

Proposal for vote at the Green Party of Colorado Annual meeting on August 12, 2017.

This is Proposal \_\_\_-17: Council Transparency

Per Section 4.3 of the GPCO Bylaws: All decisions concerning policy, finance, and objectives shall require consensus or a vote of at least 60% of the membership present at a state meeting and/or the Council. The Green Party of Colorado may adopt a party Platform by consensus or a vote of at least 60% of the membership present at a state meeting.

Per Section 4.1.1. of the GPCO Bylaws: In order for official decisions to be made at a state meeting, a quorum of at least 60% of local chapters must be represented, with a minimum number of voting participants (registered in the Green Party of Colorado) equal to twice the number of local chapters represented.

Per Section 3.2.5 of the GPCO Procedures and Guidelines: Proposals brought to the agenda of a state meeting must be made by local chapters or a minimum of 5 individuals at large, by the Council, or by any Officer of the GPCO. A written statement of the proposal must be sent to the Council by a representative of the sponsoring local, or by a member at large accompanied by evidence of at least 4 other member's endorsements. The statement and evidence may be done by email or on paper.

Per Section 4.2.4. of the GPCO Bylaws: All decisions of the Council are subject to review at the next state meeting and may be overturned by a 60% vote.

There are currently 11 active voting chapters in the Green Party of Colorado. Adoption of this proposal requires an AGREE of at least 60% of all votes cast and also requires a minimum quorum of at least one response from seven (7) chapters.

Active Chapters  
Adams County  
Arapahoe County  
Denver  
Douglas County  
Greater Boulder  
Pikes Peak  
Poudre Valley  
Mesa  
San Miguel  
Longmont  
Ouray

Passage of this proposal will be sought via a vote of 60% of the members present at the GPCO State Meeting on August 12, 2017.

1. Basic Info:

Date proposed: August 5, 2017

Names of the sponsors: Kevin Alumbaugh, Susan Hall, Tom Hall, Michael Haughey, Scott Lupo, Gary Swing

2. Title: Council Transparency

3. Text of the actual proposal:

All council actions, deliberations, forum pages, etc shall be transparent to the GPCO membership via the forum with the exception of sensitive personnel and financial discussions.

All GPCO members shall be able to participate in proposal drafting and agreement seeking on the forum. Only council reps shall participate on the voting page, however it shall remain transparent to all GPCO members.

4. Background:

The forum has at least one secret page that is not visible to the members that is being used for reasons not appropriate for secrecy.

At present, only council members can participate in proposal drafting, agreement seeking, or voting.

5. Justification/Goals:

There is little justification for secrecy except in sensitive personnel matters and possibly sensitive financial matters.

Grass Roots Democracy and Decentralization will be much better served by increasing the GPCO members' ability to participate in the GPCO business. When individuals are able to participate, they then have a more personal stake in the outcome.

6. Pros and Cons:

Increasing member participation will help grow the GPCO by increasing involvement and buy-in.

7. Alternatives to the proposal: Take no action.

8. References:

Green Party of Colorado Bylaws:  
<http://coloradogreenparty.org/about/bylaws/>  
[<http://coloradogreenparty.org/about/bylaws/>].

Green Party of Colorado Procedures and Guidelines:  
<http://coloradogreenparty.org/about/procedures-guidelines/>

The Four Pillars of the Green Party of the United States: <http://www.gp.org/>