

Alan Augustson - 2020 Candidate Questionnaire
For persons seeking the Green Party presidential nomination

SECTION 1

TO BE COMPLETED BY CANDIDATE AND RETURNED TO Presidential Campaign Support Committee (PCSC), THIS SECTION IS PUBLIC INFORMATION (TO BE POSTED ON the GREEN PARTY OF THE U.S. WEBSITE)

Your name: **Alan Augustson**

- 1. CANDIDATE VIDEO: You are invited to submit a video (of suggested length less than 3 minutes) in which you deliver your core campaign message. This submission is highly recommended but is not required to return this questionnaire.**

My video is posted at the following URL address: <https://youtu.be/hGGUUjowEDY>

- 2. CORE MESSAGE. Provide a written version of the core message of your campaign. [200 word max]**

If you are 'different' in any way from the mob around you, you are in serious danger. On one side, you have a dying planet ruled by its own murderers. On the other, you have over 2,000 hate groups, waiting to begin an ethnic cleansing.

There is a word for our predicament. We are at war. And we are losing because we will not fight. Americans do not respect and will not vote for a party that is running to lose.

When Bernie Sanders loses the Democratic nomination, and hands his supporters off to center again, we must be ready to go "all in". We have to present an intention and an expectation of winning.

Human survival requires the Green New Deal. But Americans don't vote based on information; they vote on inspiration. We need someone delivering the reality check in the people's own terms, with clarity and firmness and audacity. The Green Party are a party of architects. But what's needed now is not an architect, it is a warrior.

I am nobody special. But that frees me to speak the truth in a way others can't. And the truth is: nothing changes unless we win.

- 3. KEY POSITIONS. Please list up to five policy points or positions that you would emphasize most consistently if you were speaking as the 2020 GPUS presidential nominee. [250 words max. Please number the points.]**

- 1. Economic justice: raise the Minimum Wage, remove the Social Security earnings cap, and tax incomes over \$10 million at 90%. Clear student loan debt, guarantee educational access, restore public school funding and beef up training in the skilled trades. Institute real universal healthcare.**
- 2. Environmental justice: push the Green New Deal. End our reliance on fossil fuels. Improve public transit nationwide. Restore environmental protections.**
- 3. Social justice: end the 'War on Drugs'. Restore voting rights and crush the 'New Jim Crow'. Punish police brutality and neutralize organized hate groups. Prosecute all hate crimes as acts of terrorism. No border walls and no militarizing the border. Guarantee a woman's ownership of her body and choices.**

4. **Political justice: review every Executive Order for rescinding. Restore the rights stolen from us since '9-11'. Root money out of politics.**
5. **Global justice: no more wars for resources. Reduce our military footprint worldwide. Sign the Rome Accord and recognize the authority of the International Criminal Court. Punish American war criminals and war profiteers. Fight human trafficking.**

4. GP PLATFORM. Will you advocate for the platform of the Green Party? If there are any significant platform positions which you cannot support, please state why.

Yes, I will advocate for the platform

But I have a different position on the following point(s) [100 words max] :

I intend with all sincerity to seek the death penalty for war crimes, international aggression and crimes against humanity; for applicable members of the current and past U.S. Governments. This is consistent with the punishments they would receive if judged by the International Criminal Court. Furthermore, the least of those crimes, if committed by a poor black American, would have demanded no less.

5. COMMUNICATION OF VIEWS. Please provide the URLs for any written materials or videos that demonstrate your ability to speak, debate, or communicate your views. Most helpful are media interviews or public speeches on any topic. [No more than five URL's please.]

1. <https://run-alan.run/2019/04/10/the-plan/>
2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cuiOAtS-i8s>
3. <https://run-alan.run/2019/05/03/bernie-fans-got-a-plan-b/>
4. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_TwrmxT0MM

6. ORGANIZING GOALS. What are the principle practical, measurable organizing goals that you would achieve by your 2020 GPUS presidential campaign? Such goals might include achieving ballot access, media coverage, debate participation, volunteer recruitment, fundraising, qualifying for matching funds, staffing levels, Green Party voter registration, endorsements, party building, and/or national vote totals. [120 words]

There is one single measure of success in the 2020 Presidential election: the win. I know that sounds like some kind of lame 1980s motivational speech for junior stockbrokers. But this is such an unbelievably critical year: anything less than a victory and there may well be no elections in 2024. We're not getting into the debates. We're not getting MSM coverage. So we have to come up with whole new ways of getting the message out. We have to come up with whole new channels of power.

