

Presidential Campaign Support Committee (PCSC) Strategy Discussion at National Meeting, Friday morning

The following questions have been suggested as starting points for discussion on the PCSC listserv:

Qualities of Green Party Presidential Candidate:

What makes a good candidate? What do you look for in a presidential candidate?

What qualities are most important in a Green Party candidate? Ability to raise money? Ability to create a campaign organization that integrates well with the national party and various state parties? Understanding of the totality of the Green agenda? Long experience in the movement? Credibility with the general public?

What makes a presidential candidate credible? How important is it that a presidential candidate be publicly known?

How important is it that a presidential candidate be a member of the Green Party?

If our presidential candidate is not a member of the Green Party, what other options would you consider? (e.g., independent or "decline-to-state," specific third party, Democrat, any party).

Are you leaning toward a candidate who is already a member of the Green Party or someone who is not currently a member of the Green Party?

Who have people identified so far as possible good candidates for a GP presidential campaign?

Candidates which have announced themselves or have been suggested to the PCSC so far (please send further suggestions to cat801@mindspring.com and gerritt@mindspring.com):

Nan Garrett (GA, announced) – GPUS delegate

Kat Swift (TX, announced)

Jill Stein (MA) – physician, former GP candidate for Governor of MA

Erin Brokovich (CA) – environmental activist

Winona LaDuke (MN) – Native American activist, former GP candidate for Vice-President

Rahul Mahajan (TX) – anti-Iraq war author, former GP candidate for Governor of TX

Jonathan Kozol (NY) – author on education & poverty issues, endorsed Sarah Knopp

Matt Gonzalez (CA) – former President of SF Board of Supervisors, GP candidate for SF Mayor

Ralph Nader (CT) – public interest activist & corporate critic, former GP candidate for President

What are you (or your state party) willing to do to recruit candidates of your choice?

Qualities of Green Party Presidential Campaign:

The GPUS recently passed, by an overwhelming majority, a resolution to run its campaigns "full out."

What do you think running full out entails?

How important is it to your state party that the candidate come to your state when seeking the nomination?

How important is it that the candidate *campaign* in every state (after nomination)?

How soon should we begin campaign work?

In what ways can we ensure we run as hard as we can?

What do we need to line up, in terms of resources and volunteers, to run as hard as we can?

How likely is your state party to really gear up in 2008 for the presidential campaign?

How important is it to maximize the national vote count?

How important is it to get national attention for our party values?

Which of these is more important to you?

Would you support a 'Votes for Peace' campaign to use the presidential race to galvanize opposition to the war(s) and win the anti-war movement back to the Green Party?

What are you (or your state party) willing to do to support the candidacy of a candidate of your choice?