

## David Doonan Mayor, Greenwich, NY

“ Guiding my years in office have been two goals: building a grass-roots democracy, and laying the foundation for a local, sustainable economy.

A few things we've accomplished:

- Turned over Village-owned land for a community garden. Participants donate crops to the local food pantry.



- Encouraged community activists to form a non-profit for youth.
- Helped revitalize another group to help with substance abuse problems, after 2 local youth overdosed and died.
- Gave them space for a youth center at Village Hall. ”

## About the Green Party

The Green Party runs candidates and elects representatives who haven't sold out to Wall Street or the Tea Party.

We don't take money from for-profit corporations. We are an independent local political party, and part of a global movement.

We have four core values: Peace, Environmental Wisdom, Grassroots Democracy, and Social Justice.

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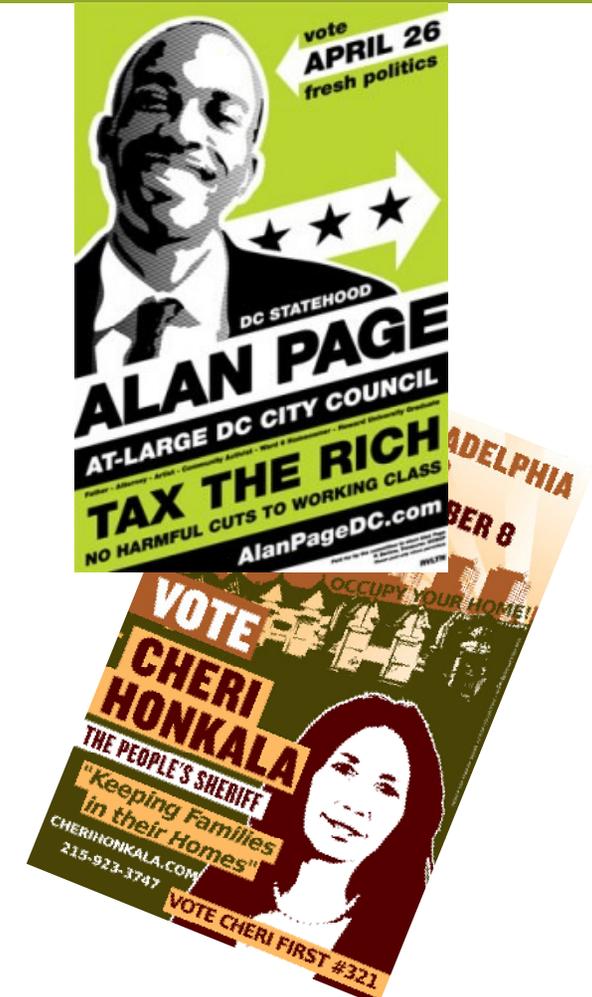
## Requirements for Green Candidates

To run as a Green, you must:

- Be registered to vote as Green or Independent (no party)
- Agree to uphold key Green Party positions on issues
- Accept no endorsements from corporate parties
- Fill out a questionnaire
- Be approved by local Greens as well as the GPNYS Campaign Committee

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## Run for Office



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## Is Running For Office Right For You?

Tired of marching in circles? Sick of begging officials for crumbs? Running for office lets you challenge them directly. Even if you don't win, the support you get can help change policy. Some key things you'll need:

- A network of people who are willing to support you with time and money
- Issues that matter to you AND your local community
- Ability to connect with voters and ask for their support, both face to face and in public forums
- Time and energy for your campaign

“A Muslim woman is rarely seen in U.S. politics. The Green Party has given me the skills and knowledge to run, as well as elected me as a National Co-Chair. The Green Party has invested in me to be a leader for future generations and a role model for women everywhere.”

**Farheen Hakeem, Candidate for Mayor, Minneapolis**

## Why I Took the Plunge

“I was born in Jamaica, where my uncle was murdered for being a member of the "wrong" political party. Most of my career

involved teaching about the harms of racism, sexism, and bigotry. I got involved in health care activism, and with the Obama betrayal of single payer advocates, welcomed the



invitation to run as the Green Party 2010 candidate for U.S. Senate in NY.”

**Cecile Lawrence**



## Board of Election Requirements

Candidates for New York State Assembly and State Senate in 2012 must:

- Have 1 year residency in the county in which they are running
- Have 5 years residency in New York State
- Be at least 18 years old
- Green candidates must gather signatures from 5% of registered Greens in the district

## Important Dates

New York's election calendar has not yet been set for 2012.

The primary may be held as early as June or as late as August, or more than one primary may be held, for Presidential, Congressional, and state and local offices.

There will be a Green Party campaign school for prospective candidates sometime in the first quarter of 2012.