

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

This is Proposal ___-17:

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: Re-instate Harry Hempy

3. Text of the actual proposal:

Overturn the state council's decision to revoke Harry Hempy's right to participate in the GPCO; reinstate him as a member in good standing of the GPCO.

4. Background:

Harry was banned by the GPCO state council as a result of a proposal alleging a variety of claims. Some of the claims related to his pursuit of goals that were contrary to the wishes of Andrea Merida. Other claims related to his participation in the Restore Green Values complaint to the GPUS Accreditation Committee, a complaint that the Accreditation Committee judged to have merit and which is the focus of an open case against the GPCO. Instead of being handled at a state meeting as required by section 3.3 of the state by-laws, the proposal to ban Harry was advanced through the council's proposal consideration process. The GPUS Accreditation Committee, as part of its preliminary report on the Restore Green Values complaint, recommended that all banning be postponed until after the state meeting. But the state leadership ignored this recommendation and the ban on Harry was approved by the state council.

5. Justification/Goals:

The revocation of Harry's right to participate was done in defiance of a recommendation by the GPUS Accreditation Committee, which is dealing with an open complaint against the GPCO. The action against Harry was taken partly in retaliation for his involvement with the Restore Green Values complaint and it adds to the evidence in the complaint and partly for disagreements on policy and partly because Harry objected to Andrea's violations of bylaws. This abuse of the council's power should be overturned by the membership.

6. Pros and Cons:

Overturning the ban will send a message that council processes cannot be used to carry out personal vendettas.

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/>