County Supervisor, District 5
Nikki Fortunato Bas
(Don’t Vote For Bauters)

In the Alameda County Board of Supervisors District 5 race, we urge a vote for Nikki Fortunato Bas. Although she is a registered Democrat, she’s a genuine progressive. She told the Green County Council, “I share the California Green Party’s vision of creating communities based on grassroots democracy, social and economic justice, non-violence and ecological wisdom.” Her record on the Oakland City Council in 2016 was a real game changer. There are no registered Greens running for the seat.

Nikki Fortunato Bas, the daughter of Philippine immigrants, has long supported immigrant rights in her public advocacy. Early on, she showed strong support for working families, notably her help provided to garment workers in Oakland’s Chinatown as a young activist.

The former Executive Director of the Partnership for Working Families and the East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy (EBASE), Nikki has used her Oakland City Council position in the cause of worker rights. She authored a COVID-19 grocery worker hazard pay $5 wage bonus covering 2,000 frontline workers in Oakland’s largest grocery stores and she sponsored the creation of the Oakland Food Policy Council in 2023.

Recognizing the need for better wealth redistribution in Oakland, Nikki used her position of power on the Council to author a progressive corporate business tax ballot measure to raise critical revenue for city services and provide relief to the smallest businesses. The measure was popular with Oakland voters, who passed it, raising $17 million in its first year. She played a central role in crafting Oakland’s 2023-2025 budget, balancing a $360 million deficit in the general fund.

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(Recommended)

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Outraged about Gaza?
Register and Vote Green Party!

If you were outraged that Biden hasn’t called for a ceasefire in Gaza, then take a strong action and register and vote Green Party in the upcoming presidential primary election! Because California has a Top Two primary, registering Green won’t affect your ability to vote for any other public office.

The Green Party is the only political party with ballot status in states across the country. Most libraries and public offices have postage-paid voter registration cards, or you can register Green via the Secretary of State’s website: https://registervote.ca.gov/.

The deadline to change your voter registration status is February 20 – act now!

President (Green Party primary) Jill Stein

The 2024 primary is promising to be an unprecedented moment in U.S. electoral history as third party and independent candidates continue to capture more media attention than ever before, along with the hopes and imaginings of so many voters.

It is no wonder that voter confidence and support for the two corporate parties has reached all time lows, as the Biden administration has solidified its legacy for ignoring peoples’ material needs while laser focused on the billionaire class.

Will the U.S. government’s funding for the horrific Gaza genocide finally be what pushes the American voters to the realization that “As Gaza goes, we all go” as Jill Stein noted recently?

Based on the decision of the Green Party of California (GPCA) General Assembly delegates, Jill Stein was the only Green Party presidential candidate recommended for inclusion on California’s Primary Ballot. No other candidate met, or attempted to meet, the California Secretary of State’s other criteria to be included on the Primary ballot.

The Green Party’s National Contact List of Candidates was finalized late last year.

Jill Stein is no stranger to the United States Green Party, having run for president in 2012 and 2016 on the core principles of the Green Party. In 2016, Jill’s campaign, centered around Medicare for All, student loan forgiveness, climate justice, the wage gap, and workers rights, resonated with Greens and other progressives.

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With a career spanning over four decades as a civil rights attorney, District Attorney Pamela Price has emerged as an unwavering advocate for a legal system rooted in fairness and equity. Her journey is not only defined by legal prowess but also marked by personal resilience and an unwavering commitment to justice.

Pamela Price’s commitment to justice is profoundly personal, stemming from her own ordeal as a survivor of sexual assault. In 1981, she faced multiple prosecutions by...
The “GPC” is one of the few County Councils that produce a Voter Guide for each election. We mail about 5,000 to Green households, and distribute another 10,000 through cafes, BART stations, libraries and other locations. Please read yours and pass it along to other interested voters. Feel free to copy our “Voter Card” to distribute as a flyer.

Your Green Party

The things you value do not “just happen” by themselves—make a commitment to support the Green Party. Call us to volunteer your time during this election season and beyond. Clip out the enclosed coupon to send in your donation today.

