

Green Party Presidential Candidate Questionnaire

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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.*

 My video is posted at the following URL address:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zdg9Gq7DysM&feature=youtu.be>

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

Your involvement in this campaign helps to transform society for the better, by enacting cost-effective solutions that threaten the status quo, such as the Green New Deal. This is an urgent appeal for you to demonstrate the political will to enact solutions to safeguard the environment, promote social justice, mitigate historic wrongs, and to participate in the political process to rapidly grow that viable, pertinent, imperative "third" party in the U.S.A. that most people long for. It is time.

A wise old woman once told me that whatever we do must have a strong element of fun in it. On that note, there is much fun to be had in the current race for U.S. president. You see, I am not running just to grow the Green Party, or to teach, or to annoy political operatives who seek to shut out competition. I am running to win. I do not intend to "spoil" the vote. I intend to give the erstwhile non-voter, that largest bloc in "American" politics, someone and something to vote for, to make a real difference. What are you waiting for, a glossy mailing? Dissent with Kent. Be seen being Green.

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. Societal and Cultural change. This nation needs a societal shift toward being more connected to the land, to "re-localize," to include reciprocity in all transactions (even if all that one has to give back is genuine thanks), to not take so much, to help the least among us and set aside for future generations.
2. Electoral reform. Improve politics, by: reversing "Citizens United"; have better representation and voter options through approval voting, preferential voting, ranked choice voting, and proportional representation; end gerrymandering done by both main parties; end the shut-out of "third" parties, and other reforms.
3. Honor the Treaties. Per the U.S. Constitution, the Treaties with existing Nations are to be the supreme law of the land. Our fledgling nation sought safe passage from powerful First Nations, as it expanded across the land, only to ignore these essential agreements once it gained the upper hand (see point #1).
4. Protect wildlife, sacred places, and Indigenous people. The Dakota Access Pipeline is iconic, with desecration of gravesites, ignorance of Treaty rights, and the

threat to the peoples' main water source. No place within our borders and no nation on earth is safe from the greed of a culture that sees Nature solely as commodity and capital.

5. Climate Change. Transform government and the military to end ongoing warfare and shift resources to adequately address this major physical security threat. This is the WWIII of our time. So far, humanity and nature are losing. Enact the Green Party Green New Deal.

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.

X 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.]

RT Watching the Hawks Debate, 2016 (in two parts):

[RT America's 2016 Green Party Debate Part 1](#)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X3rJVdd_HO0

There is a video of my speech at the 2016 Green Party Presidential Nomination Convention, Houston TX somewhere. I don't have the URL. It's higher energy than the RT event. It was not in that RT theatre, by the way.

The forum in San Francisco in 2008. Need URL

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]

I am growing an actual campaign team comprised of a Treasurer, Volunteer Coordinator, Manager, and other key positions. My previous, largely "lone wolf" campaigns of speech-writing, policy-and-idea promulgation (Climate Change in 2004, introduced the Green New Deal in 2008) and debate/panel participation were a good start. I am now focusing on fundraising, outreach to Indigenous communities (having conversations with Mark Charles, Dine (Navajo) Independent presidential candidate), and working to get the G.P.U.S. Indigenous Caucus organized and accredited. Practically, I promise to release a new, short video every week (to "target" audiences), to help ballot access efforts across the country, to tele-participate in debates whenever possible, and to seek and accept Independent Media coverage.

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

"Dissent with Kent" outreach to disaffected voters and non-voters.

I plan:

