

Greetings from the **Maryland Green Party**
and Baltimore City Green Party

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Dear Convention Attendees,

On behalf of the Baltimore City Green Party, the Maryland Green Party and all its local chapters, we welcome you to Charm City for the 2012 Green Party Annual National Meeting and Presidential Nominating Convention. We look forward to 2012 as a breakthrough year for the Green Party and we hope you will always hold fond memories of this year's convention and your local hosts.

Maryland has been called "American in Miniature" because it features the best of America's natural features – from the Atlantic coast and flat farmland on the Eastern Shore to the forests and Appalachian mountains of Western Maryland. We think that Maryland also represents America in miniature politically – it has both conservative Tea Party strongholds and cities where Democratic Party machines rule. Baltimore is one such town – a non-Democrat has not held a seat on the City Council in nearly a hundred years. The Baltimore City Green Party is proud to have run candidates in every City Council election since the party was recognized in 2000, and to have outpolled the Republican Party in municipal elections over the past decade. We are Baltimore's second party.

Maryland also represents the challenge Greens face across the country, in miniature. Since the party was recognized on 2000, we have had to petition for ballot access three times. For most of the decade, we were able to meet a high but relatively easy signature requirement, thanks to the reasonable standards applied by the State Board of Elections. In 2010 – for the first time – a strict standard was applied, the majority of our signatures were rejected, and the party was decertified. After a two-year court case against state authorities we have won concessions and can re-gain our ballot access for this fall by turning in a few thousand more signatures. We realize how lucky we are to be this close to being once again ballot-qualified and now have a better understanding of the struggles Greens from around the country go through for the basic right of representation on the ballot – petitioning, lawsuits, legislative work, and grassroots organizing. We are also lucky that out-of-state petitioners can collect signatures in the state of Maryland – and that all of you are here to help us collect the final signature we need!

We hope you enjoy your time in Baltimore, a city which has been portrayed through television programs like *Homocide* and *The Wire* as a town where violence, corruption, and apathy rules. We are working to rebuild the image of Baltimore as a city of non-violence, ecological wisdom, social justice, and grassroots democracy. Thank you for showing your support as we work to change a great American city into an even greater, Greener community.

In Solidarity,

The Maryland Green Party and the Baltimore City Green Party

Schedule – Thursday, July 12

12:00 PM – Registration Opens/Lunch (restaurant options listed on pages 11-12)

1:30-3:00 PM – Workshop Block 1

- **The Right and the Constitution** presented by Dr. William Kreml, Green Party of Illinois (*Law Center 201*)
- **Media for Candidates** presented by Scott McLarty, GPUS Media Coordinator (*Law Center 203*)
- **Dare to Win: Getting Youth & College Students Involved in the Green Party** presented by A.J. Segneri, Green Party of Wisconsin and Erika Wolf, Assistant Campaign Director, Jill Stein for President (*Law Center 207*)
- **Platform Committee Meeting** (*Law Center 209*)

3:15-4:45 PM – Workshop Block 2

- **Part I: Social Media & Livestream/Video Training for Campaigns** presented by Starlene Rankin, GPUS Media Committee, and Craig Seeman, Green Party of New York (*Business Center 135*)
- **Campaign Messaging** presented by Allan Hancock, Green Party of Minnesota (*Law Center 201*)
- **The Story of an Abandoned Mill** presented by David Doonan, Village Mayor, Greenwich, NY (*Law Center 203*)
- **Rethinking Green: Revisioning GPUS** presented by Darryl! Moch, GPUS Steering Committee (*Law Center 207*)
- **Youth Caucus Meeting** (*Law Center 208*)
- **Green Labor Network Meeting** (*Law Center 209*)

5:00 PM - Dinner (restaurant options listed on pages 11-12) (Please try some of the great options listed near the University of Baltimore so you can return for events this evening at the University)

5:00 PM – Coordinated Campaign Committee Meeting (*Law Center 209*)

5:30 PM – Lavender Caucus Meeting (*Business Center 135*)

7:00-8:30 PM – Reception with International Greens

Featuring Dr. Joachim Denkinger, Deputy Secretary General of the GREENS/EFA Group (Greens in the European Parliament), Toussaint Hinvi, Benin; Rick Leckinger, New Zealand and Keli Yen, Taiwan. Light refreshments available in Law School Lobby.