During these difficult times, individuals who share Green values need to stand firm in our principles and join together to work to make our vision of the future a reality.

The Green Party of Alameda County is coordinating e-mailing, precinct walking, phone banking, and other volunteer activities.

The Green Party County Council meets in the evening on the 2nd Sunday each month at 6:45pm. This is the regular “business” meeting of the Alameda County Green Party. We have several committees working on outreach, campaigns, and local organizing. Please stay in touch by phone or email if you want to get more involved.

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Phone: (510) 644-2293
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To get occasional announcements about current Green Party of Alameda County activities send an email to: greenparty@alamedacounty-subscribe@lists.riseup.net.

Our endorsement process
For many of the candidates’ races, we created questionnaires for the candidates and solicited their responses. For others, we conducted over-the-phone or in-person interviews. We also gathered information from Greens and others working on issues in their communities and from the public record. For local measures we gathered information as comprehensively as possible. The Green Party of Alameda County held endorsement meetings to consider all the information and make decisions. Our endorsements are as follows:

When we list “No endorsement,” either we had unresolvable differences that prevented us from agreeing on a position, or the position was non-gradable.

We only endorse bond measures for essential public projects that are unlikely to be funded otherwise. Our endorsement of “Yes, with standard bond reservations” reflects our position that funding through bonds is more costly and therefore less fiscally responsible than a tax.

Without recommendation appears, we did not evaluate the race or measure due to a lack of volunteers. Working on the Voter Guide is fun! Give us a call now to get signed up to help on the next edition!

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The Alameda County District Attorney’s office in connection to her experience as a survivor of domestic violence. Undeterred, she emerged triumphant, successfully acquit- ted at trial. This unique perspective fuels her passion for championing the rights of victims and their families, driving her to work tirelessly to dismantle inequalities within the legal framework. Her historic achievement as one of the few Black women to successfully argue a case before the United States Supreme Court stands as a testament to her legal acumen and trailblazing spirit.

In her pursuit of a more equitable legal system, DA Price has undertaken initiatives addressing the root causes of crime. Her focus extends beyond the courtroom, aiming to eradicate race, economic, and gender disparities inherent in the justice system. She has hired over 120 new lawyers and advocates since taking office. She has increased the number of advocates for victims by almost 35 percent and served over 6,800 victims, while also expanding the men- tal health courts and creating a community-based Mental Health Commission.

The challenges faced by District Attorney Pamela Price extend beyond legal battles to the realm of politics, where she finds herself embroiled in a recall effort funded by powerful real estate developers and tech investors. As the first Black woman to serve as Alameda County DA, Price faces a formidable fight against a recall campaign built on a false narrative. With over $740,000 poured into this undemocratic recall, the voters who elected her are ral- lied to keep her in the office. We do not have a mode in print in your voter guide, write-ups for most of the races that won’t appear on your ballot. Where have we considered those on those races or candidates you will find them on our blog site (www.acgreens.wordpress.com). Please check it out.

Our online Voter Guide
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In addition, our mailing and printing costs have significantly increased over the past several years. Please clip the form to the left and mail it today to help your Green Party grow.
In 2024, Jill Stein is running to dismantle empire and her message is far more poignant as outlined in her campaign announcement video. Her campaign aims to be the choice for racial and economic justice, the two-party system and to put a pro-worker, anti-war, climate action agenda front and center on the ballot in November.

This race is a disappointing case study in machine politics. First, in the 53 years between 1971 and 2024 there were only two Congresspersons: Ron Dellums during Vietnam, and Barbara Lee after 9/11. Dellums and Lee were certainly a voice for workers rights and is very visible because she is currently the president of the state AFL-CIO, and one of them will be on November’s ballot. (Note: As of the most recent donations coming from outside of District 12. With only two months left in the race, Stein’s website did not even have a tab for Issues, but it does highlight a huge list of endorsements from Democratic Party officials around the state and country. In other words, Stein is running as an “anti-orange” and “anti-machine” candidate in this “pay-to-play” situation, and without political action commissions, he says, the U.S. should “adopt policies to make Russia a friendly partner” and “support China to play by fair international economic rules.”

