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Federal Election Commission  
Office of General Counsel  
999 E Street NW  
Washington, DC 20463

Re: Advisory Opinion Request  
For C00428664  
Green Senatorial Campaign Committee

AOR 2006-36

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COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF GENERAL  
COUNSEL  
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Dear General Counsel and Members of the Federal Election Commission,

On June 18, 2006, the Green National Committee – the national committee of the Green Party of the United States (“GPUS”), as recognized under FEC Advisory Opinion 2001-13 – voted to establish a National Green Party Senatorial Campaign Committee.<sup>1</sup> On July 23, 2006, the Green National Committee elected seven people to comprise this committee.<sup>2</sup> On July 31, 2006, the committee met by teleconference, and began conducting business both on-line and via teleconference. The committee chose “Green Senatorial Campaign Committee” (“GSCC”) as its working name.

On September 8, 2006, Committee Treasurer Dean Myerson filed the GSCC’s Statement of Organization with the Secretary of the Senate.

<sup>1</sup> See <http://gp.org/cgi-bin/vote/propdetail?pid=223> for the resolution creating the Green Senatorial Campaign Committee and establishing original bylaws. See <http://gp.org/cgi-bin/vote/proprresult?pid=223> for the vote results on the resolution creating the committee.

<sup>2</sup> See <http://gp.org/cgi-bin/vote/irvresult?pid=237> for the results of the election of the GSCC.

On October 27, 2006, Assistant Treasurer Eric Oines opened a checking account for the GSCC at State Farm Bank and deposited \$1,452 in contributions, qualifying the GSCC as a "political committee" under the definition of 2 U.S.C. SS 431(4).

On September 20, 2006, the GSCC voted unanimously to seek recognition from the FEC as the national senate campaign committee of the Green Party. This letter constitutes an Advisory Opinion Request seeking such recognition.

Included with this Advisory Opinion Request is an affidavit from Holly Hart, Secretary of the Green Party of the United States, on behalf of GPUS, supporting this AOR.

**The Green Senatorial Campaign Committee requests that the Federal Election Commission find that the GSCC is indeed the national senate campaign committee of the Green Party, for purposes of 2 U.S.C. SS 434(e)(1) and SS 441a, and 11 C.F.R. SS 110.1(c), SS 110.2(c)(2)(iii), and SS 110.3(b), and that this committee is therefore eligible for the increased contribution limits to this committee under 11 C.F.R. SS 110.1(c) and 11 C.F.R. SS 110.2(c), the increased contribution limits by this committee to senate candidates under 11 C.F.R. SS 110.3(b)(2)(ii) and 11 C.F.R. SS 110.2(e), and the ability to engage in coordinated expenditures to benefit federal candidates under 2 U.S.C. SS 441a and 11 C.F.R. SS 109.32(b) and SS 109.33 under the coordinated expenditure limits allowed to GPUS and all state Green parties.**

**We contend that GPUS' status as the national committee of the Green Party entitles it to form a House and Senate campaign committee, and that its recognition of a qualified federal committee as its House or Senate campaign committee should be sufficient to qualify that committee for House or Senate campaign committee status, and request the FEC's Opinion regarding this contention.**

Additionally, the GSCC has engaged in activity intended to meet the types of thresholds that have traditionally qualified committees for national committee status.

The committee proceeded to raise additional funds and send contributions to several of the senatorial candidates listed in this Advisory Opinion Request, including each of the candidates who has qualified as a "federal candidate" under the definition of 2 U.S.C. SS 431(2).<sup>3</sup>

The following eleven candidates were on the November 7, 2006 ballot as the U.S. Senate nominee of a state party affiliated with the Green Party of the United States, and each has submitted an affidavit in support of this Advisory Opinion Request:

**Todd Chretien, Green Party of California**

<sup>3</sup> The campaigns of Todd Chretien, Kevin Zeese, David Sole, Michael Cavlan, Lydia Lewis, Howie Hawkins, Aaron Dixon, Rae Vogeler, and Brian Moore have each raised in excess of \$5000. Each has received a \$201 contribution from the GSCC.

**Ralph Ferrucci, Green Party of Connecticut  
Kevin Zeese, Green Party of Maryland  
David Sole, Green Party of Michigan  
Michael Cavlan, Green Party of Minnesota  
Lydia Lewis, Progressive Party of Missouri  
Howie Hawkins, Green Party of New York State  
Julian Hatch, Desert Green Party of Utah  
Craig Hill, Green Party of Vermont  
Aaron Dixon, Green Party of Washington State  
Rae Vogeler, Green Party of Wisconsin**

**This list contains all 2006 U.S. Senate nominees who were on the ballot of a state party affiliated with GPUS.**

**Additionally, the following two U.S. Senate candidates have received the sole endorsement of the GPUS-affiliated party in their state, are on the ballot as Independents (with no statewide Green ballot line), and have submitted affidavits supporting this Advisory Opinion Request:**

**Brian Moore, endorsee of the Green Party of Florida  
Chris Lugo, endorsee of the Green Party of Tennessee**

**At least nine of these candidates have raised in excess of \$5000, thus qualifying as federal candidates under the definition of 2 U.S.C. SS 431(2).**

**The contributions the GSCC made to these candidates were intended, in part, to support ballot access efforts, voter registration, voter identification, and getting out the vote, as detailed later in this letter, and in the various affidavits.**

**Additionally, seven past U.S. Senate nominees of state parties affiliated with GPUS, or its predecessor, the Association of State Green Parties, who have qualified as federal candidates and been on the ballot, have submitted affidavits supporting this AOR.<sup>4</sup> They are:**

**Jim Sykes, Green Party of Alaska (2004)  
David McReynolds, Green Party of New York State (2004)  
Teresa Keane, Pacific Green Party of Oregon (2004)  
Ted Glick, Green Party of New Jersey (2002)  
Medea Benjamin, Green Party of California (2000)  
Mark Dunau, Green Party of New York State (2000)  
Joel Kovel, Green Party of New York State (1998)**

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<sup>4</sup> The Association of State Green Parties voted to change its name to the Green Party of the United States in 2001, before applying for and receiving national committee status. See AO 2001-13.

