

## Challenge what outrages you!

By Merelice, Fundraising Director

In times of critical need, people contribute. When survival is at stake, giving is a matter of necessity, not generosity.

Passions, not platitudes, reach into the heart and the pocket.

This country is in critical need. It's a time to ask yourself whether your contributions reflect your belief that we can fashion the capacity to challenge our militaristic, self-centered, corporate-dominated culture. Or will we let ourselves be cowed into thinking our efforts are either irrelevant or overwhelmed by forces beyond our control?

### Your contributions reveal what you believe.

The Green-Rainbow Party doesn't ask for much — a minimum of \$10. And the Party gives so much in return. If you want the Party to be relevant in its words and deeds, you will gratefully send an immediate contribution. Otherwise, you are saying you don't believe we can make a difference.

We talk about many crises: environmental, social, economic, ethical. We ask our nation's leaders to address many issues they would ignore if we weren't nipping at their heels. But these crises and issues all stem from a crisis in leadership. Where are the leaders willing to confront the corrupt influence of corporate-financed lobbyists who are running the two major political parties and, indeed, our public policies both domestically and internationally?

We are the only political party with the courage and strength of purpose to work for genuine change — to work for a just and caring world, not just equal opportunity in a corrupt and violent world.

It's a time of critical need. Survival — of our planet, people, privacy, civility, and even Party — is at stake. You need the Green-Rainbow Party. And the Party needs your support. It's that simple and that urgent. Please turn to page 8 of this newsletter and respond today.



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Green-Rainbow legislative candidates at State House. Richard Grabowski, left; David Ebony Allen Barkley, speaking; Richard Zitola, Nathaniel Fortune, Carolina Johnson (right, behind)

## Fortune, Grabowski, Johnson, Stein in State Rep races; Zitola runs for Senate

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## Barkley write-in campaign stymied by poll violations

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## GRP campaigns for State and national offices in full swing



## Green Party Presidential Ticket: 'Bring troops home; work for justice.'

By David Cobb and Pat LaMarche

While the corporate press covers the presidential campaign as just another horse race and the establishment parties offer poll-driven platitudes, the Green Party — whose affiliate in Massachusetts is the Green-Rainbow Party — is focusing on the issues most important to the health, well-being, and security of our citizens.

Of the issues the first and foremost is Iraq. It is time to bring our troops

home, now. The connection of oil with both Iraq invasions cannot be ignored. Nor can we ignore the billions of dollars spent on our own weapons of mass destruction while schools are closing, children go hungry and toxic waste sites are left to fester.

The Green Party calls for the immediate development of public transportation and alternatives to fossil fuels such as solar, wind, and biodiesel.

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## LaMarche spends night with homeless teens

### GREEN PARTY CANDIDATE TO VIGIL AT DICK CHENEY'S HOUSE IN D.C.

Pat LaMarche, Green Party candidate for Vice President, spent the second day of her groundbreaking Left Out Tour sleeping in Harvard Square with other activists and homeless youth, where the group was hassled by a security guard. LaMarche commented:

"Protecting buildings seems to be more important than the needs of the homeless... All candidates who want a dose of reality ought to live on the streets like this for awhile. It is time for the needs of desperate Americans to take a higher priority."

The tour, which began 9/21 in Augusta Maine, and will end in Cleveland OH on October 4th will include an all-night vigil in front of

Vice President Dick Cheney's house in Washington DC. LaMarche, a single mother of two, whose candidacy for governor in Maine propelled the Maine Greens to ballot status, is undertaking the tour to draw attention to the most vulnerable segments of society and to promote the National Homeless and Low Income Voter Registration week, September 26 through October 2.

Accompanied by Crystal Evans, a Boston activist for the homeless, and Carolina Johnson, Green-Rainbow candidate for State Representative, LaMarche visited Youth on Fire, an organization for homeless youth, served dinner at Rosie's Place and visited the

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# 2004 State Convention held in Ayer

The Green-Rainbow Party’s annual spring convention drew delegates from around the commonwealth on May 1–2, 2004 to elect party officials for the coming year, discuss and vote on party policy, debate important issues and attend workshops.

Calling for delegates to look to the year ahead and “recommit themselves by stepping up into leadership positions,” outgoing co-chairs Grace Ross and David Ebony Allen Barkley opened the annual state convention of the Green-Rainbow party May 1st in Ayer.

The co-chairs noted that, when the Party has 40,000 registered members, the perennial worry about ballot status will be over. They urged delegates to commit themselves to expanding party membership through voter registration

and activism.

Green-Rainbow candidates who attended the convention were given the opportunity to address the delegates about their campaigns and the issues important in their districts. The three who did so were Carolina Johnson, running for State Representative in Cambridge in the 25th Middlesex district; Nat Fortune, candidate for State Representative in the 1st Franklin district; and Rich Zitola, candidate for State Senator in Worcester and Middlesex counties. Delegates elected the following party officials for the coming year:

Co-chairs: Julie Saad, Ron Francis  
Secretary: Jim Bosman  
Treasurer: Dan Melnechuk  
Fundraising Director: Merelice

Membership Director: Michael Gainer  
Delegates to U.S. Green Party  
Coordinating Committee: Delegates: Betts Zisk and Ebony Barkley;  
Alternates: Aimee Smith and Gil Obler.

Several workshops were well attended and generated lively debate:

- The Housing Crisis: Bill Cunningham and Gary Hicks
- Starting a Local: Aimee Smith, Aram Falsafi, Gil Obler
- The Reality of Living in Poverty: Lisa Richards
- Tax Fairness, Economic Justice Issues in Massachusetts: Michael Gainer
- Grassroots Democracy: Jamie O’Keefe and Dave England
- Racism and Genocide at Home and Abroad: Ron Francis

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# Reports from the working committees

## Campaign Development/Legal

As one of only four organizations with access to the Massachusetts ballot, the Green-Rainbow Party plays a key role in providing voters with choices at the polls. That role begins with the Campaign Development and Legal Committee (CDLC).

Work on the CDLC includes: researching good races for GRs to run in, recruiting candidates, and providing candidates and their staffs with campaign training. Our focus is on capturing legislative seats and encouraging party members to acquire experience in local government. CDLC meets year round, usually monthly, usually in central Massachusetts. We plan ahead of the current election cycle.

- We are already planning the post-election review of the races now underway, and preparing for a possible U.S. Senate race should Kerry win the presidency.
- This winter, we will be looking at spring town elections in 2005.
- We are beginning to think about our strategy for state-wide races in 2006.

New workers are welcome. We are eager to add women, minorities, and residents of cities. Anyone who joins this committee will be encouraged to actively contribute. Leave your issue agenda at home. We are working strictly on the strategy and tactics of electioneering, winning partisan elections, and building a recognized and respected third party in Massachusetts.

For further information, contact Dave England, acting secretary, at **DvEngland@aol.com**, or 617-277-2827.

## Communications

With the Communications Director position currently vacant, the Media and Communications Committee is functioning at a modest level as a loose-knit network of activists. Many thanks to Owen Broadhurst for continuing to put out the bi-weekly email updates which are chock full of valuable info (to subscribe, go to **www.green-rainbow.org** and scroll to the bottom of the page). Also thank you to the Administrative Committee members and others who stepped forward to put together this newsletter.

Volunteers are always needed to participate in drafting press-releases and sending them out, generating brochures and other literature, updating the website, and producing newsletters. If you are interested in serving as Communications Director, or in working on the committee, please contact: **communications.director@green-rainbow.org** or call Grace Ross at 617-625-3166.

## Convention Planning

The first meeting of the Convention Planning Committee will be held on Monday October 4th at 7:00 PM, at the Walter Salvo House, 81 Conz Street, Northampton Massachusetts.

