

Topic: Proposal 006-17: Endorsement of Julie BaÃ±uelos for Denver school board, at-large (Read 104 times)

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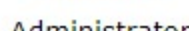
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on: May 12, 2017, 05:48:28 PM

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar

Administrator



Posts: 376



Local: Denver Green Party

State Officer: State Co-chair

This is Proposal 006-17: Endorsement of Julie BaÃ±uelos for Denver school board, at-large

Please read the proposal and keep comments on the topic of the proposal only. This proposal is moderated, and the GPCO Code of Conduct will apply (located here: <http://coloradogreenparty.org/forum/index.php?topic=28.0>). Any comments off topic, hyperbolic or combative will be edited or removed.

From the Bylaws: 4.4.2 The membership of GPCO local chapters will be responsible for selecting candidates for local political office and will be responsible for forwarding those nominations for ratification to the state nominating convention. Candidates chosen by Green locals must be ratified at a state party convention to ensure they meet legal requirements.

There are currently twelve (12) 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 eight [8] chapters.

The floor is now open for one week of Agreement Seeking, ending May 19, 2017 at 5:45 pm. Sponsors may request an extension before the time has elapsed.

Active Chapters:

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Platte Valley

1. Basic Info

Date proposed: May 12, 2017

Name of the sponsors: Denver Green Party

2. Title: Endorsement of Julie BaÃ±uelos for Denver school board, at-large

3. Text of the actual Proposal: The Green Party of Colorado hereby ratifies the Denver Green Party's endorsement of Julie BaÃ±uelos for School Board Director (at-large) of School District No. 1, also known as the Denver Public Schools.

4. Background:

GPCO's bylaws seem to have an inconsistency, in that it appears to contemplate the ratification of partisan candidates for office at a state nominating convention but is silent on non-partisan candidates for office. Therefore, in order to allow Julie BaÃ±uelos to campaign in the GPCO booth at the People's Fair during the first week of June, it's necessary for GPCO to endorse and ratify Denver's endorsement.

Some background about Julie: She is a recent former certified public school teacher and union leader, both as a site representative (equivalent to "shop steward") and as a member for the Denver Classroom Teacher's Association board of directors. She spent 15+ years in the classroom in predominantly low-income schools. She is also a certified Montessori teacher, and she holds a degree in Economics and Latin American Studies from Grinnell College in Iowa.

She is a Latina, a registered Green and a member of the LGBTQIA+ community. She would be Denver's first registered Green to run for school board. Andrea Merida registered Green after winning her seat and therefore became Denver's first registered Green in elected office. Should Julie win, she would be the first to run AS a Green.

Julie is firmly in favor of the collective bargaining rights of workers, staunchly against school privatization, and is calling for a moratorium on new charters. She is also calling for the removal of police officers from our schools and replacing them with fully-funded restorative justice programs.

NOTE: In full disclosure, Andrea Merida is Julie's campaign manager. As custom for Andrea as state co-chair, she will not be voting on this proposal and abstained from voting when the matter came before the Denver voting members in April.

5. Justification/Goals: Julie is currently seeking the endorsement of the local teacher's union (DCTA), and should she receive it, this may possibly be the very first teacher's union endorsement of a Green anywhere in the United States. Therefore, giving her our nod and permission to campaign from our booth at the People's Fair is a crucial outreach that would be instrumental to her campaign's viability.

6. Pros and Cons:

Pros: A secondary by-product of this endorsement would put us in the position of beginning the dialog with union teachers about which party truly represents their interests.

Cons: None

7. Alternatives to the proposal:

Take no action.

8. References: Campaign website of Julie BaÃ±uelos, www.banuelos4education.org

Report to moderator 73.229.121.94 (?)

Andrea Mérida Cuéllar
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Reply #1 on: May 13, 2017, 09:58:56 AM

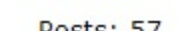
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Jason Justice

Council Member



Posts: 57



Local: Denver Green Party

Agree!

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Delegate, Denver Green Party

Reply #2 on: May 13, 2017, 10:20:59 AM

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Desmond Wallington

Council Member



Posts: 11



Local: Denver Green Party

Agree

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Reply #3 on: May 13, 2017, 09:11:15 PM

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Art Goodtimes

Council Member



Posts: 86



Local: San Miguel Greens

State Officer: Co-Chair

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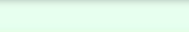
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Reply #4 on: May 15, 2017, 05:31:07 AM

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damiangonacgp

Council Member



Posts: 34



Local: Adams County Green Party

AGREE

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Reply #5 on: May 15, 2017, 06:00:17 PM

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Larry Dunn

Council Member



Posts: 28



Local: Adams County Green Party

Agree.

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Reply #6 on: May 16, 2017, 01:21:00 PM

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Véronique Bellamy

Administrator



Posts: 46



Local: Longmont Green Party

Agree.

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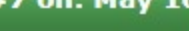
Dr. Véronique Bellamy, D.Phil
I'm on the web committee. And the council. And I love cake.

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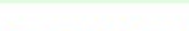
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Sean Friend

Council Member



Posts: 84



Local: Arapahoe Greens

State Officer: State Secretary

Agree

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Sean Friend
Secretary, GPCO
Council Rep, Arapahoe County

Reply #8 on: May 16, 2017, 01:57:22 PM

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josh james

Council Member



Posts: 31



Local: Longmont Green Party

Agree

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Reply #9 on: May 17, 2017, 10:38:49 PM

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Karyna Lemus

Council Member



Posts: 30



Local: Green Party of the Pikes Peak Region

Agree.

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Karyna Lemus
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Reply #10 on: May 17, 2017, 10:52:58 PM

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Samuel Cable

Council Member



Posts: 13



Local: Green Party of the Pikes Peak Region

Agree

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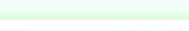
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Susan Hall

Council Member



Posts: 83



Local: Greater Boulder Greens

Agree

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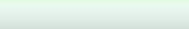
Susan Hall
Greater Boulder Green Party

Reply #12 on: May 18, 2017, 11:21:35 AM

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Andrew Hamilton

Council Member



Posts: 25



Local: Mesa County Green Party

Agree.

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Reply #13 on: May 18, 2017, 01:29:28 PM

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Andrea Mérida Cuéllar

Administrator



Posts: 376



Local: Denver Green Party

State Officer: State Co-chair

Ok folks, we're at quorum now. As a reminder, the vote ends tomorrow (Friday the 19th) at 5:45 pm. Keep those votes coming!

Report to moderator 73.229.121.94 (?)

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Reply #14 on: May 18, 2017, 02:16:05 PM

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Brianna Friend

Council Member



Posts: 20



Local: Arapahoe Greens

Agree!

Brianna - Arapahoe Greens

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