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Editor's Note

As we approach the State Nominating Convention July 30-31 (see page 7 for more details) and the National Green Party Nominating Convention at the beginning of August, we think it is important to answer questions that are regularly asked about the upcoming elections.

So we are starting below the list of FAQs from the national Green Party, followed by FAQs for Michigan.

If you have any questions about the Green Party, please send them to: freddetroit@gmail.com.

FAQ on the Green Party, the 2016 election, and the Green nomination

Questions answered below:

- Is Jill Stein the Green nominee?
- Will Bernie supporters who "Go Green" be welcome in the Green Party?
- Can Bernie run as a Green if he doesn't win the Democratic nomination?
- Aren't the Green platform and Bernie's platform the same?
- Why does the Green Party nominate candidates for president?
- Why isn't the Green Party on the ballot in my state?
- Will the Green Party spoil in 2016?
- Shouldn't we vote for the lesser-evil Democrat?

And more...

Please click on <http://www.gp.org/faq> to get answers to these questions.

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Kids Speak to Detroit Water Shutoffs

Water Warriors

Long before national outlets covered water shutoffs in Detroit or toxic water in Flint, Monica Lewis-Patrick, Debra Taylor, Nayyirah Shariff, and Claire McClinton were protesting, marching, and going door-to-door to inform citizens of the problem.

Their efforts helped inspire the first investigative reporting on the crisis. Since then, these four women have become de facto leaders in a movement that went on to have massive implications for race, public health, and...

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Ripple Effect

At his home near Kearsley Park, on the east side of Flint, Michigan, Tony Palladeno Jr. grabs his keys and a pair of 1-liter medical-grade plastic bottles—one full and one empty. He filled the first yesterday, with slightly cloudy water from his own tap. To fill the second, he strolls a few doors down to a two-story home he once rented out. The place looks move-in-ready, with new windows, fresh trim, and crisp beige siding. But it's vacant, just like three other rentals Palladeno owns on this block.

Some of his tenants moved out in the winter of 2015, after much of the city's municipal water turned murky, reeking like swamp muck. Others stuck it out a little longer, even when the city issued boil advisories (E. coli in the water) and a notice about high levels of trihalomethanes, a carcinogenic byproduct of disinfectants.

That autumn, 21 percent of the tap water sampled from the dilapidated, bohemian neighborhood around Kearsley Park was positive for lead contamination...

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Flawed Analysis Muddies the Water on Water Affordability

The reliability of the nation's water and wastewater infrastructure has received much attention in the past year. From Toledo to Flint to communities throughout California, the availability and quality of drinking water has become a significant issue for many. What's more, the cost of water and wastewater service has been rising at about twice the rate of inflation for the last 15 years, while incomes for many low and moderate income households have remained essentially flat...

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Critical Point of Struggle: Water

E-mail: Purchasing for Flint Crisis "a Bit of a Mess"

State officials were concerned early this year with the way purchases were being made for the Flint drinking water crisis, as multiple state agencies scrambled to respond and the government was deluged with offers from scores of vendors, according to e-mails released Tuesday by the administration of Gov. Rick Snyder.

"The operating model currently in place is not working well according...

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Thinking for Ourselves: Moral Vision

As the gathering of Detroit's elite on Mackinac Island fades into memory, the primary result is the astonishing lack of imagination on display there. After months of planning, hundreds of thousands of dollars, and claiming to set the agenda for the future, the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce managed to construct a program of almost all white men evading the most important questions of our time. Anyone seriously thinking about the future knows three things: 1. The growing gap between the minority of wealthy white men and the rest of the world is destroying the quality of community life at every level. 2. The abuse of our ecosystem is threatening the survival of all life, and 3. Reimagining how we live in cities, now holding more than half the population of the earth, is central to resolving these intertwined crises.

Mayor Mike Duggan of Detroit, who had an opportunity to raise serious questions chose to tout policies that he said would provide "opportunity" for everyone. This is an empty claim. It reflects his inability to understand the imagination emerging all around the...

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Critical Point of Struggle: *Education*



DPS Board may Reject State Loan Due to 18% Usury Rates

Citing the bilking of taxpayers with extremely high interest rate, members of Detroit's elected School Board are considering rejecting the \$150 million loan from the State of Michigan. They will discuss that decision in a Monday press conference along with possible rejection of moving Detroit Public Schools (DPS) assets into the "new co" as proposed by Governor Snyder and his DPS Emergency Manager, Steven Rhodes. The Board fears the transfer of assets will continue the six-year-long debt spiral that began with the state takeover of the DPS. The press conference will take place 9:30 am Monday on the 12th floor of the Fisher Building.

