

1984: Greens from across the United States meet in St. Paul to create a set of guiding principles for the Green Movement in the United States. These principles later become known as the Ten Key Values.

1985: St. Croix Valley Greens and Lake Superior Greens form.

1986: Greens begin meeting in the Twin Cities.

1992: Six Green locals form around the state. The first volume of the party newspaper, The Sunflower, is published.

1994: Green Party of Minnesota is founded and adopts its constitution.

1996: Greens gather 3,500 signatures to put presidential candidate Ralph Nader on the ballot.

1998: Ken Pentel runs for Governor and Holle Brian for State Representative.

2000: Nader and LaDuke receive over 5% of the statewide vote for President and Vice President. Green Party becomes one of four major parties in Minnesota.

2002: Green Party of Minnesota runs over 40 candidates for public office. Four candidates win.

2003: Six elected Greens hold local offices and over thirty local Green groups are active around the state.

2006: Greens gathered over 17,000 signatures in two weeks getting 7 candidates on the ballot. The effort was a milestone in Minnesota political history as the Green Party became the first minor party to get more than one statewide candidate on the ballot by petition.

# THE GREEN PARTY OF MINNESOTA'S TEN KEY VALUES

## ECOLOGICAL WISDOM

Everything we do affects our environment. To respect ourselves, our policies and actions must respect the natural world that sustains us as well as our fellow creatures.

## GRASSROOTS DEMOCRACY

We work to encourage citizen participation at every level of government. Through greater voter participation, multi-partisan campaigns, election reform, public financing and grassroots activism people can be heard.

## SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Even within Minnesota's borders the gap between rich and poor is frightening. When an average CEO makes more than 500 average workers make, how can the average worker survive? We seek to ensure that every individual can flourish in life with equal access to health care and education.

## NONVIOLENCE

Greens seek alternatives to violence. We seek to end war, poverty, police brutality, the death penalty, production of weapons of mass destruction, and hate crime. Peace comes through peace.

## DECENTRALIZATION

Greens seek to counteract the social and economic injustice, environmental destruction and militarization caused by the centralization of wealth and power. We advocate giving communities and individuals a greater role in the decisions that directly affect their lives.

## COMMUNITY BASED ECONOMICS

Locally grown, smaller-scale businesses recycle dollars within our communities. Community-based businesses allow more opportunity to protect the environment and preserve workers' rights.

## FEMINISM AND GENDER EQUITY

Feminism is more than the Equal Rights Amendment—it's an equality-based perspective on how people of different genders live and work together.

## RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY

We value cultural, ethnic, racial, sexual, religious and spiritual diversity. We seek to nurture respectful relationships across these lines.

## PERSONAL AND GLOBAL RESPONSABILITY

As we each take responsibility for our own lives, we work with others around the world to pursue peace, social justice and a healthy environment. When everybody does better, everybody does better.

## FUTURE FOCUS AND SUSTAINABILITY

Future generations should benefit and not suffer from our actions. We seek to protect valuable natural resources while developing a sustainable economy that does not depend on continual expansion for survival.

## LOOK WHO'S GREEN

Some of the best reforms happen in our own back yard. The Green Party has 226 elected office holders in 28 states (and 8 in D.C.) as of June 2007. In Minnesota, the Green Party has three endorsed elected office holders:



Cam Gordon, City Council Ward 2, Minneapolis (Hennepin County)



Annie Young, Parks & Recreation Board, Minneapolis (Hennepin County)



Russ Stewart, City Council, District 3 Duluth (Saint Louis County)

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Receive announcements by email, approximately twice each month. Send a blank email to:  
announce-subscribe@lists.mngreens.org

Statewide discussion list:  
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## JOIN NOW!

