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## Green Party of Florida

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December 9, 2016

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Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street NW  
Washington, DC 20463

Dear Esteemed Commissioners,

In a Statement of Organization FEC Form 1 filing, dated October 25, 2016, the Green Party of Florida (hereafter GPFL), FEC ID: C00628297, requested recognition as the State Committee of a political party, namely, the Green Party of the United States. Pursuant to your Request for Additional Information (RAI), I respectfully submit this request for an Advisory Opinion on this matter.

Our filing for recognition as a State Committee was triggered by our recent "Federal Election Activities" expenditures related to the 2016 Presidential campaign of Dr. Jill Stein. In the current election cycle, the GPFL had \$1,265.00 in non-exempt spending, and \$1,200.00 in exempt spending. The GPFL maintains a bank account with Achieva Credit Union, in Dunedin, FL, and has recently established a second account with ACU for accepting federal funds. Our cash on hand at the start of the year was \$1,443.95, and, following the recent campaign activity, our accounts now have a balance of \$163.97.

As the attached documents will show, the GPFL has had a well-established and documented record of our day-to-day functioning as the state-level organization of the Green Party of the US since 1992. The GPFL holds regular Board of Directors and Coordinating Committee monthly meetings via telephone, and conducts an in-person Annual Membership Meeting.

The GPFL currently has seven associated county/regional local affiliates, with two additional locals coming on board in the near future.

For your consideration, please find nine (9) enclosed attachments, documenting the establishment, continuing operations and current status of the GPFL. The following page lists a description of those attachments.

### The Ten Key Values

• Ecological Wisdom • Social Justice • Grassroots Democracy • Decentralization • Community-based Economics • Gender Equality  
• Respect for Diversity • Future Focus • Sustainability • Personal and Global Responsibility

## List of Attachments

- Exhibit 1: Original Articles of Incorporation for the GPFL, filed with the Florida Department of State, dated March 6, 1992.
- Exhibit 2: Letter, FL Department of State to Mr. Allen Joseph, Chairman, GPFL, recognizing the GPFL as a registered minor political party, dated March 9, 1992,.
- Exhibit 3: Chart, Florida Department of State, Division of Elections, showing GPFL Campaign Finance Activity, January 1, 1996 through November 3, 2016.
- Exhibit 4: Revised Constitution of the GPFL, filed with the Florida Department of State, and dated November 18, 2011.
- Exhibit 5: List of GPFL Officers and Delegates, updated as of April 27, 2016
- Exhibit 6: Letter filed with the Florida Department of State, Division of Elections, listing the newly elected members of the GPFL Board of Directors, dated June 9, 2016.
- Exhibit 7: Letter from Jennifer Sullivan, GPFL Co-Chair, to FL Division of Elections, certifying the nomination of Jill Stein and Ajamu Baraka for the offices of President/Vice-President at the national convention, and list of GPFL Electors and Alternates, dated August 24, 2016.
- Exhibit 8: Announcement, 2016 Annual Membership Meeting.
- Exhibit 9: Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the GPFL.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
GREEN PARTY OF FLORIDA, INC.  
A FLORIDA CORPORATION

Article 1. Name.

The name of the corporation shall be: Green Party of Florida, Inc. (also known as Florida Green Party, Inc.).

Article 2. Principle Place of Business and Mailing Address.

The principle place of business and the mailing address of this corporation shall be:

Green Party of Florida, Inc.

c/o Allen Joseph

FSU Box 60049

Tallahassee, FL 32313

Article 3. Purpose.

The purpose of the Green Party of Florida, Inc. is as follows:

- (a) To foster the creation and development of a Green Party in each county of Florida and to support those already existing.
- (b) To facilitate communications and learning about electoral politics and office-holding among all the Green Parties in the State of Florida.
- (c) To work in concert with other groups which strive to create an independent politics that is based on ecological wisdom, grassroots democracy, personal and global responsibility, non-violence, decentralization, community based economics, post-patriarchal values, respect for diversity, social justice and future focus/sustainability.
- (d) To promote Green values within the existing political process.
- (e) The Green Party of Florida, Inc. is organized under Section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code to serve as a separate segregated fund for political contributions in keeping with current IRS and FEC regulations as specified in their current Working Guidelines. No part of the net earnings of the Green Party of Florida, Inc. shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its trustees, officers, other private individuals or organizations organized and operated for a profit (except that the Green Party of Florida, Inc. shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes hereinabove stated).

Article 4. Manner of Election of Trustees.

The manner in which the trustees are to be elected or appointed shall be as set forth in the Bylaws of the Green Party of Florida, Inc.

Article 5. Limitation of Corporate Powers.

The corporate powers authorized under section 617.0302, Florida Statutes (1991), shall not be limited in these Articles of Incorporation.

Article 6. Initial Registered Agent.

The name and street address of the initial registered agent is:

Allen Joseph  
c/o Simpler Solar Systems  
3118 W. Tharpe St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Article 7. Incorporator.

The name and address of the incorporator for these Articles of Incorporation is:

Allen Joseph  
FSU Box 60049  
Tallahassee, FL 32313

Article 8. Initial Board of Trustees.

The initial Board of Trustees shall have three (3) members whose names and addresses are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Allen Joseph, <i>CHAIRPERSON</i>	FSU Box 60049 Tallahassee, FL 32313
Patty Sanphy, <i>TREASURER</i>	903 S. Greenwood Ave. B.21.A.10 Clearwater, FL 34616
Bob Brister	120 17 Avenue S. St. Petersburg, FL 33701

The undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this \_\_\_\_ day of 3/6, 1992

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Incorporator



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Jim Smith  
Secretary of State

DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

Room 1801, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250  
(904) 488-7690

March 9, 1992

Mr. Allen Joseph #A  
606 West Call Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32313

Dear Mr. Joseph:

This office is in receipt of your letter dated Mach 6, 1992, regarding your organization filing as a minor political party in Florida.

The information which you have provided us pursuant to Section 97.021(15), Florida Statutes, appears to comply with the statutes. Therefore, we are adding your group to our list of minor parties and it will appear as The Green Party of Florida, Inc.

A copy of the Florida Election Code and reporting forms are enclosed for your information and use. We respectfully refer you to Section 106.29, Florida Statutes, reports by political parties; assessment on contributions, which states in part:

...Such reports shall contain the same information as do reports required of candidates by s. 106.07 and shall be filed on the 10th day following the end of each calendar quarter, except that, during the period from the last day for candidate qualifying until the general election, such reports shall be filed on the Friday immediately preceding the first primary election, the second primary election, and the general election. Each state executive committee shall file the original and one copy of its reports with the Division of Elections....

Mr. Allen Joseph  
March 9, 1992  
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Therefore, your first report must be filed in this office on or before April 10, 1992.

Please let us know if this office may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Dorothy W. Joyce  
Division Director

DWJ/EB/pr

Enclosure

cc: Supervisors of Elections

EXHIBIT 3



Florida Department of State  
Division of Elections

Green Party of Florida

**Campaign Finance Activity**

**Note:** The information presented below was obtained from the Committee's/Candidate's Campaign Treasurer's Report filed with the Division of Elections. About the Campaign Finance Data Base. If all contributions for a reporting period are less than 1 dollar Then they may not be displayed.

	Filing Period	Contributions			Expend	Other	Transfers
		Monetary	Loans	InKind			
○	01/01/1996 - 03/31/1996	135.00	0.00	0.00	54.55	0.00	0.00
○	04/01/1996 - 06/30/1996	250.00	0.00	0.00	392.60	0.00	0.00
○	07/01/1996 - 07/26/1996	217.00	0.00	0.00	225.20	0.00	0.00
○	07/27/1996 - 08/09/1996	122.28	0.00	0.00	106.12	0.00	0.00
○	08/10/1996 - 08/29/1996	43.95	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
○	08/30/1996 - 09/06/1996	75.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
○	09/07/1996 - 09/26/1996	140.00	0.00	0.00	114.00	0.00	0.00
○	09/27/1996 - 10/11/1996	153.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
○	10/12/1996 - 10/31/1996	84.00	0.00	0.00	85.10	0.00	0.00
○	11/01/1996 - 12/31/1996	282.00	0.00	0.00	117.26	0.00	0.00
○	01/01/1997 - 03/31/1997	260.00	0.00	0.00	487.02	0.00	0.00
○	04/01/1997 - 06/30/1997	638.00	0.00	0.00	396.70	0.00	0.00
○	07/01/1997 - 09/30/1997	513.00	0.00	0.00	884.05	0.00	0.00
○	10/01/1997 - 12/31/1997	1,020.00	0.00	0.00	502.95	0.00	0.00
○	01/01/1998 - 03/31/1998	485.00	0.00	0.00	940.05	0.00	0.00
○	04/01/1998 - 06/30/1998	1,019.58	0.00	0.00	605.20	0.00	0.00
○	(E)07/01/1998 - 08/27/1998	81.00	0.00	0.00	306.68	0.00	0.00
○	08/28/1998 - 09/24/1998	60.00	0.00	0.00	217.50	0.00	0.00
○	09/25/1998 - 10/29/1998	304.00	0.00	0.00	30.37	0.00	0.00
○	10/30/1998 - 12/31/1998	214.00	0.00	0.00	259.69	0.00	0.00
○	01/01/1999 - 03/31/1999	230.00	0.00	0.00	164.60	0.00	0.00
○	04/01/1999 - 06/30/1999	325.00	0.00	0.00	210.27	0.00	0.00
○	07/01/1999 - 09/30/1999	127.00	0.00	0.00	122.40	0.00	0.00
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○	04/01/2003 - 06/30/2003	253.41	0.00	0.00	2,182.61	0.00	0.00
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○	04/01/2010 - 08/19/2010	25.00	0.00	0.00	646.96	0.00	0.00



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**CONSTITUTION  
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DIVISION OF ELECTIONS  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Green Party of Florida (hereinafter, the Party).

**ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

SECTION 1. The purpose of the Party shall be to establish itself as a political party with a forward looking vision, demonstrating the facility of the Ten Key Values of the Green Party in our activities, and fostering their realization into the broader society and body politic.

The first four below are the four pillars of the Greens' Ten Key Values:

1. Social justice
2. Ecological wisdom
3. Grassroots democracy
4. Nonviolence
5. Decentralization
6. Community-based economics
7. Gender equality
8. Respect for diversity
9. Personal and global responsibility
10. Future focus / Sustainability

Further explanation of the Ten Keys can be found in the introduction to the Party Platform, and in *Party literature*.

SECTION 2. Specific objectives shall be derived in principle from the Ten Key Values and reflected as specific policy objectives within the Platform of the Party, and expressed in public position statements catalogued by the Party, and available on the Party website.

SECTION 3. Functional objectives within the Party shall be to:

- a. foster the creation and development of a Green Party in each county of Florida, which may consist of a number of affiliated locals, while continuing to support those already existing.
- b. serve as a network facilitator between the County Green Parties and recognized locals.
- c. facilitate electoral politics, campaigns and office holding statewide and among all the County Green Parties in the State of Florida.
- d. serve as the official state Party in association with the duly constituted Green Party of the United States, which is recognized and registered with the federal election authorities (FEC) and its member State Green Parties.
- e. collaborate with non-affiliated local, regional, state, national and global Green associations, societies or groups to promote the Ten Key Values.

**ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION 1. The Party enthusiastically welcomes all people from every race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, social and economic status, religious and spiritual tradition, and having whatever particular abilities and disabilities.

SECTION 2. Membership in the Party is open to those who support the Ten Key Values of the Green Party. Members may not be registered to vote with any other political party in the state of Florida.

SECTION 3. Each elector has a fundamental right to fully and meaningfully participate in the business and affairs of the Party without any monetary encumbrance.

SECTION 4. All electors, or their delegates, are eligible to vote at the Annual State Meeting of the Party.

SECTION 5. Additional membership requirements, as well as procedures for registration, deactivation or revocation of membership, shall be specified in the Party's bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS**

SECTION 1. The officers of the organization shall consist of a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

SECTION 2. All members of the Party shall be eligible to hold office.

SECTION 3. The term of office for the officers shall be for one year.

SECTION 4. The officers shall be elected by a majority of the Executive Committee at the Annual State Meeting held during May or June of each year.

SECTION 5. Any vacancy occurring in any office by death, resignation or otherwise may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the State Coordinating Council at any regular or special meeting.

#### **ARTICLE V - PARTY STRUCTURE, DECISION MAKING, AND MEMBER PARTICIPATION**

SECTION 1. The Party is comprised of the members and a statewide affiliation of county parties and local chapters, acting through a state assembly of delegates called the Coordinating Council, or CC, which is considered the decision making body of the Party.

The decision making process of the CC is to strive for consensus, or otherwise a super majority of delegates, the details of which are specified in Article V of the Party's Bylaws, in addition to other procedural details such as requirements for time limits and quorum.

Membership participation within the Party has several foci. Members may focus on local issues by participating with local chapters of the Party, in accordance with local chapter bylaws. Participation on statewide issues may be done directly or indirectly. Indirectly, members may express themselves through their local delegates to the CC. Members may also directly participate in committees or working groups designated by the CC, or by becoming an officer or board member of the Party, in accordance with the Party Bylaws.

**SECTION 2.** The Annual Membership Meeting of the voting membership shall be called by the CC and held at least once per year. Notice shall be given to members a minimum of thirty (30) days in advance as to time, date, and place of all meetings by timely publishing notice on the Party's public and functioning website. All members may attend the Annual State Meeting and vote in the Party elections and decisions of that meeting

**SECTION 3.** The general membership may meet at such other times and places as may be determined by the CC.

**SECTION 4.** Regular meetings of members are also provided for by county parties and local chapters, which shall give notice to members as to the time, date, and place of all of their meetings; timely publish notice on its public and functioning website as to the time, date, and place of all their meetings. Decision making follows consensus seeking, and participation is welcomed and promoted.

**SECTION 5.** Party affairs are also conducted regularly and continuously using various methods, including electronic media such as email, conference calling, or web conferencing. Decision making outside physical meetings follows the same consensus seeking process as prescribed in the bylaws and described above.

**SECTION 6.** Regular physical meetings shall be called by the CC, at least one per year, such as the Annual Membership Meeting, which includes a meeting of the CC and a meeting of the individual membership registered with the Party, and timely published on the Party's public and functioning website as to the time, date, and place of the meeting.

**SECTION 7. The Board of Trustees** (hereinafter, the Board) serves as an advisory-working committee for the Party. The Board consists of two co-equal co-chairs (one of each gender), a treasurer, a secretary and general Board members, and is composed of not more than thirteen (13) or less than seven (7) members. The Board assists and helps guide the Party in strategic planning, party building, leading state-wide initiatives, and other such projects as are necessary or directed by the CC. The Board receives its direction and mandate for action directly from the CC and is responsible directly to the CC. The Board shall also function as the State Executive Committee, in all legal matters. Board members are elected by a majority of the CC and the general membership at the Annual State Meeting.

**SECTION 8. The State Executive Committee** (hereinafter, the SEC) functions under the direction of the CC. The membership of the SEC is composed of the members of the State Coordinating Council, general Board members, and Board officers. The Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer of the SEC shall be elected by a majority of the SEC at the Annual Membership Meeting, and the SEC officers shall also serve as the co-chairs, secretary and treasurer, respectively of the Board. The foundational authority of the SEC comes from the CC, which is in turn empowered by the represented County Green Parties and Locals. Among the SEC's duties (as more fully outlined in the Bylaws) are: to certify party nominations approved by the CC (including, but not limited to, delegates to the national convention), to oversee the conduct of campaigns for party nominees, to oversee the raising and expenditure of party funds and, to certify candidates for presidential elections, as approved and authorized by the CC.

## **ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS**

SECTION 1. Proposals for changes to this Constitution may be put forth by the CC, a state bylaws committee, County Parties, Locals or individual general members.

SECTION 2. This Constitution may be altered, repealed, or amended by consensus, or failing that, by a 2/3 vote of the CC delegates.

SECTION 3. The delegates of the CC have a positive and affirmative obligation to provide appropriate notice (as provided in the Bylaws) to their County Party or Local members of a proposed change or amendment to this Constitution. The delegates should then obtain clear direction from their County Party or Local membership, and should vote according to such direction.

## **ARTICLE VII - DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES**

### **SECTION 1. Freedom of Information**

Meetings and records of finances, membership, and minutes of the Party shall be open to inspection by any member of the Party. Any Party meeting may be closed to non-members on a majority vote.

### **SECTION 2. Immediate Recall**

The recall of any Party officer, coordinator or representative may be proposed at any general meeting of the CC, whether physical or electronic. If the motion to consider the recall passes, a vote on whether or not to effect the recall will be taken at the next general meeting.

### **SECTION 3. Imperative Mandate**

Official representatives and delegates of the Party may express personal opinions, but must act *and vote within the guidelines established by the Party.*

### **SECTION 4. Affirmative Action**

The Party is committed to encouraging participation by all residents of the state of Florida, but in particular, members of those groups which tend to be underrepresented in the dominant political and economic system: women, racial and ethnic minorities, the poor, and minorities of sexual orientation.

### **SECTION 5. Ends and Means**

The Party shall employ a diverse array of nonviolent means in pursuing Green social change, such as rallies, demonstrations, boycotts, citizens' initiatives, civil disobedience, direct action, the building of alternative institutions, and electoral politics. We believe that the means we use must reflect the values of compassion, cooperation, justice, respect and nonviolence that we seek to embody in the future Green society.

