

# Presidential Candidate Questionnaire

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Thank you for your interest in the Green Party. This questionnaire has been designed to give registered Greens and Green Party members an opportunity to learn about the contenders for the 2008 Green Party Presidential Nomination. We hope that it will also give you an opportunity to flesh out some of your campaign plans and your positions on issues that are of particular interest to Greens. Return of this questionnaire is part of the process for being considered formally recognized by the party as a candidate for the Green Party nomination. Responses will be made available to Green Party members, possibly by being linked in their entirety from gp.org. Thank you for your time and attention to this questionnaire.

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## General Campaign Information

Do you meet all of the legal qualifications for the office of President of the United States (Will you be 35 or older as of Election Day; are you a natural-born U.S. citizen; have you been a U.S. resident for 14 years?)

Yes.

Is your candidacy currently on file with the Federal Elections Commission (FEC)?

Yes

Are you a Green Party member? If so, where, and for how long have you been a member?

*By virtue of the Mt. Party affiliation with the Green Party in July of 2007 I am currently an affiliated member.*

Are you a member of any other political party?

*Yes, the Mountain Party of WV, which is officially affiliating with GPUS.*

Do you intend to seek the support and/or ballot lines of any other parties?

*Yes, I seek the widest possible 3<sup>rd</sup>-party coverage/support with a green awareness. (The Mt. Party)*

What time commitment can you put toward campaigning? How many hours a week can you spend now? If your hours are now limited, will you have the ability to expand your hourly commitment every week?

*I have committed myself fully to this race.*

Are you able and willing to travel, now and throughout the campaign?

Yes.

Please briefly describe what motivates you to seek the Green Party nomination for President of the United States. What qualifies you to serve as President? How are you qualified to represent the Green party?

*The time is now. In 2004 I ran arguably the most successful 3<sup>rd</sup>-party campaign in the nation for Governor of WV. I enjoyed similar success in 2006 running a principled campaign statewide against Robert C. Byrd (the longest-serving U.S. Senator in history and 3<sup>rd</sup> in line to the Presidency). I live green.*

In what ways would you be able and willing to help build the Green Party through your campaign?

*Ballot access, and an enthusiastic team left in the wake, in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.*

Numerous state parties will need assistance with signature collection to become ballot-qualified. What resources can you bring to bear to assist with the ballot drive effort? How high a priority will you make of securing and retaining state party ballot lines?

*Ballot access is among the most important of all the grassroots organizing efforts associated with electoral politics.*

*Leadership of an enthusiastic base of young and old, educated and eager to defend our planet that protects us even when we have been negligent.*

Are you committed to the Ten Key Values of the Green Party?

*Yes, personally and professionally. Being a leading member of the Mountain Party of WV, these same values have been my commitments.*

What is the nature of your current base of support?

*Young folks and Grandmothers*

How would you describe your fundraising ability?

*Inspired!*

Will you agree not to accept contributions from corporations?

*Even Green Companies? This should be discussed fully*

What campaign finance policies will your campaign follow?

*I will take the public financing pledge and adhere to its rules*

Have you previously run for public elected office? If so, for what and when? (If possible, please provide web references.)

Yes.

WV Governor (2004); <http://www.cnn.com/ELECTION/2004/pages/results/states/WV/G/00/index.html>

U.S. Senate (2006); <http://www.cnn.com/ELECTION/2006/pages/results/states/WV/G/00/index.html>

Have you ever held an elected office? If so, what and when? (If possible, please provide web references.)

*I presently serve as the state chairman of the Mountain Party of WV, after winning contested nominations for this statewide office.*

Are there any other particulars of your campaign structure or strategy that you would like people to know?

*I will utilize my filmmaking skills to create a major video-based YouTube ([www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)) campaign. I will earn media attention with a series of public stunts that are beyond imagination. And I will use advanced*

*technology and a healthful lifestyle to travel with zero fossil-fuel emissions to show what is possible.*

## Positions on Issues

Briefly state your position on the following issues and the reasons for your position:

Election Reform, including Instant Runoff Voting and Public Financing

*I am in favor of both, including public financing, verifiable voting, a return of the fairness doctrine, and media reform.*

Living Wage

*For.*

Death Penalty

*Against.*

Drug Policy

*I favor a complete overhaul of current drug policy with sensible policies.*

Single-Payer Universal Health Care

*Under my guidance.*

Women's Health / Reproductive Rights

*For. Education and proper funding for prevention/birth control are important.*

Stem Cell Research

*Open the door!*

Global Warming

*This global problem needs to be mitigated wherever possible.*

Energy Policy

*Complete overhaul.*

Immigration Policy

*A virtual Ellis Island.*

Civil Rights

*Repeal the USA Patriot Act. A return of Habeas Corpus and the Geneva Convention, full support for citizens' rights. Repeal the rights of citizenry currently enjoyed by corporations.*

Economic Corporate Globalization

*Fair trade, as we know it, is an oxymoron. There is a deep well of deceit that must be brought to the light of day.*

Trade Policy

*Completely revamp.*

Foreign Policy and Peace in general

*I support the establishment of a Department of Peace, as well as using federal funds to broadly support graduate studies in peaceful foreign policy.*

Middle East Policy, including Iraq, Iran, and Israel

*Diplomacy is key.*

Please briefly describe your opinion of the current two-party system, the Green Party's current role within that system and any future changes you would like to see in that system and the Green Party's political role.

*It's broken and it's truly two parties in name only. We can fix this we are the biggest party in the world and our time has come.*

## Background on Issues

For each of the following, please provide any relevant background or experience regarding, and what you feel is your level of comfort in speaking to, the following general issues:

Foreign Policy and Peace

*I lead an expedition to the Costa Rican-Panamanian border under the auspices of the UN. In an effort to preserve indigenous cultures during the year of the indigenous people in 1985*

Environmental Issues, including Global Warming and Energy Policy

*I have been an avid environmentalist since I was a boy. I work with nearly every environmental organization in the State of WV.*

Domestic Policy Issues

Mountain Top Removal, Global Climate Change as a result of U.S. domestic policy, de-militarization of our economy, healthcare, poverty.

*Community solutions to our problems: As a student I was instrumental in starting a county-wide emergency ambulance service in my home county that has grown to be one of our nations largest.*

## Additional Information and References

Provide any other information you feel the party should be aware of.

*I am a straight shooter who loves this nation and aspires to help restore its integrity around the world.*

Please provide a list of 3 references, including one Green Party official (at any level of the party).

*Steve Kramer.*  
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