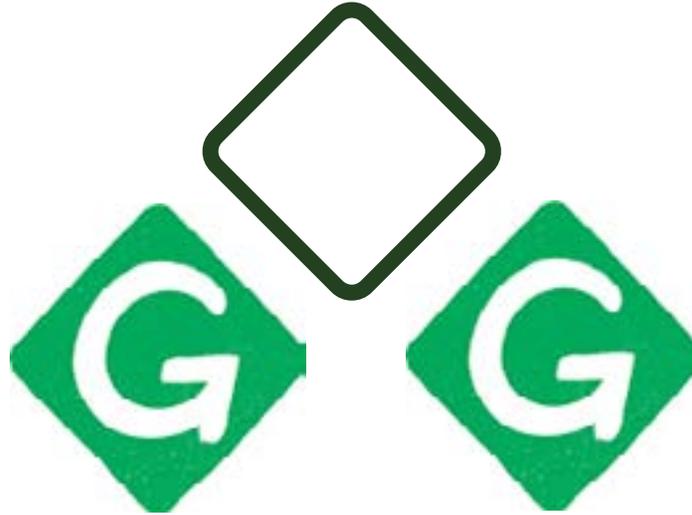


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## Editor's Note

### An Invitation to Activists and Members to Consider Running for Office

The turnout for the Michigan presidential primary, held in March, was the greatest since the 1970s. Nearly 600,000 people voted for Bernie Sanders. Many of them are new activists, new believers in social justice. They are upset and want to do something about the world of racism and war and oppression of all types that they see for the first time. They are appalled, indignant and convinced that another world is possible.

The Green Party invites you to consider running for public office in 2016 as a Green. This is a good year for activists to run for office. Bernie Sanders' campaign has helped advance the dialogue around solutions to serious, long-term problems – from a \$15 minimum wage to breaking up the banks – he has given expression to these projects, these movements already in motion and encouraged them.

The same can happen with the important campaigns in Michigan today.

From the effort to free Rev. Pinkney to the campaign to stop water shutoffs in Detroit; from shutting down Line 5 under the Mackinac Bridge to improving the air in 48217, Michigan's most polluted zipcode; from reparations for the descendants of slaves to Black Lives Matter, all these campaigns will benefit by having citizen-advocates run for local, state or federal offices in the elections. Flint citizens in particular should consider running for office to help advance their struggle to win clean, affordable water.

### Ten Things You Should Know About the 2016 Elections

It is simple and free to become a Green candidate. Most people conceive of a...

Full Editor's Note

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## Michigan Students Slowdown for Justice

The Michigan Student Power Network, with the support of Detroiters Resisting Emergency Management is undertaking a statewide slowdown of Michigan's Highways, with the intention of putting economic pressure on the Governor and his allies to pass a repeal of the Emergency Financial Manager Law. Beginning at 8 am on Tuesday the 29th we will be driving side by side in teams at multiple locations around the state, slowing traffic, in protest against the Emergency Financial Manager law and Governor Snyder's failure to resign...

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## Thinking for Ourselves: Establishing Justice

This week the Flint Water Crisis Task Force released its final report. The report makes critical contributions to the public discussion of what happened in Flint, where the responsibility rests, and what should be done about it. Most importantly, the report makes clear that state authorities treated the people of Flint with contempt, disrespect, and disregard for their health and lives. At the core of the State's actions was deep-seated racism. The report invokes the concept of Environmental Justice, opening important perspectives for us to consider as we decide how to move forward.

The report falls short in calling for the repeal of emergency management legislation. It acknowledges that it was unable to investigate the Karegnondi Water Authority and issues surrounding its creation. However, it cuts through some of the lies Governor Snyder has been pushing to avoid responsibility.

First, the Task Force places blame squarely on the State. In response to the Governor's strategy of blaming

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## Critical Point of Struggle: Water



## World Bank May Be Spreading The Scourge That Fed Flint Water Crisis

Rep. Gwen Moore (D-Wis.) is calling out the World Bank's investment in global water resources, alleging conflicts of interest similar to those that removed Flint, Michigan, from managing its own water.