**Officers & Delegates 2015-2016**

Updated as of April 27, 2016

By: Chris E. (Some "Resigned" members may need to re-register as Green Party members to be credentialed)

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- DJ Chandler (Alachua)
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Treasurer:

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**Spokespersons**

The Green Party of Florida has Spokespersons who act as contact persons for the media and are authorized to speak for the Party. We may also have individuals who are authorized to speak on a case by case basis relative to a particular event or issue.

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- VACANT
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305-721-9661 RESIGNED

**Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees members consist of the four officers and up to 9 additional members who are elected annually. They are responsible for making sure the party continues to grow and prosper, and fulfills all legal requirements. They help provide leadership and assistance with strategic planning.

- Greg Mallaley, Co-chair
- Silvie Suri, Co-chair
- DJ Chandler, Secretary
- Harry Patterson, Treasurer
- Andrea Cuccaro (Miami)
- Chris E (Tampa)
- Henry Lawrence (Bay)
- Kat Duerr (Bay) RESIGNED
- Shawna Doran (Alachua) RESIGNED
- Steve Showen (Miami-Dade)
- Chris E. (Hillsborough)

## **Green Party of Florida Mailing Address**

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## **State Coordinating Council**

The principal governing and decision-making body of the Green Party of Florida is the State CC. Among its responsibilities are to provide vision, leadership and direction to the Party in the spirit and in the light of the Ten Key Values and to coordinate state-wide Green Party actions (political, issues or electoral) between the several County Green Parties and Locals.

### **Delegates are:**

Alachua – Shawna Doran RESIGNED  
Alachua – DJ Chandler  
Bay – Henry Lawrence  
Broward – Silvie Suri  
Broward – Jason Dilan  
Hernando – Joshua Pritchett  
Hernando – Jennifer Sullivan  
Miami – Steve Showen  
Orange – Rich Hillwig RESIGNED  
Tampa – Chris E.  
Tampa – James Jones  
Tampa USF – Jared Austin RESIGNED

### **Delegate Alternates:**

Alachua – Harry Patterson  
Alachua – Greg Mullaley  
Miami – Andrea Cuccaro  
Miami – Steve Showen  
Tampa – Richard Carpenter

## **Communications Board (Web Team)**

- Bruce Stanley RESIGNED
- Chris E
- DJ Chandler
- Josh Pritchett
- Liz Tavares RESIGNED
- Victor Agosto

## **Delegates to the Green Party of the United States**

GPF is currently accredited for 3 delegates to the National Green Party of the United States Coordinating Committee. This number can expand up to 6 as GPF grows. Delegates are elected annually. Alternates are also elected in order to determine which persons would serve as alternates as needed and when available.

### **Delegates**

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- Henry Lawrence (Bay), phone 850-258-1276, email: hnlbicycle@yahoo.com
- Victor Agosto (Miami)
- Liz Tavares (Broward) RESIGNED
- Kat Duerr (Bay) RESIGNED

**Alternate delegates**

- Bruce Stanley (Broward) RESIGNED
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- Shawna Doran (Alachua), phone: 386-418-8018, email: alachuagreens at yahoo.com RESIGNED

**Observers to GPUS delegates elist**

- Silvie Suri (Broward)
- VACANT (was Josh P.)
- Cathy Gilbert (Miami-Dade)
- Didier Ortiz (Broward)

**GPUS COMMITTEE DELEGATES****GPUS Eco Action**

- Michael Canney RESIGNED
- Bill Pollard (Highlands)

**GPUS Fundraising Committee**

- Jennifer Sullivan (Hernando)
- Rich Hillwig RESIGNED
- Didier Ortiz (OBSERVER)

**GPUS International**

- Muhammed Malik (Miami-Dade)
- Garrett Quinlivan (Alachua)

**GPUS Media**

- Josh Pritchett
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**GPUS Merchandising Committee**

- Dan Griffith (Orange) RESIGNED
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**GPUS Outreach**

- Anita Stewart (Hernando)

**GPUS Platform**

- Michael Canney RESIGNED

**GPUS Presidential Campaign Support Committee**

- Victor Agosto (Broward)
- Didier Ortiz (Broward)

**GPUS Youth Caucus**

- Josh Pritchett

**GPUS Women's Caucus**

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Dear Sir or Madam:

- At the General Membership Meeting of the Green Party of Florida on June 5, 2016, the following officers were elected:

Co-Chair: Jennifer Sullivan  
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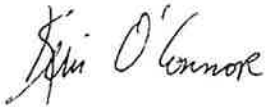
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Please contact me if you require further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim O'Connor".

Kim O'Connor, Secretary  
Green Party of Florida



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Dear Ms. Bronson:

As the chairperson of the Green Party of Florida, which is affiliated with a national party as defined in section 103.021(4)(a), Florida Statutes, namely, the Green Party of the United States, I certify that at its national convention held on August 6, 2016, the party nominated as its candidate for President, Jill Stein, and for Vice President, Amaju Baraka.

I further certify that the list of persons named on the enclosed will serve as presidential electors for the Green Party of Florida.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Sullivan, Co-Chair  
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The Ten Key Values



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## The Ten Key Values

• *Ecological Wisdom* • *Social Justice* • *Grassroots Democracy* • *Decentralization* • *Community-based Economics* • *Gender Equity* •  
*Respect for Diversity* • *Future Focus* • *Sustainability* • *Personal and Global Responsibility*

**GPFL 2016 Annual Membership Meeting Location and Hours**

**Saturday June 4th**

10am-5pm

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library

2902 W Bearss Ave, Tampa, FL 33618 (Carrollwood)

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**Sunday June 4th**

12:30-4:45

Dome Auditorium at the John F Germany Public Library

900 N Ashley Dr, Tampa, FL 33602

(SUGGESTION ONLY)

(there is a deli across the street that has healthy food people can carry over to the park)

Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park

10-noon

Brunch at the park

Public Parking Structure between the Library and Park.

(Park is one building south of the library. Short 5 min. walk)

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PREAMBLE:

In establishing itself as a political party the Green Party of Florida (hereinafter GPF) charts a new course among the progressive movements in Florida. This act takes the personal consciousness of the interconnected unity of all forms of life and the planet Earth, and allows it to breathe its healing and life changing power into the political process. It is our all-encompassing purpose to bring the power and reality of the Ten Key Values to every part of society and nature touched by the actions of the Green Party of Florida.

#### ARTICLE I: Name of the Party

The name of the Party shall be the Green Party of Florida.

#### ARTICLE II: Purposes of the Party

The specific objectives and purposes of the Green Party of Florida shall be:

- A. To foster greater understanding and to advance the authority and reality of the Green's Ten Key Values in society.
  1. These values are:
    - a. Ecological wisdom
    - b. Grassroots democracy
    - c. Personal and global responsibility
    - d. Nonviolence
    - e. Decentralization
    - f. Community-based economics
    - g. Gender equality
    - h. Respect for diversity
    - i. Social justice; and
    - j. A future focus / sustainability
  2. These values will first be demonstrated and made real in all the actions and words of the Green Party of Florida and its members. Our personal lives are the greatest witnesses to the reality of these values.
  3. Furthermore, these values shall be promoted through electoral process, research, the media, education and diverse party actions.
- B. To foster the creation and development of a Green Party in each county of Florida, while continuing to support those already existing.
- C. To serve as a network facilitator between the County Green Parties and recognized locals.
- D. To facilitate electoral politics, campaigns and office holding statewide and among all the County Green Parties in the State of Florida.
- E. To be the State Green Party for Florida in official and fraternal association with the duly constituted national green party, which is recognized and registered with the federal election authorities (FEC) and its member State Green Parties.

F. To be in collaborative unity of spirit and movement with non-affiliated local, regional, state, national and global Green associations, societies or groups.

G. To work in concert with other associations, groups, and societies when their goals and objectives advance and promote the Ten Key Values.

#### ARTICLE III: Membership and Organizations

##### A. Individual Membership

A person shall be a member of the Green Party of Florida if:

1. He or she is registered as a Green Party member with the Supervisor of Elections, or;
2. She or he is unable to register to vote with the Supervisor of Elections due to being a non-citizen, felon or under-aged person. These individuals may join the GPF if they complete and sign a valid enrollment form with a recognized local or county party, or with the GPF. The form must include the following affirmation: "I am at least 14 years of age, I agree to adhere to the Ten Key Values and respect the Bylaws of the Party, and I attest that I am prohibited by law from registering to vote with the Supervisor of Elections because I am a non-citizen, felon or under-aged individual."