The bottom line problem in this race and so many others, is that the two-party system is to enact legislation and declare war (which Congress has not done since 1942, though the US has waged wars). The reputations of both Dellums and Lee are heavily based on being peace candidates, Dellums during Vietnam, and Barbara Lee after 9/11.

This district is in Alameda County and includes Oakland, Berkeley, Emeryville, Alameda, Albany, Piedmont, and most of San Leandro, and it is one of the most progressive areas in the state. It is a majority-of-color district in the nation, so who is the peace candidate in this race? As to legislation, which candidate will fight for having the US join the other wealthy (and some not-so-wealthy) nations that provide healthcare as a human right?

The candidate most likely to succeed and become one of the two survivors in the terrible Top Two primary is Lateshia Simon. She is partly based on her strong record on war and military spending, “might be considered as one of the most important candidates” in 2024, according to the Orange County Register. Lateshia Simon has raised significantly more money than any of the other 12 candidates in the race.

But the apparent machine candidate for the Democratic nomination is Ron Dellums Jr. While he has had a rather positive record on tenants rights, he is less so regarding police accountability and the cozy budget. He did recently express a willingness to support a call to end the war but has yet to make public any genuine desire to end the war. He has also been part of the prosecution of military spending and the war on terror.

Overall 12 candidates will be on the ballot to vie for the seat currently held by Laphonzia Butler, who sat in the office between the deaths of the late Diane Feinstein last Fall. However, since we don’t have public campaign financing, only a handful of candidates will have enough funds to reach very many voters. The website for Adam Schiff has taken in over $40 million as of last September, which is the most recent available report as we go to press.

In this “pay-to-play” situation, no Green or Peace & Freedom Party candidates decided to file, leaving only “No Party Preference” (NPP) candidates as the ones not affiliated with any of the major parties. But unfortunately, because the policy positions of each of these NPP candidates significantly conflicted with our platform, online at either www.cagreens.org/platform or www.gp.org/platform, we are not able to endorse any of the candidates for this seat.

Yet we also recognize that some will want to vote for a “lesser of the evils” candidate, so we offer this brief analysis of the candidates who are not affiliated with major parties. Candidates Barbershoppers Lee and Katie Porter are the two current Congresspersons polling over one percent who are better than the current machine candidate Ron Dellums, according to the Orange County Register. But unfortunately, Lee has only two policy positions on her website while Porter has 17. Links to websites for most of the candidates is on this webpage: www.votewebouts.com/latehia_simon.html

Given the electoral college, especially do so in “deep blue” states like California. Register Green: most library and post offices have free, postage-paid voter registration cards, or you can register online here: https://registertovote.ca.gov/. Be sure to register Green before the February 20 deadline so you can vote for Jill Stein!

Don’t vote for Adam Schiff. To her credit, Lee was one of the first Congresspersons to call for a ceasefire in Gaza, was co-sponsor of the House Israel/Palestine Caucus, and opposed the Patriot Act. However, she only has two policy positions on her website while Porter has 17. Links to websites for most of the candidates is on this webpage: www.votewebouts.com/latehia_simon.html

While we have the power - and we can use it in 2024 to start building a new political future that works for all of us.

To learn more and connect with the Jill Stein 2024 campaign: https://www.jillstein2024.com X @JillStein Twitter: @jillstein2024 YouTube: @JillStein2024

The two whose overall positions are most worthy of support, although not endorsement, seem to be Abdur-Salaam and Tony Duran. While these are not endorsements, however, are very general, for example, when asked about what specific level of military spending he’d advocate for, he merely writes that he’d “support a strategic reduction in military spending.” In addition, his website doesn’t address military spending or foreign policy whatsoever.