In AO 2001-13, the Commission considered 16 federal candidates in 8 states (in addition to the presidential and vice presidential candidates) over two federal election cycles, to be a sufficient number of candidates for GPUS to merit national committee status. The number of current "federal candidate" affidavits included with this Advisory Opinion Request exceeds the number of states that were considered as sufficient federal campaign activity in AO 2001-13, and compares even more favorably to AO 2001-13 in percentage of states where there are applicable races, since only 33 states had senate races in 2006. Furthermore, with 9 senate candidates in 33 races, the number of 2006 "federal candidate" affidavits included with this AOR compares very favorably to the percentage of applicable federal races the Commission considered to be sufficient federal campaign activity in any previous advisory opinion.

Additionally, the Chretien, Ferrucci, Zeese, and Hawkins campaigns have each conducted voter registration drives in their respective states, to register new voters and register them as "Green".

All the candidates have engaged in voter identification and get-out-the-vote activity.

GSCC members Dave Jette and Brent White each volunteered many hours to help the Aaron Dixon campaign with ballot access petitioning, voter registration, voter identification, and getting out the vote. GSCC member Eric Oines volunteered many hours to help the Michael Cavlan campaign with voter registration, voter identification, and getting out the vote. GSCC member Roger Snyder volunteered many hours to help the Howie Hawkins campaign with ballot access petitioning, voter registration, voter identification, and getting out the vote. Committee members Dave Jette and Anita Wessling created our website at [www.GreenSCC.org](http://www.GreenSCC.org) to support our Senate candidates.

Rae Vogeler's 2% of the vote in Wisconsin qualified the Green Party of Wisconsin for ongoing ballot access.<sup>5</sup>

Also, note that AO 1980-131 mentions that newer parties may have national congressional campaign committees.

The Green Senatorial Campaign Committee has complied with the contribution and expenditure limits that apply to standard political committees, and limited its contributions solely to senatorial candidates. It will not attempt to use higher income or disbursement limits associated with a national party campaign committee until and unless it receives a positive response in an Advisory Opinion.

**We request that if the Commission finds the activities of the GSCC to be insufficient for attaining the status of national Senate campaign committee, that the Commission lay out**

<sup>5</sup> Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 5, Section 62 gives political parties that get at least 1% of the vote in any statewide office a place on the ballot in the next general election. See <http://nxt.legis.state.wi.us/nxt/gateway.dll?f=templates&fn=default.htm&vid=WI:Default&d=stats&jd=top>

**clear activity thresholds that would entitle a political committee such as ours to be granted such status.**

**We thank you for your consideration in this matter and look forward to providing any additional information you may need.**

**Sincerely,**



**Dean Myerson,  
Treasurer, Green Senatorial Campaign Committee**

**Attachments:**

**affidavit from Holly Hart, Secretary, Green Party of the United States  
affidavits from thirteen 2006 US Senate nominees and endorsees listed in this AOR  
affidavits from seven previous US Senate nominees from GPUS/ASGP affiliates  
GSCC Bylaws  
Minutes of meeting where GSCC officers were elected  
Minutes of meeting where the GSCC voted to submit the AOR**

September 22, 2006

Dear Federal Election Commissioners,

I, Todd Chretien, am the Green Party of California's nominee for United States Senator, and certified on the state of California's November 7, 2006 ballot on the "Green" ballot line for that position. I have raised and spent in excess of \$5,000 on my campaign.

As part of my campaign, I am registering voters as "Green", both for purposes of identifying supporters and for getting my supporters to the polls.

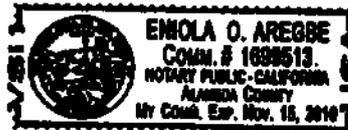
I hereby notify you that I support the Advisory Opinion Request by the Green Senatorial Campaign Committee seeking recognition as the senate campaign committee (a national party committee) of the Green Party of the United States.

Thank you for your consideration.

Todd Chretien

Candidate for United States Senator

State of California )  
County of Alameda ) ss



Todd Chretien appeared before me and swore, on oath, the statement in the above letter.

Dated: OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2006   
Notary's Signature

Notary public in and for the State of California, residing at 3721 MAURETTE BLVD OAKLAND CA 94619.

My commission expires NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2010

September 15, 2006

Dear Federal Election Commissioners,

I, Ralph Ferrucci, am the Green Party of Connecticut's 2006 nominee for United States Senator, and certified on the state's November 7, 2006 ballot on the "Green" ballot line for that position. I intend to, and am in the process of, raising and spending in excess of \$5,000 on my campaign.

As part of my campaign, I am registering voters as "Green", both for purposes of identifying supporters and for getting my supporters to the polls.

I hereby notify you that I support the Advisory Opinion Request by the Green Senatorial Campaign Committee seeking recognition as the senate campaign committee (a national party committee) of the Green Party of the United States.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ralph Ferrucci



10/18/06

Candidate for US Senate

State of Connecticut )  
County of New Haven ss) North Haven )

Ralph Ferrucci appeared before me and swore, on oath, the statement in the above letter.

Dated: 10-18-06 Cheyl A. Maratea  
Notary's Signature

Notary public in and for the State of Connecticut, residing  
at 18 Church St. North Haven CT 06473

My commission expires My Commission Expires June 30, 2009



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Roger Snyder

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- Treasurer

August 20, 2006

Dear Federal Election Commissioners,

I, Kevin Zeese, am the Green Party of Maryland's 2006 nominee for United States Senator, and certified on the state's November 7, 2006 ballot on the "Green" ballot line for that position. I have raised and spent in excess of \$5,000 on my campaign.

As part of my campaign, I am registering voters as "Green", both for purposes of identifying supporters and for getting my supporters to the polls.

I hereby notify you that I support the Advisory Opinion Request by the Green Senatorial Campaign Committee seeking recognition as the senate campaign committee (a national party committee) of the Green Party of the United States.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kevin Zeese

Candidate for US Senate

State of Maryland

County of Prince George's

Kevin Zeese appeared before me and swore, on oath, the statement in the above letter.

