

Preamble

The purpose of the Green Party is to secure the sustainable well being of the United States of America and, by extension, the entire world population, by immediately and decisively working to reverse a self imposed, unsustainable, accelerating, life threatening global ecological disaster. The challenge is for a free, democratic, just, and responsible society, to proactively respond to the crucial ecological challenges of our time.

We submit an uncompromised vision of our country's future- our platform on which we stand:

- Our Ten Key Values
- A comprehensive plan for a healthy, diverse, sustainable environment
- A government free from the control of corporations and monied individuals
- A democratic structure that empowers and brings together our combined strengths as a people.
- A comprehensive plan for a prosperous, sustainable economy
- Instill a sense of community from the local to the planetary.
- Social Justice and Equal Opportunity
- Personal and social responsibility, accountability, and an informing ethic of Nonviolence.
- Ecological Sustainability, prioritizing effective care for the ecosystem
- Ensuring the economy efficiently serves the needs of the community

The Green Party Platform is meant to correct the course of reckless, destructive governance that is responsible for both the life threatening, catastrophic degradation of our ecosystem and of our social fabric.

We act in service to the future we are creating today. Our common destiny brings us together to act in service to our children and the future of all mankind.

Ten Key Values

1. Democracy

All human beings must be allowed a say in decisions that affect their lives, with no one subject to the will of another. We value public participation in every aspect of government as well as full accountability to the electorate. We also work to establish political organizations that expand the process of participatory democracy and the direct inclusion of citizens in decision-making.

2. Social Equity And Equal Opportunity

As a matter of macro economic performance as well as of right, all persons must have the opportunity to benefit equally from the resources afforded us by society and the environment. We categorically reject and consciously confront in ourselves, our organizations, and society at large, any discrimination by race, class, gender, sexual orientation, age, nationality, religion, or physical or mental ability that denies equal opportunity, equal justice and social equity. We must also remove the heavy weight of the unjust, punishing, and degrading systemic racism that is chronically and materially depressing our national standard of living as it works against our ability to achieve a Green future.

3. Ecological Wisdom

Human sustainable societies function with the understanding that as a part of nature, it is imperative to maintain an ecological balance and live within the ecological and resource limits of our communities and our planet, and to ensure that future generations benefit from the practices of our generation. This includes agricultural policy that replenishes the soil, and the sustainable usage of energy that supports the integrity of natural systems.

4. Non-Violence

It is essential that we develop effective alternatives to society's current patterns of violence. While we recognize the need for self-defense and the defense of others who are in danger, we promote non-violent methods to oppose practices and policies with which we disagree, and will guide our actions toward lasting personal, community and global peace.

5. The Elimination of Races to the Bottom

Races to the bottom between the states and local governments contribute to social and economic injustice, environmental destruction, and diminished essential public services. For example, when environmental regulation is left to the states, they are incented to relax requirements to attract new businesses, in a race to the bottom where the state with the most lax environmental restrictions gets the most new businesses. Only the federal regulation that sets standards for all the states can effectively eliminate this destructive practice.

6. Community-Based Economics

We support redesigning our work structures to encourage employee participation and workplace democracy. We support activities and institutions that allow the humane, freeing, ecological, and responsive and accountable use of technologies. We support establishing a form of basic economic

security open to all. We support structuring our patterns of income distribution to compensate for the wealth created by those providing unpaid labor to the economy, including parenting, housekeeping, home gardens, and community volunteer work. We support incentives that work to restrict the size and concentrated power of corporations without discouraging superior efficiency or technological innovation.

7. Feminism And Gender Equity

We have inherited a social system based on male domination of politics and economics. We call for the replacement of the cultural ethics of domination and control with cooperative ways of interacting that respect differences of opinion and gender. Human values such as gender equity, interpersonal responsibility, and honesty must be developed with moral conscience. We recognize that the processes for determining our decisions and actions are just as important as achieving the outcomes we want.

8. Respect For Diversity

We believe it is important to value cultural, ethnic, racial, sexual, religious and spiritual diversity, and to promote the development of respectful relationships across the human spectrum. We believe that the many diverse elements of society should be reflected in our organizations and decision-making bodies, and we support the leadership of people who have been traditionally closed out of leadership roles. We encourage respect for all life forms, and increased attention to the preservation of biodiversity.

9. Personal And Global Responsibility

We encourage individuals to act to improve their personal wellbeing and, at the same time, to enhance ecological balance and social harmony. We seek

to join with people and organizations around the world to foster peace, economic justice, and the health of the planet.

10. Future Focus And Sustainability

Our actions and policies should be motivated by long-term goals. We seek to protect valuable natural resources, safely disposing of or 'unmaking' all waste we create, while developing a sustainable economics that does not depend on continual expansion of resource consumption for survival. We must assure that economic development, new technologies, and fiscal policies are responsible to future generations who will inherit the results of our actions. We must make the quality of all lives, rather than open-ended economic growth, the focus of future thinking and policy.