##### B. Annual General Membership Meeting

1. A general membership meeting shall be held at least annually. The general membership may meet at such other times and places as may be determined by the State Coordinating Council (hereinafter State CC).
2. Annual meetings shall be called by the State CC. The State CC shall select, by consensus seeking process, an "Annual Meeting Organizing Committee (hereinafter Meeting Committee)", which shall be responsible for:
  - a. Facilitating the meeting: The Meeting Committee shall propose the date, time and place for the meeting, which proposal shall be submitted to the State CC for approval through consensus seeking.
  - b. Meeting Agenda: In consultation with the body of the State CC, with input from any general party member, county party or local, the Meeting Committee shall draft an "Agenda Proposal" which shall be submitted to the State CC for approval through consensus seeking.
  - c. Meeting Announcement: The general membership shall be given a minimum of thirty (30) days advance notice of the date, time, place and agenda for the annual meeting, and all other general membership meetings, by publishing a notice on the Party's public and functioning website.
3. Purposes of the membership meetings:

The general membership shall meet, as provided above, in order to:

- a. Partake in the nomination and consensus seeking process for the selection of Officers of the Board of Trustees.



- b. Partake in the nomination and consensus seeking process for the selection of Members of the Board of Trustees.
- c. Approve or disapprove proposed changes to the Bylaws.
- d. Approve or disapprove general proposals or resolutions, which may be presented for consideration or approval.
- e. Network together, socialize, solidify relationships and plan for the future.
- f. Consider and accomplish such other business as would seem appropriate and right to the consensus of the general membership.

4. Quorum

A quorum must be present at any general membership meeting, virtual or electronic, in order for the CC or the membership to exercise any of their duties and/or responsibilities.

A quorum shall be constituted when there are a sufficient number of delegates and/or members participating to represent 2/3 of the total membership represented by “participating” delegates, as defined in Article V.C.8.

ARTICLE IV: Green Party of Florida Member Organizations

A. County Green Parties

1. Creation of County Green Parties

The GPF encourages the establishment of one County Green Party in each county in order to promote local elections and the growth of the Green Party, both locally and statewide, and to facilitate collaboration and communication throughout the Party.

2. Petitioning

An organized Green Party in a county may petition the Green Party of Florida for recognition as the official affiliated County Green Party for that county. This petition for recognition shall meet the following requirements:

- a. The petitioning group should be organized by having approved and constituted bylaws which conform to the Ten Key Values, consensus seeking decision making and principals of decentralization; and
- b. The petitioning group should have regular membership meetings and should be open for membership by all Greens within the county. The rules for membership in the County Green Party should be no more restrictive than for membership in the State Green Party.
- c. The petitioning group should consist of at least ten (10) active members who are specifically enrolled as members of the County Party.

d. The petitioning group should be able to demonstrate that it is fairly representative of Green Party members in the respective county.

e. The petitioning group should be open and receptive, both in its bylaws and in reality, to the full inclusion of all Green Party Locals found and constituted within the group's respective county. At a minimum, this inclusion should provide for:

(1). Full membership in the County Party by all members of party locals who meet the membership requirements of these bylaws.

(2). Fair and proportional representation of the Party Local on the county council of the County Party.

f. The decision to petition for recognition as a County Green Party shall be made at a duly publicized meeting and shall be arrived at by consensus seeking process.

g. The petitioning group shall clearly state their commitment to abide by and respect all local, state and federal laws and regulations regarding political parties, organizations and elections.

3. Conflicting petitions for recognition as a County Party

When there are competing applications for recognition as the County Green Party for a particular county, the following procedures shall apply:

a. First each competing County Party shall be informed of the competing petitions and the competing groups shall be asked to meet and attempt to reconcile their differences, so as to encourage a merger of the groups into one County Party. Both groups should be encouraged to exercise the values of consensus, diversity, and party unity in their reconciliation efforts.

b. If such county level efforts at reconciliation and merger are not successful, then the State CC shall select three individuals who are skilled in mediation, reconciliation and consensus to serve as facilitators in new reconciliation and merger efforts.

c. If the appointed mediators report back to the State CC that they have been unsuccessful at achieving reconciliation and merger, then the State CC shall appoint a panel of six State CC members to investigate the merits of each group's petition. This panel shall be made up of members from different county parties. No member of the panel may come from the county in question or be one of the appointed mediators. The following rules shall be followed by the panel and the State Coordinating Council in making a final decision:

(1). Prior to the panel beginning its work, each competing group shall agree to abide by the final consensus decision of the whole State CC.

(2). The panel will examine and compare each county group in light of ARTICLE IV, A.2.[a-e].

(3). The panel shall attempt to reach a consensus on the appropriate group to recognize. In the event that consensus fails, then a majority vote of the panel is required to propose one county group for official recognition.

(4). Once the panel has reached its recommendation relative to which county group should be recognized, that decision shall be published to the State CC in writing, with precise grounds for the recommendation.

(5). Finally, the State CC shall review the recommendation of the panel with due respect and shall attempt to reach consensus on the recommendation of the panel. In the event that consensus is not obtained, then the State CC shall determine which county group shall be recognized by a 2/3 vote of the State CC.

(6). The State CC shall not unreasonably delay the process of recognizing a petitioning county group or resolving any conflicts.

## B. Green Party Locals

### 1. Creation of Green Party Locals

The Green Party of Florida encourages the establishment of Green Party Locals throughout the state, for the purpose of promoting municipal and local elections, supporting specific issues, reaching societal groups and providing the grass roots foundation to the Green Party.

2. A Local may be officially recognized by petitioning the County Green Party for the county wherein the Local is located. In the event that no County Green Party has been formally constituted for that county, then the Local may petition directly to the State Coordinating Council for recognition.

3. It is also permissible for a Local to include and geographically span several contiguous counties, where the included counties do not have sufficient members to constitute individual County Parties. These multi-county Locals may continue to function as one Local until such time as members who reside in one of the counties seek individual County Party or Local status.

4. Recognition of a Local shall not be unreasonably withheld and shall be granted when a Local meets the following qualifications:

a. The Local shall consist of at least five (5) active members who are enrolled as members of the Local.

b. The Local shall have regular meetings.

c. The Local shall be formally organized by having approved and constituted bylaws which conform to the Ten Key Values, consensus seeking decision-making and principles of decentralization.

d. The Local shall clearly affirm its commitment to abide by and respect all local, state and federal laws and regulations regarding political parties, organizations and elections.

e. All members of Locals shall be considered members of the appropriate County Green Party and the Green Party of Florida, as long as they meet the minimum membership requirements of the County and State Green Parties.

f. The Locals shall be afforded fair and proportional representation on the Coordinating Council

of the County Party.

### C. Green Party Caucuses

#### 1. Membership

A Caucus shall consist of State Party members who share some common link beyond their County Party or Local membership.

#### 2. Caucus Membership Committee

The Caucus shall have a Caucus Membership Committee to:

- a. Aid polling members, via postal mail, email or phone;
- b. Help the members elect any delegates to any other organization with which the caucus may be affiliated or collaborating with;
- c. Help members to democratically direct mandates to such delegates;
- d. Notify members of decisions made by delegates;
- e. Have postal ballot elections of the delegates and of the membership committee, sent to all members of the Caucus.

#### 3. Decision Making

The Caucus shall have meetings governed by a consensus, but when consensus fails, may have a fallback vote, which shall be no less than a majority. Any meeting decisions would need to be ratified by at least a majority of the Caucus members through a postal ballot.

#### 4. Accountability

Any positions elected by the Caucus may be recalled or re-elected or given a specific mandate, by a decision of the Caucus members, possibly even under the threat of censure.

#### 5. Independent Representation

Any delegates to another organization who are elected by the Caucus only represent the Caucus members. They shall never portray themselves as representing the entire State or National Green Party.

#### 6. Additional Bylaws

The Caucus shall have its own bylaws to specify any additional rules needed, such as the composition of the membership, any affiliation with another organization, and other aspects of the Caucus that are specific to it and which may need to be changed by it. For example, the Caucus' bylaws might specify the number and election of delegates to some other organization in a manner fulfilling any requirements of that other organization.

## ARTICLE V: State Coordinating Council

The principal governing and decision-making body of the GPF shall be the State CC. This Council shall be representative of the Green Party membership in each of Florida's counties.

### A. Membership

The membership of the State Coordinating Council shall consist of delegates representing each Florida county with an organized and recognized County Green Party, or representing a County Local where no County Party exists.

#### 1. Selection of Delegates

Each County Green Party or County Local (where no County Party exists) shall select by consensus or vote the appropriate number of delegates to the State CC. The County Party or County Local (where no County Party exists) shall certify the names, addresses and contact information for these delegates to the State Party Board of Trustees. Each County Party or County Local (where no County Party exists) shall select its delegates just prior to the State Party's annual meeting, so that the new delegates can be recognized at the Annual meeting. The delegates' term begins immediately after the annual meeting.

#### 2. Authority of Delegates

Each delegate is authorized to speak and act by the membership of their County Green Party or County Local (where no County Party exists). The delegate's position and vote on matters of policy and direction for the State Party should represent the consensus of their County Party or County Local (where no County Party exists).

#### 3. Number of Delegates

Each County Party or County Local (where no County Party exists) may select a minimum of two delegates, one of each gender. Gender diversity should be respected.

#### 4. Elections Weight of Delegates

Each represented entity (County Party or Local) shall decide the number of votes each of their State CC delegates will have, up to the total number of members in the represented entity. However, votes shall not be split into fractions, excepting halves.