Dated: 9/19/06

Notary's Signature

Notary public in and for the State of Maryland, residing

at Takoma Park, MD

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

DARLENE R. MACKAY  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
MARYLAND  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES APRIL 13, 2008

September 27, 2006

Dear Federal Election Commissioners,

I, David Sole, am the Green Party of Michigan's 2006 nominee for United States Senator, and certified on the state's November 7, 2006 ballot on the "Green" ballot line for that position. I am working to raise \$5000 for my campaign.

I hereby notify you that I support the Advisory Opinion Request by the Green Senatorial Campaign Committee seeking recognition as the senate campaign committee (a national party committee) of the Green Party of the United States.

Thank you for your consideration.

David Sole

*David Sole*

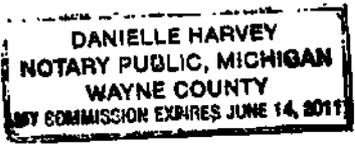
Candidate for US Senate

State of Michigan )  
County of Wayne ) ss)

David Sole appeared before me and swore, on oath, the statement in the above letter.

Dated: 10/12/06 *Danielle Harvey*  
Notary's Signature

Notary public in and for the State of Michigan, residing  
at 16530 E. Warren Ave  
My commission expires 06.14.2011



3115 Elliott Avenue So.  
Minneapolis MN 55407  
August 12, 2006

Dear Federal Election Commissioners,

I, Michael Cavlan, am the Green Party of Minnesota's 2006 nominee for United States Senator, and certified on the state's November 7, 2006 ballot on the "Green" ballot line for that position. I have raised and spent in excess of \$5,000 on my campaign.

I hereby notify you that I support the Advisory Opinion Request by the Green Senatorial Campaign Committee seeking recognition as the senate campaign committee (a national party committee) of the Green Party of the United States.

Thank you for your consideration.

Michael Cavlan

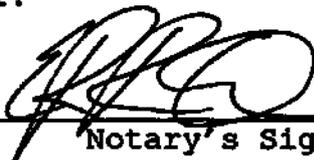


Candidate for US Senate

State of Minnesota )  
County of MINNEAPOLIS ss)

Michael Cavlan appeared before me and swore, on oath, the statement in the above letter.

Dated: 10/2/06

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary's Signature

September 25, 2006

Dear Federal Election Commissioners,

I, Lydia Lewis, am the Progressive Party of Missouri's 2006 nominee for United States Senator, and certified on the state's November 7, 2006 ballot on the "Progressive" ballot line for that position. The Progressive Party of Missouri is the formal affiliate of the Green Party of the United States in Missouri.

My campaign has raised in excess of \$5,000.

I hereby notify you that I support the Advisory Opinion Request by the Green Senatorial Campaign Committee seeking recognition as the senate campaign committee (a national party committee) of the Green Party of the United States.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lydia Lewis

*Lydia L. Lewis*  
Candidate for US Senate

State of Missouri )  
County of St Louis ss )

Lydia Lewis appeared before me and swore, on oath, the statement in the above letter.

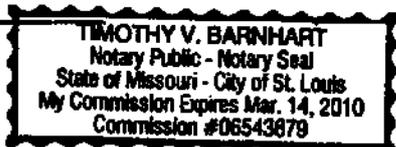
Dated: 9/27/2006

*Timothy V. Barnhart*  
Notary's Signature

Notary public in and for the State of Missouri, residing

at St Louis, MO

My commission expires 3/14/2010



September 15, 2006

Dear Federal Election Commissioners,

I, Howie Hawkins, am the Green Party of New York's nominee for United States Senator, and certified on the state of New York's November 7, 2006 ballot on the "Green" ballot line for that position. I have raised and spent in excess of \$5,000 on my campaign.

As part of my campaign, I am registering voters as "Green," both for purposes of identifying supporters and for getting my supporters to the polls.

I hereby notify you that I support the Advisory Opinion Request by the Green Senatorial Campaign Committee seeking recognition as the senate campaign committee (a national party committee) of the Green Party of the United States.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Howie Hawkins*  
Howie Hawkins

Candidate for United States Senator

State of New York )  
Onondaga County )  
ss)

Howie Hawkins appeared before me and swore, on oath, the statement in the above letter.

Dated: 9/15/06 Claudia M Barrientos  
Notary's Signature

Notary public in and for the State of New York, residing  
at 303 Warner Ave., P.O. Box 562, Syracuse NY 13205  
My commission expires March 24, 2007.

CLAUDIA M. BARRIENTOS  
Notary Public, State of New York  
Qualified in Onon. Co. No. 018A6089543  
My Commission Expires March 24, 2007

October 21, 2006

Dear Federal Election Commissioners,

I, Julian Hatch, am the Desert Green Party of Utah's 2006 nominee for United States Senator, and certified on the state's November 7, 2006 ballot on the "Desert Green" ballot line for that position.

I hereby notify you that I support the Advisory Opinion Request by the Green Senatorial Campaign Committee seeking recognition as the senate campaign committee (a national party committee) of the Green Party of the United States.

Thank you for your consideration.

Julian Hatch

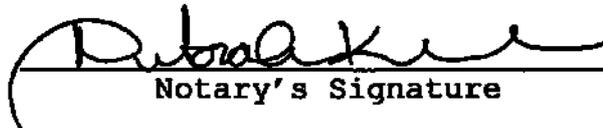


Candidate for US Senate

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ss)  
)

Julian Hatch appeared before me and swore, on oath, the statement in the above letter.

Dated: 11-3-06

  
Notary's Signature

Notary public in and for the Province of Michigan,

residing at Shiawassee County

My commission expires JANUARY 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007

DEBORAH KLINE  
Notary Public, Shiawassee County, Michigan  
My Commission Expires: January 5, 2007

September 25, 2006

Dear Federal Election Commissioners,

I, Craig Hill, am the Green Party of Vermont's 2006 nominee for United States Senator, and certified on the state's November 7, 2006 ballot on the "Green" ballot line for that position.

I hereby notify you that I support the Advisory Opinion Request by the Green Senatorial Campaign Committee seeking recognition as the senate campaign committee (a national party committee) of the Green Party of the United States.

Thank you for your consideration.

