1/2003
- 2004 Campaign Plan - Due 12/1/2003

The Candidate Development Committee is committed to drafting the above plans so that they reflect the wisdom and experience of Green-Rainbow Party members. Please send any suggestions you have to candidates@green-rainbow.org or call 617-628-4136.

The party can ship paper copies of the plan to you, but if you have access to the web please visit www.green-rainbow.org.



Register to Vote Green-Rainbow

The Secretary of State's office will soon issue new voter registration forms. *Green-Rainbow* (I) will replace *Green* (I).

According to our by-laws our membership includes voters who are registered as *Green-Rainbow* (I), *GPUSA* (G), or *Rainbow Coalition* (F), but the State's rules are different.

If you are registered "G" or "F" please re-register as "I" in order to contribute to our goal of permanent ballot status.

By registering to vote as Green-Rainbow (not GPUSA), you will help the party reach the state's threshold of 1% of registered voters,

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Daniel Melnychuk, Treasurer

As I was opening the mail a couple of months ago, I received one letter from Patrick Mertens in Watertown who wrote on his returned newsletter, "I can't support the party if you don't even print on recycled paper." Stricken that I didn't even know how much recycled paper content there was in the last two newsletters I had helped produce, I called Patrick up to talk with him about his concern.

Patrick made it clear that we should be printing on paper made from 100% Post-Consumer Wastepaper (PCW), and I agreed. Ecological Wisdom is one of the 10 Key Values of the Green-Rainbow Party (see www.green-rainbow.org/Documents/10kv.html). I told Patrick that I would find out how much recycled content there was in the last newsletter paper, and that I would make it my goal to have the next newsletter printed on 100% Post-Consumer Wastepaper. For the record, the last two newsletters were printed on 40% recycled content paper.

It took some searching, and I found a few sources of 100% PCW, but only one of the print shops was also a union shop, another requirement we have. At the last minute as we were going to press, the paper mill that produced the 100% PCW recycled paper closed its doors. So to get the newsletter out in a timely fashion, we had to use 100% recycled 70% PCW. We will still be trying for 100% PCW in the future. If you know of a paper mill that produces 100% PCW recycled paper please email office@green-rainbow.org.

The federal government's standard for recycled paper use has increased the demand for PCW from recycling centers (see <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswt/non-hw/procure/pdf/paper.pdf>). But it is not enough as the growth in demand for tree pulp still dwarfs the rise of recycling. It is important for us as consumers to keep up the demand for PCW now that the recycling of paper is more viable than it has ever been.

Thank you Patrick Mertens for speaking up!



Hampshire County Green-Rainbows braved the rain to gather for the Annual County Convention.

U.S. Green Party Receives Presidential Hopefuls; Adopts African-American Outreach Proposals

During their national meeting July 18–20 in Washington, D.C., Greens affirmed in large numbers their intention to run candidates for President and Vice President of the United States in 2004. The party also discussed plans to increase membership, and passed a proposal to expand outreach efforts among African-Americans.

Three presidential hopefuls — David Cobb, Lorna Salzman, and Carol Miller — spoke at a July 19 reception for Greens seeking the national nomination in 2004. Ralph Nader, Cynthia McKinney, and Paul Glover, all of whom are also considering national campaigns, sent statements that were read during the reception.

Massachusetts representation at the meeting included Delegates Gerthy Lahens-Justafort and Rudy Perkins, Alternate Delegate Vanessa Bliss, and observers Gil Obler, Samantha Zitola, and Rich Zitola.

Executive Summary

Provided by Rudy Perkins. His more detailed report can be viewed at www.Green-Rainbow.org.

At the national conference of the Coordinating Committee (CC) of the U.S. Green Party (USGP), the following major decisions and events occurred. The CC is the final decision-making body for the USGP.

- **Presidential election 2004.** Four hours of 2004 presidential strategy meetings showed a consensus for running a Green presidential candidate in 2004. However, no formal decision was made concerning such a run and

there was no determination of how it would take place (e.g., there was no apparent consensus on whether the campaign should be an "all-out, all-states" campaign, an "exit strategy" campaign, a "strategic states" campaign, or a "favorite sons/daughters" campaign).