Tony Daysog has more specifics. For example he supports the goal of universal healthcare, and advocates an initial step of instituting a government-run “public choice” option, an essential option that Obamacare weakened and then dropped completely. Of the nine candidates, his stance on war and peace is the strongest. Per his website, he would “reduce defense spending not just by finding/cutting waste but via outright reductions” and “reduce significantly military footprint in Europe.” Daysog would increase some taxes on the rich, but somehow finds universal basic income (UBI) “gimmicky” (does he consider social security monthly payments, which are like a UBI for retirees “gimmicky”?). Daysog’s site on reducing the Glass-Steagall, the act which had normalized widespread banking from speculative investments until Clinton killed it in 1999, helps to boost his credentials on financial matters.

We strongly recommend NOT voting for Jesse Arreguín, the apparent machine candidate for the Democratic runoff election.
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Party. Following his 2016 shift from a progressive voice as Berkeley’s Mayor, Arreguin has shifted from a strong advocate for police oversight and policies to help the people living in Berkeley. For decades he worked for the State Health Department low-growth predictions. These laws favor developers who build high-rise market-rate housing for the wealthy. Margot Smith's doctorate is in Public Health from UC Berkeley. In the last election, Democratic Party machine candidate Buffy Wicks raised over 90 percent of her campaign war chest from out of state. This is a microcosm of the corporate takeover, about one-party politics controlled by big money; developers, real estate, tech, finance and others feeding at the Democratic Party trough. Buffy Wicks is a scalp in the Council as many union units are in the public good, only interested in campaign donations to maintain power. Buffo moved to this district at the start of 2018, with an estimated $18 million in spending on her behalf for that primary, a record amount.

Political donations by corporations provide a huge return on investment, true for Buffy, Developer and real estate investments into SB9, SB10 which gutted local control over zoning and planning, opening the gates for East Bay gentrification, and creating a bubble in the financial sector (loans), and a tech industry unwilling to house employees in the South Bay. Neoliberal free-market (monopoly market) policies ruled, removing communities' ability to demand affordable housing.

Buffy is an incumbent apparatchik in a Democratic Party controlled state. She was easily re-elected in 2022 with a war chest of over $18 million. Most contributions are huge, outspent. Money talks but sometimes miracles happen and justice prevails.

Please peruse Margot Smith's campaign website at: www.margotsmithforassembly.com. Support her, for Margot Smith, Dr. P.H. Her ethical and compassionate focus is desperately needed. Sell-out Buffy Wicks has been an out-of-touch, big-spending, money grabbing. Moreover, she is capitalized with her support of City Manager policies which brought police militarization to Berkeley and has allowed abusive police tactics directed at Blacks and the homeless.