Anyone who is planning to come should contact Jon Levy at (413) 529-0742 so that if the meeting has to be cancelled or changed you will be notified. Please feel free to contact Jon if you have any other questions.

Directions: Mass. Pike to exit 4, Rte 91. North about 20 minutes to exit 18. Turn left onto Rte 5 North, go about a quarter mile until Conz street, turn left. Walter Salvo House is a 7 or 8 story apartment complex on the left just after the Gazette Newspaper building.

## Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee is gradually adding to its ranks, most notably with the addition of a part-time fundraiser, Liz Monnin. Welcome Liz! (Please see the accompanying profile on page 5.) Shortly you will begin to see the results of Liz’s work with the committee: postcard mailings to ask lapsed members to renew; individual thank-you and solicitation letters to contributors; a phone-calling program to non-contributors; and soon (we hope) the organizing of a fund-raising event.

All this builds on last year’s record in which the Party exceeded its goal for increasing the number of small contributors, that is, relying more on many grass-roots supporters rather than mostly on few major donors. We want to continue the trend while also adding to the ranks of larger contributors.

If you know benefactors we should be in touch with, please give us their names and contact information. And if you have fundraising ideas, pass them along to **fundraising.director@green-rainbow.org** (especially if you are able to help carry them out!).

## Membership Committee

It’s not easy building a third party in Massachusetts, but the Membership Committee is working to support your organizing efforts. Our recent analysis of the status of locals across the state revealed that folks need help. They need materials for voter registration, outreach and tabling and they need tools for non-electoral organizing.

Our committee is responding to these concerns and is developing regional “tabling” kits to assist with party building activities and events. In addition, we’re currently creating a grassroots organizing guide that provides information on developing and facilitating non-electoral campaigns and gives examples of successful campaigns facilitated across the state ranging from a resolution to ban dioxins in the City of Boston, to campaigns for living wages.

We’re focused on strengthening existing locals and maintaining momentum between electoral campaigns. We welcome your input, ideas, and participation. Please contact committee chair Michael Gainer at 617-699-7399 or **membership.director@green-rainbow.org** for more information or to get involved.

## Platform

Our Committee is revising the 2002 state platform, and ensuring that planks from the Rainbow platform are contained in the synthesis. The committee currently plans three levels of the platform document as stand-alone pieces (main planks; planks with short subtopics; planks, subtopics and explanatory, referencing text). These three versions will be used under a variety of informational circumstances.

The following planks are currently under construction:

- Abolish Poverty/Workers Rights
- Get Money Out of Politics/Electoral Reform
- Education
- Health Care
- Criminal Justice System
- Resist Empire
- Art and Culture
- Ecological Collapse
- Culture of Domination/Human Rights
- Military and Corporate Welfare
- Technology, Science
- Media

- Future Focus/Time Scaling
- Anybody wishing to join the Platform Committee should contact Julie Saad at **female.cochair@green-rainbow.org** or 781-690-1735.

## Technology

The Technology Committee has been busy. We have recently upgraded our email list to the latest Mailman software which has many new features. We also upgraded the Zope web portal system, which we use for web development, to the latest version, which fixed some problems.

The Database subcommittee has been hard at work producing a database solution for distributing contact information to Green-Rainbow candidates, existing locals, and locals that are starting up.

The sad news is that we are losing two of our hard working members, Clayton Carter and Aram Falsafi. Clayton is moving to Maine to pursue a career in organic farming. Aram is moving to the left coast as Massachusetts was only supposed to be a temporary stop over. We wish them the best in their endeavors and will gladly welcome them back with open arms whenever they return.

Speaking of members, we are looking to grow the Tech committee. If you have experience in some, most, or all of the following technologies: FreeBSD, Unix, Apache, HTML, Zope, CMF, Plone, Python, MySQL, Postfix, Mailman, DNS, Perl, shell scripts and command line interface, please consider stepping up to help out your party by volunteering some of your time. We share the work load and most work is done from the comfort of your own computer, with a monthly meeting usually face to face (but we could do phone conference if travel is an issue).

We are also looking for an experienced web designer to help with a reorganization of our web site. If you have designed successful web sites, with or without working on the implementation, we could really use your volunteer time to help make our web site more effective for both newcomers and regulars alike.

Please email **tech@green-rainbow.org** or call 978-688-2068 to indicate your interest in helping out on the Tech team. Anyone is welcome to join the Tech committee email list by going to **www.green-rainbow.org/mailman/listinfo/tech** and signing up.



# The March to Abolish Poverty: Beginning of a New Movement

By Lisa Richards

From March 20 through April 4th, 2004, the first March to Abolish Poverty visited cities and towns throughout Massachusetts. These were 25 communities with the highest childhood poverty rates in the state, based on the percentages of free school lunches served.

On each of the sixteen days of the March, local groups organized events to highlight major poverty issues in their communities. Pictures and press coverage of some of the speak-outs, rallies and marches may be seen at our website: [www.abolishpoverty.org](http://www.abolishpoverty.org).

I was so excited to see groups of people from all walks of life working together at our March stops to organize events to say, “Poverty is wrong and we will work toward abolishing it starting today.” We heard some heart-wrenching stories and documented them for future work. Each of us who participated in the March learned something from each of our stops.

In the past we have been heckled and yelled at for

speaking up against poverty, but this time, people on the streets were great.

In Athol, a middle aged white man came up and shook each of our hands and thanked us for being there. People honked their horns in support. People donated money and stuff like juice and poster supplies. Local people joined in while we marched through their town.

Our work in building the movement to abolish poverty is in its initial stages. However, there is lots of energy and hope while we ramp up from the walking to the running stage.

Please see how your experiences, work, life and dreams can help you be an active part of the movement to abolish poverty, first in the USA

and then world wide.

The Massachusetts Green-Rainbow Party was a sponsor and mainstay of this effort from the beginning. So was the Economic Human Rights Project. Check out their website at [www.econhumanrights.org](http://www.econhumanrights.org).

Thank you to all of you who participated at any level during the March to Abolish Poverty. Stay tuned and spread the word! There is lots happening and ideas to be formulated and implemented in our movement.



## Mystic River Green-Rainbow Action in Somerville, Cambridge

Mystic River Green-Rainbow Action (MRGRA), is based in Somerville and Cambridge. Last year, our chapter backed Aimee Smith for Cambridge City Council, and is now backing Carolina Johnson for State Rep, 25th Middlesex.

We were active in the March to Abolish Poverty. At the end of the Somerville march, we picketed the Sharegroup Company for unjust labor practices— “What’s outrageous? Sharegroup wages!” “What’s disgusting? Union Busting!” —and then rallied in Davis Square.

In Cambridge, we marched to a rally in Lafayette Square. Homes Not Jails served food and coffee in the shelter of a Shell station, empty since 1997, when the city took it by eminent domain. Police watched unfazed as people entered the building to escape the cold rain.

Days later, eight Homes not Jails members—the Lafayette Eight—were arrested on the same site. Some were outside planting flowers and others were in the abandoned, publicly owned building. Six of the Lafayette Eight continue to face double felonies—breaking and entering and possession of burglary tools.

June saw the premier issue of the Bridge, a community newspaper, a

project the local had discussed for two years. We have now produced August and September editions with distribution stepped up to 10,000. The online version can be viewed at [www.bridgenews.org](http://www.bridgenews.org)

The Bridge has certainly piqued the interest of many in the community and the plan is to allow the paper to be a way to bridge communities, issues, etc. It is still in its early stages, but it is a welcome reprieve from the corporate owned press. Next step is selling ads to locally owned business and taking subscriptions, so that we can be a sustainable, viable voice for the voiceless and an ingathering point for people who want to build community in our cities.

