

## Hampton Roads Green Party Agenda 10/6/19

Russell Memorial Library, EAP Room, Chesapeake

### 1) Procedural

- a) Establish Quorum
- b) Assign Facilitator
- c) Assign Notetaker
- d) Take Attendance/Introductions

### 2) Officer/Committee Reports

- e) Co-Chairs/Secretary - unfilled
- f) Treasurer Report – Steffanie Aubuchon Chair
- g) Gov't Watchdog Committee – Charles Brown Chair
- h) Media – TJ Thomas Chair
- i) IT – Blaizen Bloom Chair – Website Hosting (Bryce/Blaizen)
- j) Education and Membership – Tina Rockett Chair
  - 1) Youth Outreach – Co-Chairs: Blaizen and Declan
- g) GPVA Update – Bryce/Tina Co-Chairs; Blaizen – GPVA Twitter Assistant
- h) GPVA National Delegate Update – Tina – GPUS Platform Climate Change Amendment
- i) GPUS Animal Rights Committee Platform Amendment Votes - Kyle

### 3) Previous Month Events/Endorsements/Sponsorships

- a) Vegodu Tabling 9/24/19

### 4) Upcoming Events

- a) Rage Against the War Machine Oct. 11-12
- b) VegFest – Hampton Nov. 3

### 5) Suggestions: Future speakers – Shana Turner, HR MASK; Puerto Rico video presentation: Colonization is Extinction – invite VACOLAO/others?; Green Light Brigade

### 6) Bylaws Amendments

### 7) General Discussion:

- a) HRGP and/or GPVA Statement re Norfolk Casino – Aaron?;
- b) NN City Council campaign updates? Declan
- c) Other

### 8) Next Monthly Meeting: Nov - TBD, 2-4pm Russell Memorial EAP Room

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Dear Virginia Greens,

An interim meeting of the Leadership Council has completed voting on Hampton Roads' GPUS Platform Amendment Proposal (Climate Change).

Results: passed

Voting Yes: Arlington, Fairfax, Hampton Roads, New River Valley, Shenandoah Valley, Co-chairs Rockett and Davis, Treasurer Mukherjee, Webmaster Thomas, General Secretary Smith.

Voting No: Blue Ridge.

Because this was an interim meeting, the decision must be ratified by a majority vote at our next regular business meeting. In the meantime, the proposal, reproduced below, will be forwarded to the GPUS Platform Committee.

Proposal submitted 9/27/19 to GPUS PlatCom.

PROPOSAL: Regenerative Agriculture

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APPROVAL PROCESS & DATE: GPVA vote taken Sep 24-26, 2019

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## BACKGROUND

The present language on Regenerative Agriculture in the Climate Change section of our platform can be strengthened by noting that individuals can effect important change through divesting from and boycotting industrially raised animal and plant foods. This brief insertion meets this purpose.

PROPOSAL: Addition of Subparagraph d. to III.A.6 (Climate Change)

CURRENT:

### 6. Regenerative Agriculture

- a. End industrialized agriculture methods, including monocropping, reliance on synthetic fertilizers and pesticides, and the use of confined animal operations, all of which are high-order contributors to atmospheric greenhouse gases.
- b. Convert our food producing systems to small-scale Regenerative Agriculture (agroecology) systems to restore soil health, sequester carbon, foster biodiversity, and secure robust ecosystem services for a sustainable future.
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- d. Boycott and divest from the cruelty, health threats and political influence of Big Ag. Up to 99% of plant and animal food products are Factory Farm produced, but individuals have the power to affect this statistic. Without changing a single law, every meal that does

not include industrially farmed meat, dairy, eggs, corn (including corn-derived fructose such as is used in soft drinks), soy, and other monocropped annuals is an immediate climate action.”