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GPMI State Convention July 26-27 in Marshall **Michigan Greens Will Nominate Candidates Two Weeks After** **Helping Pick Presidential Slate July 10-13 in Chicago**

Local Greens can Also Nominate Candidates in **Caucuses Until August 5 Primary-Election Date**

The Green Party of Michigan (GPMI) will hold its 2008 Nominating Convention Saturday and Sunday, July 26-27, at the Franke Center for the Arts, 214 East Mansion Street, in Marshall.

Among the candidates to be nominated at the convention will be 17 electors pledged to vote for the Presidential ticket of the Green Party of the United States. GPUS will nominate candidates for President and Vice President at its convention July 10-13 in Chicago.

GPMI will have 24 votes at the GPUS convention. In a statewide membership poll this spring, former Georgia Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney got 64% of first-place votes and earned 13 of 19 statewide delegate votes for the first ballot. Consumer advocate Ralph Nader – the 1996 and 2000 Green Presidential candidate, but running as an independent this year as he did in 2004 – finished second with 17% of the vote and three delegates.

Kent Mesplay of California and Kat Swift of Texas each also earned one delegate; one vote in the delegation will go to the convention uncommitted.

Five GPMI locals – Detroit Greens, Flint Greens, Huron Valley Greens, Traverse Bay Watershed Greens, and Van Buren County Greens – qualified to select and bind one delegate each.

Under Michigan law, GPMI cannot participate in the primary election on Tuesday, August 5. Instead, Greens must nominate candidates for the November 4 general election at a state convention and local or district caucuses held by August 5.

Washtenaw County and Ann Arbor City Greens will be caucusing starting 7:30pm Monday, July 14 at the WRAP office on Fourth Avenue near Catherine in Ann Arbor – the usual meeting place of the Huron Valley Greens local. For more information, please contact:

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Greens from Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne Counties are planning a joint three-county caucus. The date, time, and place are to be announced soon. For updates, please contact:

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For the latest information on Green Party of Michigan candidates, issues, and values, please visit the GPMI Web site:

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Ecological Wisdom

Community Economics
Respect for Diversity

Grassroots Democracy

Decentralization
Personal/Global Responsibility

Social Justice

Feminism
Future Focus/Sustainability

Non-Violence