- **African-American Outreach**

The USGP approved a "Home for the Holidays" campaign to withdraw troops from around the world by this year's winter holidays. And they called on Congress to impeach Bush and Cheney.

campaign. The USGP adopted the proposal of the Diversity Committee and the Black Caucus of the party to "organize a tour of notable African-Americans to speak at Historically Black Colleges and Universities and other select schools on issues of specific interest to Black America." The Massachusetts delegation joined the consensus in favor of the proposal. The USGP decided to hire part-time staff and provide an initial budget of approximately \$33,000 for the project. To read the USGP press release on the presidential election and the African-American Outreach campaign, go to www.gp.org/press/pr_07_21_03b.html.

- **"Home for the Holidays" campaign.** The USGP decided to launch a "Home for the Holidays"

campaign to call for the immediate start of withdrawal of American troops from Iraq, Afghanistan, Colombia, and the Philippines, with withdrawal to be completed by this year's winter holidays. The Massachusetts delegation cast its two votes in favor of the campaign proposal, as amended. The campaign is to

include a sign-on newspaper ad, approaching veterans-, peace-, student-, labor-, and community of color-based organizations regarding possible joint efforts on the campaign, and organizing events to promote the Home for the Holidays call in conjunction with the Veterans Day holiday.

- **Call to impeach Bush & Cheney.** The USGP endorsed a call on Congress to initiate impeachment proceedings against President Bush and Vice-President Cheney. To read the USGP press release on the Home for the Holidays campaign and the impeachment demand, go to www.gp.org/press/pr_07_21_03.html. The Massachusetts delegation cast its two votes in favor of the impeachment proposal, as amended.

- **Accreditation of Alabama party.** The USGP decided to accredit the Alabama Green Party as the newest member of the USGP. The Massachusetts delegation joined the consensus in favor of accreditation.
- **Elections.** The CC elected members to the Steering Committee, the Secretary of the party, and members to the Campaign Coordinating Committee.

Contact information for the committees, press releases, and other USGP information can be accessed via the national party's website, www.gp.org.

Informal requests supplement official actions

The following requests for input, help, or action were made informally or implicitly in party committee reports and other statements:

1. The Accreditation Committee requests feedback on whether identity caucuses should be given reserved delegate seats for the 2004 USGP presidential nominating convention.
2. The Accreditation Committee requests feedback on its Proposed 2008 Convention Credentialing Rules - Draft v. 1.0 (which includes Draft Rules for the 2004 Presidential Nominating Convention).
3. The Media Committee would like state parties' media committees to forward state press releases to the USGP Media Committee for national publication as appropriate, and would like state media committees' help in disseminating USGP press releases to local news media outlets.
4. The Media Committee would also like to find a way to do website video link-ups from the state parties.
5. The Media Committee requests additional volunteers/members, who must be approved by their state party.
6. The Fundraising Committee would like to double the number of sustainers to double our USGP staff and requests help from state parties in conducting the USGP's phone-a-thon fundraising. There is also opportunity to participate in the 50-50 split fundraising with the USGP, e.g. the "Forever Green & Growing" campaign.
7. The Merchandising Committee is looking for logo ideas and for green-friendly product suppliers.
8. The Ballot Access Working Group requests more state party members to volunteer to be committee members, particularly those who have experience working on ballot access campaigns.
9. Green-Rainbows planning on running for office in Mass. should

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be aware of the USGP's "Targeted Campaign Resources" and "Campaign Staff Matching Fund" for campaign subsidies via the USGP's Coordinated Campaign Committee. Check with the Green-Rainbow Party treasurer to make sure there is no GRP issue with the use of these subsidies and then consider applying.

- 10. The International Committee requested that more people in the state parties read and help with developing their foreign policy initiatives.
- 11. The Green Pages, the quarterly national Green publication, requested more volunteers to serve on its production committee. This work takes approx. 10 to 20 hours per week, especially near the publication dates.
- 12. The Bylaws, Rules, Policies and Procedures (BRPP) Committee requests that more members in the states volunteer to serve on USGP standing committees. Membership requires approval of our state party.
- 13. The BRPP Committee requests more input on the broader question of the role of the

Coordinating Committee and the Steering Committee, perhaps including proposed rules for what matters should remain with the Coordinating

15. The Platform Committee is welcoming submissions of proposals for platform changes through December 31, 2005. (Submissions require state party

"I thought the convention was great. It was very well organized and we accomplished important and exciting things. One of the highlights for me was the decision to fund an outreach initiative sponsored by the Black Caucus. This program reflects our party's commitment to diversity, one of our ten key values."