Craig Hill



Candidate for US Senate

State of Vermont )

County of Washington )  
ss)

Craig Hill appeared before me and swore, on oath, the statement in the above letter.

Dated: 9/26/06 \_\_\_\_\_  
KR Greene  
Notary's Signature

Notary public in and for the State of Vermont, residing

at TD Banknorth Vt.

My commission expires 2/10/2007

Green Senatorial Campaign Committee

P.O. B. 8845

Minneapolis 55408



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- Dean Myerson  
- Treasurer

September 6, 2006

Dear Federal Election Commissioners,

I, Aaron Dixon, am the Green Party of Washington's 2006 nominee for United States Senator, and certified on the state's November 7, 2006 ballot on the "Green" ballot line for that position. I have raised and spent in excess of \$5,000 on my campaign.

I hereby notify you that I support the Advisory Opinion Request by the Green Senatorial Campaign Committee seeking recognition as the senate campaign committee (a national party committee) of the Green Party of the United States.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aaron Dixon

Candidate for US Senate

State of Washington )  
County of KING ss)

Aaron Dixon appeared before me and swore, on oath, the statement in the above letter.

Dated: 09/19/2006 YEN THI LE  
Notary's Signature

Notary public in and for the State of Washington, residing  
at 7153 MLK JR WY S, Seattle, WA 98118

My commission expires: 09/18/2008



October 17, 2006

Dear Federal Election Commissioners,

I, Rae Vogeler, am the Green Party of Wisconsin's 2006 nominee for United States Senator, and certified on the state's November 7, 2006 ballot on the "Green" ballot line for that position. I have raised and spent in excess of \$5,000 on my campaign.

I hereby notify you that I support the Advisory Opinion Request by the Green Senatorial Campaign Committee seeking recognition as the senate campaign committee (a national party committee) of the Green Party of the United States.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rae Vogeler



Candidate for US Senate

State of Wisconsin )  
County of Wisconsin ss)

Rae Vogeler appeared before me and swore, on oath, the statement in the above letter.

Dated: October 17 2006 [Signature]  
Notary's Signature

Notary public in and for the State of Wisconsin, residing at 127 Jackson St Oregon WI 53575

My commission expires 11-23-08



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August 25, 2006

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Roger Snyder

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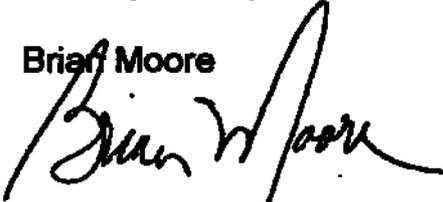
Dean Myerson  
- Treasurer

Dear Federal Election Commissioners,

I, Brian Moore, am an Independent candidate for the US Senate from Florida, and will be appearing on the November 7, 2006 ballot as such. The Green Party of Florida has given me their sole endorsement in this race. I have raised and spent in excess of \$5,000 on my campaign.

I hereby notify you that I support the Advisory Opinion Request by the Green Senatorial Campaign Committee seeking recognition as the senate campaign committee (a national party committee) of the Green Party of the United States.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brian Moore  
  
Candidate for US Senate

State of Florida )  
County of Hernando ) ss)

Brian Moore appeared before me and swore, on oath, the statement in the above letter.

Dated: 9/5/06 Catherine M. Ledouceur  
Notary's Signature

Notary public in and for the State of Florida, residing  
at SUN TRUST BANK 10 Commercial Way Spring Hill FL 34606

My commission expires 2-4-08

 Catherine M. Ledouceur  
My Commission DC282347  
Expires February 04, 2008



# GREEN PARTY

OF THE UNITED STATES

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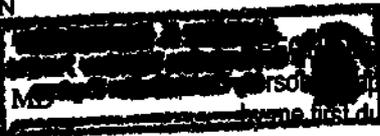
Steve Kramer, MS

Rebecca Rotz, MN

Sarah "echo" Steiner, FL

State of Iowa

County of JOHNSON



the undersigned Notary, on this 31 day of August, 2006,  
person appeared Holly Hart, known to me to be a credible person and of lawful age, who being  
by me first duly sworn, on her oath, deposes and says:

**Secretary**

Holly Hart, IA

**Treasurer**

Jody Grage, WA

I, Holly Hart, Secretary of the Green Party of the United States (GPUS) certify that the National Green Party Senatorial Campaign Committee (NGPSCC) was formed by resolution of the Green National Committee (GNC) of GPUS, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2006.

Further, I certify that the Green National Committee is officially in support of the Advisory Opinion Request of the NGPSCC, also working under the name Green Senatorial Campaign Committee, seeking senate campaign committee status from the Federal Election Commission.

Further, I certify that the following persons were elected by the Green National Committee to serve on the NGPSCC, all terms beginning on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006:

**Anita Wessling**  
13886 Hwy 396  
Omaha, AR 72662  
870-426-2284

**Brent White**  
14300 - 32nd Ave NE #406  
Seattle, WA 98125  
(206) 417-9507 (h)  
206-469-2963 (pager)

**Daryl Northrop**  
3823 Adams Ave  
Des Moines, IA 50310  
515-229-9368

**Dave Jette**  
134 N. 81st St.  
Seattle, WA 98103-4204  
206-789-8660

**Eric Oines**  
5251 N 4th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55430  
612-521-3482

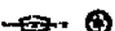
**Roger Snyder**  
14 Robin Drive  
Huntington, NY 11743  
631-351-5763

**Teresa Keane**  
10522 SW Boones Ferry Rd.  
Portland, OR 97219  
503-452-0425

Holly Anne Hart  
[signature of affiant]

Holly Hart

PO BOX 2448  
Iowa City, IA 52244-2448

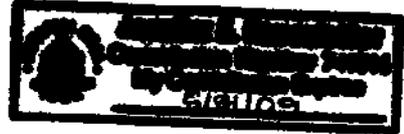


Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 31 day of August, 2006.

[Notary Seal:]

Jennifer Rosenfelder  
Notary Public

Jennifer Rosenfelder  
[typed name of Notary Public]



My commission expires: May 31, 2009.