##### a. Determination of County Party membership for purposes of weighting delegates votes

###### (1). Registered voters

Membership of county parties shall be determined by an examination of the state voter rolls. The Chair, Vice-Chair, or Secretary shall send a request to the State of Florida Division of Elections for a list of all registered voters in Florida on the following dates: 60 days prior to the Annual General Membership Meeting. If the date falls on a day that is not a business day for the post office or the Division of Elections, then the request shall be sent on the first business day following that day. If a complete list is not received from the Division of Elections within two weeks, then another request shall be sent two weeks from the day the last request was sent. Requests will continue to be made in

this fashion until a list is received.

(2). For members who are not registered as a Green Party member with the Supervisor of Elections.

(a). The County Party must have a current (less than one year old) enrollment form signed by each member. The County Party will then certify a membership roll to the Board of Trustees.

(b). Certification of Membership

The certification will affirm that to the best of the County Party's knowledge and belief the list contains only the names of currently enrolled, non-registered party members.

(c). Time of Certification

On the same days that the list of registered voters is requested, each County Party or Local (where no County Party exists) shall send a certification to the Secretary listing its enrolled members who are not registered as Green Party members with the Supervisor of Elections.

b. Determination of Local Party membership (where no County Party exists) for purposes of weighting delegates' votes

Each Local Green Party must have a current (less than one year old) enrollment form for each member. On the same days that the list of registered voters is requested, each Local (where no County Party exists) shall send a certification to the Secretary listing all of its enrolled members. The certification will affirm that to the best of the Local's knowledge and belief the list contains only the names of currently enrolled party members.

c. At least 30 days before any County Party or Local (where no County Party exists) shall select its delegates to the State CC, the State CC shall notify the membership of each Party's delegate selection process, of the annual general membership meeting, and of how to participate in the County, Local, and State Parties.

5. Terms

The terms of the delegates shall be for one year. Delegates may be re-elected.

6. Termination of a Delegate on the Coordinating Council

A delegate's position on the State CC shall terminate when the delegate:

a. Term ends without re-election;

b. Resigns; or

c. Is recalled by the County Green Party.

7. Membership Involvement in Another Political Party

Coordinating Council members shall not serve on another political party's decision-making body.

State CC members shall disclose membership in any other political party to the State CC immediately after such membership begins.

#### 8. When Delegates are Selected

The first selection of delegates, whose selection may take place when the County Party or Local (where no County Party exists) is organized. Thereafter delegates shall be selected when the previous delegates' terms are expiring, with the delegates' mandate to commence upon such expiration.

#### B. Duties of The Coordinating Council

1. To provide vision, leadership and direction to the GPF in the spirit and in the light of the Ten Key Values.
2. To coordinate state-wide Green Party actions (political, issues or electoral) between the several County Green Parties and Locals.
3. To establish and maintain a network and system of communications between and among the State CC and the several Green Parties and Locals.
4. To establish standing and ad hoc committees to carry out the work of the Party on a state level.
5. To select and name delegates to represent the GPF within or with other national and state organizations. Delegates so named are guided and mandated in their representation by the State CC, and are responsible to and report to the State CC.
6. To encourage and assist County Green Parties and Locals to establish themselves and carry out their individual purposes and mandates.
7. To participate in electing Officers of the Board of Trustees at the annual general membership meetings.
8. To participate in electing Members of the Board of Trustees at the annual general membership meetings.
9. To oversee and supervise the activities of the GPF Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall receive its direction and mandate from and is directly responsible to the State CC.
10. To take responsibility for the effective state-wide communication and dissemination of Green values, issues and projects to the Florida general public.
11. To periodically review and where necessary propose or recommend changes to these bylaws to be ratified by the general GPF Membership.
12. To recognize and welcome newly established County Green Parties and Locals.
13. To provide for the official endorsement of GPF candidates, as provided for in these bylaws. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted in a way which would limit the freedom of a County Green Party or Local to endorse and run candidates at their level of political responsibility.

14. To call and organize, at least once annually, a general membership meeting.
15. To prepare and propose a slate of Board of Trustee candidates to the general membership, prior to the annual general membership meeting.
16. To prepare an agenda for the annual general membership meeting, through the Annual Meeting Organizing Committee, and to give final approval to the agenda.

C. State Coordinating Council Meetings

The Coordinating Council shall meet at such times and places as determined by the State CC through consensus seeking process.

1. The Council shall meet, however, at least once each year.
2. The Annual Meeting of the State CC may be at the same time and place of the annual general membership meeting.

3. Notice

Notice of the State CC's annual meeting shall be made at least 30 days prior to the meeting, and shall be made by a method normally used to notify State CC members of State CC business. General notice shall be made to County Green Parties and Locals by their Coordinating Council delegates and shall be the responsibility of said delegates.

4. Open meetings

All meetings shall be open to the general membership of the GPF. Participation in consensus process, or where necessary, voting, is open to delegates and individual members. If a member chooses to participate directly in the decision making process and personally cast her or his vote, then that person's party membership must first be verified. For each member whose membership is verified, the delegates from that participating member's County Party or Local shall lose one vote from their total election weight for the remainder of the meeting, unless the individual(s) leaves or chooses not to continue to participate.

5. Minutes

Written minutes shall be kept to include: agenda items, actions to be taken, and person(s) responsible for the actions.

a. Reading of minutes

The minutes shall be read / amended / approved at each Coordinating Council meeting.

b. Availability of minutes

The minutes shall be made available to the general party membership, through each County Party's or Local's delegates to the State CC.



## 6. Electronic Communications

In order to facilitate the continuity of the business and work of the State CC and the state committees, it is permissible for the participating delegates and/or committee members to communicate and vote through the use of telephonic communications, email, or other similar communications.

a. The State CC shall develop and adopt written rules for the presentation of proposals, and the official decision-making process for deciding upon proposals, through the medium of email or through the mixed medium of email, telecommunications and mail. Until these rules are formulated and passed, the following minimum rules shall apply:

(1). When there is a vote or efforts to obtain consensus, it shall be necessary for a scribe to be appointed to note the proposals, issues, questions, and the vote or consensus. The "minutes" of such deliberations must be written and made available to party members upon request.

(2). Participation in the above-described electronic meetings shall constitute the presence of each person at such meeting.

## 7. Quorum

A quorum must be present at any CC meeting, virtual or electronic, in order for the CC or the membership to exercise any of their duties and/or responsibilities.

A quorum shall be constituted when there are a sufficient number of delegates and/or members participating to represent 2/3 of the total membership represented by "participating" delegates, as defined in Article V.C.8.

## 8. Delegate Participation

Delegates to the State CC shall be required to actively participate in CC decision-making processes. A delegate shall be deemed "non-participating" if any of the following occurs:

a. If the delegate declines to participate in CC decision making over the course of one month's time; or

b. If the delegate does not participate in three consecutive CC votes; or

c. If the delegate misses more than one regularly scheduled meeting where business is to be conducted.

The Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall determine whether a delegate is non-participating. When such a determination is made, notice shall be sent by certified mail to both the delegate and the delegate's County or Local Party. The change of status shall take effect seven (7) days after the receipt of the notice. A delegate or the delegate's County or Local Party may contest the determination of non-participatory status by filing a protest with the Secretary within five (5) days of receiving the notice. This protest should clearly state the reasons why the determination is incorrect. A timely protest shall be considered by the Board of Trustees, whose determination on the matter shall be final. In the event of a timely protest, the change of status shall take effect immediately upon the final

determination of the Board.

If a delegate is deemed non-participating, the delegate does not lose the right to vote her or his County or Local's full weighted vote. The only effect of being deemed non-participating is that the delegate's weighted vote does not count toward a quorum.

A delegate's full status will be restored, and their weighted votes again counted toward quorum, if they demonstrate a commitment to participate. Such commitment will be demonstrated if the delegate actively participates in three consecutive Coordinating Council votes conducted in any venue.

If a delegate is unavailable to participate in State CC decision making because of a vacation, work conflict or for any other reason, the delegate's County or Local Party may, by notifying the GPF Secretary in writing, name a temporary alternative delegate, change delegates or allow other delegates to cast their full weighted vote.

#### D. Committees

Through the State CC, the GPF shall constitute such standing and ad hoc committees as are necessary to do the state-wide work of the Party.