In late July the greater Boston area was occupied by the Democratic convention, the Secret Service and other police and military contingents. Yes, men in fatigues carrying M-16’s overlooking the streets of Boston. During DNC week, MRGRA coordinated two demonstrations with the Bl(A)ck Tea Society and Homes not Jails.

On Monday we marched against police brutality, prison abuse and the PATRIOT Act. Our Thursday march against war and occupation was marred by an unprovoked police attack on protesters resulting in injuries and several arrests.

## Nashua River Green-Rainbow moving on several fronts

The Nashua River Green-Rainbow has been hard at work on the Rich Zitola state senate campaign, helping to organize a series of state senate debates. Traditionally this race has had one debate, but this year we are looking at four debates, possibly more. Our goal is at least one forum in each of the 11 cities and towns in the district. One of our members, Dan Grimm, has been involved with the Three Pyramid’s efforts in Fitchburg to diversify that city’s representation on city boards and other diversity projects.

In addition, the local has created “The Nashua River Green-Rainbow Awards,” which they will present annually to the local citizen, business, organization and elected official that best exemplify the ten key values in the community. As the state primary date approached, the local sent out a candidate endorsement

questionnaire to all state representative candidates in the local area (roughly the Worcester-Middlesex state senate district). Alas, none of the candidates returned the questionnaire or sought the local’s endorsement.

Co-chair Tony Lorenzen was featured in both the Fitchburg & Leominster Sentinel and Enterprise and, along with Wanda Boeke and Gil Obler, in the Berkshire Eagle, commenting on Ralph Nader’s failure to make the Massachussetts presidential ballot. Members voted at the August meeting to contribute \$50 of group funds to Cobb/ LaMarche printing costs for the GRP materials. Members of the local met with Pat LaMarche in Portland, ME in August and have been in touch with Greens in Vermont and Connecticut about regional work in the upcoming 2006 elections.

## Cape Cod Green-Rainbow Party focuses on local issues

The Green-Rainbow folks on Cape Cod are not running any candidates for local office this year, but are involved in many local issues, with some successes!

Working with a coalition called “Cape Down-winders,” we have passed Potassium Iodide (KI) Resolutions in 12 of the 15 towns on the Cape, and the towns are starting to stockpile KI at schools and emergency shelters in case of an accident (or attack) at the Pilgrim nuclear facility, in Plymouth. The next step is to raise the issue of an evacuation plan, or lack thereof, with the goal of shutting down the Pilgrim Nuke. Potassium iodide works by saturating the thyroid gland with iodine. In this way it keeps radioactive iodine, a big component of nuclear fallout, from entering the body through the thyroid.

The Cape Green-Rainbow Party is also promoting the creation of a municipal

or cooperative utility to develop wind energy that is of, by, for, and where the people of Cape Cod decide.

We also worked with the Cape Cod Defense of Civil Liberties folks to pass anti-PATRIOT Act resolutions in several towns, and we will be working to pass the same Resolution through the State Legislature next year.

Among other issues are creating a pilot program for universal health care on Cape Cod, election reform and voting machine integrity, and peace and justice issues. We will be part of the Keep Space for Peace protest at the PAVE PAWS unit at Otis Air Force Base on October 2. All are welcome!

We are also promoting the Cobb/ LaMarche campaign on Cape Cod. For information, contact Peter White, (508) 778-4288.

### GREEN-RAINBOW PARTY CAUCUSES AND LOCALS

To join a local, or start one in your area, please see the Green-Rainbow Party web site: [www.green-rainbow.org/Locals\\_Info/locals.html](http://www.green-rainbow.org/Locals_Info/locals.html). You may also contact Michael Gainer for contact information for any of the following GRP locals at: 617-699-7399 or email [membership.director@green-rainbow.org](mailto:membership.director@green-rainbow.org).

#### Lavender Greens

#### Barnstable, Dukes & Nantucket Counties

Mid-Cape Greens  
Upper Cape Greens

#### Berkshire County

Central Berkshire Greens  
South Berkshire Greens

#### Bristol County

Greater Attleboro Greens  
Essex County  
Haverhill Greens  
Lawrence Greens  
Lower Merrimack Valley Greens

#### Franklin County

Connecticut River Valley Green-Rainbows  
Greenfield Greens  
Salmon Falls Greens

#### Hampden County

Agawam Green-Rainbow Party  
Connecticut River Valley Green-Rainbows

#### Hampshire County

Amherst Green-Rainbows  
Belchertown Greens  
Connecticut River Valley Green-Rainbows  
Hadley Green-Rainbow Party  
Northampton Green-Rainbows  
UMass Campus Greens

#### Middlesex County

Harvard College Greens  
Medford Green-Rainbow M.I.T. Greens  
Mystic River Green-Rainbow Action  
Natick Greens  
Somerville Green-

Rainbow Party  
Waltham Green-Rainbows  
Watertown/Belmont Green-Rainbow

#### Norfolk County

Brookline Green-Rainbow

#### Plymouth County

#### Suffolk County

Allston-Brighton Greens  
Boston University Greens  
Jamaica Plain Green-Rainbow Party

#### Worcester County

Millers River Green-Rainbows  
Nashua River Green-Rainbow



# Political reports from Green-Rainbow Party state co-chairs

By Ron Francis and Julie Saad  
Co-Chairs, Green-Rainbow Party

## Elections

The election season is upon us and we need to galvanize Green-Rainbow members into action if we are to successfully compete in the U.S. presidential race as well as the five legislative races that we are participating in.

We must step up our efforts if we are to obtain 3% in the presidential race and maintain our ballot status. To do that we will need to concentrate our efforts in these three important areas:

- Recruit volunteers to campaign,
- Set clear guidelines for our volunteers
- Follow up with our outreach efforts to new volunteers.

Between the efforts of individual candidates (several of which appear to be going well in terms of energy and volunteers) and the developing strategic membership development plan of our Membership and Diversity Committee, we should have the apparatus necessary to mobilize volunteers.

In addition we must make a clear political argument that the Green-Rainbow alternative vision is in the best interests of residents of the Commonwealth in 2004. People must be spoken to in clear, accessible terms so that they know that a vote for the Green-Rainbow is necessary to achieve a society that holds to Green-Rainbow values in the long term. Let's look forward to victory parties for our candidates!

Post-election we need to find ways to maintain the commitment level of a large fraction of volunteers. This will require issue-based or community-building campaigns in various locals around the Commonwealth. We must seek new ways to engage people and strengthen locals. These methods must be tested and best-practices observed.

## Internal Matters

Diversity remains a challenge and requires vigilance. It is clear that unless the GRP focuses a disproportionate attention in low-income areas and among people of color, we may wind up far short of our diversity goals. Our politics must also address the concerns of people of color and low-income people most directly, in order to encourage diversity in the party. Other areas of diversity, such as LBGT, Gender, and geographic also require attention.

Several of our working committees appear to be functioning well. The Platform Committee is making progress in merging Green and Rainbow values and solidifying our historic role in linking these two political trends. It is urgent that we all recognize ourselves as Green-Rainbows ready to move forward as one unit.

## Need for Communication Director and Adcom Diversity positions

We have one urgent need: A person to step forward and coordinate the production of our newsletter. Several people have indicated a willingness to help contribute to the process of producing

the newsletter but nobody to coordinate all of it. If you have skills in this area, please consider diverting your energy to become the Communications Director (presence at monthly Administrative Committee meetings is also required). Diversity seats on the Adcom also need to be filled to help round out the decision making process of the Adcom.