Arreguin’s lack of a moral compass was most clearly demonstrated in his opposition to a vote on a resolution calling for the United States to ratify the Convention on the Rights of the Child. 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does cite the Sheriff’s Department at Santa Rita Jail as “not doing an acceptable job,” and he supports an oversight agency for the Sheriff’s Department, he has never spoken out on the millions of dollars in lawsuit settlements Alameda County’s taxpayers have had to shoulder due to Santa Rita jail’s mistreatment of its jailed residents nor proposed measures to curb these abuses.
Miley’s response to air pollution issues in his district may be the most important criticism he faces. Miley has represented the district where AB&l Foundry is based for 21 years. He has also been on the board of the Air District for the past 20 years, where he is currently vice-chair of the Community Equity Health and Justice Committee. Nonetheless, he has not done anything to ensure that the local air pollution contribution of AB&l, which is believed to be a significant factor in making AB&l’s zip code responsible for the third-highest number of child hospital visits for asthma in California, is limited. As a result, Alexander & Biddle have been together charged with making sure that clean air, as well as any other green issue, does not show up on the list of initiatives on Miley’s website, or the list of critical issues he submitted in response to our questionnaire.
In that questionnaire, he does mention ValleyLink as a potential improvement of air quality, and also his efforts to retrofit Port of Oakland drayage truck and cargo vessels.
Miley’s endorser list consists primarily of individuals who currently hold Bay Area elected positions, though he also has endorsements from Laborers Local 55, Laborers Local 304, and the Alameda Building and Trades Council (a coalition of construction unions).
Jennifer Esteen, RN, ran for Assembly District 20 in 2016 but did not have sufficient volunteers to consider that race in 2020 when she stood for re-election. This year, however, the questionnaire responses which Miley provided were quite mixed. For example, she provided strong answers regarding homelessness, including advocating for the county to take the lead in working with the state to place the problem of housing for those creating a crisis for the Sheriff Oversight Board and an associated office of inspector general. But she did not yet have an opinion about an East Bay Public Bank, keeping public health facilities open, and possibly making AC Transit free for the indigent, or possibly for everyone, or other important county issues.
Although we recognize that Marquez had been serving as a Supervisor for less than nine months as of the date she returned our questionnaire, we still hope she can quickly inform herself about the issues in our questionnaire where she did not offer an opinion.
Fortunately for Marquez, no other candidate filed to run against her this year, but until she can inform herself such that she is able to respond to the rest of our questionnaire (which hopefully will be soon), we’re not able to offer her an endorsement.
County Supervisor, District 2
No Endorsement
Only Elisa Marquez, who was appointed to this seat last April, qualified to be on the ballot. We endorsed Marquez for Hayward City Council in 2016 but did not have sufficient volunteers to consider that race in 2020 when she stood for re-election.
We assume Ms. Normand and Ms. Angulo will make a strong case for programs that improve equity for students, especially those most often underserved, and has shown good judgment in budgetary matters. In her years in office, she has not betrayed these goals. Thus she has been supported by education workers’ unions as well as the whole labor movement, and progressive community groups like Oakland Rising. She again merits our support, so we again endorse her. Most of what has been said about Ms. Normand will be repeated as regards Ms. Angulo. Her district centers around Hayward, where she serves helping to coordinate public services, and she has been named to the Juvenile Hall) and has worked previously in helping to organize special education programs. Thus she has both certified and classified experience. Her responses stress her focus on community engagement and matters deals also on mental health issues. She too opposes charter schools. She provided very detailed knowledge on budgetary matters (though we would have hoped for more emphasis on criminal law (primarily as a prosecutor, but also some other legal experience, and secondarily that he did not respond to our questionnaire. It is also unfortunate that he put (and left) his name on the ballot for a job he does not really want, as the presence of a high-profile candidate likely discouraged other potential candidates from running for this seat.
Given that he does not appear to want the job and is unlikely to take the job, along with our previously identified reservations, we cannot recommend a vote for Terry Wiley for Alameda Superior Court Judge. As a vacant seat (whether or not Wiley wins the election), it is most likely to be filled by appointment by the Governor’s office, something to which happened this past December when a former Alameda county judge was appointed to fill a court vacancy in Marin County (https://www.marincounty.ca.gov/Agencies/ChiefMofJustice/1200/new/announcements-vacancy-on-marin-county-superior-court-bench/).
Jennifer Esteen presents a strong opportunity to replace Nate Miley and move the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to a more progressive position; you can volunteer with and donate to her campaign via her website, at: https://www.jenniferesteen.com/
County Measure A - YES
Civil Service Notifications

Alameda County Measure A proposes changing the minimum time a person must work continuously at the same task before counting as a new employee from not less than 25 days to 14 days. Proponents argue that the current employment contract between the City and its employees is unfair to those who would work for less than the minimum time. Opponents argue that the current contract ensures a fair work environment for those who work a full-time job.

County Measure B - YES
Recall Procedures, Amendment

Measure B proposes to amend the County of Alameda Charter to replace the current charter language regarding the process for initiating a recall petition. The amendment would require a petition to be signed by a specified percentage of registered voters in a county or district, rather than a specified number of eligible voters. The petition must be approved by the County Clerk and filed with the Secretary of State. This measure will affect the process of recalling elected officials in Alameda County.