7. CAMPAIGN ORGANIZING. How would you envision your campaign organizing to achieve the organizing goals listed in #6 above? [100 words max]

We need to figure out how to reach more diverse audiences. Every depiction of a Green Party assembly shows a roomful of white retirees. We have to take our argument straight to the organizers of people of color, LGBT people, and everyone else who already knows they're not served by the Democrats. We need a forceful, direct message to deliver to each constituency. No statistics, no technocratic jargon, just passion and fire and one last hope.

8. PARTY-BUILDING. Presidential campaigns are legally independent entities from the political party whose nomination they received. At the same time, an important

objective of the party's presidential efforts is to build Green Party capabilities at all levels. How do you envision your campaign working with the greater Green Party to strengthen the different levels of the Party?
[150 words max]

We need to begin with a unifying message. As is, each state has its own message centered around a set of regional issues – and these individual issues are perfectly valid. We need to tie those issues into the specific solutions offered by the Green New Deal. The Presidential candidates need to consult with the State and Local Parties on the development of the message in support of regional candidates and issues.

9. UNIFYING THE PARTY. The GPUS is a diverse party with chapters in urban, suburban and rural communities. It includes native Americans, immigrants, black Americans, and white Americans of many different economic levels. It includes GLBTQ people, straight people, unemployed people, retired people, professionals, union members, business owners and people from many walks of life. What is the vision by which you could be the nominee who receives support from all the diverse members of the Green Party?
[120 words max]

Each of these constituencies represents one of the thousands of dimensions along which we've been turned against ourselves. Each has been taught that things will be just fine, once we get rid of The Other. Once again, it becomes all about the message. What to say, to whom and how. Each has been betrayed. Each is seething for justice and we need to be ready to show exactly what that entails – if we win.

10. DATA SHARING. After the campaign will you share your email lists and donor lists with the Green Party so that your supporters can be contacted to ask for their continuing support for the Party and its candidates?
 Yes ___ No

11. VOTER REGISTRATION. How are you currently registered to vote (party registration, if applicable)? In which state are you registered?

I am registered with the Green Party in the State of New Mexico.

12. HISTORY WITH GREEN PARTY. What specific offices or positions, if any, have you held within the Green Party at either the state or local level? If none, describe any instances in which you worked in collaboration with Green Party chapters, groups or candidates.

I have held no Party offices to date.

13. OFFICES SOUGHT OR HELD. For what publicly elected offices have you been a candidate or served? On which public boards or commissions have you served at the local, state, or national level?

I ran for the Fifth Congressional District of Illinois in 2008.

14. RELEVANT BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE. What other personal background, professional qualifications or life experiences do you have that are relevant to your being an effective GPUS candidate for president? [150 words max]

I have been a firefighter, a computer scientist, a radio personality and a United States Marine.

I have Master's and some doctoral-level study in public policy and public administration. I have worked behind the scenes for decades, on issues ranging from public health to disaster response. I have told powerful people things that they did not want to hear for many years.

But perhaps more importantly: I have been jobless. I have been hungry. I have been jobless. I have been ill with no health insurance. I know what's coming for all of America and I am sick with heartbreak over it. I bring more than credentials to the table; I bring the sense of urgency that too many of us lack.

15. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. How can members of the public get further information on your campaign (List all that are currently available)?

Website: <https://run-alan.run>

Facebook/MeWe page: <https://www.facebook.com/RunAlan2020>

Twitter: [@RunAlan2020](https://twitter.com/RunAlan2020)

Tumblr: <https://runalan2020.tumblr.com/>

Email for questions: info@run-alan.run

Telephone: (505) 750-0718

16. Please attach a digital file containing a photograph of yourself suitable for posting online along with your questionnaire. [A color head shot is recommended.]

Attached.