1. Committee members shall generally consist of such interested State CC, County Party, and Local members who may volunteer to participate on them.
  2. Where it is necessary for the efficient functioning of a committee, the State CC may cap the number of committee members of a particular committee by consensus or 2/3 vote of those Council members voting on the issue.
  3. The committees shall function according to Green concepts of consensus seeking, but may decide issues by a 2/3 vote of those committee members voting on the issue.
  4. The Board of Trustees shall work with the state committees in the following ways. The Board shall:
    - a. Work to coordinate the work of the state committees;
    - b. Aid the committees in developing strategies, objectives, work plans and the individual committee budgets;
    - c. Compile periodic reports on the work of the committees; and
    - d. Provide counsel and advice to the individual committees to aid the committees in their work
- #### E. National Delegates

The state coordinating council (state CC) shall elect Delegates to the National Committee of the Green Party of the United States (GPUS). A Delegate is first, and overall, a representative of the Green Party of Florida (GPF)

1. Numbers of Delegates: To the extent possible, the state CC shall elect the number of Delegates

permitted by the rule and determination of the authorizing body of the GPUS, and shall elect such alternative Delegates as seems appropriate

2. Qualification of Delegates and Alternative Delegates:

a. The Delegates shall be members of the GPF

b. The Delegates should be members in good standing in their county Green party and their election should be ratified by the membership of such county Green party. Where the Delegate comes from a non-organized county, evidence must be presented that the Delegate serves with the approval of local Greens from her/his respective county.

c. The Delegates should be individuals who have demonstrated their commitment and contributions to the advancement of the GPF and/or their local county parties, and have been involved with the GPF (county GP Delegate to GPF, GPF Officer, GPF Board of Trustee Member, or GPF Committee Member) at the state level for at least one year

3. Election and Term:

a. Delegates will normally be elected at the Annual Membership Meeting and shall serve until the following Annual Membership Meeting.

b. Diversity: In electing Delegates the state CC shall respect diversity, seeking gender and regional balance, and to the extent possible, racial diversity

c. Vacancy: Should a Delegate position be vacated for any reason during that Delegate's term, the Co-chairs, with the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees, shall fill that position by selecting one of the elected Alternative Delegates. The new Delegate will then serve until the next regularly scheduled meeting of the state CC or the membership. The state CC shall at that time either ratify and approve such nomination or elect a new Delegate to finish the term of the original Delegate. Such new Delegate shall serve only until the following Annual Membership Meeting, where new elections shall be held

4. Delegate Responsibilities: GPF Delegates to the GPUS are expected to serve in the following capacities:

a. Representative Role: The Delegate is an envoy, an emissary and an ambassador of the state CC to the GPUS. It is vitally important for the Delegate to recognize and respect her/his role as an elected representative of the GPF and as such:

(1). The Delegate serves as the voice of the state CC. This requires continuous reporting to and consultation with the state CC (see below). Delegates are expected to respect the following principles in their representation of the GPF

(a). Official GPF Positions: GPF Delegates shall faithfully represent the official positions of the GPF (resolutions or platform) both in National Committee discussions and votes. Where the Delegate's personal politics, ideas, or vision is different from that of an official GPF position, then the Delegate must set aside her/his own views and faithfully represent the state CC at the GPUS.

(b). Where the state CC has not adopted an official GPF position, the Delegates are encouraged to the extent possible to represent the diversity of significantly supported and expressed GPF opinion in their formal votes. The Delegates shall seek to measure the diversity and strength of GPF opinion through the process of reporting to the GPF, seeking informal feedback and engaging in discussion with other GPF Delegates.

(c). It is also understood that Delegates will engage in GPUS discussions in the normal course of their representation. Where the GPF has no official position, but the Delegates have reported to the GPF and received informal feedback, they may represent such feedback as the general position or positions of the GPF. Where the GPF has no official position or has not indicated its general position(s), Delegates are free to engage in such discussion, but must refrain from presenting their personal opinion as that of the GPF.

b. Responsibilities: The Delegate's direct responsibilities are:

(1). To Report: To provide to the state CC regular, clear, objective reports as to the important discussions and issues at the GPUS.

(a). Form of Reports: In principle, these should be short, concise summaries reasonably calculated to inform the state CC of the issues, without overburdening them with copies of all discussions. Important documents and statements should be forwarded with an explanatory statement to inform the state CC of the significance of the document to the GPF

(b). Unified Reports: Where possible the Delegates should collaborate together to provide agreed upon, unified reports. It would be acceptable for the Delegates to agree among themselves to divide the reporting responsibilities so that each Delegate is responsible for certain subject areas. In the event that the Delegates cannot agree upon a unified report, then each shall submit individual reports, as defined in 4(b)1

(c). Recommendations: It is important for the Delegates to provide the state CC with their concise insights and recommendations of subjects and issues under discussion at the GPUS. By making recommendations and allowing the state CC to express itself, statements relayed to the GPUS will carry the weight of being considered GPF positions.

(2). Participation: The Delegates shall actively represent the state CC in the business of the GPUS and shall establish a good and participatory voting record. Where possible, considering time and finances, the Delegates should attend the annual GPUS Convention

(a). Delegates are expected to vote on every GPUS proposal. Should a Delegate be unavailable during a voting period, s/he is expected to ensure an alternate is prepared to cast a ballot. A voting record below 80% will be cause for review of the Delegate's status, along with consideration of recall (see Section 5 below).

(b). Alternate Delegates should monitor the GPUS posts as necessary to perform the duties of a voting GPUS Delegate on short notice.

5. Resignation and Recall: Given the essential importance of harmony between the positions and objectives of the state CC and its Delegates to the GPUS, it is important that provisions be made in the event that a conflict in positions and objectives should arise between the state CC and its Delegates. It

is therefore provided:

- a. Resignation: When a Delegate realizes that her/his own personal positions and objectives are in conflict with the state CC and s/he cannot subsume her/his ideas, objectives or positions to those of the state CC, then such Delegate should tender her/his resignation to the state CC
- b. Recall: Should the state CC realize that a conflict has arisen between themselves and an elected Delegate, the state CC must make a good faith effort to resolve the conflict using the consensus seeking process. If resolution of the conflict has been unsuccessful, the state CC may recall the Delegate using the consensus seeking process. The state CC may also, by the same process, recall a Delegate who fails to fulfill her/his responsibilities as defined above. In such cases the Delegate's position shall be filled as previously provided in Section 3(c) of this Article

#### ARTICLE VI: State Board of Trustees

In order to meet the requirements of the state's electoral and corporate laws, and in order to serve the needs of the State CC, a State Board of Trustees (hereinafter Board) shall be instituted. The Board of Trustees shall receive its direction and mandate for action directly from the State Coordinating Council and is responsible directly to the State CC.

The Board will serve as an advisory-working committee for the State Party. The members of the Board should be chosen from among the state membership for their experience, wisdom, dedication, proven party work and leadership abilities.

In its leadership role as the state party's advisory-working committee, the Board shall assist and help guide the Party in strategic planning, party building, leading state-wide initiatives, and other such projects as are necessary or directed by the State CC.

##### A. Membership

###### 1. Number

The Board of Trustees shall be composed of not more than thirteen (13), nor less than seven (7) members. The number of Board members shall be determined by the members participating at the annual general membership meeting, including the State CC delegates (who shall vote their adjusted weighted vote).

###### 2. Composition

The Board shall consist of two co-chairs (one of each gender), a treasurer, a secretary and general Board members.

3. Board members must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

4. Each board member must be a member of the GPF and of a County Green Party or Local.

###### 5. Selection of Board of Trustees

a. The State CC may, but is not required to, propose a slate of candidates for the Board of Trustees

to the general membership.

b. GPF members may nominate qualified individuals to serve on the Board.

c. Diversity

Gender, ethnic, and regional diversity shall be considered, respected, and promoted in the nomination of Board members.

d. The Board of Trustees are elected at the annual general membership meeting.

(1). Where the slate of nominated members does not exceed ten (10) members, or the total number of members to be elected, then the slate may be approved by consensus seeking process.

(2). Where the panel of nominated members exceeds ten (10) members, or the total number of members to be elected, then a vote shall be taken of the members participating at the annual general membership meeting, including the State CC delegates (who shall vote their adjusted weighted vote).

(3). Each open position shall be voted on individually, and each member of the State CC's vote shall be weighted as provided in ARTICLE V, A.3.

(4). The Board of Trustee candidates receiving the highest votes shall be elected.

e. In the event that a Board member vacates her/his position during her/his term of office, the State CC shall vote within thirty (30) days to replace that Board member.

B. Composition & Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees

1. Designated Officers and Responsibilities

The Green Party of Florida's belief in decentralized and grass root democracy mediates against the concentration of authority or power in the hands of single individuals. The designation of Officers of the Board of Trustees (hereinafter, the Board) and the State Executive Committee respects these principles, but also acknowledges the need for the exercise of organized team leadership. These leadership positions should, thus be considered administrative rather than authoritative in nature. Members elected to the Board of Trustees also serve as members of the State Executive Committee. The officers are responsible to the Board of Trustees, who in turn answer to the State CC.

a. Co-chairs

Serve as the SEC Chair and Vice Chair for the purpose of fulfilling state and federal election law and state corporation law requirements. The co-equal co-chairs are responsible for the following:

(1). Providing unifying direction to the State Board of Trustees;

(2). Drafting an agenda and chairing regular meetings of the Board;

(3). Helping the Board to coordinate and achieve its work; and

(4). Assisting the Board in coordinating and assisting the work of the State Party committees.

b. Secretary

Serves as the SEC's official secretary for the purpose of fulfilling state and federal election law and state corporation law requirements. The secretary has the following additional responsibilities:

- (1). To maintain the minutes of the Board of Trustees;
- (2). To maintain the minutes of the meetings of the General Membership and the State Coordinating Council;
- (3). To record and report State CC proposals, votes, and resolutions;
- (4). To receive and send official party correspondence; and
- (5). To maintain party communications between and among the State CC and the various county parties and locals, by keeping track of delegate and local contact information.

c. Treasurer

Serves as the official treasurer of the Party for the purpose of fulfilling state and federal election law and state corporation law requirements. The treasurer is also responsible for presenting financial reports to the Board of Trustees, State CC and the General Membership Meeting.