County Measure C - YES
 Parcel Tax Renewal for Local Schools

This measure continues the existing school parcel tax authorized by Measure G in 2016. The revenue generated by the parcel tax will be used for public schools in Alameda County to support educational programs and facilities. This measure will affect the financial stability of schools in the county.

County Measure D - YES
Increase Appropriations Limit

The California Constitution establishes the appropriation limit for local governments that provides for cost-of-living increases. This measure proposes to increase the appropriation limit to match the rate of inflation. If approved, the new limit will be effective for the fiscal year 2023-2024. This measure will affect the financial planning of local governments.

County Measure E - YES
Mental Health Facilities Bond

This measure, Measure E, proposes to fund the construction and operation of mental health facilities in Alameda County. The funds will be used to build and operate facilities to provide mental health services to those in need. This measure will affect the mental health services in Alameda County.

State Proposition 1
Mental Health Facilities Bond
YES, with standard bond reservations

We support Proposition 1. It would raise over $6 Billion to build the infrastructure needed to provide a full continuum of care for those with serious mental illnesses, and institute reforms that will prevent the misuse of state funds. A review by the California Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), approved by California voters in 2004, showed that MHSA was not that it would enable counties to deliver comprehensive care for children, adults and seniors living with the most serious and disabling mental illnesses, generally understood to include brain-based disorders like schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and depression.

Taxes and Bonds:
Due to space limitations, we weren't able to include our usual “Taxes and Bonds” article within this election voter guide, so please see page 2 of our November, 2022 Green Voter Guide:

**Green Party County Council**

**Vote for up to 11 of the 12 candidates.**

County Councilors are elected to make decisions for the Green Party of Alameda County (GPAC). The Council makes official endorsements, decides on spending and fundraising, appoints representatives to state and national Green Party conventions, etc. Below are short statements of the candidates for County Council. The Council does not endorse candidates in this race, but provides this information for voters to make informed decisions. I encourage you to vote in this important race—the winners will determine the direction of the GPAC for the next four years. Green Party Council meetings are open to the public, and are generally held on the second Sunday of the month. All in attendance have full participation, including decision making. The only exception to this is if a vote is required (we attempt to avoid that). I have only elected Councilors have a vote. Council members are elected at large, in compliance with Alameda County regulations.

**County Council Candidates:**

**Bill Baldwin**

I have been a strong advocate for independent political action for several decades. It has been primarily through the Alameda County Green Party, but other efforts as well, such as the Labor Party Advocates and some races with DSA. With the Greens, I have run for state office (state insurance commissioner) in 2010 and been involved in many local races. With the County Council, I have frequently contributed to our voter guide and helped organize a good number of Green Sunday forums. I am also a member of the Oakland Greens.

Much of my efforts with the Greens intersects with other political work: labor (I have been a long time leader and financial secretary of CWA, the Oakland teachers union, and have worked on a number of strikes), environmental justice (where I am active in groups such as System Change, Not Climate Change and in climate groups focused with educators), and peace and anti-imperialist organizing (focused years back on Vietnam and South Africa, and more recently, Central America and of course, Palestine). This is also connected with my work on immigration rights, especially with the East Bay Sanctuary Covenant.

It would be my honor to continue to work with and represent the Green Party of Alameda County.

**Dale Baum**

I am a Vietnam era veteran who became active in the antiwar movement during the 1960s. While living for many years in college Station, Texas, I served as a president of the Brazos Valley Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union and was arrested for protecting the rights of workers by volunteering for the Brazos Interfaith Immigration Network. As a long time member of the District 3000 (Union and Labor) and the Ohio League of Women Voters, I am a member of the Green Party because it is dedicated to a vision of a world that is sustainable, one that is working to put the needs of people ahead of the needs of businesses.

Building on his growing influence, Orlando Johnson reached new heights in 2023 by becoming a national deligate and securing a position on the Green Party Credentials Committee, furthering the impact on both local and national levels within the party.

**Torger Johnson**

Sustaining third parties like the Green Party is challenging yet vital for ensuring our diverse voices are heard. We should be proud to redouble our efforts to promote and sustain the Alameda County Green Party going forward. I like how effective our current County Council is and I am grateful for their achievements and excited about their continued success.