—Ron Francis

It has been a busy five months since I was elected female co-chair. Being a member of the Massachusetts delegation to Green Party National Convention this past June was a high point. A neighbor remarked enviously to me as I packed my bags into the car, "You're so lucky to be going to a political convention where the candidate is not known in advance!"

I was indeed lucky. The exhilaration and energy created when open debate on issues and strategies is not only encouraged but positively welcomed is matchless. This atmosphere of open, vigorous debate is, alas, an increasingly rare occurrence not only in the country at large, but also in many progressive groups as well. However, I am happy to report that lively, democratic debate is alive and well in the Green Party, both at the local and national level.

The convention offered a wonderful venue to meet and speak with Greens from all over the country and, indeed, from all over the world. Numerous international Greens, many of them elected officials, including members of parliament and standing governments, gave inspiring talks on the progress of Green Parties in their home countries.

The national convention passed a ground-breaking platform plank on the issue of Israel-Palestine, which affirms our support for lasting peace in the Middle East based on the Right of Return and support for the single state solution and which is an authentic reflection of our ten key values. In doing so, the national Greens took the lead among Green parties worldwide. The recommendations contained in our platform statement are increasingly being discussed and considered by supporters of peace around the globe. As a member of the International Committee of the national party, I am proud to have contributed to this document.

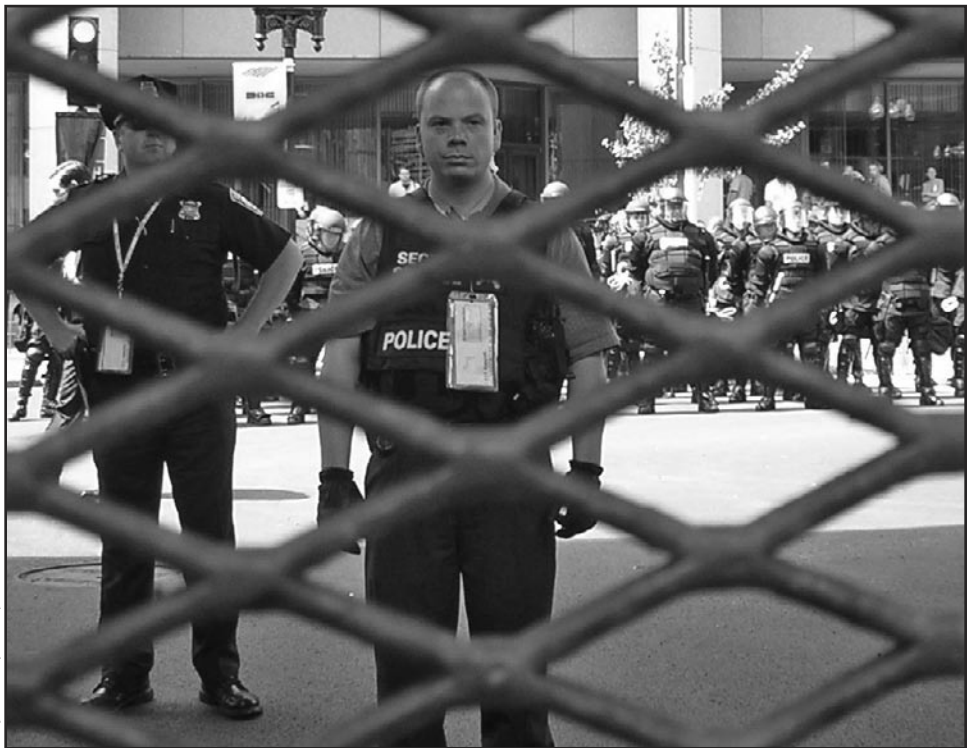
Back home in Massachusetts, the coming November elections are our biggest challenge. With five party members as candidates in local races and the Cobb/LaMarche ticket nationally, our aim is to get our local candidates elected in November as well as retaining our hard-won ballot status. No matter what the result in November, the elections also provide a golden opportunity for outreach to those many Massachusetts voters disillusioned with the Republicans and Democrats and who are looking for an authentic political choice. If you yearn for the opportunity for old-fashioned debate and genuine progressive anti-racist politics, please visit [www.green-rainbow.org](http://www.green-rainbow.org) and join a local near you!

—Julie Saad



Jim Bosman

A visit to Riverland Farm (CSA) in Sunderland on Sept. 24th. Pictured from left to right, Green Party presidential candidate David Cobb discusses sustainable agriculture with assistant farm manager Matt Kuszyński, legislative candidate Nat Fortune, and Ferdene Chin-Yee, co-owner of Riverland Farm.



Annie Butler, The Bridge

Police state takes over downtown Boston during Democratic National Convention.

## Looking Beyond November 2, 2004

By Aram Falsafi  
Watertown/Belmont Green-Rainbow

With just weeks to go before the presidential election, how do we imagine politics beyond November 2? Whatever the outcome, the results on November 3 will shape electoral politics for the next few years. At that point, the election will be no more than a lesson to be applied to future struggles. Therefore, whatever our differences today, we must remain united in the long run; as every veteran of social change organizing knows, this is a long-term struggle.

The 2004 presidential election has put particular pressures on Greens in the so-called "swing states", where the final outcome could easily be affected by the Green voter turnout. Massachusetts is considered a "safe state" for Kerry, but we have had our share of soul-searching from within, and pressure from without.

There are those for whom it is never a good time to support a third party. But this year, there are committed Greens throughout the country who genuinely believe that George W. Bush and the neo-conservative cabal around him represent a qualitatively different threat to the nation and the world and that our first priority should be removing him from office, no matter what the alternative. Other equally committed Greens see the current administration as merely less competent administrators of the same old empire defending the same corporate interests, perhaps less efficiently.

"Anybody But Bush" (ABB) people have tended to support Green nominee David Cobb. Some, who have argued against fielding a candidate at all in 2004, nevertheless continue to back the Nader/Camejo ticket.

As with every political division, though, the lines are not clear-cut. For example, many Green-Rainbow activists support Cobb not because he is focusing on so-called "safe states," but because he has made party-building and support of local candidates a key part of his campaign.

Accusing all Cobb supporters of being Democratic Party agents, simply because some of his prominent early supporters belonged to the ABB camp, is the kind of divisive sectarianism that will fracture the party, handing a huge victory to those who want to see our demise.

Rejoicing at Nader's failure to make the ballot in certain states not only damages Green party unity. It is hypocritical, given our insistence that all candidates should have the right to run, with the choice left to the voters.

We should all take a principled stand this year, recognizing the right of fellow GRP members (and Greens nationally) to actively support our party's presidential ticket, even if some of us do not find the candidates "pure enough."

We must also remember that no vote is our private property, to be "siphoned" or "stolen" from us by another candidate or party. After November 2, we will all be working together on the next issue or statewide political campaign.