Schedule – Friday, July 13

8:00 AM – Registration Open (Law Center Lobby)

9:00 AM – 12:15 PM – Platform Hearings (Moot Court Room, Adjacent to Law Center Lobby)

9:00-10:30 AM – Workshop Block 3

- **Occupy and the Peace Movement** presented by Mike DeRosa, Green Party of Connecticut and Ann Wilcox, DC Statehood Green Party (*Law Center 201*)
- **From Austerity to Prosperity: The Green New Deal and the Green Economy** presented by Howie Hawkins, New York State Green Party; Sarah Manski, Fellow, Meister Consulting; and Greg Gerritt, Rhode Island Greens (*Law Center 203*)
- **Database 101 and Managing Donor Lists** presented by Karen Young, GPUS Fundraising Committee and Dave Sacks, GPUS Fundraiser (*Law Center 207*)
- **Building Community to Build the Party** presented by A.J. Segneri, Green Party of Wisconsin (*Law Center 208*)
- **International Committee Meeting** (*Law Center 209*)

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM – Workshop Block 4

- **Iran and US: What's Really Going On?** presented by Bahram Zandi, member of the GPUS international Committee, and Dr. Younes Benab, Emeritus Professor, Strayer University (*Law Center 201*)
- **Fundraising for Candidates** presented by David Sacks, GPUS Fundraiser (*Law Center 203*)
- **A Low-Carbon, Green Diet: Food and the Environment** presented by Mary Rooker (*Law Center 207*)
- **A Proposed Open Letter to the American People** presented by John Rensenbrink, co-founder, Green Party of the United States, and Karen Young, Green Party of New York (*Law Center 208*)
- **Latino/a Caucus Meeting** (*Law Center 209*)

12:15 PM – 2:00 PM – Lunch (restaurant options listed on pages 11-12)

1:00 PM – National Women's Caucus Meeting (*Law Center 209*)

Schedule – Friday, July 13

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM – National Committee Meeting (*Moot Court Room, Law Center First Floor*)

Tentative National Committee Meeting Schedule:

2:00 pm – WELCOME

Annual National Meeting Committee Co-Chairs open and greet the delegates

Thank Hosts and Committee

Select Facilitator(s)

Announcements

Approval of Agenda

2:30 pm – Steering Committee Candidate Speeches

2:50 – 4:00 pm – Committee Reports

4:00 - 4:30 pm – BREAK

4:30 – 5:00 pm – Steering Committee Report(s)

5:00 – 5:30 – Overview of the Convention

5:30 – 6:00 pm – Announcements

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM – Workshop Block 5

- **Democratizing the Electoral College** presented by Asa Gordon, DC Statehood Green Party (*Law Center 201*)
- **Part II: Social Media & Livestream/Video Training for Campaigns** presented by Starlene Rankin, GPUS Media Committee, and Craig Seeman, Green Party of New York (*Law Center 135*)
- **Alternative Voting Methods** presented by Frank Atwood, Libertarian Party of Colorado (*Law Center 207*)
- **Rapid Solar Transition** presented by Dr. David Schwartzman, Howard University and Dr. Peter Schwartzman, Knox College (*Law Center 208*)
- **Running for the Mountains: Film about Jesse Johnson's Campaigns with Discussion** presented by Julie Eisenberg, Polidoc Productions (*Law Center 203*)
- **Green Party Peace Action Committee Meeting** (*Law Center 209*)

Schedule – Friday, July 13

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM – Workshop Block 6

- **Abolish Corporate Personhood** presented by David Cobb, National Organizer, Move to Amend (*Law Center 201*)
- **Achieving Equal Access in an Age of Political Discrimination** presented by Oliver Hall, Center for Competitive Democracy (*Law Center 203*)
- **Leveraging DC-Area Party Enthusiasts For National Gain: An Open Forum** presented by Erik Metzroth, DC Statehood Green Party (*Law Center 207*)
- **Get the Money Out of Politics** presented by Gene Silvers (*Law Center 208*)
- **Solidarity in Elections: Greens in Government, Greens in the Streets** presented by Leland Pan, Dane County Board of Supervisors; Michael Johnson, Elections Committee Chair, Progressive Dane (*Law Center 209*)

5:00 – 8:00PM – Dinner (restaurant options listed on pages 11-12)

6:00-7:00 – Black Caucus Meeting (*Law Center 209*)

8:00 pm-11:00PM – GPUS Fundraiser at Metro Gallery in Station North

Come out to hear from Green Party candidates at all levels. Support the Green Party! Enjoy light refreshments and a cash bar! Entrance fee \$20 (no one turned away for lack of funds). The Metro Gallery is at 1700 North Charles Street (one block north of Penn Station).