September 15, 2006

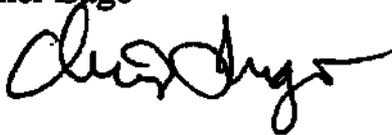
Dear Federal Election Commissioners,

I, Christopher Lugo, am the Green Party of Tennessee's nominee for US Senate. I will be appearing on the November 7, 2006 ballot as "Independent", but if I receive 05% of the vote, the party will get automatic ballot access in 2008. I intend to, and am in the process of, raising and spending in excess of \$5,000 on my campaign.

I hereby notify you that I support the Advisory Opinion Request by the Green Senatorial Campaign Committee seeking recognition as the senate campaign committee (a national party committee) of the Green Party of the United States.

Thank you for your consideration.

Christopher Lugo



Candidate for US Senate

TN DL 086387654

State of Tennessee )  
County of DAVIDSON )  
SS)

Christopher Lugo appeared before me and swore, on oath, the statement in the above letter.

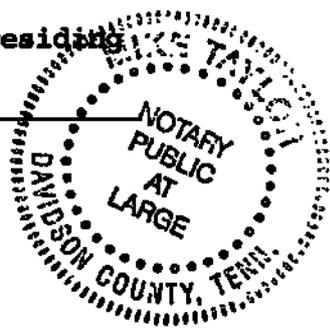
Dated: September 19, 2006

M. Taylor  
Notary's Signature

Notary public in and for the State of Tennessee, residing

at Nashville Tennessee

My commission expires My Commission Expires NOV. 24, 2007



September 12, 2006  
Jim Sykes  
PO Box 696  
Palmer, Alaska 99645

Federal Election Commission,  
999 E Street, NW,  
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Federal Election Commissioners,

I, Jim Sykes, was the Green Party of Alaska's nominee for United States Senator in 2004, and was on the state's November ballot on the "Green" ballot line for that position in that year. I raised and spent in excess of \$5,000 on my campaigns.

I hereby notify you that I support the Advisory Opinion Request by the Green Senatorial Campaign Committee seeking recognition as the senate campaign committee (a national party committee) of the Green Party of the United States.

Thank you for your consideration.



Jim Sykes  
Former Candidate for US Senate

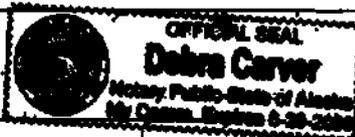
State of Alaska )  
County/Borough of Metchen-Seward ) SS)

Jim Sykes appeared before me and swore, on oath, the statement in the above letter.

Dated: October 4, 2006  )  
Notary's Signature

Notary public in and for the State of Alaska, residing at Palmer

My commission expires 6/29/09



October 14, 2006,

Dear Federal Election Commissioners,

I, David McReynolds, was the Green Party of New York State's 2004 nominee for United States Senator, and was on the state's 2004 ballot on the "Green" ballot line for that position. I raised and spent in excess of \$5,000 on my campaign.

I hereby notify you that I support the Advisory Opinion Request by the Green Senatorial Campaign Committee seeking recognition as the senate campaign committee (a national party committee) of the Green Party of the United States.

Thank you for your consideration.

David McReynolds

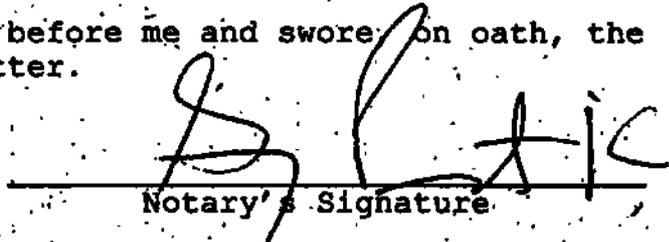


Former candidate for US Senate

State of New York )  
County of New York ss)

David McReynolds appeared before me and swore on oath, the statement in the above letter.

Dated: 10/20/06

  
Notary's Signature

Notary public in and for the State of New York, residing at 3 Durant Rd, Rockland County

My commission expires Oct 15, 2010



Green Senatorial Campaign Committee  
PO Box 8848, Minneapolis, MN 55488  
612.720.8827

Members: August 26, 2006

Teresa Keane  
- Chair

Anita Wessling  
- Vice-Chair

Brent White  
- Secretary

Eric Oines  
- Asst. Treasurer

Dave Jette

Daryl Northrop

Roger Snyder

Non-voting:

Dean Myerson  
- Treasurer

Dear Federal Election Commissioners,

I, Teresa Keane, am the Chair of the Green Senatorial Campaign Committee.

I was also the Pacific Green Party of Oregon's nominee for US Senate in 2004, raised and spent in excess of \$5,000, and was on the November 2004 ballot on the "Green" line. The Pacific Green Party of Oregon has been an affiliate of the Green Party of the United States since GPUS' inception.

I hereby notify you that I support, in both my capacity as a former Green US Senate nominee and as Chair of the GSCC, the Advisory Opinion Request by the GSCC seeking recognition as the senate campaign committee (a national party committee) of the Green Party of the United States.

Thank you for your consideration.

Teresa Keane

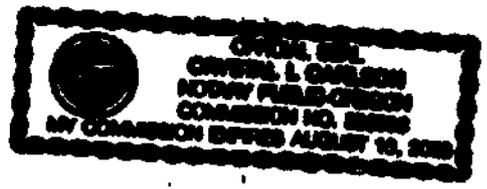
Chair, Green Senatorial Campaign Committee  
Former Candidate for US Senate

State of Oregon )  
County of Clackamas ss )

Teresa Keane appeared before me and swore, on oath, the statement in the above letter.

Dated: 8/28/06 Cynthia Carlson  
Notary's Signature

Notary public in and for the State of Oregon, residing  
at US Bank, Lake Oswego, OR  
My commission expires August 15, 2009





October 1, 2006,

Dear Federal Election Commissioners,

I, Medea Benjamin, was the Green Party of California's 2000 nominee for United States Senator, and was on the state's November 2000 ballot on the "Green" ballot line for that position. I raised and spent in excess of \$5,000 on my campaign.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Medea Benjamin



Candidate for US Senate

State of California )  
 )  
 ) ss)  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ )

Medea Susan Benjamin appeared before me and swore, on oath, the statement in the above letter.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary's Signature

Notary public in and for the State of California, residing  
at \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

September 29, 2006,

Dear Federal Election Commissioners,

I, Mark Dunau, was the Green Party of NY's 2000 nominee for United States Senator, and was on the state's November 2000 ballot on the "Green" ballot line for that position. I raised and spent in excess of \$5,000 on my campaign.