# Greens joined in Boston protests

## Green-Rainbow Party Statement on the DNC occupation of Boston, Massachusetts

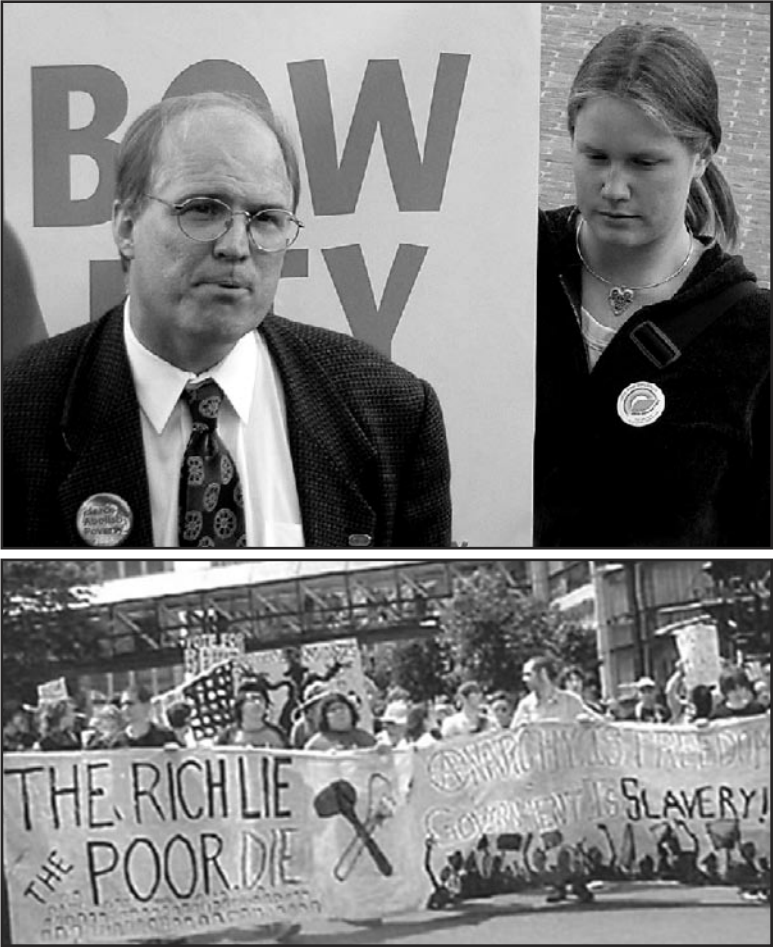
When the convention of the self-styled “Democratic” Party descends on Boston this summer, it will clearly show the contrast between the party’s rhetoric and what it is really all about. While the “Democratic” politicians talk about democracy and working for the people, their actions reveal themselves as collaborators with the other corporate run party, the “Republicans.”

As a result, Boston is gearing up to sustain the implementation of a police state during the convention period in the area near the convention site. One subway station will be closed for the entire workweek, massive numbers of law enforcement personnel will be deployed, and plans are in place for a concrete barrier to be built to seal off the public and protesters from the corporate networking fest.

When the only two major political parties in the country support the conquest of Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine, and Columbia, subversion of democracy in Haiti and Venezuela, the erosion of civil liberties, scapegoating of immigrants, the expansion of a prison-industrial complex, the death penalty, corporate designed free trade agreements, the militarization of space, and the corporate consolidation of the media, we the people begin to wonder just exactly what decisions are left to be influenced by exercising our democratic rights.

When groups as diverse as the Pentagon and Greenpeace converge on the concern for irreversible ecological destruction through global warming, when nuclear proliferation and nuclear power plant aging are continuing unchecked, and when corporations driven by monopoly interests genetically modify our food supply and proliferate uncontrollable experimental organisms into the ecosystem, we citizens of the planet come to realize that we must find new ways of working together if there is to be a future.

The Green Party worldwide and Green-Rainbow Party here in Massachusetts is one political current that has served as a gathering point for many who feel the urgency to recreate our world into a just and mutual community before it is too late. We are one of the voices of those who are ignored by the current corporate-imperial structure of global capital. On behalf of those who have no say in the decisions that affect their lives, we call on the city of Boston, the State of Massachusetts and the US Government to recognize the rights of the people peaceably to assemble for a redress of our grievances at the site of the Democratic National Convention this summer in Boston. Call off the plans to instill martial law and to occupy Boston. Do not use precious resources to support the building of a separation wall either here in Boston or in Palestine. Messrs. Menino, Bush, Sharon: tear down these walls!



photos: Crystal Evans, The Bridge

### KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

#### Massachusetts Voters’ Bill of Rights

The League of Women Voters (MLW) has published a Bill of Rights for all Massachusetts Voters. It is available online, at the following link in pdf format. More voting information is available at the LWV site below. Visit these sites, download the document and know your rights!

1. <http://lwvma.org/PDFFiles/BillofRightswithSignatures.pdf>
2. <http://www.votinginfo.info/>

## Welcome to our newest Green-Rainbow Party staffperson, Liz Monnin

Liz Monnin, a graduate of Tufts University in Women’s Studies at the Peace and Justice Studies Program, has recently been hired as Green-Rainbow Party fundraiser-organizer.

While an undergraduate at Tufts University, Liz contributed to numerous campaigns that raised awareness about injustices and mobilized people to take action.

As an intern with the DC Rape Crisis Center, Liz initiated a same-sex sexual violence initiative. Additionally, she volunteered at the Women’s Building with the Earned Income Tax project as a tax return preparer for low-income community members.

Liz currently works as a community organizer with the Somerville Israel Divestment Project.

## How to Change Your Voter Registration to Green-Rainbow

You can go on the internet at [www.state.ma.us/sec/ele/elestu/stuidx.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/sec/ele/elestu/stuidx.htm) and request a voter registration form be sent to you by mail. Or you can just visit your city or town hall. When you get the form, check the box for “Green-Rainbow.”

If you mail a voter registration form, watch for a letter from your town or city clerk that indicates your registration has successfully been changed to the Green-Rainbow Party. If you go in person to the town or city hall, make sure to get

a receipt that clearly indicates you have had your registration changed to the Green-Rainbow Party.

Unfortunately, we keep getting reports of irregularities in the voter registration process. If you discover you have been incorrectly registered, see your voter registrar or town clerk. Also, please notify us by email at [office@green-rainbow.org](mailto:office@green-rainbow.org) or by phone at 978-688-2068 and include how we can contact you to follow up.

## Cobb & LaMarche continued from page 1

By developing these resources, not only will we eliminate the motivation to wage war on oil-rich countries, but we’ll protect the environment and create millions of new jobs in the process.

Another measure intended to make us more safe but which has had the opposite effect is the Orwellian-named “Patriot Act.” Unlike the two parties which conspired to foist this insulting, invasive, and unconstitutional legislation upon the “home of the free,” the Green Party calls for its immediate and complete repeal.

### Universal health care; social and racial justice

Although, by necessity, there is a focus on rectifying the failed policies of the past, the Green Party is unique in putting forth a positive and comprehensive vision for the future. The Green vision is one where each American has access to health care and can earn a living wage — not merely a minimum wage. Every other industrialized democracy — except South Africa — provides universal health care for its citizens, even while the U.S. pays more money for insurance and health care than any other nation yet has millions of uninsured citizens.

The Green vision is also one of social and racial justice which demands an end to the racist war on drugs and the prison industrial complex which it has spawned. The Green vision demands equal rights and statehood for the residents of the District of Columbia and restoring and respecting treaty rights for Native American nations.

### More democracy: IRV, public funding

The Green Party has enjoyed tremendous success at the grassroots level, electing hundreds of local candidates nationwide, where corporate influence can be countered by knocking on doors and talking with neighbors.

We are succeeding against all odds in a money-drenched “two party” system which not only tries to prevent our participation but challenges our very existence. The author Edward Abbey once wrote that “the cure for the ills of democracy is more democracy.” We need more democracy — Instant Runoff Voting, publicly funded elections, access to the ballot and debates, and proportional representation — to adequately represent the diversity of people and opinions that is twenty-first century America.

The Cobb-LaMarche campaign is proud to represent the party of peace, social and racial justice, real democracy, and a healthy environment. We encourage you to join the Green-Rainbow Party, vote Green-Rainbow, and be part of the growing movement which is creating a better future each and every day.