**Justin Richardson**

I devote time and energy to the Green Party because otherwise citizens would often have no way to vote against war, oppression, corruption, or our economic system in its current form. I was most recently interviewed for our 2024 presidential nomination and reminded me of the importance of working with an organization. Like many of us, I was grateful to Jill for stepping up to save the ballot access that Greens have labored to secure for decades. In that spirit I’m running for the Alameda Green Party Council.

**Pamela Spevack**

For the past 16 years I have been an at-large member of the Berkeley Democratic Party and a member of the Greens; I work with more than ever that our Grassroots approach and refusal to take corporate money is what will get corruption out of our political lives. Because more people are rising up for change, and demanding change, it is an opportune time for us to grow The Green Party.

I come from a social justice background, having worked at the grassroots level in New York City, with immigrants, the unemployed, and currently involved in saving the environment and as a member of Older Lesbians Organized for Change and Move to Amend. All people are welcome to our monthly Green Party meeting and conversations and meetings happening on the second Sunday of each month. Please Vote for any of the eleven listed candidates.

**Phoebe Anne Thomas (faa Sorgen)**

I am on the Green Party National Committee, CA coordinating Committee and the Alameda Green Party County Council.

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**Laurie Wells**

I am a candidate for County Council along with a great group of Greens. We run because we want to do what we can to keep the Green Party and its values alive and sustainable. The two Titanic Parties have been trying to kill us off since we were born as a second party. They have failed. We haven’t succeeded because we won’t stop. The Green Party’s values are too important: peace, justice, ecology, and real democracy, combined with the commitment to take NO corporate money.

The Green Party serves as an effective “progressive think tank,” taking the lead regarding legalizing cannabis, degrowth, cooperatives, municipalizing the economy, New Deal, reparations and many other policies which at first seem unachievable. I run for state public office, especially state Controller, and for Governor in 2010, with the platform of tax the rich and public banking. I serve on the state coordinating Committee, and I am continually grateful to be among the Greens international, and then I spend most of my time reading and writing for Black Agenda Report. I have been a speaker, a work, and then I spend most of my time reading and writing for Black Agenda Report.
Election Day: March 5, 2024

Federal Offices
- President (Green Party primary) - Jill Stein
- U.S. Senate (Full and partial term) - Consider Lee or Porter; definitely NOT Schiff or Garvey
- U.S. Representative, District 12 - No endorsement, please see article

State Offices
- State Senate, District 7 - Jovanka Beckles (recommended); Don't vote for Arreguin
- State Assembly, District 14 - Margot Smith (recommended)
- State Assembly, District 18 - No Endorsement, please see article

Judicial Offices
- Superior Court Judge, #5 - No endorsement, please see article
- Superior Court Judge, Office #12 - Mark Fickes

County Offices
- Supervisor, District 1 - No endorsement, please see article
- Supervisor, District 2 - No endorsement, please see article
- Supervisor, District 4 - Jennifer Esteen
- Supervisor, District 5 - Nikki Fortunato Bas (Don't vote for Bauters)
- County Board of Education, Area 2 - Angela Normand
- County Board of Education, Area 5 - Guadalupe "Lupe" Angulo

State Proposition
- State Proposition 1 - Mental Health Facilities Bond - Yes, with bond reservations

Local Measures
- A - County Civil Service Notifications - Yes
- B - County Recall Procedures Amendment - Yes
- D - Oakland Increase Appropriations Limit - Yes
- G - Albany Schools Parcel Tax Renewal - Yes, with reservations
- H - Berkeley Schools Special Tax Renewal - Yes
- I - County Fire Protection
- J - County Fire Protection
- K - County Civil Service Protection
- L - County Civil Service Protection
- M - County Civil Service Protection
- N - County Civil Service Protection
- O - County Civil Service Protection
- P - County Civil Service Protection
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Green Party County Council
- Please see article

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