I hereby notify you that I support the Advisory Opinion Request by the Green Senatorial Campaign Committee seeking recognition as the senate campaign committee (a national party committee) of the Green Party of the United States.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mark Dunau



State of New York

County of BROOME

Mark Dunau appeared before me and swore, on oath, the statement in the above letter.

Dated: Sept 29, 2006 Norman N. Faigle  
Notary's Signature

Notary public in and for the State of New York, residing  
at \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_  
NORMAN N. FAIGLE  
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No. 01FA 5023795  
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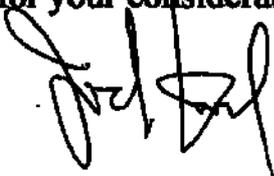
Dear Federal Election Commissioners,

I, Joel Kovel, was the Green Party of New York State's 1998 nominee for United States Senator, and was on the state's 1998 ballot on the "Green" ballot line for that position. I raised and spent in excess of \$5,000 on my campaign.

I hereby notify you that I support the Advisory Opinion Request by the Green Senatorial Campaign Committee seeking recognition as the senate campaign committee (a national party committee) of the Green Party of the United States.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joel Kovel



Former candidate for US Senate

State of New York )  
County of Ulster )  
ss)

Joel Kovel appeared before me and swore, on oath, the statement in the above letter.

Dated: 10/13/06



Notary's Signature

Notary public in and for the State of New York, residing at Woodstock NY

My commission expires 5/31/10

LEE W. JOHNSON  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 4618584  
Residing in Ulster County  
Commission Expires 5/31/10



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- Chair

Teresa Keane, Chair Oct 2, 2006  
Teresa Keane, Chair/President Date

Anita Wessling  
- Vice-Chair

Brent White  
- Secretary

State of Oregon )  
ss)

Eric Oines  
- Asst. Treasurer

County of Multnomah )

Dave Jette

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Teresa Keane appeared before me, and swore, on oath, that she is Chair/President of the Green Senatorial Campaign Committee, that the following Minutes are the true and correct Minutes of the meeting where officers were elected, and that the attached Bylaws are the true and correct Bylaws.

Non-voting:  
Dean Myerson  
- Treasurer

Dated: 10/02/06 [Signature]  
(notary's signature)

Notary public in and for the State of Oregon, residing at  
Portland, OR



My commission expires Oct 13, 2008

Brent White  
Brent White, Secretary

September 26, 2006  
Date

State of Washington )

County of King )  
ss)

Brent White appeared before me, and swore, on oath, that he is Secretary of the Green Senatorial Campaign Committee, that the following Minutes are the true and correct Minutes of the meeting where officers were elected, and that the attached Bylaws are the true and correct Bylaws.

Dated: September 26, 2006 [Signature]  
(notary's signature) Serome A. Stouck

Notary public in and for the State of Washington, residing at  
Shoreline

My commission expires 2/3/09

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August 9, 2006**

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Wednesday, August 16, 2006

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September 20, 2006

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Excused absences: Roger Snyder, Dean Myerson (non-voting Treasurer)

Consensus to approve agenda as presented by Teresa, with additions by Brent and Anita.

Consensus to approve Minutes of September 13, 2006.

Brent discussed steps in the AOR approval process.

Anita updated us on gender equity proposals. Anita will continue talking with Holly about the National Women's Caucus proposal, and about the process for amending the GSCC's bylaws.

Dave had previously submitted a report on his progress and ideas on the website. It contained six points concerning the website content, and we approved these and added a seventh point, to include the GSCC bylaws. Anita suggested, for the future, having a page on helping Senate candidates get started.

Fundraising: No more checks, but Eric has some leads. Anita and others will make pitches on Green lists, following up on the press release.

Eric says the bank still needs a founding document. Eric, Brent, and others will continue working on figuring out what we need as a founding document that the bank will find acceptable.

Dave asked that the next call be a half hour earlier (only for next week). We decided to stick with 6:30.

**Brent moved that the GSCC submit an Advisory Opinion Request to the Federal Election Commission seeking recognition as the national senatorial campaign committee of the Green Party, and all the additional powers that come with being a national senatorial campaign committee. Dave seconded. The proposal passed 5-0. (Roger added his vote in favor of the proposal over email, making it unanimous - 6-0.)**

Adjournment by consensus.

Next call:  
Wednesday, September 27, 2006  
9:30 pm EDT / 8:30 pm CDT / 6:30 pm PDT  
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-- end of Minutes --

Stacey J Shin /FEC/US  
11/30/2006 10:34 AM

To Duane Pugh/FEC/US@FEC  
cc Merita Johnson/FEC/US@FEC  
bcc  
Subject Fw: Green Party US bylaws for AOR from C00428664

That was quick. Here is Myerson's supplemental information.

— Forwarded by Stacey J Shin/FEC/US on 11/30/2006 10:33 AM —



Dean Myerson  
<greens@deanmyerson.org>  
11/30/2006 10:30 AM

To Stacy Shin <sshin@fec.gov>  
cc  
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<http://www.gp.org/documents/bylaws.shtml>

## Green Party Documents

### Official Bylaws of the Green Party of the United States

Originally Approved January 29, 2002

Updated:

April 19, 2004

Article VI updated January 05, 2005

Updated text with CC to NC and GPUS conversions September 3, 2005

Article V updated May 08, 2006

#### ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

1. Assist in the development of State Green Parties
2. Create a legally structured national Green Party Federation

#### ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP AND THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

##### 1. Definitions

The term "state" as used in these bylaws shall refer to any state, commonwealth, district or territory entitled to voting representation or non-voting delegate status in the United States House of Representatives.

