

BYLAWS OF THE LATINX CAUCUS OF THE GREEN PARTY OF THE UNITED STATES

1. PURPOSE

1.1. The Latinx Caucus exists to give Latinx a strong voice in party affairs and to encourage Latinxs to participate in all levels of electoral politics.

1.2. The Latinx Caucus exists to encourage Latinxs to join and participate in the Green Party of the US (GPUS). Latinxs are the fastest fast growing block of US voters but most do not know what the GPUS is or that they are welcome. The party must reach out to them, offering them a real voice in the party and opportunities to participate in local, regional, and national politics.

2. PRINCIPALS

2.1. We will use the Ten Key Values of The GPUS as guiding principles.

2.2. We well use the platform of the GPUS to guide our actions and will help to shape it.

2.3. We will support national candidates selected at GPUS nominating conventions.

2.4. Latinx Caucus membership goals include diversity and inclusion representing different genders, sexual orientations, states, and origins.

3. STEERING COMMITTEE.

3.1. The Latinx Caucus Steering Committee has eight members. Half are elected each year. In the first election, half the seats will expire in 4years with the other half to expire in 2 years.

3.2. The Latinx Caucus Steering Committee has four co-chairs, one secretary, one treasurer, one Green Party National Committee (NC) Delegate, and one NC Alternate Delegate elected by the Latinx Caucus Steering Committee. A co-chair of the committee can assume the duties of an unfilled or vacant position.

3.3. The highest vote getter for NC Delegate will be the NC Delegate with the second highest vote getter will be the Alternate NC Delegate.

4. Latinx CAUCUS STEERING COMMITTEE DECISIONS.

4.1. Consensus: The Latinx Caucus Steering Committee will aim for consensus with choices being “agree,” “stand-aside,” “block” or “abstain”. At least one “agree” vote is required for the Latinx Caucus Steering Committee to pass a proposal. A summary of reservations is recorded with the vote in the Latinx Caucus Steering Committee minutes.

4.2. Voting: Decisions not able to pass in consensus (when a “block” vote is placed or if no “agree” vote is cast) will proceed to a voting phase for a yes/no vote. A proposal must receive a majority vote (greater than 50%) to pass.

4.3. The consensus and voting phases shall be no more than seven days each.

5. COMMITTEES.

5.1. The Latinx Caucus Steering Committee can create and dissolve Latinx Caucus committees and appoint or remove members of these committees.

5.2. Committees are accountable to the Latinx Caucus Steering Committee and must have a Latinx Caucus Steering Committee member designated as a liaison to the committee.

6. REPRESENTATION.

6.1. The Latinx Caucus Steering Committee will select representatives to GPUS committees other than the NC or to other groups.

6.2. These representatives are accountable and report to the Latinx Caucus Steering Committee.

7. Latinx CAUCUS STEERING COMMITTEE OFFICERS.

7.1. Co-Chairs: Co-chairs are the primary officers of the Latinx Caucus Steering Committee. Responsibilities include being spokespersons for the Latinx Caucus, planning meetings, conducting elections, maintaining membership lists and deciding what proposals to forward to the NC.

7.2. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be responsible for fiscal management of the Latinx Caucus and shall be the liaison to the GPUS Finance Committee. The treasurer must provide a financial report to the Latinx Caucus Steering Committee no less than quarterly, and make available an annual financial statement to members.

7.3. Secretary: The Secretary is responsible for keeping and publishing Latinx Caucus Steering Committee minutes.

7.4. NC Delegate: The Latinx Caucus Delegate to the GPUS National Committee (NC Delegate) will represent the Latinx Caucus on the NC. This NC Delegate is responsible for voting on proposals before the NC in a manner that is representative of the Latinx Caucus. The NC delegate is also encouraged to participate in the Latinx Caucus Steering Committee discussion of these proposals. The NC Delegate must inform members about relevant issues and solicit feedback. NC delegates will submit proposals to the NC. The Latinx Caucus Steering Committee may recall the NC delegate for voting against consensus or for non-participation. The NC Alternate Delegate will serve as the NC Delegate when the NC Delegate is unavailable or removed.

7.5. Officer Removal: Removal of a Latinx Caucus Steering Committee officer for misconduct or non-participation requires a majority minus one Latinx Caucus Steering Committee vote. At least two Latinx Caucus Steering Committee members must initiate removal. The Latinx Caucus Steering Committee must be notify an officer facing removal and allow 7 days to speak or to issue a statement addressing the charges.

8. PROPOSALS TO THE NC.

8.1. Latinx Caucus Steering Committee approval or a 60% vote of Latinx Caucus members is required for the NC delegate to submit a proposal to the NC.

8.2. At least five Latinx Caucus members must support a proposal submission for consideration to the Latinx Caucus Steering Committee. The Latinx Caucus Steering Committee must begin their consensus period within fourteen days of receiving the proposal. The discussion and decision periods must be less than 7 days each.

8.3. Reversing a Latinx Caucus Steering Committee decision on forwarding a proposal to the NC requires a 60% vote of Latinx Caucus members. A minimum of five members must initiate the request

to reverse the Latinx Caucus Steering Committee decision. The steering committee must cooperate with reversal requests and conduct the vote.

9. PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATES.

9.1. Accredited Caucuses of the GPUS are entitled to Presidential Delegates representing the Caucus at presidential nominating conventions. The GPUS allocates the Presidential Delegates.

9.2. The Latinx Caucus Steering Committee shall conduct a Presidential Delegates vote. The top vote getters will fill the allocated delegate seats.

9.3. The Latinx Caucus Steering Committee shall conduct a Presidential Delegates instruction vote in time to meet convention deadlines listing: all presidential candidates recognized by the GPUS, uncommitted, and no nominee.

9.4. Delegate instructions will instruct the Delegates on who to vote for in the first round.

9.5. Delegate instructions must reflect the vote.

9.6. Delegate instructions are valid only for the first round of voting.

9.7. Selection of and instructions to Presidential Delegates shall not be considered as a Latinx Caucus endorsement of any candidate.

10. CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS.

10.1 Endorsement of a presidential candidate prior to GPUS nomination requires a 60% vote of Latinx Caucus members that is separate from the delegate selection vote.

10.2 The Latinx Caucus Steering Committee may endorse Green Party candidates for non-presidential races that are uncontested by other Green Party candidates as well as candidates for nonpartisan offices running on the Green Party platform.

11. Latinx CAUCUS MEETINGS.

11.1.1 The Latinx Caucus shall meet at least once a year.

11.1.2 All Latinx Caucus meetings shall be open to all Latinx Caucus members.

11.1.3 The Latinx Caucus Steering Committee will announce, plan, and run the meetings.

11.1.4 Minutes shall be available to members within fourteen days.