2. Board of Trustees' Responsibilities

The members of the Board shall:

- a. Serve as the members of the State Executive Committee;
- b. Develop a State Party strategic plan (to be approved by the State CC);
- c. Do party building;
- d. Lead state-wide initiatives, and other such projects as necessary or directed by the State CC;  
and
- e. Serve as liaison to the various state committees.

3. Selection of Officers

The election of SEC officers shall normally take place during the annual membership meeting. The SEC officers shall also serve as the officers of the Board

- a. A Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by majority vote of the SEC members participating at the annual general membership meeting. The participants shall first elect the officers and then the general Board members.

b. In nominating and electing officers and Board members, respect and consideration should be given to gender diversity.

4. Vacancies

Any vacancy occurring in any office by death, resignation or otherwise may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the State Coordinating Council at any regular or special meeting.

C. Meetings

The Board of Trustees will meet as often as necessary to fulfill its responsibilities. The Board of Trustees should meet immediately prior to and in conjunction with each meeting of the State CC and the General Membership. Notice of all Board of Trustee meetings shall be published a minimum of thirty (30) days in advance of each meeting on the Party's public and functioning website as to time, date, and place. The Board of Trustees' meetings shall be run by consensus process in the manner of general meetings. In addition, the Board shall meet at least four times a year to accomplish the planning and work required by their responsibilities. Between such meetings the Board shall conduct its business by correspondence, email and telephone conferences. The Board shall keep and publish minutes from its meetings.

1. Quorum

A quorum must be present at any Board meeting, virtual or electronic, in order for members to exercise any of their duties or responsibilities.

A quorum shall be constituted when 2/3 of the Board is present.

ARTICLE VII: Election Organization and Rules

It is the intent and purpose of these bylaws to conform with the requirements of all Florida election law, regulations and rules. To the extent that any provision of these bylaws conflicts with any provision of Florida election Law, regulation or rules, then such provision shall yield to the relevant Florida Law, regulation or rule to the extent of such conflict.

A. State Executive Committee

For the purposes of conforming to the requirements of the Florida Statutes, including but not limited to Florida Statutes §103.091, the State Executive Committee (hereinafter, SEC) shall be constituted and shall function under the following terms and conditions:

1. The Board of Trustees and the members of the state Coordinating Council shall serve as the SEC.
2. The SEC shall elect officers consisting of a chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer at the Annual Membership Meeting, for the purpose of complying with Florida Statute Section 103.091(3). The chair and vice chair shall serve as co-equal co-chairs of the SEC and the Board.
3. In the event that a member of the Green Party of Florida is elected to any of the offices as provided for in the Florida Statutes §103.091 (6)(a)2-3 (e.g. U.S. Senate, House of Representatives, a



statewide office, etc.), then such person shall be a member of the SEC as provided for in the above-referenced statute.

4. The term of office of the SEC shall correspond to the terms of office of the Board of Trustees and the State CC.

5. The duties of the SEC

In keeping with the Green Party philosophy of democratic decentralization and grass roots participation, the foundational authority of the SEC comes from the State CC, which is in turn empowered by the represented County Green Parties and Locals. These duties are as follows:

- a. To file with the Department of State the names and addresses of its chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer and members [Florida Statute §103.091(3)] in accordance with Article VII Section A(2) of these Bylaws;
- b. To file a copy of its constitution, bylaws, and rules and regulations with the Department of State [Florida Statute §103.091(3)];
- c. To sign and certify a constitution of the Green Party of Florida once a constitution is drafted and approved by the membership of the Green Party of Florida [Florida Statute §103.021(1)(a)1];
- d. To sign and certify such bylaws or amendments to the bylaws as may be approved by the Green Party of Florida [Florida Statute §103.121(1)(a)2];
- e. To certify any party nominations approved by the State CC, when required by law;
- f. To oversee the conduct of campaigns for party nominees, as approved and authorized by the State CC;
- g. To oversee the raising and expenditure of party funds, as approved and authorized by the State CC;
- h. To certify candidates for presidential elections as approved and authorized by the State CC, delivering a certified copy thereof to the Governor prior to September 1 of each presidential election year.
- i. To be accountable to the State Party for the funds of the Party and their proper expenditure. The SEC shall ensure that all accounts are maintained according to the requirements of state law and that all required reports are made in a timely, correct fashion.
- j. To conduct its meetings according to accepted practices on consensus seeking decision making.

B. County Executive Committee

For the purpose of conforming to the requirements of the Florida Statutes, including but not limited to Florida Statutes §103.091, the State CC shall recognize County Executive Committees (hereinafter CEC) for each County Green Party requesting such designation. These CECs shall be constituted and shall function under the following terms and conditions:

1. The county council or other governing body as determined by the bylaws of the County Green Party, shall serve as the CEC.
  2. For the purposes of constituting the CEC, the county governing body shall designate from among themselves a chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer.
  3. In the event that a member of the County Green Party is elected to any of the offices as provided for in Florida Statute §103.091(6)(a)1 (e.g. state legislature), then such person shall be a member of the CEC as provided for in the above referenced statute.
  4. The terms of office of the members of the CEC shall correspond to terms of office of the members of the governing body of the County Green Party.
  5. Duties of the CEC: In keeping with the Green Party philosophy of democratic decentralization and grass roots participation, the foundational authority of the CEC comes from the general membership of the County Green Party. The duties of the CEC are:
    - a. To file with the SEC and with the Supervisor of Elections the names and addresses of its officers and members [Florida Statute §103.091(3)];
    - b. To sign and certify a constitution of the County Green Party, once a constitution is drafted and approved by the membership of the County Green party [Florida Statute § 103.121(1)(a)1];
    - c. To sign and certify such bylaws or amendments to the bylaws as may be approved by the general membership of the County Green Party [Florida Statute § 103.121(1)(a)2];
    - d. To certify any party nominations approved by the County Green Party general membership, when required by law [Florida Statute § 103.121(a)4];
    - e. To oversee the conduct of campaigns for County Party nominees for county and Local elections, as approved and authorized by the County Party general membership [Florida Statute § 103.121(a)5];
    - f. To oversee the raising and expenditure of County Party funds, as approved and authorized by the County Party general membership;
    - g. To be accountable to the County Party and their Supervisor of Elections for the funds of the County Party and their proper expenditure. The CEC shall ensure all accounts are maintained according to the requirements of state law and all required reports are made in a timely correct fashion;
    - h. To conduct its meetings according to accepted practices of consensus seeking decision-making.
- C. Candidates For Office
1. Any candidate for public office who desires to run as a member of the Green Party of Florida may be nominated by the Green Party of Florida if that member and that member's campaign committee (if applicable) agrees to:

- a. Promote the Ten Key Values and the platform of the Green Party of Florida; and
- b. Be solely responsible for all financial obligations incurred by the candidate's electoral campaign; and
- c. Be solely responsible for compliance with all requirements of law for reporting campaign income and expenditures; and
- d. Accept campaign contributions in accordance with state and federal law, the ten key values and any additional limits which may be set by the Green Party of Florida.

2. Endorsement Process

- a. Statewide offices, U.S. House of Representative and U.S. Senate:

(1). The Green Party of Florida Coordinating Council, in consultation with the CECs and Locals, shall determine if a candidate meets the qualifications for receiving the official endorsement of the Green Party of Florida.

(2). In the event there is more than one qualified candidate for the same office, then the State CC shall:

(a). Attempt to encourage a consensus between the potential candidates, wherein one would seek an alternative available office or withdraw in the support of other.

(b). In the event no consensus is available, then the issue of which candidate shall receive the official endorsement of the Green Party of Florida shall be determined by the nomination process as described below.

- b. State Legislature, County or Local office:

If there is a recognized CEC, then that CEC shall determine if a candidate meets the qualifications for receiving official endorsement of the Green party of Florida.

(1). In the event that the constituency of the public office sought includes more than one county, then the several CECs shall make a joint determination for endorsement.

(2). If there are not Green Party CECs in the constituency of the office, then the candidate may apply to the State CC for endorsement.