Membership in the Green Party is free and open to all. The only requirements for membership are

a) must be a Minnesota resident b) must fill out a sign-up sheet or provide other indications in writing that they wish to be a member (must include name and address, at minimum). Support our refusal of corporate money and help grow the Greens! There is no membership fee but we need help with operate / outreach expenses. Detach and return to Green Party and return to the Green Party of MN 2395 W. University Ave. Suite 224, Saint Paul, MN 55114. Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP:  I live in Minnesota, agree with the 10 Key Values of the Green Party and would like to become a member of the Green Party of Minnesota.

I am including a donation of \$\_\_\_ to help the Green Party grow. (Not required.)

YOUR NAME - PLEASE PRINT

STREET ADDRESS

CITY / STATE /

PHONE &/OR E-MAIL

EMPLOYER (Only required if contributing. For state reporting purposes. If self-employed, list "self" and occupation.)

### VOLUNTEER INTERESTS:

- Campus
- Election judge
- Events
- Fundraising
- Hosting house parties
- Literature drops
- Campus organizing
- Office
- Phoning
- The Sunflower newspaper
- Website
- Writing
- Door knocking

**MAKE A MONTHLY GIFT (THE BEST WAY TO HELP SUSTAIN THE GREEN PARTY):**  \$5  \$10  \$20  \$30  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ per month

I authorize the Green Party of Minnesota and the financial institution named below to initiate entries to my  Checking (or)  Savings account. This authority will remain in effect until I notify you in writing to cancel it. In such time as to afford the financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it. I can stop payment of any entry by notifying my financial institution 3 days before my account is charged.  
 Staple voided check or deposit slip here!

NAME OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

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**ONE-TIME GIFT:**  \$20  \$50  \$75  \$150  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Check enclosed payable to the Green Party of Minnesota OR

Please bill my credit card:

CARD NUMBER

CARD TYPE

EXPIRATION DATE

SECURITY NUMBER

**Who We Are**  
 Green Party members seek to advance Nonviolence, Ecological Wisdom, Social and Economic Justice and Grassroots Democracy through politics, activism and popular education. People from all walks of life are Green — truck drivers, painters, technicians, students, musicians, nurses, ministers, nuns, professors, business owners, mothers, fathers, young people and farmers. Our unique vision attracts new voters, candidates and members every day. Our numbers grow daily as more people join in our effort to shape a better future.

**What We Stand For**

**Improving access to education** — Rural, suburban and urban schools must be funded in a balanced way that is fair to all students. Schools should be smaller and more diverse.

**Switching to renewable energy sources** — Wind power, solar power, conservation and increased energy efficiency will reduce air and water pollution in Minnesota and around the globe.

**Valuing people before profits** — Too many working people put in 40 hours a week and still can't afford basic necessities. It's time to raise the floor to a fair, living wage.

**Growing our food safely** — It's time for a moratorium on genetically modified crops and food irradiation. We need more organic farming and better labeling standards so consumers know how their food is made before they buy and eat it.

**Health care for all** — When our loved ones need health care they should get it. HIVOs and private insurance don't work. We want everyone to enjoy the choice and liberty of a single, guaranteed, universal plan.

**Reforming how we elect our representatives** — A healthy voting system accurately reflects the will of its voters. Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) and Proportional Representation (PR) are essential for a healthy, multi-party democracy.

**Redefining globalization** — It's time to share, cooperate and foster lasting peace. Economic exploitation through mandatory "free" trade and forced surrender of natural resources and worker and consumer protections leads to injustice.

**Using our land wisely** — It's time to stop paving over fertile agricultural land while we allow our urban cores to decay. Urban sprawl must be controlled within a framework of wise-use.

**Reducing the role of corporations in government** — We want our government to be of, by and for the people... not of Halliburton, by Enron, and for Lockheed Martin. It's time to end corporate personhood and challenge unchecked corporate power.

**Redefining free enterprise** — Small is beautiful. We seek to bolster local economies and reduce unfair competition from large multinational corporations. We seek to nurture local, small-scale and innovative businesses that help local communities and workers thrive.



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