David Cobb and Pat LaMarche are the Green Party’s candidates for President and Vice President. See [www.votecobb.org](http://www.votecobb.org) for more information on the campaign, including how to order campaign merchandise and contact staff. To participate in the Massachusetts Cobb campaign, go to [www.votecobb.org/Members/masscampaign](http://www.votecobb.org/Members/masscampaign).

### In Memoriam

#### Mary Pelissier Broadhurst 1944 – 2004

Mary J. (Pelissier) Broadhurst, community activist and resident of Agawam for thirty years, was a member of the Massachusetts Green-Rainbow Party since 2002. Mother of Owen R. Broadhurst, also an active member of the Green-Rainbows, Mary was instrumental in founding the Agawam Green-Rainbow local. Long recognized for her activism in the town of Agawam and community education issues, Mary was a valued member of the GRP State Committee from 2002–2003.

In a eulogy written by her sister Kathryn Levesque, Mary is described a tireless and selfless devotee to the causes she believed in: “[Mary] never really recognized the value and the rarity of her tireless devotion to the community causes she was involved in...And with all of the causes she worked on, she emailed, printed, collated, fundraised and put her hand to whatever tasks needed to be done. But she never took the full measure of the value of her work, and was always surprised that others did.”

Mary’s energy and commitment will be sorely missed by all of us in the Green-Rainbow Party.



# Green-Rainbows seek seats in State Legislature



**Fortune**  
1st Franklin

## Nat Fortune: from school committee to State Representative

We have a historic opportunity this fall: an opportunity to elect the first members of our party to the state legislature. As our candidate for state representative in the First Franklin District, I hope to help advance our common dreams.

In running for this seat, I am continuing ten years of organizing on behalf of public education. Even before I was elected to my town's school committee, I helped organize successful campaigns to convince the school to protect the health and safety of our children (and the legal rights of parents) in after-school programs and to ensure free and equal access to quality, full-day kindergarten with ample opportunities for art, music, and creative play. I am particularly proud of our school's extensive peer-mediation program and year-round instruction in the peaceful resolution of conflicts under the theme of "standing together"—not to be confused with "united we stand."

Most recently, I succeeded in a long-term campaign to provide individualized instruction for all of our school's students by adding certified teachers' aides to our budget even as state aid for schools has plummeted. Every child is special, and every child deserves a special education.

All of this is now at risk from a legislature that unapologetically shifts the burden of taxes from the wealthiest to the poorest among us. To end the evisceration of vital services ranging from schools to shelters, we need new legislators willing to put our interests first. Please help me be one of them. I welcome your support. Please visit [www.agreenerfortuneforall.org](http://www.agreenerfortuneforall.org) or call (413) 665-6739 or email [info@aGreenerFortuneForAll.org](mailto:info@aGreenerFortuneForAll.org).



**Johnson**  
25th Middlesex

## Carolina Johnson: An Alternative for Cambridge

In the 25th Middlesex district voters have not had a choice on their ballot since 1998. Carolina Johnson is running as a Green-Rainbow for State Representative.

Since moving to Massachusetts in 2000, Carolina has been very active in Green-Rainbow politics, volunteering for numerous campaigns. She co-founded Harvard College Greens in 2001.

Carolina became determined to work for positive change in the State House after serving as an aide to State Rep. Karen Spilka and working as an organizer for Massachusetts Voters for Clean Elections. She got a close-in view of the corruption and stagnation which pervade Beacon Hill politics.

When she was urged to run for State Rep. by local Green-Rainbows this fall, Carolina saw a chance to start working for change in Massachusetts government, and decided to enter the race. Carolina's campaign took off this spring before she had even completed her degree in Women's Studies and Social Studies at Harvard College in June of this year.

The Johnson campaign is focused on housing, women's safety, public transit, and democratic access and reform, issues which are resonating with voters in the district.

If you'd like to join Carolina Johnson's campaign team, and help to spread the debate about these issues and to make an alternative for Cambridge possible, please visit Carolina's website at: [www.carolinajohnson.org](http://www.carolinajohnson.org), call her campaign manager, Steve Milder, at (671) 721-2424, or send an email to [info@carolinajohnson.org](mailto:info@carolinajohnson.org).

Carolina needs your help to win this November!



**Stein**  
9th Middlesex

## Jill Stein: This is one we can win

I'm running for the 9th Middlesex Representative seat to help bring the vision we share—of a healthy, just, democratic Commonwealth—back to the Massachusetts State House. And this is a race that we can truly win.

Two years ago we made history with a people-powered campaign for Governor of Massachusetts. Now we are continuing to build the politics of hope and transformation. Specifically, we call for implementing urgently needed, practical solutions to the serious problems we're facing – from incentives for job creation to universal health care, quality education, affordable housing and smart growth, safer alternatives to toxic chemicals, adequate funding for all vital services, fair taxes, clean energy, democracy reforms and more.

The incumbent I'm challenging is a loyal supporter of Speaker Tom Finneran. He helped dismantle the Clean Elections law, voted to expand Finneran's power in the legislature, and opposed new revenues to maintain health care, education, affordable housing, environmental protection and other vital services. He is also an opponent of reproductive choice. And he has failed to provide urgently needed leadership on critical social, economic, health and environmental initiatives.

Circumstances make this election winnable. The incumbent is vulnerable and already running away from his record. We've received endorsements from respected nonpartisan groups like the National Organization for Women and Clean Water Action. With your support, we can and will win. Come November, we can help change direction on Beacon Hill, re-energize democratic participation, and help build the healthy, just, sustainable Commonwealth that is within our reach.

Visit the campaign's website at [www.jill4rep.org](http://www.jill4rep.org).



**Zitola**  
Worcester & Middlesex

## Rich Zitola: A record five debates in Worcester-Middlesex

Thus far we have had an extraordinarily successful campaign for State Senator in the Worcester-Middlesex district. I was the first candidate to join the race, and have set the pace. I assertively challenged both of my opponents to a series of debates in every city and town in the district. They both accepted! Even the media has treated me fairly, giving me equal status with the Democrat incumbent and Republican challenger.

Every day we're breaking new ground in establishing the credibility of our party. Reporters have said that we provided them with better media packets than they've ever seen from ANY candidate. I have spoken with many high-ranking elected officials who are excited that I'm challenging the incumbent. At one point, a member of the Democratic Town Committee of one of our towns said he was thoroughly frustrated with his party and is going to vote for me in November.

This is truly a winnable race, and an opportunity for us to make a major leap forward as a political party, not just in Massachusetts but nationwide. If elected, I would be the highest ranking elected official in the GPUS. However, this can only happen with your help. I challenge YOU to make a commitment to contribute in any way you can to this campaign by one of the following: Volunteer to watch polls in the district on November 2; Contribute to help us reach out to district by mass mailing; Attend one of the debates and other local community fairs in the district between now and November 2.

Please visit [www.voteZitola.org](http://www.voteZitola.org) or call (978) 516-9160 for details.



**Grabowski**  
7th Essex

## Rick Grabowski: I ask you to join me

Hi Friends, I hope all is well and that you are enjoying the summer. As most of you know I am running for the position of Massachusetts State Representative 7th Essex District as a Green-Rainbow candidate.

I have decided on the Green-Rainbow party because not only are the party's principles, the "Ten Key Values," (see page 8) in alignment with my personal and moral values, but also as a former member of the Democratic party I witnessed their ideological shift away from core democratic principles.

In addition, I believe that my vote for President of the United States will not, in any way shape or form, promote my desires in our foreign policy because the major candidates project the same policy.

Therefore, as an active candidate for State Representative, I ask you to join me in organizing workshops and/or house parties to explore this reckless foreign policy and where this policy may take our state and our country.