Workshops

The Right and the Constitution: There is much in the subtle, and sometimes contradictory, Constitution that refutes the Right-Wing propaganda that the Constitution is a conservative document. Prof. William Kreml describes seven items, or categories of items, that counter the conservative constitutional argument.

Media for Candidates: The Media Workshop will cover media outreach, skills, press releases, press conferences, publication of articles, developing contacts with editors and reporters, online media work, video, media for campaigns, and other topics associated with the goal of winning news coverage for the Green Party and Green candidates. Politics - especially electoral politics - is 90% public outreach and every state and local Green Party and Green campaign should have a media operation. We encourage all Green activists, candidates, campaign organizers, and anyone interested in the growth of the Green Party to attend the Media Workshop.

Dare to Win: Getting Youth & College Students Involved in the Green Party: This workshop is geared to those state parties that would like to know how to outreach to the youth demographic when it comes to state party membership.

Social Media & Livestream/Video Training for Campaigns: We'll be showing you how to use Social Media and Livestreaming to promote your candidates and grow your local and state Green Party! We'll show you how to do successful Live Streaming at Green Party events using a laptop, webcam, iPhone or android and how to get and interpret analytics. We'll teach you basic equipment needs and setup for videotaping events. We'll show you how to use Skype to include guests that can't be at your event in person. We'll show you tricks for getting the most out of your Facebook page, Twitter account, YouTube page and other social media. If you're available, we're offering a Lab where you can assist the Green Stream Team with the videotaping and livestreaming we're doing at the convention. It'll give you invaluable 'Hands On' experience!

Campaign Messaging: Based on George Lakoff's "The Political Mind" with many other resources, the importance of framing the message in campaign speeches, and one on one interviews. Knowing how to present a progressive message through metaphors and language use by understanding the difference between the progressive and conservative mind.

The Story of an Abandoned Mill: Built over 100 years, the Dunbarton Mill was an important source of employment for the residents of Greenwich, NY. After repeatedly changing hands during the later half of the 20th century, it closed, burned, and was in essence, abandoned. This workshop tells the story, not yet finished, of how local officials have been working with the EPA and State & County officials to bring it back to life.

Rethinking Green: Revisioning GPUS: This workshop will allow those interested in rethinking and re-visioning GPUS to work face-to-face to develop an outline and guide the work of rebuilding the party structure that will move us into the next generation of political action.

Occupy and the Peace Movement: The workshop will examine the Occupy movement, its roots in social justice and peace issues, and its future prospects. We will especially examine the links to issues of war and the war economy, as well as related issues of money in politics, the foreclosure crisis and other issues. Members of various Occupy groups will discuss their movements, as well as the connection to the broader peace movement.

From Austerity to Prosperity: The Green New Deal and the Green Economy: The "Green New Deal" slogan has been put forward in recent years from a range of political perspectives to deal with the economic and climate crises through public policies, investments, and employment to realize a clean energy transition and basic economic rights. The United Nations Environmental Program, the European Green Party, and Van Jones' Rebuild the Dream project have advanced reforms within capitalism under the Green New Deal slogan. More radical Green Party and ecological socialist currents have formulated the Green New Deal as an anti-capitalist transitional program. This panel will explore what the demands and politics of a Green New Deal ought to be.

Workshops

Building Community to Build the Party: This presentation is about how to build community by using the definition innovated by Saul Alinsky where community means “people coming together” as opposed to physical community.

Iran and the US: What's Really Going On? Over the past decade, there have been periods when war with Iran appeared likely and was barely averted. Today we are in another extraordinarily dangerous time. Accusations and threats could easily lead to a devastating new war. What is really going on and what can we do about it?

A Low-Carbon, Green Diet: Is your fork greener than your Prius? What has science concluded about the environmental impact of food choices? Are organic and local foods better?

A Proposed Letter to the American People: Discussion of the content, style, and feasibility of an Open Letter to the American People from Greens to be distributed throughout the U.S. in September, 2012.

Alternative Voting Methods: The "wasted vote" and "lesser of two evils" arguments prevent third party viability and visibility. Alternative voting methods is the only way to rectify this.

Rapid Solar Transition: The convergence of the economic and climate crises makes a rapid transition to wind/solar power imperative, hence a Global Green New Deal. Go to: www.solarUtopia.org.