Moore, ranking member on the House Monetary Policy and Trade Subcommittee, on Tuesday condemned the World Bank's funding and promotion of water ...

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## Flint Panel: EM Law Part of 'Environmental Injustice'

A lack of local input under state-appointed emergency managers is one reason the Flint water contamination crisis is "a clear case" of environmental injustice, the Republican co-chair of Gov. Rick Snyder's Flint Water Advisory Task Force told legislators Tuesday.

Residents in the minority-majority city did not have "meaningful voice" in local decisions that led to the crisis, former state Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema said in testimony before the Joint Select Committee on The Flint Water Public Health Emergency.

They also "did not get equal treatment" when it came to public health and access to safe drinking water available in neighboring communities, said Sikkema, [Read more...](#)

## Critical Point of Struggle: Water



Washington Post

## Lifetime Developing a Docudrama about the Flint Water Crisis?!?!?

## Why Were Officials Silent on Legionnaires' in Flint?

Nelda Hunt passed out on her 80th birthday last summer, was rushed to McLaren Flint hospital and died 11 days later, after being diagnosed with Legionnaires' disease.

Her family, like others, didn't know about an outbreak of the disease – a severe type of pneumonia – that was quietly plaguing the Flint area for more than a year before the Clio woman's death.

Now, relatives whose loved ones died want to know why the public wasn't told sooner about the dramatic uptick in... [Read more...](#)

## DeRay Mckesson Won't Be Elected Mayor of Baltimore. So Why Is He Running?

DeRay Mckesson will not be the next mayor of Baltimore. He's a 30-year-old with no experience in city government who registered less than 1 percent in a recent poll. He has no clear local support network and has been rejected by his most likely constituency — the city's young black activists. At least one competing candidate has been embedded in Baltimore politics nearly as long as Mckesson has been alive.

And yet there he was on a recent Monday afternoon, in a coffee shop on the city's north side, signing campaign fliers. He said he couldn't sleep last night and got up to dress long before the sun rose over Roland Park, the tony North Baltimore neighborhood where he lives with a childhood mentor (navy chinos, egg...

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## News: Worldwide

### The Unraveling Of A Government: The Panama Papers And Iceland

In March, Anna Sigurlaug Pálsdóttir, the wife of (now former) Prime Minister Sigmundur Davíð Gunnlaugsson, posted a status update on Facebook that seemed to come out of nowhere. In that post, she went into some detail about a company called Wintris Inc. Located in the British Virgin Islands, this company was owned by her, and was tasked with managing the assets she received as an inheritance. Why she made this post would come to light a couple weeks later, with a remarkable investigative news broadcast that would end up unseating Sigmundur Davíð and, at the time of this writing, possibly dissolving Parliament altogether.

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## Why Young People Are Right About Hillary Clinton

I was disappointed to hear that Rolling Stone had endorsed Hillary Clinton, but I also understood. In many ways, the endorsement by my boss and editor, Jann Wenner, read like the result of painful soul-searching, after this very magazine had a profound influence on a similar race, back in 1972.

The failure of George McGovern had a major impact on a generation of Democrats, who believed they'd faced a painful reality about the limits of idealism in American politics. Jann sums it up: "Those of us there learned a very clear lesson: America chooses its presidents from the middle, not from the ideological wings."

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Iceland Monitor /Golli

The people of Iceland demand the resignation of their Prime Minister after the release of the Panama Papers on April 4th.



## Green Party of NY on "Open" Primaries Lawsuit and Need for Democratic Reform

The Green Party of New York (GPNY) has issued the below statement in response to frustrated voters calling for "open" primaries in the state of New York, and the recent lawsuit filed to that effect. GPNY will not participate in the April 19th Primary Election for president, and instead New York Greens will vote for the Green Party's 2016 pres...

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## Dr. Margaret Flowers Forcefully Ejected from Baltimore Forum

Green Candidate Margaret Flowers was invited, then disinvited for false reasons; Dr. Flowers: "Democracy requires debates where all candidates are included".