I believe that one of the cornerstones of this policy and its effect on our way of life is the Islamo-terrorist. I have accomplished much research on this entity and have decided to incorporate some of it into my campaign literature, and into my quest for better government. A Government: Of the People, By the People, For the People.

If this makes sense to you, if you can help with workshops, showings of Greenwald's UNCENSORED, or OutFoxed please reply to me at the following email address: [Taocontractor@aol.com](mailto:Taocontractor@aol.com).

And lastly, if you wish to help my campaign / message, give me a holler or mail a contribution to Committee to elect Grabowski, PO Box 8821, Salem MA 01970.

In Solidarity, we can make a difference.



# Polling violations mar Barkley’s 11th Suffolk Campaign

By Michael Gainer

For over four months we organized. We went door to door and we listened. We spoke out and we inspired. We brought people together to influence and create a dialogue for positive change. We stood up and said that the “system” that disempowers, discriminates, controls, and corrupts must change.

The Committee to Elect David Ebony Allen Barkley for State Representative in the 11th Suffolk district confronted that system on primary day, Tuesday, September 14th. As a result of numerous gross voting violations at the polls and a contentious Sheriff’s race that siphoned many of our committed write-in voters off to Democratic Party ballots, we didn’t get the 150 write-in votes needed to secure a spot on November’s ballot.

Our campaign had been playing catch-up from the very beginning. In April the courts had ruled that the previous lines disenfranchised Black voters by diluting their voting strength. We had only four days to collect signatures due to a late announcement of new district lines. We fell ten certified signatures short of being listed on the primary ballot.

The campaign immediately organized a write-in campaign for the September primary. In three short months, the campaign built momentum as we approached the primary. We were recruiting new volunteers, bringing together Green-Rainbow party members from across the city, and communicating a strong message of “new hope for a new district”.

When the polls opened at 7AM on primary day, our volunteers were positioned in every voting location in the district. By 7:30AM we had reports of voting rights violations in nearly half of the precincts.

An elderly registered Green-Rainbow voter, Charles, entered his polling location and asked for a Green-Rainbow Ballot. He was told he had to choose a Democratic or Republican ballot. Intimidated and confused, he eventually settled for the Democratic ballot and wrote in David Barkley.

Michelle and her boyfriend, both first time voters, headed to the polls in the afternoon. They clearly stated they wanted Green-Rainbow ballots to write-in David Barkley. Only Democratic and Republican ballots were displayed in front of them. They were offered a “blue” ballot (Republican Party) and told they could use that ballot to write-in David.



Ebony Barkley

Later they found out that they were given the wrong ballot and that their vote would not count.

Violations of election law continued throughout the day. We don’t know how many votes our campaign lost as a result.

This is not the first time that the party has encountered gross violations of election law. Ralph Walton conducted an analysis of Boston’s Green-Rainbow voters in March’s presidential primary. It found that nearly half of the ballots cast were not counted. A similar analysis in Medford showed nearly 60% of Green-Rainbow Party votes disappearing.

The system is not prepared to deal fairly with third party candidates. “Third parties” are at a disadvantage because they have different ballots (both size and shape) and a different voting process, for which poll workers are not trained.

During the September primary, poll workers were unaware of our write-in campaign. Many were unfamiliar with the “J” designation of the Green-Rainbow Party. Poll workers did very little to help voters who intended to pull a Green-Rainbow ballot. In some cases they actively persuaded voters to take a Democratic, rather than a Green-Rainbow ballot.

There were too many of these violations. The Barkley campaign plans to file a formal complaint with the Secretary of State’s office. It is doubtful that the complaint and investigation will change the outcome. But we can try to change a system that now favors an entrenched two party system, and that blocks us from voting for candidates who address our needs.

Our state ranks 49th out of 50 states in contested elections. In the 11th Suffolk, once again, an incumbent will run unopposed. Again, voters will be

# Green-Rainbow Youth Cacus Seeks Increased Representation

by Wendy Van Horne and Scott Pherson

Youth today is disillusioned and jaded when it comes to our nation’s political arena. We watch movies and listen to songs where we fight for what we believe in and win. We yearn for something to believe in and something to fight for.

The notion that we are unworthy of being heard, whether imposed or self-internalized, holds us back. This is based on our ignorance of today’s events, the intimidating images of politicians and media figures, and our preoccupation with school, money, friends, and trying to reach the next stage in our lives.

How can the youth of America form our own opinions and have conviction of mind when there is no program, group, or focus on feeding our hungry minds? There is an untapped resource in the youth of America, a resource that many politicians, religious leaders, community leaders, and even parents, overlook. This problem of being overlooked not only exists in society at large, but also within the Green-Rainbow Party.

Plans for the Green-Rainbow Party Youth Cacus came to fruition at the 2004 Green-Rainbow Party State Convention, when a small group of young Green-Rainbows decided to take action.

This meeting, just like any meeting of the State Committee or Administrative Committee, showed the chronic under representation of youth in Green-Rainbow Party at the leadership level. As of the writing of this article, there are no State Committee or Administrative Committee members under the age of 30. None of the working committee co-chairs are under the age of 30 and none of the Green-Rainbow Party delegates to any of the

national Green Party committees are under the age of 30.

Locals and statewide caucuses notwithstanding, the aforementioned positions are the leaders of the Green-Rainbow Party and steer the Green-Rainbow Party ship in whatever directions they deem appropriate. However, a substantial percentage of the Green-Rainbow Party membership is under the age of 30, but what leaders can speak for the youth?

To ensure that youth’s voice was heard and participatory in the process of formulating and interpreting the Green-Rainbow Party agenda and policy, plans have been set for a new Green-Rainbow Party Youth Cacus. This caucus is open to all Green-Rainbow Party members under the age of 30; please contact Wendy Van Horne [wmv01462@hotmail.com](mailto:wmv01462@hotmail.com) if you wish to join the caucus.

The caucus will likely develop a relationship with the newly forming U.S. Green Party Youth Cacus <http://six.pairlist.net/mailman/listinfo/youth-caucus>, but the primary focus is to promote youth participation in Massachusetts politics, promote the youth agenda, and to increase youth membership in Green-Rainbow Party leadership positions and Massachusetts elected public offices.

We hope the new Green-Rainbow Party Youth Cacus can remedy some of this aimlessness and help educate and empower the young voices of Massachusetts.

This is not a short-term mission. It will take dedication, understanding, acceptance, and the willingness to admit that we don’t know everything, but would like to learn.

denied the opportunity to hold their legislator accountable. And again, an election season will pass without substantive debate and discussion on the issues that are important in our communities.

The Green-Rainbow Party will continue to run candidates by mobilizing at the grass-roots. We will fight against a system that is racist, discriminates against third party candidates, disenfranchises voters, and limits choice. This temporary defeat cannot discourage us. The challenges we

face can be overcome. The Barkley campaign would like to thank all those who supported its efforts. A special thanks to all our tireless volunteers that dropped literature, made hours of phone calls, canvassed door-to-door, worked the polls, and provided technical support. Though this campaign has ended, other campaigns need our support. We are building a movement for positive social change and our time, skills, energy, and passion are in tremendous need. Let us continue to organize and keep hope alive!

# Are You Registered in the Green-Rainbow Party?

by Daniel Melnechuk, Treasurer

Which Green are you? In 1991, G/GPUSA was the first Green political designation in Massachusetts. We tried to change the name to Massachusetts Green Party in 1997, but through a clerical error, the State election office created a second designation. Then, nearly two years ago, the Rainbow Coalition joined forces with the Massachusetts Green Party. This is making our attempt to achieve permanent ballot status more difficult since the G/GPUSA and Rainbow are not included in the Green-Rainbow’s numbers. To achieve and maintain ballot status a

party must have 1% of the registered voters in the state registered in that party, or have a GRP statewide candidate win at least 3% of the vote every time there is a statewide election (Governor, Treasurer, US Senator, President).