- Vanessa Bliss, Alternate Delegate

Committee for decision and what matters may be delegated.

- 14. The DC party called for sister parties to help it obtain Congressional passage of statehood and congressional representation for the District.

approval.) The Committee also requests that there be a platform contact person or a Platform Committee member from each state party.

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thereby gaining permanent full status. Until we reach that point, we must continue to earn 3% of the vote in at least one statewide election every year there is a statewide election.

There have been a few reported cases of misregistraton by city and town clerks. Please make sure you get registered correctly. Before the new voter-registration forms are released, your confirmation will indicate our previous name, Mass Green Party. That name will automatically convert to Green-Rainbow. GPUSA and Rainbow Coalition will not. You must re-register if you want to be Green-Rainbow.

Check the letter code above your name on the mailing panel of this newsletter. J means Green-Rainbow, G means Green Party USA, and F means Rainbow Coalition.

You can request a voter registration form to be sent to you by mail at <<http://www.state.ma.us/sec/ele/elestu/stuidx.htm>>. Or just visit your city or town hall.

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Green-Rainbow Activists Lead State Budget Protest

June 30, 2003, Boston City Councillor Chuck Turner (Green-Rainbow Party) along with Boston City Councillors Charles Yancey and Felix Arroyo, as well as many members of the Green-Rainbow joined dozens of other concerned organizations at the Grand Staircase of the State House to denounce legislators' efforts to balance the budget on the backs of the low- and moderate-income residents of the state.

The relatively hastily called action brought out almost 200 activists from around the state, representing everything from HIV youth activists, to low-income activists opposing the proposed Chicopee state prison, to affordable-housing, union, and anti-MCAS activists.

Councillor Turner opened the event by reading sections of the Declaration of Independence. Cheers echoed around the State House, as the press conference got started late — awaiting the end of a

sudden press conference called by the Governor for exactly the same time. Of the five speakers, one was new Green-Rainbow co-chair and SEIU 285 organizer, David Ebony Allen Barkley. Speakers were repeatedly interrupted by supportive chants. And then Councillor Turner closed the press conference and led the crowd to the House Chambers to demand a hearing of our issues.

Accompanied by over a half hour of chants such as "Whose house? Our house! Whose vote? Our vote! Whose voice? Our voice! Whose choice? Our choice!", Councillor Turner first tried to negotiate entry and then joined 18 activists who slid behind the stanchions to sit-in in protest of the cuts.

Since the legislators would not let the protesters address them, an impromptu people's assembly convened — led by the activists sitting in. Proposal after proposal for legislation that would safeguard our rights and foster a decent society while creating a just and sufficient tax base were brought forward and discussed. A certain excitement filled the crowd as it became clear that we held the insight, expertise, and convictions to develop a viable budget that would underlie our visions of a just society.

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Finally at 6:05 PM, as the legal protesters and the press were escorted out of the building, the 18 activists were arrested — including Chuck Turner and state party co-chair, Grace Ross. Most of these activists have elected to continue the action through the courts. So keep your

eyes open for announcements to support them in continuing the fight for a more just budget. (You can sign up for the Green-Rainbow e-alert list at the Party's website.)

Special thanks are due to the key event organizer and Green-Rainbow Party member, Michael Gainer.

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To: mmarinelli@fcc.gov
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Subject: Granting Extension for AOR Response

Dear Michael Marinelli,

Thanks for contacting me about the delay in receiving the Advisory Opinion Request (AOR) to recognize the Green-Rainbow Party Federal Fund as the state committee of the Green Party of the US. I authorize the FEC to go forward with the AOR and grant an extension to the FEC to respond until April 2nd, 2004, the date you specified.

The Green-Rainbow Party Federal Fund, previously named the Massachusetts Green Party, first filed Form 3X for the 2000 October 15 Quarterly Report on 10/14/2000.

We are not aware of any other state committee in Massachusetts that is affiliated with the Greens/GPUSA, the other national Green organization that does not have National Party status. The Green-Rainbow Party Federal Fund is not affiliated with the Greens/GPUSA.

If I can be of any other assistance in this matter please do not hesitate to call.

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Peace,
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