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Bylaws of the Green Party of Nevada  
(Amended per vote on July 17, 2005)

**ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of this organization is Green Party of Nevada.

**ARTICLE II: PURPOSE**

Section 1. These bylaws shall govern the organization, operation, and functions of that political party known as the Green Party of Nevada.

Section 2. The goals of the Green Party of Nevada are to actively promote in every appropriate way the "Ten Key Values" that are the core of Green philosophy, those being: Grassroots democracy, Ecological wisdom, Nonviolence, Future focus, Respect for diversity, Decentralization, Personal and global responsibility, Post-patriarchal values, Social justice, and Community-based economics.

Section 3.

The mission of the Green Party of Nevada is to place before the voters candidates who affirm the ten key values.

**ARTICLE III: STRUCTURE**

Section 1. Locals. The Green Party of Nevada shall consist of affiliated local groups (Locals), organized by county.

A. Each local group may create its own bylaws for making local decisions based on the Green Party of Nevada bylaws.

B. Each local is responsible for interacting with organizations within the county, for making press releases, organizing actions, and generally building the party at the county level.

Section 2. The affairs of the Green Party of Nevada shall be determined by the General Meeting and the Executive Council.

A. **GENERAL MEETINGS:**

1.a. Member eligibility: The Green Party of Nevada is made up of i.) individuals who have registered to vote and indicate Green Party affiliation as per NRS 293.518, and ii.) individuals who wish to participate regardless of their political affiliation or registration status who have declared their desire for affiliation and confirmed their commitment to the ten key values of the Green Party in writing.

1.b. The participants in General Meetings will consist of Green Party Members certified by their County Party, or the Executive Council if they reside where no County Party has become established.

2. Each Meeting accepts the responsibility to approve or modify the agenda proposed by the Executive Council. Each Meeting will accept or modify the means proposed for its conduct. It will delegate to the Executive Council and other individuals, either personally present or through a suitable means of communication, who freely accept responsibility for the actions to be made as a result of the decisions of the Meeting. It can take no decision which will create a responsibility for any other Party or individual who has not

participated in the decision.

3. Authorities and responsibilities: The Meeting shall elect the members of the Executive Council, amend the bylaws, nominate statewide and federal candidates, and take whatever actions it chooses within the limits of Nevada and Federal law.

4. There will be a General Meeting each Spring and at such other times as determined by the Executive Council, two or more County Green Parties, or by Green Party Members at a General Meeting. Date and location for the next general meeting will be determined before the close of each meeting.

**B. THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:**

1.a. The Executive Council shall be composed of two Co-chairs (one of each gender if possible), a Secretary, Treasurer, and four at-large members selected by the members at the first general meeting following each spring equinox. The Co-chair and Treasurer positions shall be filled by using instant runoff voting. The at-large members shall be elected by preference voting. Attempts shall be made to ensure that the Council reflects the diversity of the population of the State of Nevada. Executive Committee shall be empowered to affiliate with the Green Party of the United States.

b. Members of the Council shall serve terms of two years, commencing the day after their election.

c. The terms of the Co-chairs shall be staggered. The terms of at-large members shall also be staggered, two being elected per year.

d. The number of full terms any Council member may serve consecutively shall not exceed two.

e. The Council members shall be Party members and shall serve without pay.

f. Any Party member who is in attendance at the General meeting or has declared her/his candidacy in writing may be nominated to serve on the Council. All candidates are encouraged to submit brief personal statements for inclusion in the General Meeting

g. The Council Members may fill any vacancy by instant runoff voting at its next scheduled meeting. The term of a Council member selected to fill a vacancy shall last until the next General Meeting, at which point the Party Members shall elect a replacement. In the event the Meeting elects the same person who was selected by the Council, the partial term served shall not count as a term for purposes of the term-limit provisions of Article III, Section 2.B.1(b).

