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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.

 X My video is posted at the following URL address: <https://howie2020.us/launch>

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

An ecosocialist Green New Deal—economic security and climate safety for all through an Economic Bill of Rights and a Green Economy Reconstruction Program.

The Economic Bill of Rights will enact federal programs that guarantee for all:

- a living-wage job to all willing and able to work;
- a minimum income above poverty built into the progressive income tax structure;
- decent housing through expanded public housing and universal rent control;
- comprehensive health care through a publicly-funded, community-controlled national health service;
- lifelong tuition-free public education from pre-K through college;
- a secure retirement through doubling Social Security benefits, creating Guaranteed Retirement Accounts, and fully funding the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation.

The Green Economy Reconstruction Program starts with an emergency program to build a 100% clean energy system by 2030. 100% clean energy requires the reconstruction of all production systems for ecological sustainability, including organic agriculture, green manufacturing, electrified transportation, broadband, water, waste recycling, and urban reconstruction around walkable communities.

It will be an ecosocialist because it requires social ownership of key means of production and finance and a bottom-up system of democratic planning in order to coordinate the reconstruction of all production systems for sustainability.

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. Climate Action – Ban fracking and new fossil fuel infrastructure. 100% clean renewable energy and zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

2. Nuclear Disarmament and Peace Action – Unilateral nuclear disarmament to a minimum credible deterrent. Nukes off hair-trigger alert. No first use pledge. Negotiate for complete global nuclear disarmament. US troops home. Non-offensive defense. 75% cut in military spending with the peace dividend invested in a Global Green New Deal to help poor countries meet basic needs and develop with clean energy.

3. Economic Justice – Economic Bill of Rights to jobs, income, housing, health care, education, and retirement.

4. Racial Justice – Reparations to disempower racists by empowering racially-oppressed communities with resources and community control of housing, schools, police, and businesses. Federal action against white nationalist terrorists. Federal intervention against local police misconduct. Reinstate the pre-clearance provision of the Voting Rights Act.

5. Ecosocialism – Social ownership and democratic planning of key industries and banks for sustainable production of basic needs for all within ecological limits. Public monetary authority. Worker and consumer co-ops in commercial markets.

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.]

Interview with RT's Chris Hedges, "Third Parties and US Politics, with Howie Hawkins," *On Contact* (June 2, 2019), <https://howie2020.us/hedges>

Howie Hawkins, "Economic Justice Must Be Linked to the Green New Deal" (April 16, 2019), <https://howie2020.us/justice>.

Interview with WCNY's Susan Arbetter, "Howie Hawkins on His Presidential Exploratory Committee," *Capitol Pressroom* (April 10, 2019), <https://howie2020.us/capitol>.

Interview with WAMC's Brian Shields, "Green Party's Hawkins Considering Presidential Run," *Midday Magazine* (April 10, 2019), <https://howie2020.us/wamc>.

Howie Hawkins Exploratory Committee Announcement (April 4, 2019), <https://howie2020.us/explore>.

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]

1. Ballot access in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Puerto Rican primary, and the advisory presidential vote in Guam and any other territory that decides to hold one.
2. Qualify for federal matching funds before the end of the 2019.
3. Expand the base of the Green Party, especially among working-class people, youth, and people of color.
4. Train local Green organizers in party building and election campaigning.
5. Build a social media presence to reach millions of people, build contact lists, and recruit new Green Party members.
6. Build support for the Green Party, independent politics, and ecosocialism among the progressive left and bring that message to millions of Americans through social media and earned media.

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

National staff will coordinate and support the achievement of all the goals listed under question #6.

The campaign will give every person who volunteers a way to contribute.

Local campaign events—with the candidate or with campaign organizers—will be primarily organizing meetings focused on how to build and maintain effective local Green parties and how to expand the base of the local party across diverse communities, especially among the working class, youth, and people of color.

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]

Howie Hawkins 2020 (H20) will share its highly detailed data (including general signups, volunteers, and donors) with GPUS to pinpoint engaged supporters and pair them with Green volunteer, employment, and training opportunities based on their interests and areas of expertise.

H20 will train organizers to take new skills back to their state parties and caucuses to build more effective Green infrastructure and a bigger, broader base of members.

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]

The vision of an ecosocialist Green New Deal speaks to the needs of the immense majority of Greens and Americans who need economic security, climate protection, and peace, and a reparations program to heal the injuries of slavery, segregation, and discrimination to our nation.

H20 embodies this vision in its diversity. The candidate is part of a collective campaign leadership that includes Black, Latinx, working class, youth, peace, and environmental leaders who came together to draft Howie Hawkins to run and collaboratively crafted the campaign plan.

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 Green in New York State.

I have been a Green since I attended the first national organizing meeting in 1984. I have never registered as a Democrat, Republican, or any other party. Before the Green Party started running its own presidential candidate in 1996, I voted for presidential candidates of independent progressive parties, including the Peace and Freedom Party in 1968, the People's Party in 1972 and 1976, the Citizens Party in 1980, the Citizens and Socialist parties' fusion ticket in 1984, the Socialist Party in 1988, and the Campaign for a New Tomorrow in 1992.

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.

In August 1984, I participated in the first national organizing meeting for a Green Party, which established the Green Committees of Correspondence. I was coordinator of the New England clearinghouse for the GCoCs. I was the principal organizer of the first National Green Gathering in Amherst MA in 1987 and again in 1993 in Syracuse NY. I served terms on the national committees of the GCoCs, the Green Party USA formed in September 1991 in Elkins WV, and the Green Party of the United States formed in Santa Barbara CA in July 2001. I have been a state committee member of the Green Party of New York State since 1992 and served terms as chair of the Onondaga County Green Party. I was the campaign manager for Ursula Rozum's 2012 campaign for Congress.

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 governor of New York State three times (2010, 2014, 2018), securing four years of ballot access for the NY State Green Party each time. In 2014, I received 5 percent of the vote, the most for an independent left party candidate for governor in New York in a century, since the Socialist Party candidates of 1918 and 1920 who got 5.6% and 5.7% respectively. I was the first US candidate to campaign for a Green New Deal in 2010.

As a Green candidate many times for local office in Syracuse, my vote grew from 3% for at-large councilor in 1993 to 48% for a district council seat in 2011. In 2015, I received 35% of the citywide vote for city auditor.

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 became active in "The Movement" for civil rights and against the Vietnam War in the 1960s as a teenager in the San Francisco Bay Area. Repelled by the racism and warmongering of both major parties, I committed to independent working-class politics for a democratic, socialist, and ecological society. Outside of electoral politics, I have been a constant organizer in peace, justice, union, and environmental campaigns. When my draft number was called in 1972, I enlisted in the Marine Corps while continuing to organize against the Vietnam War. After studying at Dartmouth College, I worked in construction in New England in the 1970s and 1980s. I was a co-founder of the anti-nuclear Clamshell Alliance in 1976, active in the anti-apartheid movement, and helped develop worker and consumer cooperatives. I have continued organizing in Syracuse since 1991, where I worked as a Teamster unloading trucks at UPS until retiring in 2018.

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

Website: www.howiehawkins.us

Facebook/MeWe page: <https://www.facebook.com/runhowierun2020>

Twitter: @HowieHawkins20

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YouTube: [howie2020.us/youtube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

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