

N.C. GREENS ARE ACTIVISTS

Greens are community activists – Organizing for sustainable communities, for the rights of all working people, for the responsible use of natural resources and for nonviolent solutions to international conflicts.

Greens will run candidates – Striving to overcome North Carolina's prohibitive election laws and run candidates for local, state and national offices.

Greens believe citizen politics transcend elections – Employing consumer boycotts, public demonstrations and cooperative community organizing in solidarity with our allies.

Greens educate ourselves and the public – Sponsoring public forums on Green politics, the electoral process and its reform, issues of war and peace, social justice, and ecology.

GREEN STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Green Party began in the 1980s to bring a new vision and new values to politics in the U.S. by uniting Americans behind progressive, multi-issue citizen politics. Now, as we face a growing healthcare crisis, corporate control of our "representative" government, falling real incomes, continuing racism, and the scapegoating of immigrants and the LGBTQ community, the Green Party's call for greater social equity and justice is more timely than ever.

Internationally, Greens continue to oppose war. We recognize armed conflict as the ultimate failure of diplomacy and seek to use America's strength and wealth to enhance global security rather than resorting to military force. Wars fought on foreign soil serve only to enrich wealthy interests and distract citizens from dire and unmet needs at home.

Finally, in an age of global warming and diminishing fresh water supplies, corporations increasingly control and exploit forest, ocean and subsoil resources for the benefit of a relatively privileged few and to the long-term detriment of the planet. The Green Party advocates citizen control of these resources, and recognizes that irresponsible use of these resources threatens the environment and human survival.

CAN I REGISTER GREEN? (The N.C. Ballot Access Struggle)

You can join the North Carolina Green Party, but you cannot register in North Carolina as a Green. That's because of the state's prohibitive ballot access requirements (with Alabama, the worst in the nation). The Green Party has not yet been able to meet North Carolina's requirements to be certified as a political party.

We need your help to change that!

In 2006, the Greens formed a coalition with other third-party constituents and several non-profit organizations to promote election reforms in North Carolina. One such reform was embodied in the Electoral Fairness Act of 2005, passed only after hostile amendments ensured that it did not accomplish meaningful changes to the law, and it added new time restrictions. Libertarians and Greens then filed a lawsuit against the state challenging this legislation on state constitutional grounds. That case worked its way up to the state Supreme Court in 2010, and lost. There is currently new legislation introduced in the General Assembly, the Electoral Freedom Act of 2011. The Green Party is in coalition with other small parties to support this bill.

In the interim, Greens can accept signatures for the 2012 election cycle. Please visit our web site and download the petition. Sign it, encourage your neighbors and family to sign it, and return it to the co-chair and address on the petition.

HOW WE ARE ORGANIZED

All Green members are encouraged to participate in the development of the organization and to take leadership roles in Green projects. The strength of the Greens is purposefully centered on local organizations. Such personal commitment to activism at the local level we call citizen politics.

The North Carolina Green Party is affiliated with the Green Party of the United States (GPUS) and is committed to competing for elective office. Unlike other political parties, we insist that our candidates be committed to the citizen politics of our members and, therefore, to the needs and interests of the communities they would represent. All meetings and activities of the Greens are conducted according to the principles of an inclusive and democratic process. Decisions are made by consensus whenever possible.

TO JOIN OR LEARN MORE, VISIT www.ncgreenparty.org

You can also join the N.C. Green Party by filling out the form below and returning it to the following address:

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NCGP Membership Coordinator
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NAME

ADDRESS

ADDRESS 2

CITY, STATE & ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE (INCLUDE AREA CODE)

E-MAIL

I would like to volunteer.

I am interested in running for office.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.ncgreenparty.org
www.gp.org

TO RECEIVE EMAIL UPDATES
on Green events in North Carolina, subscribe to the
North Carolina Green Party open email list:
groups.yahoo.com/group/ncgreenparty



TEN KEY VALUES

Grassroots Democracy

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Social Justice

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Ecological Wisdom

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Nonviolence

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Decentralization

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Personal and Global Responsibility

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Respect for Diversity

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Community-based Economics

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Feminism and Gender Equity

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Sustainability/Future Focus



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