To acheive the goal of registering 1% of voters as Green-Rainbow, we must ask everyone who is currently registered as Rainbow Coalition (F), or G/GPUSA (G) to reregister as Green-Rainbow (J) to help grow our strength in numbers towards permanent ballot status.

How can you find out in what party you are registered to vote?

To see what your current voter registration is, look on the address label of your newsletter. Above your name is a line of information that will look something like “J 9/3/2004 #12345” or “G @123DFGS100024”. The letter at the beginning of this line is the Massachusetts state code letter for the political party or designation that you are registered in.

Only if there is a J at the beginning of the line are you registered in the Green-Rainbow Party.

If there is an F, our records say that you are registered as Rainbow Coalition.

If there is a G, our records say you are registered as a G/GPUSA member. Either way, please change your registration to Green-Rainbow Party. See page 5 for instructions.

If your address label does not have J, G, or F, you are either registered independent (“Unenrolled” as the state calls it) or another party or political designation. You have received this newsletter because you are or have been a financial supporter and we thank you for that important support.



# Ten Key Values: a foundation for action

The Green-Rainbow Party is different from other political parties in Massachusetts. We are both a political party and a movement. Thus we are challenged to make change as grassroots activists in the streets and our neighborhoods as well as by winning elections for our candidates.

The U.S. Green Party, and the international Green movement to which we belong, are different for another reason. Green parties are based on values. The Green-Rainbow Party is guided by the Ten Key Values of Green parties of all countries. This is about how we as individuals and as a cooperative movement evaluate actions we take in the real world.

Our platform interprets the vision of the 10 Key Values for local, national, and global issues facing us from day to day. All action has political ramifications from what food we buy to who we vote for.

One principle of life is balance. That is how we see the 10 Key Values. Planning or taking an action that emphasizes one Key Value while trashing other Key Values does not advance the agenda of nonviolent radical change.

Another principle of life is change. As we grow and the world changes around us, it is important that we continue to keep close our shared values as we work together. The 10 Key Values are a living document subject to constant re-examination.

The following is a summary version of the 10 Key Values, the full text of which can be found on our web site — [www.green-rainbow.org/Documents/10kv.html](http://www.green-rainbow.org/Documents/10kv.html)

**GRASSROOTS DEMOCRACY** Work to ensure full accountability by elected representatives and to expand participatory democracy by directly including citizens in the decision-making process.

**ECOLOGICAL WISDOM** Support a sustainable society that preserves natural resources for future generations, employs agricultural practices that replenish the soil, and respects the integrity of natural systems.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY** Consciously confront in ourselves, our organizations, and society at large, barriers such as racism and class oppression, sexism and heterosexism, ageism and disability, which act to deny fair treatment and equal justice under the law.

**NONVIOLENCE** Work to demilitarize our society and eliminate weapons of mass destruction. Develop effective alternatives to violence, while recognizing the need for self-defense and the defense of others. Promote nonviolent methods of social change and work towards lasting personal, community and global peace.

**DECENTRALIZATION** Promote a restructuring of social, political and economic institutions to overcome the centralization of wealth and power which contributes to social and economic injustice, environmental destruction, and militarization. Promote individual and local decision-making, while assuring civil rights for all citizens.

**COMMUNITY BASED ECONOMICS** Local communities must look to economic development that assures protection of the environment, promotes workers' rights, offers meaningful work with dignity at a living wage, and encourages broad citizen participation in planning and enhancement of

the quality of life. We support socially responsible small businesses, as well as cooperatives and public enterprises that distribute resources and control to more people through democratic participation.

**FEMINISM** Replace the culture of domination and control with cooperative ways of interacting which respect differences of opinion and gender. Promote and develop human values such as gender equity, interpersonal responsibility, and honesty. Assure that the process which determines our decisions and actions is just as important as the outcome.

**RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY** Promote and value cultural, ethnic, racial, sexual, religious and spiritual diversity. Support the leadership of people who have been traditionally locked out of leadership roles. Acknowledge and encourage respect for other life forms and the preservation of biodiversity.

**PERSONAL AND GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY** Encourage individuals to balance self-awareness and self-improvement, their personal well being, and enhanced ecological balance and social harmony. Join with people and organizations around the world to foster peace, economic justice, and the health of the planet.

**FUTURE FOCUS AND SUSTAINABILITY** Our actions and policies should be motivated by the long-term goals of protecting natural resources, safe disposal of waste, and developing a sustainable economics responsible to future generations. Our overall goal is not merely to survive, but to share lives which reflect individual dignity, intrinsic worth, understanding of our community, and appreciation of the magnificent beauty of this world.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORTER AND MEMBERSHIP FORM

☐ Yes! I want to be a dues-paying financial supporter of the Green-Rainbow Party.

☐ I am renewing my dues.

☐ \$10 low income   ☐ \$20 regular   ☐ \$30 family   ☐ \$50 supporting   ☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Monthly Sustainer: \$\_\_\_\_\_ /month \*

☐ I am a member of the Green-Rainbow Party since I am

☐ registered as a Green-Rainbow voter in Massachusetts, or

☐ paying dues and am registered as Unenrolled in Massachusetts, or

☐ paying dues and am not registered to vote.

☐ Save postage! Send my future newsletters via email.   ☐ Keep me informed! Add my email address to the Announcements email list.

☐ Please contact me. I am interested in volunteering with a local GRP chapter.

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Fill out form and mail to: Green-Rainbow Party,  
PO Box 440353 Somerville MA 02144-0004.

Make checks payable to: Green-Rainbow Party Federal Fund.  
All contributions go towards building the Green-Rainbow Party!



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By giving this donation you acknowledge that as specified by US federal law you are a US citizen or a federally recognized permanent resident.

Donations over \$100 must be made by check or credit card.

\* Due to credit card processing fees, the minimum monthly amount for sustainers is \$10.

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## GOT THE DEMOCRACY BLUES? JOIN THE GREENS!

**Vote and organize!**

The more people who register Green-Rainbow, the more we signal to the voters, the news media, and other parties that Massachusetts citizens want a real alternative to politics as usual.

To get a registration card or to find out how you can get involved with the only genuine anti-racist, pro-environment, peace party in the country that is a true alternative to the business-as-usual Republicans and Democrats:

- contact your city or town government's elections office
- call 617-727-2828 or 1-800-462-VOTE
- Visit our website at: <http://www.green-rainbow.org/getinvolved.html>

## How much money does it take?

- \$4,000 to print and mail this newsletter.
- \$2,000 to live up to the Party's commitment to provide free child-care for parents who attend our state convention and State Committee meetings.
- Hundreds to buy bumper stickers and buttons for greater Party visibility.
- A significant increase in the Party's budget to rent office space and increase the hours of our part-time fundraiser-organizer.
- Money for publicity and advertising to earn 3% of the votes for the Green Party's presidential ticket in Massachusetts and thereby maintain our official ballot status.

**Show your outrage! Show your belief! Contribute to the Green-Rainbow Party today!**

**LaMarche spends night with homeless teens** continued from page 1

Pine Street Inn, all venerable local institutions serving the homeless. LaMarche also participated in a vigil with homeless youth at the center of Harvard Square.

Crystal Evans, a local activist for the homeless and member of the Green-Rainbow Party will accompany LaMarche on the entire tour and will provide daily weblogs and pictures at the following link: [www.livejournal.com/users/being\\_homeless/](http://www.livejournal.com/users/being_homeless/)