

On March 28, 2020, the National Black Caucus (NBC) released two statements through internal party channels, that were subsequently published to www.gp.org under the heading of "Statement from the National Black Caucus on recent issues and events." Because that 'statement' actually contains two separate documents, only one of which is relevant to the dispute between the Georgia Green Party (GaGP) and the National Lavender Green Caucus (NLGC), we are exercising our option to republish that publicly accessible statement here in its entirety in order that we, and others, may link to the relevant text directly. Here is that statement, as originally published, in full:

From the Executive Leadership of the National Black Caucus of the Green Party of the United States

<https://www.gp.org/caucuses#black>

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Concerning the Georgia Green Party and the Transgender specific related issues.

The National Black Caucus of the Green Party of the United States (NBC- GP) considers its role and relationships with other marginalized people and our allies to be a cornerstone in our work. We value discourse and reflective inquiry to resolve conflicts and the many pressing issues in our society today. As such we do not, yet, support expulsion of any affiliated state or caucus, on the issues of languaging around Women's rights, Children's rights, and Transperson's rights. We are stating without reservation all of these are human rights and need to be taken seriously. To this end we are aware that there are issues on many sides of these issues that need to have serious consideration. We are talking about real people with real issues and their concerns cannot be taken lightly.

In times like these we need to be the Party that leads. We cannot dig into silos and demand that others meet us where we are; but we need to be willing to meet each other in a space where honesty and integrity can be found. Where we recognize that we may not always get it right, we may not always use the right phrase, or the terminology but what we will always get right is the intention to live in harmony and promote the best possible change to advance progressive causes and human rights.

So, the NBC, affirms our commitment to solidarity with women, transpersons, and all people. We declare the right of people to determine for themselves how they want to identify and that they have the right to be respected in those identities. We also stand firm that we must do all we can to protect the rights of the oppressed, marginalized, and most vulnerable in our communities. So, again, now is the time that we show resolve to be better than our pain and stronger than injustice and seek out truth that we can live together in a world we want to live in and leave to our children.

The NBC will continue to work to be a beacon of hope and change in the progressive communities as well as the Green Party. We will continue to build bridges and ensure the voices of marginalized people, including people of color, but especially Black voices, Black experiences, and Black bodies are considered in our social, cultural, and political struggles.

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