2.a. The Executive Council shall be the administrative body of the party, and shall have responsibility to manage and conduct the day-to-day business and operations of the Party between General Meetings.

b. Meetings of the Council shall be held at least quarterly, or as necessary as determined by the Co-chairs. In addition, a Council meeting may be called by request of a majority of the Council. The Council shall strive to meet in person but may also meet by telephone or Internet.

c. Co-chairs shall notify all Council members of all quarterly meetings at least one week in advance.

d. The presence in person or by telephone of at least a majority of Council members shall constitute a quorum.

e. The Council shall seek consensus on all decisions. In the event unanimous consensus is not reached, a 2/3 vote of those present is required for adoption of any proposal.

f. Minutes of the discussion and decisions made by the Council shall be disseminated as widely as practicable to Party members. This shall include posting such minutes to the Nevada Green Party list serve and ensuring that contact persons in all known Party local organizations receive copies by e-mail or regular mail. It is expected and encouraged that such contact persons will disseminate these Minutes to all known Party members.

3. The Executive Council shall be the officers of the Green Party of Nevada as those terms are used in NRS 293.171 (b) and (c), the Secretary-Treasurer is designated to make filings with the secretary of state as per NRS 293.171(d).

4. The duties of the Executive Council shall be:

a. to coordinate statewide actions, including the General Meetings;  
b. to carry out all responsibilities required by the Nevada Election Code;

c. to make public statements regarding the Party's position on issues;

d. to respond to inquiries from the media and the public;

e. to prepare for General Meetings and Conventions;

f. to create standing and ad hoc Councils;

g. to keep records and minutes of meetings;

h. to maintain a database of all Party members and known local Party organizations;

i. to create and direct a Green Party of Nevada Political Action Council (PAC);

j. to prepare and present an annual budget to be approved by the General Meeting each Spring

k. the Executive Committee shall be empowered to affiliate with the Green Party of the United States.

#### ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

The Green Party of Nevada shall meet at least two times a year. Date and location for the next General Meeting will be determined before the close of each meeting. The Green Party of Nevada may hold special meetings if such meetings are called by the Executive Council or by Green Party members at a general meeting.

#### ARTICLE V: NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Candidate Search Councils may be established by the General Meeting, the Executive Council, and the Locals.

1. A Statewide candidate search council will be formed of not less than three participating members of the Green Party of Nevada.

2. Each Local may form a search council, or the statewide search council may act to form County and District or other local search councils by random selection of up to fifteen Green Party registered voters from each district in which there is to be an election. The selected voters would be invited to meet and select candidates for local office. These councils will have the assistance of a statewide search council member

or other person familiar with the nominating process.

Each search council is charged with:

1. Preparing a list of possible candidates for local offices and other offices and conveying lists of any possible candidates not in their jurisdiction to the appropriate search council;
2. Contacting the prospective candidates, advising the candidates of the Green Party of Nevada candidate qualifications requirements, and interviewing all potential candidates who might appear on the local ballot by a group of three search council members, if possible;
3. Meeting again to review, evaluate and draft a recommendation for one or more candidates for each position;
4. Holding a candidates presentation meeting and inviting all aspiring Green candidates who might appear on the ballot;

The local search councils will hold nominating conventions for the selection of local candidates to assure that no more than one Green Party candidate is to appear for each office.

The statewide search council will make their recommendations and introduce the potential candidates to the Green Party of Nevada Nominating Convention to be held in March or April of each General Election year.

All selections of candidates will be by ballot which will have as a binding option None of the Above (NOTA) and a means of identifying preference so that Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) is supported. We will seek unanimity in our choice of candidates, and provide all suitable opportunity to members to voice concerns and take blocking positions on the selection of candidates. If anyone should present reasons to prevent an individual's candidacy the Convention may choose to uphold the proposed block by a ballot vote of not less than 50%.

Voting at local nominating conventions will be by Green Party members.

Voting at the statewide nominating conventions will be by registered Green Party members who have been participants in Green Party activities and selected, and certified, by Locals or by the state party where Locals are not active.

#### ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended by a regular or special meeting of the Green Party of Nevada. The Bylaws of the Green Party of Nevada may be amended by a General Meeting for which a possible bylaws amendment has been announced. The decision to amend requires consensus or, if consensus is not achieved and more than half of the members present determines that a vote must be taken, a two thirds majority.

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