

Presidential Campaign Support Committee Questionnaire

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

“The Green Party is the party of Justice – justice for the Earth and all its people.”

Employment

- Ensure a universal basic income and guarantees of employment at a living wage, housing, food and essential utilities for all.

Environment

- Reverse climate change and secure clean air, water and soil, through our REAL Green New Deal, transitioning to 100% renewable energy by 2030.

Education

- Provide free college and early childhood education, fighting privatization and protecting community control of public education.

Healthcare/Communities

- Provide single payer, publicly-controlled health care for all, increasing healthcare availability in minority communities.
- End environmental and educational racism, empowering disenfranchised communities.

Equality and Human Rights

- Stop the senseless killing of people of color by law enforcement. Demilitarize the police, establish community oversight and limit use of force.
- End deportations, detentions and family separations.
- Affirm tribal sovereignty.
- End colonialism (e.g. Puerto Rico).

Economy

- Transform to a sustainable, eco-socialist economy with green jobs, funding for clean energy and local green businesses.
- Return wealth to workers through employee-owned businesses and cooperatives.

Democracy

- Provide ranked choice voting, proportional representation and open debates.

Military/Policing

- End war and cease its funding, closing over 700 military bases abroad.
- End the war on drugs feeding into mass incarceration.

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.]

(Not in order of importance.)

1.) Equality, Equity and the End of Privilege – We must end environmental, educational, judicial and employment discrimination as well as the senseless murder of people of color by law enforcement. We will provide

reparations for Americans of African descent and empower all communities by strengthening local citizens' control of education and policing. We will end efforts to roll back voting rights – such as discriminatory voter ID laws.

2.) Climate Change and Pollution – We must take decisive action to tackle climate change, implementing a targeted plan to end fossil fuel use and transition to 100% renewable energy by 2030. We will also ban fracking and single use plastics that fill up our landfills and poison ocean life.

3.) Ending War – War not only ends and disrupts human lives, it is disastrous for our environment. Through peaceful diplomacy, the nations of the world will address our real threats together – such as the peril of climate change. Our campaign seeks international nuclear disarmament and the elimination of war funding in favor of a Dept. of Peace and caretaker funding for veterans.

4.) End Corporate Rule – We will end corporate personhood, as well as corporate control of politics, education, basic utilities, healthcare and mass incarceration. The future will be eco-socialist.

5.) Democracy Reform – We demand open debates, ranked choice voting and proportional representation. We call for open ballot access. Democracy means letting the public decide which candidates are viable.

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]

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.]

Announcement of Presidential Exploratory Committee (including a

compilation of past media coverage) – Jan. 21, 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ujNlyAO3D3w&t=216s>

Announcement of 2020 Presidential Candidacy – Feb. 18, 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gmq3KKnWfTs&t=310s>

Dario Hunter at the GPPA Convention, 2019 – Mar. 23, 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rvLwNqILV1A>

“Running as a Write In” – Vindy Talk Radio – Mar. 24, 2016

<http://www.vindy.com/videos/2016/mar/24/3891/?radio>

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]

Our campaign will:

- Achieve ballot access in all 50 states and DC. Work collaboratively for access in primaries or advisory presidential votes in America’s oppressed colonies (e.g. Puerto Rico).
- Aim to get more Greens elected in 2019 and 2020, pursuing a strategy for party growth beyond the Presidential election.
- Train party members and candidates in all states to reach out to a diverse electorate, empowering economically disenfranchised and minority voters.
- Attract more Greens to the party by emphasizing our truly revolutionary answers to issues of environmental, racial and social justice as well as by seeking to bring the voices of the oppressed to the forefront of political change.

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

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We will build an organized network of coordinators enhanced by making personal connections with those interested in a genuine alternative to corporate ownership of our democracy (i.e. most Americans), and aggressive online outreach to diverse, disempowered voters.

In doing so, we will meet people where they are, sometimes in places where the Green Party has never gone before – working with non-partisan activist groups, non-conventional centers of political power and debate, and institutions that are apolitical but traditionally open to our perspective (e.g. coops).

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]

Party building means honoring the voices of the marginalized masses. It means strengthening leadership to create a party that is not only perceived as viable but is functionally viable in its ability to accomplish change through the concerted actions of its members.

We must actively seek to diversify party chapters all across the country and seek diverse candidates for office whose experiences speak to the actual demographics and real world realities of the American public.

Our ongoing #SeeGreensLead campaign is an effort to support and promote Green candidates in various parts of the country so that we create a national movement of elected Green leaders. It is our belief that this effort will provide an anchor beyond the 2020 race for growth in membership and in the number of federal and state officeholders as Green leaders work their way up through a track record of admired public service.

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]

I am a Black, gay, son of an immigrant, Jew who has engaged in activism on behalf of all of those communities. The Hunter campaign seeks to engage those personally familiar with the struggle for justice and empower all oppressed and underserved communities to assert their rights. Our team reflects the value we place on diversity and in shaping a new generation of activism that transforms the fight for equality.

There are those who want the causes of social and racial justice to take a backseat to the environment. But these causes are inextricably intertwined. The Hunter campaign aims to reshape thinking on the environment by advancing a realistic, intersectional approach to Americans' social, racial, and economic experience.

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 as a Green in Ohio.

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 am currently a GPUS National Committee Delegate and a Delegate to the GPUS Peace Action Committee representing (in both capacities) the Lavender Caucus.

I also serve as the Chair of the Mahoning County, OH Green Party.

In my role in local Ohio Green leadership, I regularly collaborate with the Ohio State Green party on common goals, such as ballot access and promoting statewide candidates. I also work with potential local Green candidates within and outside of the state of Ohio.

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 have sought the following offices in the City of Youngstown, Ohio:

- City Council, 6th Ward (2015)
- Board of Education (elected 2015)
- Municipal Clerk of Courts (2017)

In 2015, I achieved an upset, write-in win as a candidate for the Youngstown Board of Education in a seven-way race. I continue to serve in that office and I am currently the only Green serving in elected office in Ohio.

I am the only candidate in the race for the Green Party presidential nomination who has ever won an election and the only one who holds public elected office. Our nominee must know how to conduct and win a grassroots campaign - against all odds.

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'm a former environmental attorney, high school educator, K-8 educational

administrator, anti-fracking activist and an advocate for Palestinian rights. I've fought governmental agencies in Ohio Supreme Court cases to assert the public's right to know, winning settlements to provide public records. I have professional experience with single-payer healthcare, having worked on health law issues for a firm in Canada. I have lived in two countries that have single payer healthcare systems - Canada and 'the State of Israel' (i.e. Palestine).

My legal specialties include labor and employment law, in which I have a Master of Laws (Wayne State Univ.) – an area of expertise well suited to asserting workers' rights. In all, I have three law degrees in two countries. As a member of the Youngstown Ohio Board of Education, I have led in the effort to combat state takeovers and protect the public's voice in public education.

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

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