U.S. Senate candidate Margaret Flowers, MD was forcefully removed from Goucher College's Kraushaar Auditorium Monday evening after she protested her exclusion...

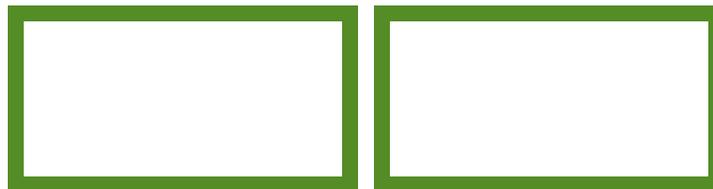
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## North Carolina Green Party Condemns Lawmakers on HB2

The North Carolina Green Party (NCGP) stands with the LGBTQIA+ community in condemning HB2, a sweeping ordinance that pretends to legally assign gender based on the bias and prejudice of the GOP-controlled legislature and governor's office. In an expansive special session, the legislature pandered to the most regressive elements of the state in an election year to undo Charlotte's municipal ordinance (and eight other municipal ordinances), highlighting the GOP's contempt for...

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## News: *Green Party*



## Maryland Green Party Primary Features Two Contested Races

The Maryland Green Party will hold its primary during the month of April. For the first time the party will have contested primary races as it continues to grow and attract younger voters. Since Maryland only lets its two top vote getting parties on the state run ballot, the Green Party will be organizing its own statewide primary which will take place during the month of April. Any voter who is registered Green may take part. In addition, people between sixteen and eighteen, and resident non-citizens who have applied to be members of the party may vote. A ballot may be obtained at our state webpage and must be...

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## Darryl Cherney—Green Party Candidate for President

The most important quality in a President is the ability to inspire and lead. We require someone who knows that we have fallen over the precipice and are grasping for a branch to hold on to. I co-founded and co-organized the campaigns that saved Headwaters Redwood Forest, now a national reserve, and won \$4 million from the FBI for violations of free speech and false arrest. Judi Bari and I were arrested for a 1990 car-bombing that targeted us in Oakland. I'm a songwriter who knows the value of arts and humor. My spirituality honors Mother Earth.

All the issues are interconnected: protecting children, climate change, a global living wage, prosecuting criminal banks, universal health care, saving the post office, lowering the voting age to 16, supporting labor, converting the police into a peace force, women's rights, normalizing cannabis, ending mass incarceration, enforcing civil rights and equal opportunity, Black Lives Matter, honoring Native American treaties, embracing immigrants, lowering taxes, ending war, prosecuting crimes against humanity, preserving water, fostering community gardens, creating thousands of free nationwide public campgrounds, ending fossil fuel use, building a solar nation, and creating jobs cleaning up our world. To do this we must recognize that we are all related and interdependent. We need each other.

My young daughter has given me a vision for the future and has saved the world for me. Can the Green Party win? Anything can happen! See my 60 second ads on youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGb91cb30ek> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PDPVt9cikZE>; my platform at <http://feltthechern.com>; & my feature documentary site: <http://whobombedjudibari.com/>

## BILL KREML STATEMENT

A J. D. (Northwestern, 1965), a political science Ph.D. (Indiana, 1972), along with fifty years of researching and writing nine books on American government and constitutional law, find me approaching my 75<sup>th</sup> birthday with more trepidation about our political system than ever. In 1980, I took LWOP from The University of South Carolina to run for the Democratic U. S. Senate nomination. Gridlock was upon us. I called for a citizens' blue-ribbon committee to make recommendations for the democratization of an Eighteenth Century elitist constitution. I was covered in *The New Republic*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Washington Post* and other journals. The Committee on the Constitutional System was formed, making recommendations personally to the president and congressional leadership at the 1987 bicentennial. Our chairs were Lloyd Cutler, counsel to the president in the Clinton administration, C. Douglas Dillon, who served in the Eisenhower and Kennedy cabinets, and Sen. Nancy Kassebaum (R – KS). In 1984, I took LWOP again and entered selected presidential primaries in New England and other states, holding forums at leading universities with outstanding faculty from those schools. Lester Thurow