(3). In the event that there is more than one qualified candidate for the same office, then the CEC shall follow the procedures as provided for the State CC in such circumstances (See ARTICLE VII, C.2.a.2).

3. Nominating Process

Where there is more than one qualified candidate for the same office and resolution cannot be obtained through consensus seeking process, then selection for endorsement shall be decided by nomination.

a. Notice of the nomination process shall be provided as follows:

(1). Statewide offices, U.S. House Of Representatives and U.S. Senate

Notice shall be provided to each member of the State Coordinating Council by the method commonly used to announce meetings. Notice shall provide:

- (a). The office sought
  - (b). The names of the candidates
  - (c). The voting deadline
  - (d). The nominating meeting place, date and time
  - (e). Elections method or methods to be used
- (2). State Legislative, County or Local office

Notice shall be provided to each member of the County Green Party by the method provided in their bylaws.

(3). Candidates who wish to have mailed notice must take financial responsibility for the printing and mailing of the notice.

b. Nominating Meeting

- (1). A nominating meeting of the appropriate body shall be conducted after due notice to members.
- (2). The candidates shall have sufficient time allotted which allows each of them and their supports to speak for their candidacy.

c. Participants

(1). State-wide offices, U.S. Congress

Members of the State CC shall exercise their weighted votes after consultation with and direction from their County Party membership.

(2). State legislative, County and Local offices

All enrolled members of the County Party may vote.

d. Elections

The appropriate governing body (State Coordinating Council) or the County Party governing body shall fix a vote deadline. The voters may vote by mail, written ballot, or e-mail, as permitted in the notice. The candidate receiving the largest vote shall be endorsed.

## ARTICLE VIII: Decision-Making

Decision-making wherever required within these bylaws shall be conducted according to the following rules and guidelines:

- A. The preferred method of decision-making within the Green Party of Florida shall be consensus seeking.
- B. Where consensus is not reached within the time allocated on the agenda, then a vote may be called. The process for calling a vote and voting is as follows:
  1. It is necessary for there to be a 2/3 vote of the members voting on the question in order to put a proposal or other matter to a vote.
  2. A vote of a 2/3 majority is required in order to confirm decisions brought to a vote.
  3. The percentage of the vote is calculated by first counting the number of votes cast. A member may vote "for" or "against," or may abstain from voting. If the member abstains from voting, the abstention will not be considered a vote cast for the purposes of calculating the percentage of the vote.
- C. Elections for the Board of Trustee members and officers. The Board and officers shall be elected by the method provided for in the appropriate section of these bylaws (See ARTICLE VI, A.4 and ARTICLE VI, B.2).

## ARTICLE IX: Amendments

These bylaws may be altered or repealed, or amended by a 2/3 vote of the State CC voting on the issue.

### A. Proposals for Changes to the Bylaws

Proposals for change may be put forth by the State CC, a state bylaw committee, County Parties, Locals or individual general members.

### B. Consultation with County Party or Locals

The delegates of the State CC have a positive and affirmative obligation to provide appropriate notice (as provided in their bylaws) to their County Party or Local members of a proposed change or amendment of the bylaws. The delegates should then obtain clear direction from their County Party or Local membership, and they should vote according to such direction.

### C. Consensus or Elections on Changes to the Bylaws

Changes to the bylaws may be made through consensus, or failing that, by a 2/3 vote of the State CC delegates voting on the issue.

Bylaws revision 06/15/13  
Resolution (approved June 15, 2013)

Be it resolved, that the Green Party of Florida Coordinating Council approves these provisional rules for voting and decision making by the CC. These provisional rules shall substitute for any specific bylaws articles that conflict with these rules. These rules may be amended at any time by a 2/3 vote of the CC, and they will apply until new rules or bylaws are approved.  
Vote apportionment for the Coordinating Council

Each accredited GPFL affiliate shall be apportioned five (5) votes on the GPFL CC and shall elect delegates to represent the local in voting on the CC. Respect for gender balance and diversity is strongly encouraged.

Each accredited GPFL affiliate with ten (10) or more active enrolled members shall be apportioned six (6) votes on the GPFL CC.

Each accredited GPFL affiliate with fifteen (15) or more active enrolled members shall be apportioned seven (7) votes on the GPFL CC.

Each accredited GPFL affiliate with twenty (20) or more active enrolled members shall be apportioned eight (8) votes on the GPFL CC, which is the maximum number of votes apportioned to any GPFL affiliate.

Active enrolled members residing in areas without a GPFL affiliate may be nominated and approved as at-large voting members or non-voting observers on the GPFL CC, according to the procedure adopted by the CC. The number of at-large voting members shall not exceed 10 percent of the total number of votes cast by accredited GPFL affiliates. The terms of all at-large voting members on the CC shall expire at the Annual Membership Meeting. New nominations or re-nominations will be approved at the same time elections are held for state party officers and delegates..

Documentation of "active enrolled members" for the purpose of apportioning the votes by accredited GPFL affiliates shall be accomplished by means of collecting a signed and dated form from each member that verifies Green Party membership in a manner consistent with GPFL bylaws, and that affirms affiliation with the local affiliate.

#### Credentialing of members and local affiliates

All accredited GPFL affiliates shall maintain a minimum of five (5) active, enrolled members to qualify as an active affiliate with full voting rights on the GPFL-CC.

All accredited GPFL affiliates shall collect signed and dated GPFL membership enrollment forms from their active members and submit copies to the GPFL Secretary. The number of active enrolled members shall determine the number of votes apportioned to each affiliate.

The GPFL and its local affiliates shall provide the membership forms to individuals expressing interest in joining the Green Party but who cannot register to vote due to being underage, a foreign national, or having lost their voting rights.

The GPFL Secretary or her/his designee shall maintain a current statewide database of all active enrolled members, based on the membership forms submitted by local GPFL affiliates and by individual GPFL members. This active membership database will be accessible to elected members of the GPFL Council and GPFL Board. All Green Party members who contact the GPFL and express an interest in becoming active with the party will be encouraged to complete an active membership enrollment form.

Upon approval of this Resolution, all currently accredited GPFL affiliates will immediately be apportioned 5 votes. The total votes of the seven active locals will be 35, and three at-large voting

members may be nominated may be approved at this time.

60 days from the date of adoption of this Resolution the apportionment of votes will be updated to reflect the number of active enrolled members on record for each local GPFL affiliate. Locals with 10 or more members will have 6 votes. Locals with 15 or more members will have 7 votes. Locals with 20 or more members will have 8 votes.

Addendum: The agreed-upon definition for Active Member, in terms of the Active Membership Forms, is to have such form filled out correctly.



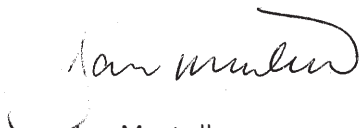
December 23, 2016

Kaitlin Seufert  
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Washington, D.C. 20463

Dear Ms. Seufert:

The Green Party of Florida is an affiliated party of the Green Party of the United States. They send three delegates to the GPUS National Committee, and links and contacts for GPFL are on the national website at [www.gp.org/state\\_parties](http://www.gp.org/state_parties).

Sincerely,

  
Jan Martell  
Secretary

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## Candidate Listing for 2016 General Election

Change Election

Group: ALL	Status: ALL (except WIT/DNQ)
Office: ALL	County: ALL
Last Name Like:	Order by: Name

- You can narrow your search results for candidates by county. A search by county will provide a list of candidates running for offices for which all or a portion of the geographical area represented by the office is located in that county. For information on county or municipal candidates, please contact your local [Supervisor of Elections](#).

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### President of the United States

Candidate	Status	Primary	General
Basiago, Andrew D. (WRI) / Kinnison, Karen D.	Defeated		Eliminated
Castle, Darrell L. (CPF) / Bradley, Scott N.	Defeated		Eliminated
Clinton, Hillary Rodham (DEM) / Kaine, Timothy Michael	Defeated		Eliminated
De La Fuente, Roque (Rocky) (REF) / Steinberg, Michael	Defeated		Eliminated
Duncan, Richard (WRI) / Johnson, Ricky	Defeated		Eliminated
Fox, Cherunda (WRI) / Kushner, Roger	Defeated		Eliminated
Gyurko, Zoltan Istvan (WRI) / Memmel, Lisa M.	Defeated		Eliminated
Johnson, Gary (LPF) / Weld, Bill	Defeated		Eliminated
Kotlikoff, Laurence J. (WRI) / Leamer, Edward E.	Defeated		Eliminated
Stein, Jill (GRE) / Baraka, Ajamu	Defeated		Eliminated
Trump, Donald J. (REP) / Pence, Michael R.	<b>Elected</b>		Won
Valdivia, Anthony "Tony" Joseph (WRI) / Barnere, Aaron Roy	Defeated		Eliminated

## *Candidate Tracking System*

**2016 General Election**  
President of the United States

**Jill Stein**

**Green Party**

Running Mate: Ajamu Baraka

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**Phone:**

**Status:**Defeated

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**Date Qualified:**

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