Running for the Mountains: A Film About Jesse Johnson's Campaigns: Jesse Johnson, a West Virginia patriot, takes his stand as an electoral activist against the polluting extractive industries that are destroying his state. Set against a landscape of beauty and imminent environmental destruction, R4M follows Jesse as he campaigns on the Mountain Party ticket as the lone progressive, pro-labor voice opposing fracking and mountaintop removal. Green candidates often have to fight to be included in debates and get media coverage, but in West Virginia's historically corrupt political system, the quest is epic. Jesse has to run to get the message out and save his state. Broke, but unbroken, nothing will stop Jesse from Running for the Mountains.

Abolish Corporate Personhood: Move To Amend is the national campaign to amend the US Constitution to abolish both "corporate personhood" and "money equals political speech."

Leveraging DC-Area Party Enthusiasts For National Gain: An Open Forum: A discussion of the ramifications of placing increased political and financial emphasis on DC/MD/VA to improve the overall influence of the party as a whole.

Get the Money Out of Politics: How to limit how much the campaigning operations and contributors spend on getting people to vote for the candidates they want people to vote for.

Solidarity in Elections: Greens in Government, Greens in the Streets: The Greens in the United States now have over 25 years of experience with electing party members to office and working with them in government. Nowhere has the experience of winning local elections and delivering Green policy been more extensive or consistent than in Dane County, Wisconsin. Since 1990, Greens have won over 50 elections to the Madison Metropolitan School Board, Madison Common Council, and the Dane County Board of Supervisors. The Green Party will succeed in the U.S. when it can show people all over the country that Greens govern differently and govern better.

Schedule - Saturday, July 14

Saturday's nominating convention will take place at the Inner Harbor Holiday Inn Chesapeake Ballroom (301 West Lombard Street, Baltimore, 21201 - University Center/Baltimore Street light rail stop)

Times are approximate

9:00AM – Welcome, Roll Call and Credentialing

10AM – Speakers including Colin Beavan, George Martin

10:15AM – Platform Approval

11:15AM – Rev. Ed Pinkney

11:30AM – Introduction of Presidential Candidates Roseanne Barr and Jill Stein

12:00 Noon – Lunch (restaurant options listed on pages 9-10)

1:00PM – Doors Re-Open

1:40PM – Keynote Address by Gar Alperovitz

2:00PM – Speakers including Rosa Clemente, Leland Pan, Pam hartwell-Herrero, Dr. Margaret Flowers

2:45PM – Presidential Nomination Vote

3:45PM – Vice-Presidential Nomination and Address

4:00PM – Acceptance Speech of the 2012 Presidential Nominee

4:30 – Convention Closes, Break for Dinner (restaurant options listed on page 11-12)

8:00 pm-11:00 pm – Fundraiser for Presidential Nominee featuring Green Women speakers, music, socializing, cash bar (Chesapeake Ballroom)

Schedule - Sunday, July 15

Sunday's events will take place at the Inner Harbor Holiday Inn Harbor II room (12th Floor) (301 West Lombard Street, Baltimore, 21201 - University Center/Baltimore Street light rail stop)

9:00AM – 12:00PM – National Committee Meeting/ Presidential Campaign Strategy Session

9AM – The Big Picture: How Our Presidential Campaign Will Build the Party in 2012
presented by campaign team of 2012 presidential nominee (*Harbor II Room*)

10am – Workshops (*Harbor II Room*)

Ballot Access Brigade: The Final Push
Campus and Student Greens in the 2012 Election
Spanish Language Outreach and Organizing
Grassroots Fundraising for a \$1 Million Campaign

11:30AM – **A Call to Action**

12:00 Noon – 12:30PM – Closing, Annual National Meeting Adjourned

1-4 PM – Coalition for Free and Open Elections Meeting (*Harbor II Room*)

Committee and Caucus Meetings

Black Caucus Meeting, Friday, July 13, 6:00-7:00 PM, Law Center 209

Coordinated Campaign Committee Meeting, Thursday, July 12, 5-6PM, Law Center 209

Green Labor Network Meeting, Thursday, July 12, 3:15-4:45 PM, Law Center 209

Green Party Peace Action Committee Meeting, Friday, July 13, 2-3:30PM, Law Center 209

International Committee Meeting, Friday, July 13, 9:00-10:30 AM, Law Center 209

Latino/a Caucus Meeting, Friday, July 13, 10:45-12:15 PM, Law Center 209

Lavender Caucus Meeting, Thursday, July 12, 5:30-6:30 PM, Business Center 135

National Committee, Friday, July 13, 2:00-6:00 PM, Moot Court Room

Platform Committee Meeting, Thursday, July 12, 1:30-3:00 PM, Law Center 209

Women's Caucus Meeting, Friday, July 13, 1:00-2:00 PM, Law Center 209

Youth Caucus Meeting, Thursday, July 12, 3:15-4:45 PM, Law Center 208

Area Restaurants

We hope you will enjoy everything about your visit to Baltimore, including dining. Here is a guide to finding meals throughout our 2012 Annual National Meeting and Presidential Nominating Convention.