## Our Top Campaign Issues are:

- ✧ Honoring Treaties with Indigenous Peoples to include Reparations for their, and African, Slavery & Genocide
- ✧ Security thru Sustainability
- ✧ Undoing Colonialist Capitalism
- ✧ Blocking Corporate and Religious Control of Government
- ✧ Trashing our Debt-based Private Monetary System

Our movement is working toward full equal access to housing, water, food, and space to grow it, quality health care and higher education... and in general no basic needs unmet or unavailable. It is called Responsive Government.

And most people believe we need a society like this. We will get closer to this goal if we Get Out the Non-Voters to **#GoGreen2016** and prove that we are that "viable" third party people are yearning for.

### Are you ready to mobilize?

If not us, then who? If not now, then When?

We are ready to lead the way, if you are ready for the unconventional tactics of Indigenous and Comedic personalities.



**Polite Campaigning** has gotten us some movement, but not nearly enough to Overgrow the Government before it is too late to wrest it from the hands of the oligarchy, lest we descend onto the Chaos path of **Hopi Prophecy**.

To get on the other path, toward Sustainability, we **MUST** act NOW, on a global scale—a global peace scale. We aren't doing it fast enough for the people and our mother Earth.

While my opponents in this party are appealing to other demographics, I am looking to appeal to the ones missed, passed over because they are not "respectable" to the white elite power base that is reflective of our "culture."

Let us not be easily marginalized with "laws" and "borders" and "race" and "gender" and uncountable other ways.

We **MUST** reinforce the WEB among our peoples and restore the balance to humanity and all our relatives.

Mass healing must occur, and it must come with love ....or we are done.

Every Nation's Grandmothers, Women, Children, and Men must begin to be honored, and given space to heal, regardless—as asserted in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Aho.

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After a career in clinical medicine, I am now practicing political medicine, running for President to help heal our ailing nation.

The Green Party is the only national Party that's not poisoned by corporate money. It's the essential alternative for people who want to vote for a new, principled politics that puts people, planet and peace over profit.

We the people have the power to end unemployment, poverty and rampant inequality; to liberate a generation trapped in predatory student debt; to create a welcoming path to citizenship; and end racism in policing, prisons, and society at large.

We can create a Green New Deal establishing 20 million living wage jobs that provide 100% clean renewable energy by 2030 - reviving the economy, halting climate change, and making wars for oil obsolete. We can create an improved Medicare for All system and make public higher education free. And we can trillions by ending corporate welfare, catastrophic wars, and tax favors for the wealthy. We can protect women's rights, Indigenous and LGBT rights, our civil liberties and Internet freedom. And we can create a new foreign policy based on international law and human rights.

It's time to vote for what we believe, not against what we fear. It's time to reject the lesser evil and fight for the greater good like our lives depend on it. Because they do. Learn more at [Jill2016.com](http://Jill2016.com).



**Jill Stein**

**GPMI 2016 Presidential Preference Poll Ballot**

The GPMI State Membership Meeting in Lapeer March 19 decided to bind our delegation to the GP-US convention August 4~7 in Houston in the first round by the proportion of first-choice votes of GPMI members in a poll taken between that SMM and the state convention July 30-31 in Lansing. The ballot below lists all candidates who either were recognized by GP-US as of January 1, 2016 or have responded to inquiries from GPMI. ***Please vote IRV-style for as many of the choices below as you want (or as few): 1 for your first choice, 2 for second, and so on.*** Ballots will also be counted using IRV and approval voting, to give delegates a more in-depth view of members'

Presidential preferences to guide them in later rounds.

- Darryl Cherney**
- William P. Kreml**
- Kent Mesplay**
- Sedinam Kinamo Christin Moyowasifza-Curry**
- Jill Stein**
- Daniel White**
- write-in: \_\_\_\_\_
- write-in: \_\_\_\_\_
- uncommitted    None of the Above    No Nominee

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