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# South Carolina Green Party

Join a global grassroots movement for social justice and environmental sustainability.



Put people over profit and politics-as-usual.

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## THE TEN KEY VALUES

**GRASSROOTS DEMOCRACY:** All human beings deserve a say in the decisions that affect their lives. We work to increase public participation at every level of government.

**ECOLOGY:** We seek to maintain ecological balance and to live within the ecological and resource limits of our communities and our planet.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE:** We consciously oppose barriers, such as racism and class oppression, sexism and heterosexism, ageism and disability, which deny fair treatment and equal justice under the law.

**NONVIOLENCE:** We promote nonviolent alternatives to current patterns of violence, from the family and the streets, to nations and the world.

**DECENTRALIZATION:** Centralization of wealth and power contributes to social and economic injustice, environmental destruction, and militarization. We support a democratic restructuring of social, political, and economic systems.

**COMMUNITY-BASED ECONOMICS:** A successful economic system will offer meaningful work with dignity while paying a "living wage" which reflects the real value of a person's work. We support independently owned and operated companies which spread resources and control to more people through democratic participation.

**GENDER EQUITY:** We have inherited a social system which minimizes and inhibits the contributions of women in politics and economics. We seek to replace the cultural ethics of male domination with an inclusive society respectful of gender differences.

**RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY:** We believe it is important to value cultural, ethnic, racial, sexual, religious, and spiritual diversity. We support the leadership of people traditionally shut out of leadership roles.

**PERSONAL AND GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY:** We encourage individuals to take action to improve their personal well being and, at the same time, to enhance ecological balance and social harmony.

**SUSTAINABILITY:** We seek to protect natural resources by safely disposing of or "unmaking" all waste and by developing sustainable economics.

## Why the Green Party?

The Green Party advocates fundamental change to a political and economic system no longer responsive to the needs of citizens of the Earth. We are a value-based political party seeking to promote a deep democracy by working for peace, community, social justice, the preservation of a safe and healthy environment for generations to come, and the wise use of public assets (such as parks and airwaves) for the common good. Above all, we seek to make concrete steps (ecological and social) NOW to ensure a good future for ourselves and others.

The Green Part takes no corporate money, and with a grassroots vision, we are always in touch with the issues that are most relevant to our neighbors and members.

## Why a Third Party?

Throughout history third parties have been agents of change. Whether they bring a fresh view to the political table, or give first-time representation to groups left out of the political process, they have provided the vital push to move society from impasse to action. Major examples include: abolition of slavery, women's right to vote, the eight-hour work day, and civil rights legislation.

Our Congress is for sale. Major companies hedge their bets by giving immense donations to both parties, keeping control no matter who wins. Progressive members of the traditional parties have virtually no say and are merely expected to deliver votes. The result is that people are left out of vital decisions.

It is time for dramatic change in direction. One with vision and hope. One that respects the democratic process and embraces diversity. One that seeks life-enhancing solutions and moves towards a responsible and sustainable future.

## What the Other Parties Offer:

- 44+ million Americans without health insurance
- Nuclear weapons in space but no paper for copiers in public schools
- Corporate Welfare and Social Insecurity
- Lowered salaries, health, and safety standards due to NAFTA and WTO
- Corrupt electoral practices

## What the SC Green Party Offers:

- Removal of the corrupting influence of big money from politics
- Decent Health Care for all
- A living wage for working men and women
- An end to exploitation of our planet
- An end to discrimination
- Movement towards a safe, sane, and nuclear-free future
- A focus on renewable energy sources and public transportation
- Prison and sentencing reform, including elimination of the inhumane and racist death penalty



Every day  
we are  
growing.



Three million Americans voted for the Green Party candidate, Ralph Nader, in the 2000 Presidential Election, including more than 20,000 South Carolinians!

In the 2000 elections, 58 Green Party Candidates were elected to office, making a grand total of 130 elected Greens around the country, representing 20 states!

In April 2001 over 70 countries (from ever continent) sent 800 delegates to Canberra, Australia to meet and develop a worldwide movement and to adopt a Global Green Charter, a document whose basic points of argument lead the way to a more peaceful, healthy, just, and democratic world.

## Top Ten Reasons Why South Carolina Needs A Green Party:

**38<sup>th</sup>** in per-capita income

**8<sup>th</sup>** in births to teenage mothers

**5<sup>th</sup>** in infant mortality

**3<sup>rd</sup>** in violent crime

**20<sup>th</sup>** in prison population

**9<sup>th</sup>** in high school drop out rate

**49<sup>th</sup>** in % of organized workers

**2<sup>nd</sup>** in childbirth in girls 10-14

**34** African-Americans, only, hold high public office statewide

**19** women, only, hold high public office statewide

## Help the SC Green Party Grow

Help us mobilize all who are striving for an ecological and just society.  
Donate your TIME and MONEY.

- Administration
- Campaigns
- Education and Issue Advocacy
- Membership and Outreach
- Public Relations
- Fundraising

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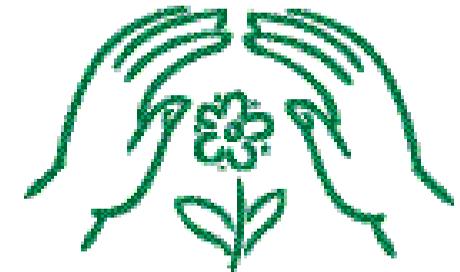
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- \$40
- \$100+



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