We've including phone numbers (when available) so you call ahead to check hours, make reservations, and plan for any special dietary needs you may have.

We've included restaurants convenient to our venues at the University of Baltimore and Holiday Inn-Inner Harbor. If you are planning to visit other locations in the city, there are far too many great options to list here. To find the cuisine and atmosphere you are looking for, please ask meeting staff to help you use an online local restaurant guide.

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND a visit to Red Emma's. Red Emma's is Baltimore's worker-owned and collectively-managed bookstore and coffeeshop. Red Emma's is committed to fair trade and locally-sourced food and drink. The Baltimore City Green Party holds its meetings at the Baltimore Free School operated by the Red Emma's collective. Please make an investment in Red Emma's (410-230-0450).

Thursday and Friday at the University of Baltimore

The South Route: Exit the Law Center at the University of Baltimore, turn left then make the next right onto North Charles Street. Immediately you will find:

Turp's Sports Bar (410-347-0349)
Viccino Italian Gourmet (410-576-0266)
Jay's Deli (410-685-3861)
XS (410-468-0002)
Oriole Pizza and Subs (410-539-1600)
Oriole Kabob (410-528-8401)

Walk one block to the intersection of North Charles Street and Preston Street for:

Chipotle Mexican Grill (443-681-1204)
Subway (410-244-1317)
Nino's Pizza And Subs (410-685-7474)
Tutti Frutti Frozen Yogurt
Aloha Sushi (443-759-8531)
Thai Landing (410-727-1234)
Sammy's Trattoria (410-837-9999)

More Area Restaurants

Turn right off North Charles Street onto West Preston Street for:

Shapiro's Cafe (443-220-0050)
OK Natural Food Store and Cafe (410-837-3911)
Soup's On Baltimore (410-528-1003) (lunch only)
Mari Luna Bistro (410-637-8013)

The North Route: Exit the Law Center at the University of Baltimore, turn left then make the next left onto North Charles Street. Walk one block to pass Penn Station. Soon you will find:

Liam Flynn's Ale House (443-956-1702)
Tapas Teatro (410-332-0110)
OutTakes Cafe (443-835-3535)
Sofi's Crepes (410-727-7732)
Joe Squared (410-545-0444)
iBar Restaurant (410-637-3089)
Bohemian Coffee House (410-400-0022)
Cafe Mocha (410-962-5717)

Saturday and Sunday at the Holiday Inn-Inner Harbor

In the Holiday Inn

Dottie's Coffee Cafe
Eden West Restaurant and Lounge

The North Route: Exit the Holiday Inn, turn right and make the next left onto Howard Street for:

Subway (410-244-5808)
Crazy Greek (410-234-1277)
Salsarita's (410-962-8270) (turn left onto Baltimore Street, up a half block)

The South Route: Exit the Holiday Inn, turn right and make the next right onto Howard Street. In less than a block you will find:

California Tortilla (410-605-0991)
Jimmy John's (410-685-3377)
Luna Del Sea Bistro (410-752-8383)

Thank you!

Thank you for attending the 2012 Annual National Meeting and Presidential Nominating Convention and supporting your local, state, and national Green Party year-round.

Special thanks to the staff and volunteers of the 2012 Annual National Meeting and Presidential Nominating Convention. The support of the Maryland Green Party and Baltimore City Green Party were essential in making this year's meeting a success. You can support our work at:

www.marylandgreenparty.org
www.baltimorecitygreenparty.org

We would also like to recognize Woven Green, the Metro Gallery and Matt Cleveland for their donation of entertainment throughout this event.

You can support their work at:

www.wovengreenmusic.com
www.themetrogallery.net
www.occasionsdjs.com

Thank you to the staff at the University of Baltimore and the Holiday Inn-Inner Harbor for their assistance in rental of their facilities.

Thanks also to the Annual National Meeting Committee for planning this year's event, and the Green National Committee for selecting Baltimore as its host city. Please consider joining the Annual National Meeting Committee or any Green Party committee that can utilize your skills.

Learn more at www.gp.org.

Notes