The term "underrepresented group" as used in these bylaws shall refer to any grouping of Greens, not explicitly ideological in nature, that has historically failed to attain adequate access to power

in society at-large and/or within the Green movement, as determined by the National Committee.

## **2. National Committee**

The National Committee of the Green Party of the United States shall consist of the representatives of state parties and accredited caucuses of underrepresented groups.

The National Committee shall be the final decision-making body of the Green Party of the United States and shall be responsible for approving a deliberative platform process of discussion, debate, and decision-making at the local and state levels leading to a national platform vote by the delegates at the presidential nominating convention.

The presidential nominating convention of the Green Party is the delegated decision-making body responsible for nominating the national Green Party's presidential and vice presidential candidates and approving the Green Party's national platform.

Meeting of the National Committee and the nominating convention may be attended by Greens who are not voting representatives or delegates.

Each member state party shall have one vote on the National Committee for every four Congressional Districts or major fraction thereof into which the state is divided. Regardless, each state party shall have at least two votes. State parties shall make a good faith effort, where reasonable, to have delegates to the National Committee elected by clusters of local Green groups.

For the purpose of tallying its number of delegates to the Green National Committee a state party may include only Congressional Districts in which there is an organized Green Party Local.

Criteria for an organized Green Party Local shall consist of:

- Recognition by the member state Green Party Bylaws and/or a constitution Adoption of the 10 Key Values and a mission statement and/or platform that demonstrates this commitment.
- The member state Green Party shall be responsible for maintaining a current record and validation of active local affiliates, to be provided to the GP-US on request for credentialing purposes.
- \*No delegate to the National Committee may cast more than two of that state's votes. (This clause will be eliminated after the 2004 general election, reverting back to one vote per delegate, if no further action is taken).

This rule will go into effect January, 2002.

This entire section of the bylaws will be reviewed after the next meeting of the National Committee.

### **3. Sustaining Membership**

Individuals may become sustaining members of the Green Party of the United States by paying dues set by the National Committee on a sliding scale based on ability to pay. Members of state parties shall be actively encouraged to become sustaining members of the Green Party of the United States. Sustaining members shall receive the Association's publications and other benefits as determined by the National Committee.

### **ARTICLE III. COMMITTEES**

"The National Committee of the Green Party of the United States shall establish standing committees and may create other committees according to need. The NC shall cause to be produced, and then approve a document for each committee including the purpose, duties and general charge of the committee, as a part of the process of creating a committee.

The Steering Committee shall be responsible for oversight for all committees and ensure that the NC is kept informed about the work of the committees.

Delegates to the NC shall automatically be eligible to serve on committees by virtue of their position. Other committee members shall be members of a state green party and have written permission from their state party to serve. Permission shall be submitted by the NC delegates or State Party co-chairs from the various states to the co-chairs of the relevant committee, and can be submitted on paper or via email. No state shall have more than three members per committee without a waiver from the Steering Committee. No committee shall have fewer than five states represented.

There shall be three categories of activity for GPUS committees:

1. **MEMBERS** - Committee Membership shall be defined as being a voting member of a committee who may take part in all decision making. Committee members shall be selected by their committees according to individual committee P&Ps. All committee members shall be approved by their respective state parties according to written, democratically derived state party rules that ensure full and open due process.
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3. **OBSERVERS** - Committee approved observers may monitor the listserv activity of a committee but cannot participate in discussions or votes. Observers must be approved by

committees according to their P&P documents.

Furthermore, committees may communicate with individual Greens on an as needed basis on specific matters of mutual import.

All committees shall:

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- 3) when voting, vote by state with each state casting one vote. The NC or the SC may, in their reviews of the work of a committee, allow a committee to waive the one state, one vote rule and replace it with a one member, one vote standard.
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- 6) develop policies and procedures by which minority opinions on committee business that relate to the internal workings of the Green Party may be conveyed to the NC.
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- 8) detail all non-co-chair leadership position (e.g. secretary, coordinators etc.) in the committee's RP&P document.
- 9) conduct elections for leadership slots using preference voting and codify election procedures in their RP&P document.
- 10) participate in a biannual review of committee RP&Ps conducted by the BRPP, which shall report to the NC on each committee's procedures.
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## **ARTICLE IV. THE STEERING COMMITTEE**

The Steering Committee (SC) of the Green Party of the United States shall be composed of nine members: seven co-chairs, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. Co-chairs shall be selected from and elected by the National Committee (NC) of the Green Party of the United States for terms of two years, with a limit of two consecutive terms.

The secretary and the treasurer shall be drawn from the membership of the affiliated state Green Parties and shall serve two year terms without term limits.

The SC shall coordinate the activities of the standing committees and ad hoc committees that may be formed.

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Figure 1: ORGANIZATION CHART (doc)

As seen in Figure 1, the SC shall organize using a "portfolio" approach, via which individual designated members of the SC shall coordinate various natural groupings of GPUS Committees. As new committees are added, the SC shall decide which portfolio they naturally belong in. Input from the co-chairs of the new committee will be solicited.

Following each year's SC elections the SC shall organize with all but the secretary, the treasurer and two co-chairs coordinating "portfolio" groups of committees. The remaining two co-chairs shall be utilized at the pleasure of the SC. These two co-chairs may serve as coordinating overseers of the entire Steering Committee (as detailed in Figure 1), may directly assist a portfolio-assigned SC member in their oversight of groupings of committees or the SC may take any alternative approach.

In addition, although the recommended five portfolio structure does not include portfolio assignments for Secretary and Treasurer, this shall not preclude assignment(s) of portfolios to these two SC positions if, at the time of organization or reorganization, the SC feels it is beneficial to assign certain committees for portfolio coordination to the Secretary and Treasurer.

Grouping of committees shall be determined at the pleasure of the SC as circumstances dictate, using the following groupings as a template for natural groupings.