Ironically, the Board is being asked to approve both the loan and the transfer of assets as their last action...

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Responding to the Crisis in Education

Since 1999, Detroit Public Schools (DPS) have been placed under a series of unelected, state-appointed Emergency Managers (EMs) whose policies and practices have wrecked Detroit's public education system beyond recognition. The democratically elected school board has been rendered powerless under these EMs. A recent EM was Darnell Earley, fresh from his previous assignment in Flint, where he oversaw the contamination of the municipal water supply and then tried to disclaim any responsibility. Even after Governor Snyder admitted that EM policies had failed DPS, he still appointed Earley as DPS's EM. He then proposed an incomprehensible debt-funding scheme that would divide DPS into two entities, with the "old" board required to pay off the enormous debt. This debt is directly attributable to the racist policies, financial malfeasance and theft of administrators under Emergency Management.

Most recently, the Governor has appointed Detroit bankruptcy Judge Steven Rhodes to the position of EM over DPS. Rhodes openly admits his total lack of qualifications: "I told the governor when he approached me that I don't know anything about academics or education or how to run a school system..."² However, the Governor could be certain that whatever decisions Rhodes might make, he would serve the interest of Detroit's White corporate elite, not Detroit's children.

Corporate policies and strategies and their racist political objectives have ensured that several generations of Detroit children have been robbed of an education. Thousands of Detroit children have suffered through years of disorganized curricula and sporadic class schedules, administrative corruption and irresponsibility under Emergency Management, ineffective school-parent communication, and poorly maintained, unsafe facilities.

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Green Party Of The U.. Congratulates Austrian Green Alexander Van Der Bellen On His Presidential Election Victory

Green Party leaders in the U.S. enthusiastically congratulated Alexander Van der Bellen on his victory in a runoff election for President of Austria.

Mr. Van der Bellen, former Green Party leader in Austria, ran as an independent candidate with Green Party support and financial backing. The Austrian election outcome, announced on May 23, has been recognized in European media as a Green victory.

“Alexander Van der Bellen’s victory is inspiring for Greens everywhere and for all those who care about the environment, democracy, and justice,” said Bahram Zandi, co-chair of the Green Party of the United States and co-chair of the party’s International Committee. “We’re especially pleased to see that he defeated a right-wing anti-immigrant extremist in a close race.”

U.S. Greens encouraged Mr. Van der Bellen to continue opposing dangerous trade pacts like the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership and to fight for the rights of working people and against austerity and NATO belligerence.

Thinking for Ourselves

Orlando has joined the list of places linked to mass killing. It surpassed the killings at Virginia Tech in 2007, when 32 people were killed and 17 were injured. Now Sandy Hook is in third place. There have been 998 mass shootings, since the death of 27 people in that elementary school.

In Orlando gay men were targeted for death, this time by a deeply troubled young man.

This time it was not African Americans gathered to pray, targeted by a deeply troubled young man. But it has been.

This time it was not college students, walking across campus, assaulted from a tower. But it has been.

This time it was not an African American father standing in a doorway, killed in a rain of police bullets. But it has been.

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News: Worldwide

Green Party: Our Hearts Are With The Victims Of The Orlando Shooting And Their Families

The Green Party of the United States expressed deep sympathy for the victims of the mass shooting in Orlando, with their loved ones, with the LGBTQIA+ community, and with the people of Orlando and Florida.

The Green Party condemns terrorism and abhors violence, especially the infliction of harm against civilians.

Greens urged authorities to investigate and bring anyone else associated with the incident to justice. Green Party leaders stressed that the crime must not be exploited either to blame Muslims or immigrants or to suggest that LGBTQIA+ people are less than innocent.

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Life Span For Detroit's Poor Among Shortest In Nation

New research finds that Metro Detroit's poor not only live shorter lives than other low-income people in the nation's big cities, but Detroiters die up to 16 years sooner than their suburban neighbors.

