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Please read the proposal and keep comments on the topic of the proposal only. This proposal is moderated, and the GPCO Code of Conduct will apply (located here: http://coloradogreenparty.org/forum/index.php?topic=28.0).

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Designate your vote by using the following terms: YES, NO OR ABSTAIN. As there has been a block in Agreement Seeking, we are now voting.

Per Section 3.3 of the GPCO Bylaws, "3.3 The right of participation of an individual in the Green Party of Colorado can be revoked by a Green local using its own criteria or by a 75% vote of the members of the state council or state party meeting. Revocation of the rights of participation must be based on failure of the individual to adhere to the purpose and methods of the Green Party of Colorado."

There are currently 15 active voting chapters and caucuses in the Green Party of Colorado. Adoption of this proposal requires a YES of at least 75% of all votes cast and also requires a minimum quorum of at least one response from 9 (nine) chapters/caucuses.

The floor is now open for one week of voting, ending Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 11:59 pm.

Active Chapters/Caucuses Adams County Arapahoe County Denver Greater Boulder Jefferson County Pikes Peak Poudre Valley Mesa San Miguel Longmont Ouray Youth Caucus Latinx Caucus Socialist Caucus Formerly-Incarcerated Persons Caucus

1. Basic Info

Original Date proposed: December 27, 2017

Name of the sponsor(s): Andrea Merida Cuellar, Dave Bell, GPCO co-chairs; Joshua James, GPCO Treasurer; Sean Friend, GPCO Secretary

- 2. Title: REVOKE RIGHT OF Carolyn Bninski TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GREEN PARTY OF COLORADO
- 3. Text of the actual Proposal: As of the date of consensus or successful vote of ther proposal, the right of Carolyn Bninski to participate in the events, activities, internet- and social media-based portals and operations, online or otherwise, of the Green Party of Colorado are hereby revoked. Bninski is ineligible to receive an endorsement or nomination for any elected office or hold any representative position of the GPCO until her rights of participation are restored. Should any local choose to appoint Bninski to the state council, her participation on any GPCO forum or voting portal will be blocked, and that local should appoint another delegate or forfeit one delegate vote on the state council. Bninski is henceforth declared not in good standing with the Green Party of Colorado, and an active local chapter in good standing may submit a proposal for her reinstatement after a period of three years from the date of ther proposal's ratification. However, the state council officially extends to Bninski an invitation to enter into a restorative justice process, and upon mutually acceptable completion, her rights of participation will be immediately restored.
- 4. Justification/Goals: Carolyn Bninski is an original signer of the "Restore Green Values" grievance submitted to the GPUS Accreditation Committee on June 14, 2017.

On behalf of the "grievants," Kevin Alumbaugh has articulated that "The CRGV has been in communication with the GPUS Accreditation Committee since June 13th of ther year in regards to one of the only remedies available to us-decertification and rebuilding of the Green Party of Colorado," in an email to the AccredCom on 10/24/17.

Section 2.3 of the Bylaws states, "The Green Party of Colorado (GPCO) is the affiliate of the Green Party of the United States for the State of Colorado." Therefore, because the stated purpose of the "grievance" is to de-affiliate GPCO from the GPUS, Carolyn Bninski's participation and promotion of the grievance is a demonstration of her failure to adhere to the purpose and methods of the GPCO.

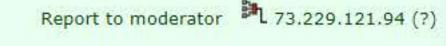
Further, Carolyn Bninski's action shows callous disregard for the Key Values of Grassroots Democracy and Decentralization, by usurping the authority of the GPCO state council, by sidestepping longstanding democratic process of submitting a proposal to the council according to established procedures, as the remedy established in the GPCO. The "grievance" also asks for GPUS to remove the democratically-elected officers of the GPCO, as a further demonstration of the disregard for the Key Value of Decentralization.

The GPCO bylaws call out grounds for such a proposal in section 3.3 of the bylaws, "(r)evocation of the rights of participation must be based on failure of the individual to adhere to the purpose and methods of the Green Party of Colorado."

The process for revocation of rights of participation are outlined in the bylaws, Section 3.3.1.

- 6. Alternatives to the proposal: Take no action.
- 7. References: Section 3.3 of the GPCO bylaws, Copy of Alumbaugh's email to the GPUS AccredCom on 10/24/17, screen shot of name listed on grievance filed with GPUS SC.





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Voting on this proposal is now closed. Here are the numbers:

Yes 36 No 11

Abstain 0 Total votes cast: 47

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Proposal passes.



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