1. Internal Coordinator:
  1. Personnel Committee
  2. Accreditation Committee
  3. Bylaw, Rules, Policies and Procedures (BRPP)
  4. Communications Committee
  5. Event Planning Committee

2. Outreach Coordinator
  1. Media Committee
  2. Green Pages
  3. Merchandise Committee
3. Electoral Coordinator
  1. Coordinated Campaign Committee (CCC)
  2. Office Holder network
  3. Presidential Exploratory Committee
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  1. Platform Committee
  2. International Committee
  3. Diversity Committee
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  1. Fundraising Committee
  2. Finance Committee

Although consensus decision making on the yearly organizational structure of the SC is preferable, the SC may if necessary, by 2/3 vote, initiate a different organizational structure at the time of each yearly post-election organization. The SC may also alter the organizational scheme at any time by consensus, or 2/3 vote if consensus is not achieved.

Responsibilities of the portfolio-holding co-chairs shall include:

- 1) Maintenance of communications with committee co-chairs and, when applicable, other committee designees regarding tasking of the committee, receiving work product and assuring quality and accuracy of work product.
- 2) Eliciting and receiving written reports from committees for distribution to the NC.
- 3) Assuring smooth and efficient functioning of committees by working with committee co-chairs and members.
- 4) Tracking and participating in day-to-day committee activities via listservs and meetings.
- 5) Facilitating work of the committee co-chairs, and communications with, the rest of the SC, NC and other committees.
- 6) Informing the SC of activities and carrying out directive of the SC as they affect the committees in the co-chair's portfolio.
- 7) Carrying out all directives from the NC and or SC, as may be received from time to time.
- 8) Assuring compliance with all internal Committee Policies and Procedures.

## **ARTICLE V. VOTING RULES**

The National Committee shall strive for consensus in decision making. If consensus is not possible, decision shall be passed by majority vote with the required presens quorum and the required consens quorum.

Presens quorum: In order for a decision to pass, at least one delegate from each of two-thirds of the states must be present.

A delegate is "present" when:

- (physical meeting:) he or she is physically at the location (in the room) where the vote is taken at the time the vote is taken; or
- (phone or web conference:) he or she is connected live to all other participants at the time the vote is taken; or
- (email voting:) he or she submits to the floor manger within the voting period a vote or an abstention.

Consens quorum: In order for a decision on rules, by-laws, and platform issues to pass, a two-thirds (2/3) majority of all votes cast is required. For all other decision, a simple majority (more than 50%) of all votes cast is required. A majority can be reached in a run-off vote or by the use of instant-run-off procedures.

Abstentions are not "votes" for purpose of this sections; therefore an abstention shall count towards the presens quorum, but shall be disregarded for purposes of the consens quorum.

For proposals that provide options other than "yes" and "no," all delegates shall be given the additional option of casting a vote for "none of the above." "None of the above" cast by a delegate shall be a "vote" for purposes of this section.

## **ARTICLE VI. SELECTION, ELECTION, AND REMOVAL OF OFFICERS**

### **A. Nomination**

At least two months before a national Green Party gathering, the Secretary of the GPUS shall ask members of the National Committee for nominations for the various offices. One month shall be given for all nominations to be submitted. Once all the nominations have been received by the secretary, candidates shall submit a short biography online for all delegates to read at least two weeks before the convening of the next Green Party gathering. Nominations will reopen at a specified part of the Agenda at the Annual National Committee Meeting. The official nomination and announcement of candidates and the elections will be held on separate days during the Green Party annual meeting.

### **B. Vacancies**

Any vacancy in the offices of co-chair, treasurer or secretary shall cause the SC to call for an on

line election to be held immediately upon confirmation of the vacancy, to be completed within six weeks of the call for election, with a nomination period of three weeks to be followed by a two-week discussion period and a one-week vote.

### **C. Method of Election**

SC co-chairs shall be elected using choice voting, with a fractional Droop threshold (one divided by the number of seats to be filled plus one:  $1/(seats+1)$ ) and fractional transfers. A candidate must pass the Droop threshold in order to be elected. The secretary and treasurer shall be elected using separate IRV elections.

### **D. Recall**

1. A proposal to recall a member of the Steering Committee may only be brought forward by delegates at least equal in number to one-fifth of the number of recognized National Committee delegates, with at least one-fifth of the total number of GPUS-accredited state parties and caucuses each represented by at least one delegate. The proposal may include as a background section a formal grievance upon which the recall is being pursued.
2. Any proposal introduced to recall more than one Steering Committee member will be divided for voting purposes into separate proposals such that there will be a separate vote for each person potentially subject to recall.
3. The proposal shall be allotted three weeks for discussion and one week for voting. Discussion shall begin within one week of the Steering Committee confirming that the proposal has requisite support. The vote will be conducted online, even if a national meeting falls within the specified window. Quorum shall be two-thirds of accredited state parties and caucuses, and the threshold for recall shall be two-thirds.
4. If the NC votes to recall one or more Steering Committee members, the remaining SC members shall declare a vacancy or vacancies in accordance with the terms of this article.
5. If the NC votes not to recall a Steering Committee member, the individuals who brought the recall proposal forward may not bring new recall proceedings against the same Steering Committee member until 90 days after the completion of the aforementioned recall vote.

## **ARTICLE VII. ETHICAL STANDARDS**

The Green Party accepts that it cannot order the internal politics of its member states. Even so, the Green Party does have a vested interest in ensuring that the internal politics of the Green Parties of the member states meet the highest ethical standards and adhere to Green Values. The Green Party therefore urges member states to:

1. In theory and practice commit to having a membership and leadership reflective of the diversity of the human population within their own states.

**2. Commit to opposing racism, sexism, ageism, classism, discrimination against the differently-abled, and other forms of prejudice within the State Green Party and in the larger society.**

**The Green Party recognizes that winner-take-all/first-past-the-post electoral practices serve to maintain an outdated power structure and prevent members of minority groups from having an adequate impact on policy decisions or serving in leadership position.**

**Therefore the Green Party urges member states to:**

**1. Use proportional representation, as organizational capability develops, to elect their internal leadership and their delegates to the Green Party and/or Green conventions.**

**The Green Party recognizes that there are a multiplicity of proportional representation voting systems. As long as the form employed is fair, honest, and does honor the principles that encourage the participation that hold minority viewpoints, are members of minority groups, or are from the various geographic regions of the state, the Green Party shall not discriminate against any of the forms chosen by state parties when examining the applications for membership of newly-joining states or in its dealings with the current membership.**