Wayne County had the lowest life span for a poor 40-year-old — 77 years — among the nation's largest 100 counties, according to the Health Inequality Project, a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association in April. The Metro Detroit area also ranked at the bottom — 95 out of 100 — for the life spans of its poor,...

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Muhammad Ali Contributions in the Struggle to End Racism and War

Muhammad Ali passed away on June 3 after a decades-long battle against Parkinson's disease.

Ali, then known as Cassius Marcellous Clay, Jr., came to world attention in 1960 after winning a gold medal for the U.S. in light heavyweight boxing at the Olympics in Rome. He was only 18-years-old and from the southern city of Louisville, Kentucky. Prior to traveling to Italy for the 1960 games, he had made his mark in amateur boxing by winning the Chicago Golden Gloves title in 1959 and 1960. In Rome, Ali won his first fight against Yvon Becot of Belgium.

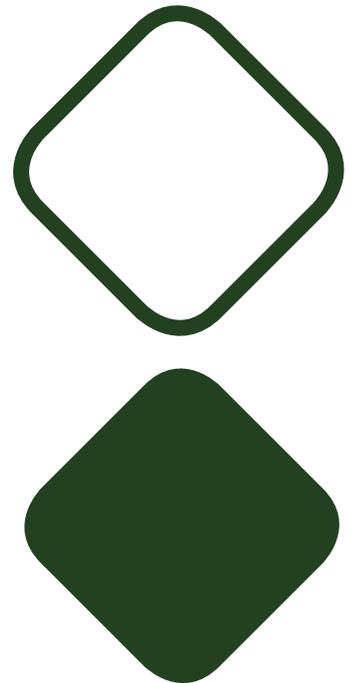
In subsequent bouts he won unanimous decisions over Gennady Shatkov of the Soviet Union and Tony Madigan of Australia advancing to the final match against Zbigniew Pietrzykowski of Poland...

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Critical Point of Struggle:
Social Inequality



[NCOBRA](#) — the National Coalition of Black People for Reparations in America — is holding its national conference in Miami June 23-26. Check their website for results.



Green Party Blasts "Felony Lynching" Conviction Of Black Lives Matter Organizer

The Green Party strongly condemns the prosecution and conviction of Black Lives Matter (BLM) organizer Jasmine Richards in Pasadena, California, on "felony lynching" charges.

Ms. Richards was arrested on August 29, 2015 after police accused her of attempting to "de-arrest" another participant during a peace march at Pintaoreca Park...

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Think You've Got it Locked, Hillary? Meet Jill Stein

After an anxiety-inducing and divisive primary, Democrats are starting to breathe easier. Bernie Sanders, while not formally conceding to Hillary Clinton, has turned his fire on Donald Trump. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, the darling of the left before Sanders, has effusively endorsed Clinton. So at last the presumptive nominee can hope to gather in all those unhappy Bernie voters and lead a united Democratic Party in the fall, right?

Not if Dr. Jill Stein has anything to say about it. The longtime Massachusetts environmental activist and presumptive Green Party nominee...

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Perfect End to Democratic Primary: Anonymous Superdelegates Declare Winner Through Media

Last night, the Associated Press — on a day when nobody voted — surprised everyone by abruptly declaring the Democratic Party primary over and Hillary Clinton the victor. The decree, issued the night before the California primary in which polls show Clinton and Bernie Sanders in a very close race, was based on the media organization's survey of "superdelegates": the Democratic Party's 720 insiders, corporate donors, and officials whose votes for the presidential nominee count the same as the actually elected delegates.

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News: Election

Leaked Emails Show DNC Colluded with Media to Push Clinton Nomination

Despite claims of neutrality, recently leaked emails show the Democratic National Committee was putting its thumb on the scale for Hillary Clinton for over a year.

When it was revealed that "Guccifer 2.0" (named after Romanian hacker Guccifer, who confessed to hacking into Hillary Clinton's private email server multiple times) hacked the DNC's servers, the main story was about leaked opposition research on Donald Trump. But on the same site Guccifer published the Trump...

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Keep the Revolution Going: Jill Stein for President

We the undersigned urge your support – including your voice and your vote - for Jill Stein for President on the Green Party line as an essential, urgent step to continue building a true American revolution.

A movement for democracy and justice is sweeping the planet - from Occupy Wall Street to the Arab Spring to the Black Lives Matter movement. People are rising up to halt the neoliberal assault, calling for an America and a world that works for all of us.

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